THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, ISLINGTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1131900

Details

Other names	ST MARY, ISLINGTON PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-09-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	St Mary's church office Upper Street London England
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Activities

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

Activities: Church of England ecclesiastical parish

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
- Islington

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£975,367	£986,842	£4,491,669	25
2023-12-31	£1,614,227	£845,015	£4,503,144	19
2022-12-31	£386,938	£506,104	-	-
2021-12-31	£726,267	£432,200	£3,853,099	3
2020-12-31	£292,641	£287,802	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adijat Balogun		2026-05-13
Alexandra Kytka-Sharpe		2025-05-21
Colin DeHart		2026-05-13
Daniel Kytka-Sharpe		2024-05-15
David Vanden Bon		2016-03-16
Dr Richard Hugh Nicholson		2012-08-10
Edward Adegbola		2018-04-22
Joshua Hitchens		2026-05-13
Julia Abrey		2020-04-04
Katerina Bolden		2026-05-13
Nick Sykes		2015-04-26
Rebecca Shilling		2018-04-22
Rev James Carlyle Hughesdon		2021-01-31
Ruth Butah		2026-05-13
Sam Hansford		2023-05-17
Veronica Coulson		2023-05-17

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ST MARY ISLINGTON

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



ST MARY'S
calling Islington home

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ST MARY ISLINGTON

VISION

Our vision is to be a church 'calling Islington home'.

MISSION

- Our mission strategy will help us make our vision of ‘Calling Islington Home’ a reality for everyone who connects with St Mary’s.
- It is framed by our shared values of *commitment, connection and caring*
- It is built on our foundations of prayer, safeguarding, being a good employer, and caring for creation.

VICAR'S REPORT



JAMES HUGHESDON

Vicar

MAKING VISION A REALITY

As we look back on 2024, it is with thankfulness and joy that we celebrate the ways in which God has been at work in our church and community. St Mary's continues to be a place where people discover their spiritual home and encounter God. In 2024 we continued to see this take root in exciting ways.

GROWING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Our mission strategy is to connect Islington to God and one another and in 2024 we saw an encouraging growth in numbers of people at our Sunday services, particularly among children and families.

The launch of St Mary's Junior Choir has been a huge success, with children increasingly involved in our worship through music. Our Creative Lent Project saw contributions from all ages, demonstrating how faith and creativity can flourish together.

We continue to pray that God will grow our congregation, and it was encouraging to see over 10,000 attendees at services last year, particularly at key moments such as Easter and Christmas. We rejoice in seeing more people finding their home at St Mary's, encountering Christ in worship and fellowship.

DISCIPLESHIP, EVANGELISM AND CONNECTIONS

We are committed to helping people grow in faith and in 2024 we took steps to develop clear discipleship pathways. Our Alpha Course and Practising the Way groups welcomed those seeking to go deeper in their Christian faith, while our prayer ministry and our quarterly healing services offered a space for deeper spiritual care. Our first Core Leaders' Day enabled exciting discussion about how we can all play our part in discipleship and evangelism programmes. St Mary's is also becoming known as a church where people are coming to faith, particularly through baptism and confirmation. We celebrated confirmations at Harvest with the Bishop of Stepney.

A key part of our strategy is strengthening community connections and in 2024 we actively built relationships with local organisations, schools and churches. Our schools outreach has resulted in over 1,600 children visiting St Mary's, encountering faith in a welcoming and engaging environment. Our commitment to partnership has also deepened through our collaboration with local churches, ensuring we play an active role in the wider Church's mission in Islington.

VICAR'S REPORT

CARING FOR CREATION

In 2024 we made strides toward our goal of becoming a Gold Eco Church and submitted our Gold Eco Church application. It was a huge achievement to find out in early 2025 that we were awarded gold status. We will continue to embed creation care in all aspects of our ministry, from teaching about environmental responsibility to ensuring our buildings and site move towards net zero. Our work in this area is beginning to make a visible impact, positioning St Mary's as a leader in eco-justice.

FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY

Ensuring financial sustainability is vital to our long-term commitment to Islington. We are working towards increasing the use of, and therefore income from, our buildings. Last year saw growth in our venue hire and community partnerships. The generosity of our congregation has been foundational to supporting our mission and ministry. We are especially grateful for Kathleen Read's legacy, which is enabling us to strategically invest in our mission and ministry. If you would like to know more about leaving a legacy to St Mary's or giving regularly visit stmaryislington.org/give.

CARING FOR ISLINGTON

In 2024 our Youth Group enjoyed a variety of activities, from a special visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind, where they learned about accessibility and service, to a trip to Chessington World of Adventures, strengthening friendships and fostering a sense of belonging. Mary's continues to operate a youth club from our Neighbourhood Centre; we are grateful for our partnership.

We invested in our early years provision, with St Mary's Preschool continuing to provide very important care and support for local families. The work of our Youth Minister, and the rest of our congregational team, ensures that our young people are growing in faith and being actively supported as they navigate life's challenges. It is a joy in early 2025 to have welcomed our new Children and Families Minister.

THANK YOU

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our staff and congregation. From those who lead ministries, all our volunteers, to everyone who prays for and supports the work of St Mary's – thank you. Your commitment enables us to live out our mission in impactful and transformative ways. We look ahead with hopeful expectation. God is at work among us, and we continue to trust that He will guide us in growing as a church committed to Islington, connected to one another, and caring for our community.

Rev. James Hughesdon

SNAPSHOT OF ST MARY'S

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram

40.3k views
16.3k reach (+ 1.6k YOY)
985 interactions (+ 100% YOY)

Facebook

32.2k views
31.8k reach (+79.5k YOY)
787 interactions (+32% YOY)

BOOKINGS INCOME

Room hire income increased to almost £300,000 compared to the previous year. An increase of 12%.

Life Events

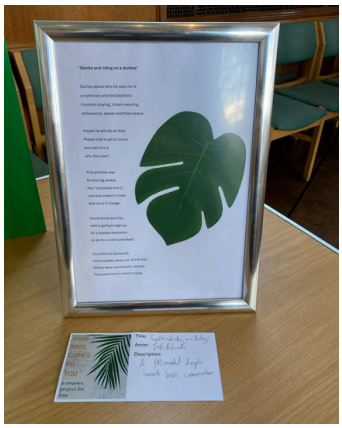
Four weddings, ten baptisms and seven funerals

EIGHT PCC MEETINGS

OUR FIRST CREATIVE LENT PROJECT







FOUR ST MARY'S GARDEN GROUP SESSIONS



12 Free Friday Recitals

12 performances with free hot drinks and cakes with over 1000 attendees



188 ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS

SNAPSHOT OF ST MARY'S

ST MARY'S FESTIVAL

Family Fun Day
Free Friday Recital
Pub Quiz
Guided History Walks
St Mary's Tower Tours
Repair Shop
Quiet Morning
Evening of Music and Poetry

2000+ attendees









2024 CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Over 10,000 service attendances were recorded
1,656 visits from local pre and primary school children
More than 3,000 people came to other events
Over 2200 came to a Christmas service at St Mary's





52 eco tips published on our website, our newsletters and on our socials

ONE BAND OF BELL RINGING REINDEER



1000 BULBS PLANTED ON BULB SUNDAY

MUSIC REPORT

2024 has seen continued growth in the music department at St Mary's. New band equipment and choir sheet music has continued to attract new members. Music of Poetry and Water and Carols by Candlelight services were highlights. Both attracted musicians from outside our usual pool and we invited guests from Islington Choral Society, Morley Folk Singers and UCL Chamber Music Club.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our monthly Sunday evening Taizé service continues to provide a meditative space for the congregation, and the chance for our musicians and others to engage in an alternative form of worship. It has been enriched by guest cellists on a number of occasions in 2024.

Creative Lent Project was another high point, when we asked people to respond creatively to Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem. This saw performances of music by members of the congregation and one by a member of our Junior Choir. The Junior Choir also sang a new song, just one of a number of songs written by Susan Raasay for the church.

CHRISTMAS

Overwhelming demand for our Carols by Candlelight services this year gave us cause to host an additional candlelit service. Led by the band it included more modern Christmas worship music in addition to favourite carols. Carols on the Steps was bolstered this year by a brass quartet, which created a rich and festive atmosphere, made all the more special by complimentary, seasonal refreshments.



FREE FRIDAY RECITALS

We were excited to launch our series of Free Friday Lunchtime Recitals, which took place monthly throughout the year. The series was begun by the London Piano Duo and actor Joshua Shea, who set the tone for some fantastic performances, attracting audiences of over 100 people.



Thanks go to all our excellent and committed volunteer musicians who contribute so much to our ministry.

ECO CHURCH

Highlights from 2024 under each of the five Eco Church categories include:

Worship and teaching: For the second year running, the church hosted a Bulb Sunday, advertised to the community as a time of worship followed by the planting of spring bulbs, this year at the east end of the church.

Buildings: The Cloudesley charity gave the church generous grants towards secondary glazing in the crypt and installing LED lighting in the nave and chancel.

Land: Thanks to funding from Kathleen Read's legacy, the PCC appointed a part-time gardener to help improve biodiversity in the church gardens.

Lifestyle: We ran a Repair Shop during the St Mary's festival, with local businesses and charities offering free advice and repairs, including to electrical goods.





Engagement with wider campaigns: as part of its mission giving, the PCC is now supporting TreeAid. This charity aims to draw down CO2 from the atmosphere and also tackle poverty and land degradation by growing trees across the drylands of the Sahel in Africa.

At the end of the year we applied to, and were awarded, A Rocha for Gold Eco Church status.

ST MARY'S PRESCHOOL





St Mary's Preschool had 52 children attend in 2024 making it a busy and eventful year.

We focussed on increasing the number of two-year-olds coming through the doors. This was in response to the changing demographics of Islington. Increased living and housing costs have seen more famlilies move out of London espeically those wanting their child/children to move into reception class in the summer term. There was also a change in Islington primary schools, with some merging and/or closing as schools reacted to the fall in numbers of three year olds.

Our 2024 St Mary's Preschool numbers show a fall in three year old numbers on roll as children join primary school nurseries.

Total children for the year	Spring Term37 on roll		Summer Term 32 on roll		Autumn Term34 on roll	
57	2yr	3yr	2yr	3yr	2yr	3yr
Funded	10	25	6	26	19	15
Full paying	2	-	2	-	1	-
SEND	3	8	2	11	6	5
Received additional SEND funding	3	3	3	3	3	1
PEL additional funding	-	4	-	3	-	2
EAL (English as an additional language)	6	14	2	15	5	8
Early Help	-	2	-	2	1	2
Referral to CST	-	-	-	1	-	-

ST MARY'S PLAYSCHEME

St Mary's Playscheme ran nine weeks of holiday provision in 2024. We received government funding for the provision of holiday activity and food (HAF) for children aged six to 11 years old for six of these weeks. The HAF provision fed and supported a large number of children, giving families extra food with support from The Felix Project.

As in 2023 there was a large number of children with special educational needs in attendance. Islington Council visited the Easter and Summer HAF provision and commented favourably on the children's activity programme and menu. It was evident the children enjoyed the food from both their comments and their parent's comments. The children had an excellent choice of activities and a good range of exercise. The scheme looked and felt outstanding. The children we spoke to agreed.







We received council funding for the weeks we were open. Our challenge was the drop in the number of families buying one-week placement spaces. This has led us to looking carefully at the sustainability of running the playschemes in the one-week half term holidays. We have agreed to run St Mary's Playscheme for a further financial year, until March 2026, to understand the real effects of numbers on the provision of this service.

Childcare Manager

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

During 2024 we grew our connections with local schools and at the end of the 2023/24 academic year we hosted the annual Deanery Leavers' Service, service that marks the end of the primary school journey for all CoE Y6s in the Islington Deanery. They came with banners and globes and Josh Richards gave a talk. We also hosted an 'End of Year' service for St Mary's Primary school to which parents and families were invited.

St Mary's Primary School held their annual Harvest and Christmas services at St Mary's. During these services there were readings, prayers and poems from children between the ages of 5-11 years old. In total we had over 500 children and family members in attendance. The school also took part in our Experience Christmas Programme which teaches children about the Nativity Story in an interactive way. Moving forward they will be participating in our Experience Easter Programme. Several members of our PCC are governors at St Mary's Primary School.





We also connected with Laycock and William Tyndale Primary Schools over the Christmas period. They invited the St Mary's church team to go into the schools and host Christmas assemblies, as well as to visits to their nursery and reception classes to discuss the nativity story.

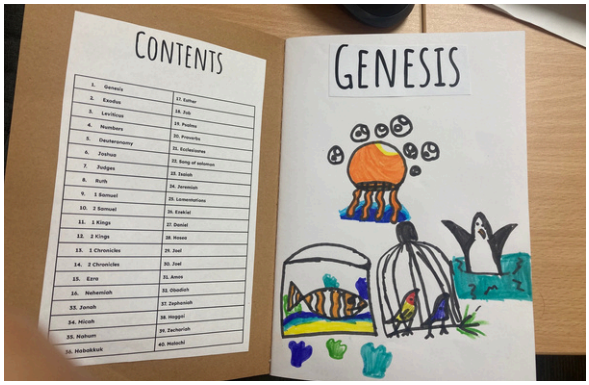






YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Starter, kids and youth church theme for 2024 was 'Books of the Bible'. They started with the Old Testament which allowed children aged 5-16 years old to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible. Kid's Church created their own craft book which covers each book of the Bible. Youth Church learnt about the books of the Bible through videos produced by 'The Bible Project'.

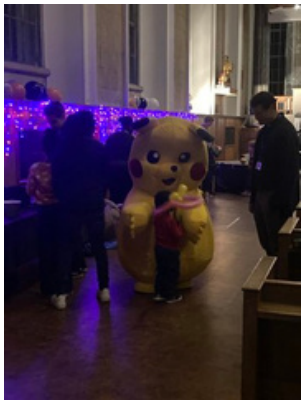




Over 800 people attended our family friendly Christmas services: Big Family Carols, 4.30pm Carols by Candlelight and Children's Christmas Eve Service. Children read, sang and prayed in each of services.

We took a group of 20 children, young people and adults to Brighton for the day. We visited the beach, went bowling, walked along the pier and much more.





We hosted our third annual Light Party on 31 October to which we welcome over 150 children and adults.

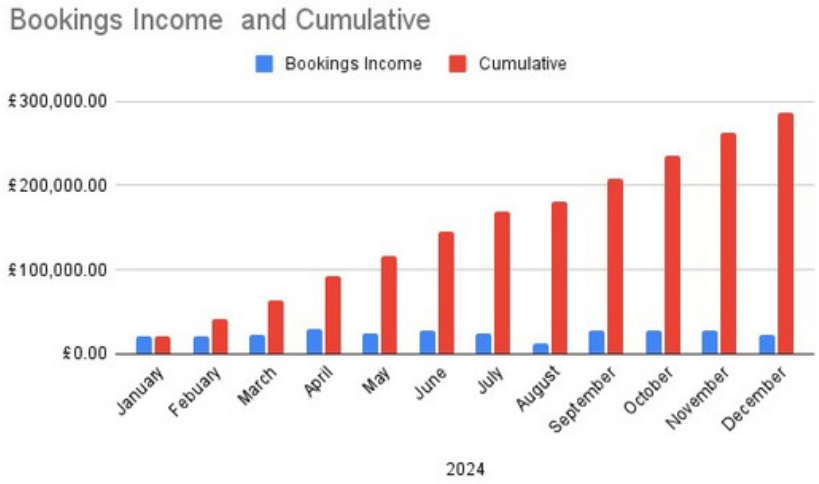
The Youth Club focused on the theme of 'Hard Work'. This included getting involved with Bulb Sunday; helping to maintain the church gardens; going on a church walk. In October, they celebrated Black History Month by learning how to cook Jerk Chicken and they also went to the theatre to watch 'Back to the Future'.



As a church team we are thankful to the volunteers who helped assist us with all our school visits and services.

OPERATIONS AND ENTERPRISE

2024 was a consolidation year in the Operations and Enterprise Team at St Mary's. It was our first full year managing all operations across the site and we were able to fully implement the proper work of maintaining and running the site now that all of our systems are tried and tested.



Income booked to the end of 2024

Average per month: £23,869

Full year actual: £286,429

The total operational department income for 2024 was £375,731. This includes income from our rental property, lease agreements and other income.

Target Achieved: Total booked by the end of 2024 was 91.65% of our total target

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Cleaning staff came under the employment of St Mary's helping to expand our team
- Role of evening and weekend receptionist role was created and filled
- The Garden Flat came under our direct management
- St Mary's Preschool storage overhaul was commisioned and completed as well as a new storage system installed in Johnston Room
- Johnston Room was refloored
- New toilets were installed in the women's toilet in St Mary's Neighbourhood Centre

* In a direct year-on-year comparison we generated £29,489 more in 2024 than 2023. This is equivalent to an increase of 12%.
* The largest positive difference was in April with an YOY increase of £10,168. The only two months in the year that fell below the previous year were March and August with a difference of £2,770 and £3,180 respectively.

Operations and Enterprise Manager and Churchwardens

TREASURER'S REPORT

2024 CONSOLIDATION

This year we have a deficit of £14k. This deficit is slightly less than budgeted. After our first full year of integration of the lettings and children's work we have a much better understanding of the costs and benefits of these parts of our organisation.

INCOME

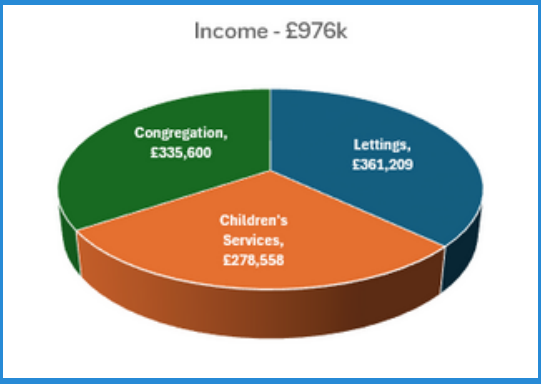
Our primary source of income is still the generous contributions of our congregation. This year it included £58k final balances received from the estates of Katherine Read and Liz Salmon and a grant of £26k from the Cloudesley Foundation for the installation of secondary glazing in the Crypt.

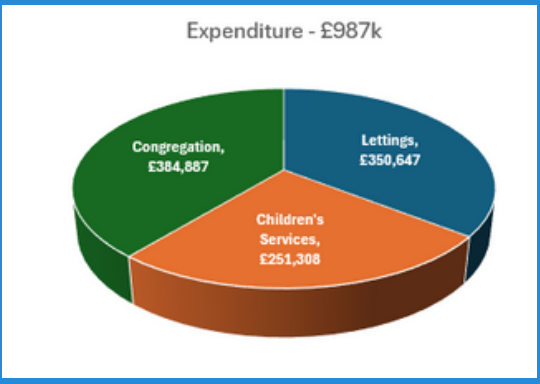
However growth in this area has not matched the growth in our numbers. This is something we should look to in the future.

COSTS

The preschool and playscheme we run is more than covering its costs which is a testament to Sharon and her teams hard work and dedication.

While our maintenance expenditure was significantly over our budget we have also seen unexpected income from the parking which has helped balance this.

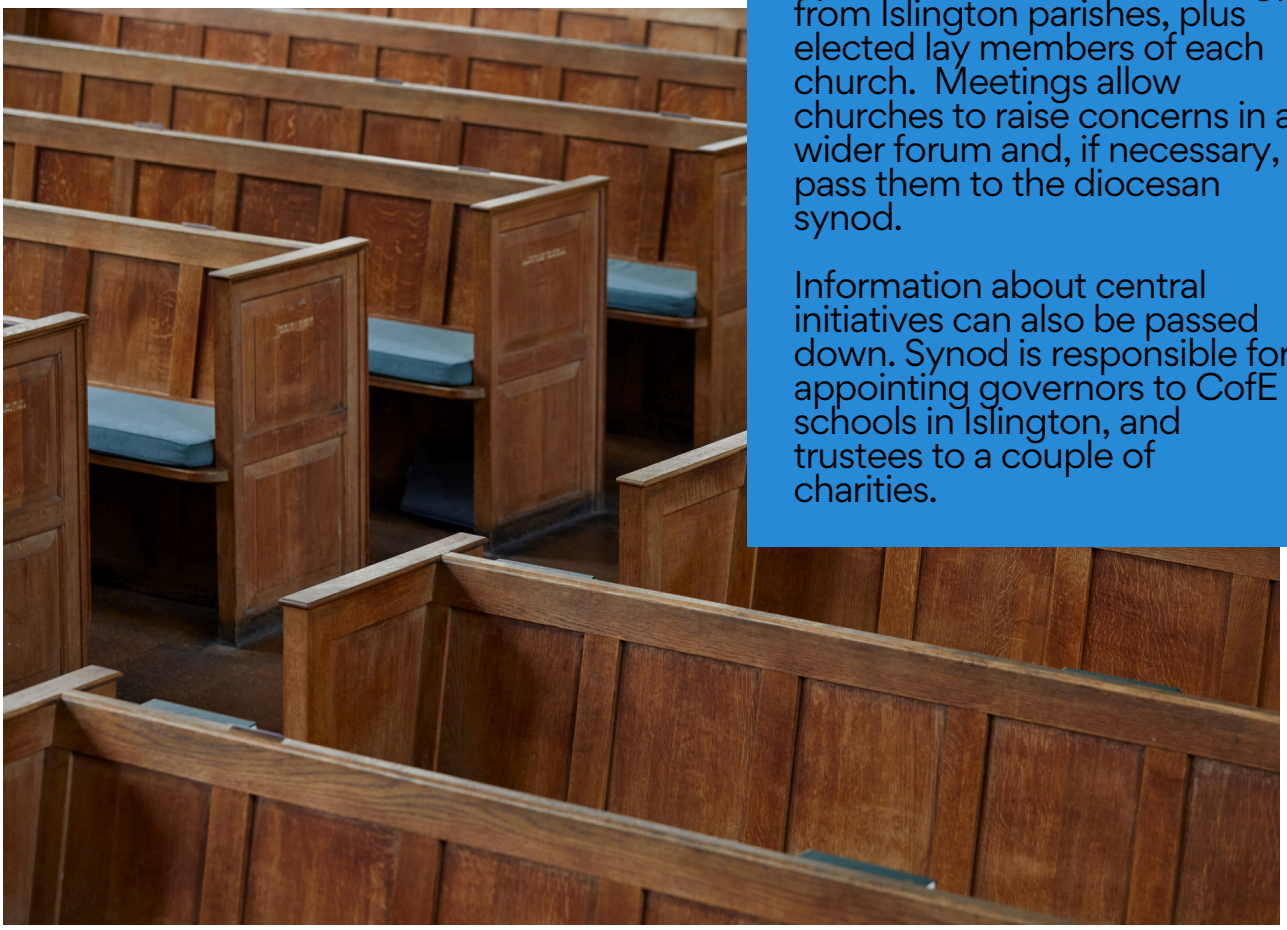




Our reserves policy is to have three months of expenditure in our reserves.

The full financial report is available on request from the church office or by emailing imogen.erskine@stmaryislington.org

DEANERY SYNOD



Synod members are the clergy from Islington parishes, plus elected lay members of each church. Meetings allow churches to raise concerns in a wider forum and, if necessary, pass them to the diocesan synod.

Information about central initiatives can also be passed down. Synod is responsible for appointing governors to CofE schools in Islington, and trustees to a couple of charities.

The first meeting of 2024, in February, was mainly given over to small group discussions on the importance for mission of connecting to the communities in which we live, and on how to engage our congregations so as to be more creative in worship. The June meeting concentrated on how churches can help people with mental health issues, and heard from three charities: Renew Wellbeing; Sanctuary and Kintsugi Hope. All three charities provide training.

The autumn meeting heard from three churches about their children's work. One has developed 'Bubble Church' – a liturgy for children including all the main elements of a service, which is growing the number of children coming to the church. James, our vicar, talked about the increasing engagement of St Mary's with local schools. The third church has a fortnightly 'sensory drop-in' for children with special educational needs – mostly autism.

GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE



OUR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2024

The Revd James Hughesdon, chair
The Revd Freya Bradley, Curate
The Revd Josh Richards, Curate
Churchwarden Mr Edward Adegbola
Churchwarden Mrs Veronica Coulson
Churchwarden Miss Rebecca Shilling
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Sophie Castell
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Richard Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Mr Babatunde Awonusi
PCC Member (elected) Mr Nick Sykes, Vice Chair
PCC Member (elected) Ms Julia Abrey, Secretary
PCC Member (elected) Mr David Vanden Bon, Treasurer
PCC Member (elected) Dr Patty Kostkova
PCC Member (elected) Mr Sam Hansford
PCC Member (elected) Mrs Jennifer Obaseki
PCC Member (elected) Mr Neville Walter
PCC Member (elected) Mr Daniel Sharpe

A very large number of volunteers support the work of the church and it's not possible to list all of their roles in this report. Among them, significant leadership responsibility is undertaken by the Licensed Lay Ministers, three Churchwardens, Sacristan, Treasurer, service leaders and preachers, preschool and Open House volunteers.



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calling Islington home

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1131900)

Financial Statements

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Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

We have audited the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Postion, Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on financial statements
In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 2 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the trustees' report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the specific business environment in which they operate, the reporting requirements they are obliged to adhere to and other legal and regulatory requirements applicable to operating entities in general.

  These include the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102, the Charities SORP and GDPR legislation. The charitable company operates locally and is not significantly impacted by international law or regulations.

  Taxation law and regulations applicable to charities also apply to the charity but it is not involved in any complex matters that increase the risk of non-compliance.

  Each area of audit review includes in the audit documentation reference to potential non-compliance and awareness of potential non-compliance is embedded in our audit procedures.
- We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud by enquiry of management, review of the charity's operations and direct review of significant and material transactions, including all non-standard or irregular journal adjustments. Our understanding of the organisation enables us to understand and identify transactions or areas that appear to present a risk of fraud. None were detected.

  Our pre-audit questionnaire specifically makes enquires about fraud and this is supported by audit documentation. We also review Board minutes to identify any matters of concern or risk. None was identified.
- The audit was conducted by a very experienced auditor who has a good knowledge of the client and no other assistance or support was required.
- The charity is small, its activities are regular and consistent and are not complex and no special audit considerations apply, nor is external specialist assistance required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at **www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities**. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Armstrong & Co, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Dated: ~~10 March~~ 6 May 2025

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1131900)

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	230,339	29,522	259,861	1,111,684
Church activities	4	2,481	-	2,481	2,799
Generating funds	5	643,189	-	643,189	462,029
Investments	6	56,736	-	56,736	6,470
Other Income	7	13,100	-	13,100	31,245
Total income		**945,845**	**29,522**	**975,367**	**1,614,227**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	607,918	-	607,918	432,885
Church activities	9	366,819	12,105	378,924	412,130
Total expenditure		**974,737**	**12,105**	**986,842**	**845,015**
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(28,892)	17,417	(11,475)	769,212
Transfers between funds	20	46,571	(46,571)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**17,679**	**(29,154)**	**(11,475)**	**769,212**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	4,448,557	54,587	4,503,144	3,733,932
Total funds carried forward	14	**4,466,236**	**25,433**	**4,491,669**	**4,503,144**

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1131900)

Statement of Financial Postion

as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		3,250,697		3,251,581
Total fixed assets			3,250,697		3,251,581
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	85,422		78,857	
Cash at bank and In hand	11	1,231,226		1,262,714	
Total current assets		1,316,648		1,341,571	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	75,676		90,008	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			1,240,972		1,251,563
Total net assets			4,491,669		4,503,144
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	18		25,433		54,587
Unrestricted funds	16		1,293,830		1,276,151
Revaluation reserve	9		3,172,406		3,172,406
Total charity funds	22		4,491,669		4,503,144

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~10 March~~ 06 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

James Hughesdon

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1131900)

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	(88,224)	767,718
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		56,736	6,470
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		56,736	6,470
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(31,488)	774,188
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	1,262,714	488,526
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	**1,231,226**	**1,262,714**

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

	2024	2023
	£	£
1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(11,475)	769,212
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	884	884
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(56,736)	(6,470)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,565)	(50,978)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(14,332)	55,068
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**(88,224)**	**767,718**

	2024	2023
	£	£
2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	1,231,226	1,262,714
Total cash and cash equivalents	**1,231,226**	**1,262,714**

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.

b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);

c) the Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity
The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from generating funds includes rental income from the letting of church premises, and income from the operation of a preschool and holiday play schemes. Both are accounted for when earned and are shown gross, with the associated costs included in expenditure on raising funds.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

All other income ie recognised when it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the audit and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.
- The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contibution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Deferred income
Income received which is contractually or otherwise not expendable until a future period is deferred to the period in which it meets the criteria for income recognition.

Restricted Funds
Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

Designated Funds
Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions
The charity operates defined contribution schemes which are administered by outside independent pensions providers. Contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £3,000.

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between formal valuations.

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments
Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net outgoing resources

	2024	2023
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors fees - audit services	10,250	10,250
Depreciation - owned assets	884	884

Trustees' emoluments - -

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

APB Ethical Standard - Provisions available for small entities
In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and to provide advice relating to statutory and regulatory compliance.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	82,267	-	82,267	84,769
Collections at services	11,208	-	11,208	11,152
Other donations and appeals	42,895	3,947	46,842	51,012
Gift aid recoverable	23,779	75	23,854	25,321
Grants	11,817	25,500	37,317	4,700
104 VOLUNTARY INCOME:Legacy income	58,373	-	58,373	934,730
	230,339	29,522	259,861	1,111,684

4 Income from church activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,481	-	2,481	2,799
	2,481	-	2,481	2,799

5 Income from generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	361,209	-	361,209	267,384
Children's Services - Preschool and Playschemes	278,558	-	278,558	192,320
Fundraising events	3,422	-	3,422	2,325
	643,189	-	643,189	462,029

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	56,736	-	56,736	6,470
	56,736	-	56,736	6,470

7 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Solar panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	9,430	-	9,430	10,037
Other income	3,670	-	3,670	21,208
	13,100	-	13,100	31,245

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

8 Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings - Salary and expenses	350,647	-	350,647	252,668
Children's Services preschool - Salary and expenses	251,308	-	251,308	175,167
Fundraising events	5,963	-	5,963	5,050
	607,918	-	607,918	432,885

9 Expenditure on church activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
St Mary's Mission Partners	17,010	600	17,610	2,800
Home mission	-	-	-	13,750
Diocesan Common Fund	100,430	-	100,430	95,000
Music Ministry	25,901	-	25,901	18,050
Children's Ministry	42,331	5,408	47,739	44,897
Utilities	17,594	-	17,594	24,012
Insurance	10,588	-	10,588	9,667
Cleaning and maintenance	31,679	3,083	34,762	23,367
Clergy working expenses	3,606	-	3,606	5,301
Curates' housing	25,895	-	25,895	25,099
Upkeep of services	9,031	100	9,131	6,402
Parish communication, website and publicity	3,034	27	3,061	6,786
Training and retreats	1,613	-	1,613	961
Parish office staff costs	54,894	-	54,894	40,495
Other parish office costs	9,473	544	10,017	8,309
Bad Debt write-offs	-	-	-	580
Depreciation charge	884	-	884	884
Mary's Transition costs	-	-	-	59,634
Legal and professional fees	1,281	2,343	3,624	15,886
Governance costs - Audit fees	10,250	-	10,250	10,250
Governance costs - other	1,325	-	1,325	-
	366,819	12,105	378,924	412,130

10 Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff salaries	439,820	367,225
Staff social security	26,350	18,383
Staff pensions	35,340	27,883
	501,510	413,491
Average number of employees during the year was:	25	19

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2024 nor to 31 December 2023.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:	None	None

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2024	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
As at 31 December 2024	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2024	-	79,000	79,000
Charge for the year	-	884	884
As at 31 December 2024	-	79,884	79,884
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2024	3,250,000	697	3,250,697
As at 31 December 2023	3,250,000	1,581	3,251,581

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determind as £3.25 million, to include the first floor flat, by Strettons Chartered Surveyors and Valuers in March 2022.

The revaluation reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	29,138	19,967
Other debtors	3,947	2,189
Gift aid recoverable	5,327	21,546
Prepayments	29,619	27,350
Accrued income	17,391	7,805
	85,422	78,857

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	19,925	25,537
Other creditors	1,924	1,774
PAYE liability	7,570	7,413
Pensions liability	-	2,574
Accrued expenses	19,994	20,351
Deferred income	21,343	27,279
Deposits held	4,920	5,080
	75,676	90,008

14 The funds of the charity: current year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	54,587	29,522	(12,105)	(46,571)	25,433
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	949,687	53,892	(38,256)	36,654	1,001,977
General funds	326,464	891,953	(936,481)	9,917	291,853
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	4,448,557	945,845	(974,737)	46,571	4,466,236
	4,503,144	975,367	(986,842)	-	4,491,669

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

15 The funds of the charity: prior year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	102,584	3,906	(54,903)	3,000	54,587
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	33,821	950,530	(88,215)	53,551	949,687
General funds	425,121	659,791	(701,897)	(56,551)	326,464
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	3,631,348	1,610,321	(790,112)	(3,000)	4,448,557
	3,733,932	1,614,227	(845,015)	-	4,503,144

16 Designated funds: current year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Fabric fund	5,240	-	1,830	-	3,410
Transition fund	11,417	-	-	(11,417)	-
Kathleen Read legacy fund	933,030	53,892	14,090	(40,000)	932,832
Climate Garden project	-	-	7,839	40,000	32,161
Denise Antenen legacy fund	-	-	14,497	42,933	28,436
Vicarage Decoration fund	-	-	-	5,138	5,138
	949,687	53,892	38,256	36,654	1,001,977

17 Designated funds: prior year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Fabric fund	33,821	-	28,581	-	5,240
Transition fund	-	17,500	59,634	53,551	11,417
Kathleen Read legacy fund	-	933,030	-	-	933,030
	33,821	950,530	88,215	53,551	949,687

Fabric fund	Set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.
Transition fund	A fund established to cover the costs of the transition of services from the charity St Mary Islington Community Partnership to St Mary's in April 2023. The transition having been successfully completed, the PCC agreed to transfer the balance of £11,267 back to General Funds in 2024.
Kathleen Read legacy fund	A legacy from the late Kathleen Read. A final amount of £53,892 was received in respect of this legacy during 2024. The legacy was given without restrictions, to be allocated by the PCC towards specific projects as needs are identified. During 2024, the PCC agreed to allocate £40,000 towards the Climate Garden Project (see below) and an expenditure of £14,000 on refurbishment of the storage area for the Preschool. The PCC also agreed to designate £135,000 from the legacy to allow the recruitment of a Children and Families Minister and to provide ongoing support for that role.
Climate Garden project	In early 2024, the PCC agreed to allocate £40,000 from the Kathleen Read legacy fund to support a five-year plan for the Churchyard. The aim is to improve biodiversity and support St Mary's mission strategy of becoming a regional leader in care for creation and eco-justice. The fund will support the cost of a gardener; the development of a wild-flower meadow for the interment of ashes and support towards the creation of a "dry garden" in a neglected area of the south garden.
Denise Antenen legacy fund	This was given without restrictions, but the executors indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis'. Expenditure in 2024 continued to be in support of classical music, including a series of well-received monthly lunchtime concerts.
Vicarage Decoration fund	The PCC is responsible for setting aside an annual sum of money to ensure the Vicarage is kept in good decorative order.

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

18 Restricted funds: current period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Crypt Secondary Glazing Fund	-	25,500	5,427	-	20,073
Children's Ministry	4,991	417	5,408	-	-
Denise Antenen Legacy	42,933	-	-	(42,933)	-
Discretionary fund	1,373	375	600	-	1,148
Flower fund	-	100	100	-	-
Music Fund	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Monday Fellowship	988	130	571	-	547
Retreat fund	664	-	-	-	664
Vicarage Decoration fund	3,638	-	-	(3,638)	-
	54,587	29,522	12,105	(46,571)	25,433

19 Restricted funds: prior period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Children's Ministry	48,057	1,831	44,897	-	4,991
Denise Antenen Legacy	50,347	1,700	9,114	-	42,933
Discretionary fund	1,298	375	300	-	1,373
Flower fund	45	-	45	-	-
Monday Fellowship	1,338	-	350	-	988
Retreat fund	861	-	197	-	664
Vicarage Decoration fund	638	-	-	3,000	3,638
	102,584	3,906	54,903	3,000	54,587

Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
Crypt Secondary Glazing Fund	St Mary's received a generous grant of £25,500 from the Cloudesley Foundation in 2024 to cover the cost of installing secondary glazing in the crypt. The first phase of this project has been completed in January 2025 and the project is expected to finish in the first half of 2025.
Children's Ministry	A fund established to meet the costs of employing a Youth Minister. The balance of this fund was utilised early in 2024, after which the remaining ongoing expenditure was covered by the PCC's general funds.
Denise Antenen Legacy	This was given without restrictions, but the executors indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis'. Expenditure in 2024 continued to be in support of classical music, including a series of well-received monthly lunchtime concerts. In previous years this fund has been incorrectly stated as restricted fund instead of designated fund. This has now been rectified and now the fund is shown as part of the designated funds.
Discretionary fund	A fund to be used at the church wardens' discretion, to help people in financial crisis.
Flower fund	A fund established to collect donations made specifically for the provision of floral arrangements in church.
Music Fund	A donation of £3,000 was received in 2024 to support the next series of lunchtime concerts at the Church. A restricted fund has been established to hold this and any future donations in support of classical music.
Monday Fellowship	A fund to provide friendship and refreshments for the congregation and general public.
Retreat fund	To be applied to retreats and similar events.
Vicarage Decoration fund	The PCC is responsible for setting aside an annual sum of money to ensure the Vicarage is kept in good decorative order. In previous years this fund has been incorrectly stated as restricted fund instead of designated fund. This has now been rectified and now the fund is shown as part of the designated funds.

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20 Transfers between funds: current period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
General to designated	9,917	(9,917)	-	-	-
Restricted to designated		46,571	(46,571)		-
	9,917	36,654	(46,571)	-	-

21 Transfers between funds: prior period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
General to restricted	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-
General to designated	(53,551)	53,551	-	-	-
	(56,551)	53,551	3,000	-	-

22 Net assets attributable to funds: current period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	78,291	-	-	3,172,406	3,250,697
Current assets	289,238	1,001,977	25,433	-	1,316,648
Current liabilities	(75,676)	-	-	-	(75,676)
Net assets represented by funds	291,853	1,001,977	25,433	3,172,406	4,491,669

23 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	79,175	-	-	3,172,406	3,251,581
Current assets	337,297	949,687	54,587	-	1,341,571
Current liabilities	(90,008)	-	-	-	(90,008)
Net assets represented by funds	326,464	949,687	54,587	3,172,406	4,503,144

24 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

25 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

26 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to employee defined contribution (DC) auto enrolment pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

		2024		2023
The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£	-	£	2,574

27 Contingent liabilities

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2024 nor at 31 December 2023.

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28 Transition from Mary's

On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's". Under the terms of a lease and licence agreement entered into in April 2013, Mary's paid rent of £Nil in 2024 (2023: £18,750) and received a discretionary grant from St Mary's of £13,750 (2024: nil).

The transition of the community activities back to St Mary's took place on 1st April 2023 and 2024 represents the first full year of the new structure. Mary's Youth Club continues to use the facilities of the Neighbourhood Centre and Crypt at a preferential rate.

29 Transactions with trustees/PCC members

During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £45,518 (2023: £51,377).

During the year three (2023: three) trustees were reimbursed a total of £2,339 (2023: £2,227) for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

30 Gifts in kind and volunteers

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

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Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

We have audited the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Postion, Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on financial statements
In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 2 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the trustees' report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out on page 2, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the specific business environment in which they operate, the reporting requirements they are obliged to adhere to and other legal and regulatory requirements applicable to operating entities in general.

  These include the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102, the Charities SORP and GDPR legislation. The charitable company operates locally and is not significantly impacted by international law or regulations.

  Taxation law and regulations applicable to charities also apply to the charity but it is not involved in any complex matters that increase the risk of non-compliance.

  Each area of audit review includes in the audit documentation reference to potential non-compliance and awareness of potential non-compliance is embedded in our audit procedures.
- We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud by enquiry of management, review of the charity's operations and direct review of significant and material transactions, including all non-standard or irregular journal adjustments. Our understanding of the organisation enables us to understand and identify transactions or areas that appear to present a risk of fraud. None were detected.

  Our pre-audit questionnaire specifically makes enquires about fraud and this is supported by audit documentation. We also review Board minutes to identify any matters of concern or risk. None was identified.
- The audit was conducted by a very experienced auditor who has a good knowledge of the client and no other assistance or support was required.
- The charity is small, its activities are regular and consistent and are not complex and no special audit considerations apply, nor is external specialist assistance required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at **www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities**. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Armstrong & Co, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Hackney Road
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Dated: ~~10 March~~ 6 May 2025

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	230,339	29,522	259,861	1,111,684
Church activities	4	2,481	-	2,481	2,799
Generating funds	5	643,189	-	643,189	462,029
Investments	6	56,736	-	56,736	6,470
Other Income	7	13,100	-	13,100	31,245
Total income		**945,845**	**29,522**	**975,367**	**1,614,227**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	607,918	-	607,918	432,885
Church activities	9	366,819	12,105	378,924	412,130
Total expenditure		**974,737**	**12,105**	**986,842**	**845,015**
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(28,892)	17,417	(11,475)	769,212
Transfers between funds	20	46,571	(46,571)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**17,679**	**(29,154)**	**(11,475)**	**769,212**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	4,448,557	54,587	4,503,144	3,733,932
Total funds carried forward	14	**4,466,236**	**25,433**	**4,491,669**	**4,503,144**

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Financial Postion

as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		3,250,697		3,251,581
Total fixed assets			3,250,697		3,251,581
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	85,422		78,857	
Cash at bank and In hand	11	1,231,226		1,262,714	
Total current assets		1,316,648		1,341,571	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	75,676		90,008	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			1,240,972		1,251,563
Total net assets			4,491,669		4,503,144
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	18		25,433		54,587
Unrestricted funds	16		1,293,830		1,276,151
Revaluation reserve	9		3,172,406		3,172,406
Total charity funds	22		4,491,669		4,503,144

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~10 March~~ 06 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

James Hughesdon

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	(88,224)	767,718
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		56,736	6,470
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		56,736	6,470
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(31,488)	774,188
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	1,262,714	488,526
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	**1,231,226**	**1,262,714**

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

	2024	2023
	£	£
1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(11,475)	769,212
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	884	884
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(56,736)	(6,470)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,565)	(50,978)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(14,332)	55,068
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**(88,224)**	**767,718**

	2024	2023
	£	£
2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	1,231,226	1,262,714
Total cash and cash equivalents	**1,231,226**	**1,262,714**

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.

b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);

c) the Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity
The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from generating funds includes rental income from the letting of church premises, and income from the operation of a preschool and holiday play schemes. Both are accounted for when earned and are shown gross, with the associated costs included in expenditure on raising funds.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

All other income ie recognised when it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the audit and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.
- The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contibution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Deferred income
Income received which is contractually or otherwise not expendable until a future period is deferred to the period in which it meets the criteria for income recognition.

Restricted Funds
Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

Designated Funds
Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions
The charity operates defined contribution schemes which are administered by outside independent pensions providers. Contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £3,000.

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between formal valuations.

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments
Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net outgoing resources

	2024	2023
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors fees - audit services	10,250	10,250
Depreciation - owned assets	884	884

Trustees' emoluments - -

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

APB Ethical Standard - Provisions available for small entities
In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and to provide advice relating to statutory and regulatory compliance.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	82,267	-	82,267	84,769
Collections at services	11,208	-	11,208	11,152
Other donations and appeals	42,895	3,947	46,842	51,012
Gift aid recoverable	23,779	75	23,854	25,321
Grants	11,817	25,500	37,317	4,700
104 VOLUNTARY INCOME:Legacy income	58,373	-	58,373	934,730
	230,339	29,522	259,861	1,111,684

4 Income from church activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,481	-	2,481	2,799
	2,481	-	2,481	2,799

5 Income from generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	361,209	-	361,209	267,384
Children's Services - Preschool and Playschemes	278,558	-	278,558	192,320
Fundraising events	3,422	-	3,422	2,325
	643,189	-	643,189	462,029

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	56,736	-	56,736	6,470
	56,736	-	56,736	6,470

7 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Solar panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	9,430	-	9,430	10,037
Other income	3,670	-	3,670	21,208
	13,100	-	13,100	31,245

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

8 Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings - Salary and expenses	350,647	-	350,647	252,668
Children's Services preschool - Salary and expenses	251,308	-	251,308	175,167
Fundraising events	5,963	-	5,963	5,050
	607,918	-	607,918	432,885

9 Expenditure on church activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
St Mary's Mission Partners	17,010	600	17,610	2,800
Home mission	-	-	-	13,750
Diocesan Common Fund	100,430	-	100,430	95,000
Music Ministry	25,901	-	25,901	18,050
Children's Ministry	42,331	5,408	47,739	44,897
Utilities	17,594	-	17,594	24,012
Insurance	10,588	-	10,588	9,667
Cleaning and maintenance	31,679	3,083	34,762	23,367
Clergy working expenses	3,606	-	3,606	5,301
Curates' housing	25,895	-	25,895	25,099
Upkeep of services	9,031	100	9,131	6,402
Parish communication, website and publicity	3,034	27	3,061	6,786
Training and retreats	1,613	-	1,613	961
Parish office staff costs	54,894	-	54,894	40,495
Other parish office costs	9,473	544	10,017	8,309
Bad Debt write-offs	-	-	-	580
Depreciation charge	884	-	884	884
Mary's Transition costs	-	-	-	59,634
Legal and professional fees	1,281	2,343	3,624	15,886
Governance costs - Audit fees	10,250	-	10,250	10,250
Governance costs - other	1,325	-	1,325	-
	366,819	12,105	378,924	412,130

10 Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff salaries	439,820	367,225
Staff social security	26,350	18,383
Staff pensions	35,340	27,883
	501,510	413,491
Average number of employees during the year was:	25	19

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2024 nor to 31 December 2023.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:	None	None

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2024	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
As at 31 December 2024	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2024	-	79,000	79,000
Charge for the year	-	884	884
As at 31 December 2024	-	79,884	79,884
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2024	3,250,000	697	3,250,697
As at 31 December 2023	3,250,000	1,581	3,251,581

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determind as £3.25 million, to include the first floor flat, by Strettons Chartered Surveyors and Valuers in March 2022.

The revaluation reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	29,138	19,967
Other debtors	3,947	2,189
Gift aid recoverable	5,327	21,546
Prepayments	29,619	27,350
Accrued income	17,391	7,805
	85,422	78,857

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	19,925	25,537
Other creditors	1,924	1,774
PAYE liability	7,570	7,413
Pensions liability	-	2,574
Accrued expenses	19,994	20,351
Deferred income	21,343	27,279
Deposits held	4,920	5,080
	75,676	90,008

14 The funds of the charity: current year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	54,587	29,522	(12,105)	(46,571)	25,433
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	949,687	53,892	(38,256)	36,654	1,001,977
General funds	326,464	891,953	(936,481)	9,917	291,853
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	4,448,557	945,845	(974,737)	46,571	4,466,236
	4,503,144	975,367	(986,842)	-	4,491,669

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

15 The funds of the charity: prior year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	102,584	3,906	(54,903)	3,000	54,587
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	33,821	950,530	(88,215)	53,551	949,687
General funds	425,121	659,791	(701,897)	(56,551)	326,464
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	3,631,348	1,610,321	(790,112)	(3,000)	4,448,557
	3,733,932	1,614,227	(845,015)	-	4,503,144

16 Designated funds: current year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Fabric fund	5,240	-	1,830	-	3,410
Transition fund	11,417	-	-	(11,417)	-
Kathleen Read legacy fund	933,030	53,892	14,090	(40,000)	932,832
Climate Garden project	-	-	7,839	40,000	32,161
Denise Antenen legacy fund	-	-	14,497	42,933	28,436
Vicarage Decoration fund	-	-	-	5,138	5,138
	949,687	53,892	38,256	36,654	1,001,977

17 Designated funds: prior year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Transfers & adjustments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Fabric fund	33,821	-	28,581	-	5,240
Transition fund	-	17,500	59,634	53,551	11,417
Kathleen Read legacy fund	-	933,030	-	-	933,030
	33,821	950,530	88,215	53,551	949,687

Fabric fund	Set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.
Transition fund	A fund established to cover the costs of the transition of services from the charity St Mary Islington Community Partnership to St Mary's in April 2023. The transition having been successfully completed, the PCC agreed to transfer the balance of £11,267 back to General Funds in 2024.
Kathleen Read legacy fund	A legacy from the late Kathleen Read. A final amount of £53,892 was received in respect of this legacy during 2024. The legacy was given without restrictions, to be allocated by the PCC towards specific projects as needs are identified. During 2024, the PCC agreed to allocate £40,000 towards the Climate Garden Project (see below) and an expenditure of £14,000 on refurbishment of the storage area for the Preschool. The PCC also agreed to designate £135,000 from the legacy to allow the recruitment of a Children and Families Minister and to provide ongoing support for that role.
Climate Garden project	In early 2024, the PCC agreed to allocate £40,000 from the Kathleen Read legacy fund to support a five-year plan for the Churchyard. The aim is to improve biodiversity and support St Mary's mission strategy of becoming a regional leader in care for creation and eco-justice. The fund will support the cost of a gardener; the development of a wild-flower meadow for the interment of ashes and support towards the creation of a "dry garden" in a neglected area of the south garden.
Denise Antenen legacy fund	This was given without restrictions, but the executors indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis'. Expenditure in 2024 continued to be in support of classical music, including a series of well-received monthly lunchtime concerts.
Vicarage Decoration fund	The PCC is responsible for setting aside an annual sum of money to ensure the Vicarage is kept in good decorative order.

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18 Restricted funds: current period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Crypt Secondary Glazing Fund	-	25,500	5,427	-	20,073
Children's Ministry	4,991	417	5,408	-	-
Denise Antenen Legacy	42,933	-	-	(42,933)	-
Discretionary fund	1,373	375	600	-	1,148
Flower fund	-	100	100	-	-
Music Fund	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Monday Fellowship	988	130	571	-	547
Retreat fund	664	-	-	-	664
Vicarage Decoration fund	3,638	-	-	(3,638)	-
	54,587	29,522	12,105	(46,571)	25,433

19 Restricted funds: prior period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Children's Ministry	48,057	1,831	44,897	-	4,991
Denise Antenen Legacy	50,347	1,700	9,114	-	42,933
Discretionary fund	1,298	375	300	-	1,373
Flower fund	45	-	45	-	-
Monday Fellowship	1,338	-	350	-	988
Retreat fund	861	-	197	-	664
Vicarage Decoration fund	638	-	-	3,000	3,638
	102,584	3,906	54,903	3,000	54,587

Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
Crypt Secondary Glazing Fund	St Mary's received a generous grant of £25,500 from the Cloudesley Foundation in 2024 to cover the cost of installing secondary glazing in the crypt. The first phase of this project has been completed in January 2025 and the project is expected to finish in the first half of 2025.
Children's Ministry	A fund established to meet the costs of employing a Youth Minister. The balance of this fund was utilised early in 2024, after which the remaining ongoing expenditure was covered by the PCC's general funds.
Denise Antenen Legacy	This was given without restrictions, but the executors indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis'. Expenditure in 2024 continued to be in support of classical music, including a series of well-received monthly lunchtime concerts. In previous years this fund has been incorrectly stated as restricted fund instead of designated fund. This has now been rectified and now the fund is shown as part of the designated funds.
Discretionary fund	A fund to be used at the church wardens' discretion, to help people in financial crisis.
Flower fund	A fund established to collect donations made specifically for the provision of floral arrangements in church.
Music Fund	A donation of £3,000 was received in 2024 to support the next series of lunchtime concerts at the Church. A restricted fund has been established to hold this and any future donations in support of classical music.
Monday Fellowship	A fund to provide friendship and refreshments for the congregation and general public.
Retreat fund	To be applied to retreats and similar events.
Vicarage Decoration fund	The PCC is responsible for setting aside an annual sum of money to ensure the Vicarage is kept in good decorative order. In previous years this fund has been incorrectly stated as restricted fund instead of designated fund. This has now been rectified and now the fund is shown as part of the designated funds.

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20 Transfers between funds: current period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
General to designated	9,917	(9,917)	-	-	-
Restricted to designated		46,571	(46,571)		-
	9,917	36,654	(46,571)	-	-

21 Transfers between funds: prior period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
General to restricted	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-
General to designated	(53,551)	53,551	-	-	-
	(56,551)	53,551	3,000	-	-

22 Net assets attributable to funds: current period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	78,291	-	-	3,172,406	3,250,697
Current assets	289,238	1,001,977	25,433	-	1,316,648
Current liabilities	(75,676)	-	-	-	(75,676)
Net assets represented by funds	291,853	1,001,977	25,433	3,172,406	4,491,669

23 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	79,175	-	-	3,172,406	3,251,581
Current assets	337,297	949,687	54,587	-	1,341,571
Current liabilities	(90,008)	-	-	-	(90,008)
Net assets represented by funds	326,464	949,687	54,587	3,172,406	4,503,144

24 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

25 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

26 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to employee defined contribution (DC) auto enrolment pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

		2024		2023
The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£	-	£	2,574

27 Contingent liabilities

The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2024 nor at 31 December 2023.

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28 Transition from Mary's

On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's". Under the terms of a lease and licence agreement entered into in April 2013, Mary's paid rent of £Nil in 2024 (2023: £18,750) and received a discretionary grant from St Mary's of £13,750 (2024: nil).

The transition of the community activities back to St Mary's took place on 1st April 2023 and 2024 represents the first full year of the new structure. Mary's Youth Club continues to use the facilities of the Neighbourhood Centre and Crypt at a preferential rate.

29 Transactions with trustees/PCC members

During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £45,518 (2023: £51,377).

During the year three (2023: three) trustees were reimbursed a total of £2,339 (2023: £2,227) for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

30 Gifts in kind and volunteers

During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, ISLINGTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1131900

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St Mary Islington
Annual Report 2023

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Vicar's Report



In 2023 we launched our vision of Calling Islington Home. This vision is a bold reminder of our vocation as the people of God in this place, at this time.

It is underpinned by our values of commitment, caring and being connected.

As part of this, we refined our mission strategy. This takes our vision and values and allows us to make them a reality. The foundations on which all of these are built are those of prayer, being a good employer, care for creation and good safeguarding.

We also completed the transition of services from Mary's to St Mary's in 2023. This was a strategic investment in our organisational structures to allow us as a church to plan for growth in discipleship, evangelism and social impact. I am grateful for those who invested a lot of time and prayer in this process - especially Helen Mylam and the rest of Mary's trustees. I am also thankful for our dedicated and hardworking staff team who allow us to be a caring, connected and committed Church.

The Heart of Islington project officially drew to a close in May of 2023. This project was a key strategic investment in our buildings and site and will allow them to be a tool for mission and ministry in our community for many years to come. It was made possible by generous gifts from congregation members, grants from various organisations especially Cloudesley, and the hard work of many people - in particular Anthea Nicholson. I am grateful for the investment of time and resources that allowed this project to be a success.

Vicar's Report

Highlights of the year included the St Mary's Festival. This wonderful event celebrated its 10th anniversary and this year had a particular focus on care for creation. My thanks go to our outgoing Festival Director, Patty Kostkova, our Comms Lead, Imogen Erskine and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make it such a success.

We have seen numbers grow at our regular Sunday services, especially the numbers of children and families. We welcomed over 1700 school children for school visits. We saw several thousand people join us for our Christmas and Easter services. We especially rejoiced as our wonderful curates, Rev. Josh and Rev. Freya were ordained as priests, along with 25 other deacons, here at St Mary's in June 2023.

I am grateful for all those who pray, serve and give to support the work of St Mary's. St Mary's has also been blessed by legacies that have been left to the church and this year received a gift from the estate of Kathleen Read, a longstanding and faithful member of St Mary's. Legacy gifts allow us to continue to invest in growing the church and this legacy has already allowed us to advertise for a full time Children and Families Minister to work alongside Chloe, our Youth Minister. If you want to find out more about leaving a gift in your will to St Mary's please email give@stmaryislington.org.

We all have a part to play through serving, praying and generous giving, as together, we are calling Islington home. As we look ahead, we can be encouraged by what God is already doing and expectant about what God will do in the life of St Mary's and of our community. Do continue to pray for St Mary's as we seek to follow Jesus and become more like him.

Rev. James Hughesdon
Vicar

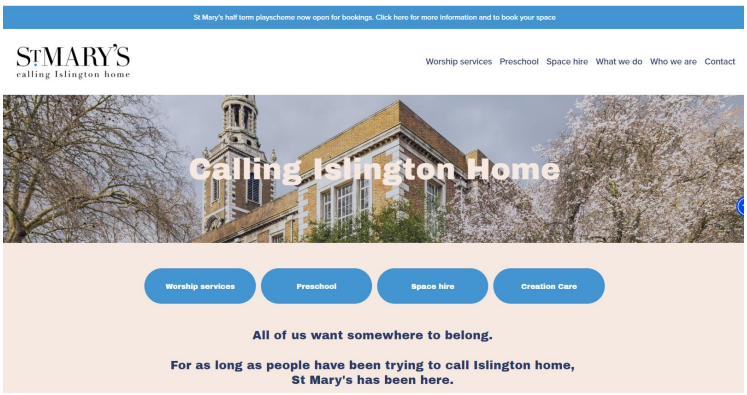
Our Year in Numbers

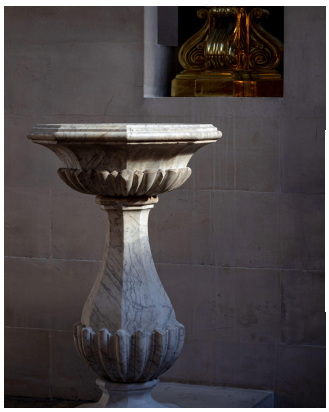
Visits from the Bishops of London and Stepney



One new mission strategy, logo and relaunched website

ST MARY'S
calling Islington home





Nine baptisms

Instagram

18,900 Facebook page reaches and 1,100 Instagram page reaches

6,700 Facebook page visits and 1,100 Instagram profile visits

653 Facebook followers and 940 Instagram followers

One Priesting Service



Four weddings and nine funerals



Our Year in Numbers



1000 bulbs planted on Bulb Sunday





Two bouncy castles +

three face painters +

2000 visitors +

500 scones eaten =

one Family Fun Day









We hosted our second annual light party



The PCC met seven times in 2023



100 midweek groups hosted at St Mary's

312 bowls of hot soup and rolls served

1500 slices of cake made and eaten

3250 hot drinks served

Our Year in Numbers

Over 1000 visitors to Christmas Fair

1676 attendances at Christmas services

1500 mince pies and festive drinks served







At least fifteen items of coverage in local media



Islington **Tribune**

From the House of Lords to the house of the Lord – 'priesthood is political'

Married couple are among those ordained at Upper Street church

Friday, 23rd June 2023 — By Izzy Rowley

47 school visits

with almost 1500 school children

198 on our electoral roll

129 different user groups hosted sessions across the site and we hosted 27 birthday parties

One renovated courtyard garden and 22 freshly painted doors in our Neighbourhood Centre

147 services in church with 9765 attendances

St Mary's Preschool

St Mary's Preschool: The Preschool was transferred to St Mary Islington PCC on 1 April 2023 from SMICP. Six staff went through the legal transfer process (TUPE process) and two staff gained new permanent contracts. The Preschool Ofsted process was completed and registered with a certificate of approval from 9 June 2023. The Preschool Manager is now the nominated person for the childcare department. The Preschool was rated green following an audit by the Local Authority traffic light rating.







Great improvements have been made to the courtyard of the Johnston Room with lots of wonderful comments so far from families and the children. The investment has greatly improved the outdoor area quality with a more friendly and welcoming environment. Preschool numbers have been at good levels for the summer and autumn terms.

Spring (January to April)	Number of children on roll	Special Educational Needs	Government funded 15/30 hours	St Mary's full fee paying families	Number of vacancies	Safeguarding- support and referrals
Two year olds	15	3	15	3	0	2
Three year olds	23	5	23	0	1	4

Summer (April to July)	Number of children on roll	Special Educational Needs	Government funded 15/30 hours	St Mary's full fee paying families	Number of vacancies	Safeguarding- support and referrals
Two year olds	13	1	13	0	0	2
Three year olds	25	6	25	0	0	3

Autumn (September to December)	Number of children on roll	Special Educational Needs	Government funded 15/30 hours	St Mary's full fee paying families	Number of vacancies	Safeguarding- support and referrals
Two year olds	19	3	16	3	1 P/T	1
Three year olds	14	5	14	0	5	2

St Mary's Playscheme

St Mary's Playscheme: St Mary's ran eight out of the nine weeks of holiday playscheme provision in 2023. For six of these weeks we received government funding for Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) provision for children aged six to 12 years. The HAF provision fed and supported a large number of children, giving families extra food with support from the Felix Project food banks.

There were more children with special educational needs (SEN) attending the playschemes than in past schemes. Islington Council visited the Easter and Summer HAF provision and commented favourably on the enrichment programme for the children. The children had an excellent choice of activities and a good range of exercise, with healthy options for food. The scheme looked and felt outstanding. Children we spoke to certainly agreed.

	Number of children	Special Educational Needs	HAF (no. of children with free Gov code)	Free vulnerable space safeguarding
February (five days)	22	5	n/a	3
April (nine days)	36	9	29	1
May (four days)	16	6	n/a	3
Summer holiday (four weeks)	43	10	27	1
October (five days)	12	2	n/a	2







Sharon Ellis
Childcare Services Manager

Engaging with Schools

Over the past year our schools' work has grown tremendously and we have been able to connect with over 1,700 students from different primary schools in Islington. This includes St Mary's, Laycock, Hanover, William Tyndale, Ambler and Thornhill schools. Most school events take place at St Mary's Church but we have hosted collective worship and assemblies at both St Mary's and William Tyndale schools.

We cover various topics as part of the R.E. curriculum which are chosen by the teachers. We, as a church team, plan the sessions with them. Topics and questions covered include: what do Christians believe about God; why do some people believe God exists; inspirational people of faith; church art and architecture; sacred Christian festivals and ornaments. We ran 'experience Easter and Christmas' sessions, led services of remembrance, led Christmas and Harvest services.

We are delighted to be running the 7 by 7 programme with St Mary's Primary School. This programme encourages us to work alongside the school and host sessions,visits, activities and talks that will keep pupils connected to the Christian faith. This programme is now being rolled out more widely by the London Diocesan Board of Schools.

St Mary's Preschool held their Easter, Harvest and Christmas services at St Mary's. As a team we plan these services and invite the preschool parents to attend. This a great way for them to connect with the church.

As a church team we are incredibly grateful for all the school connections we have made and hope to strengthen them over the coming years. These connections have allowed families from the local community to attend many of our services/events such as St Mary's Festival Family Fun Day. The Light Party and Big Family Carols.

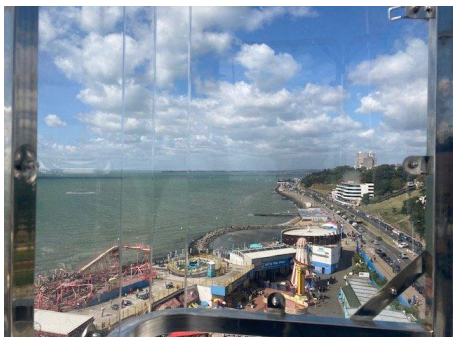






Youth & Children's Ministry







We continued to see the number of young people who are part of St Mary's grow in 2023. We regularly now need extra tables at the back of church on Sunday for children and young people and some Sundays have over 30 children and young people. In 2024 we hope to increase our Sunday provision for young people and children even further.

St Mary's Primary School held their first carol and Christmas services at St Mary's. Parents were invited which lead to over 300 parents and children at both services.

Our Family Fun Day, run as part of St Mary's festival, was a great success in engaging young people in our community. Likewise the Light Party, which took place on Halloween, provided a safe and fun space for children and young people from our community.

We have worked hard to develop a pathway for children and young people; from initial engagement to helping them being supported in exploring faith. This allowed us to encourage people to come along to our Big Family Carols and Children's Christmas Eve service. This helped with an exceptional turnout at both services. We welcomed over 550 people across the two services, most of whom were new to the church or connected with us through local schools.

St Mary's Preschool held their Christmas service in the church. The turnout was great and we saw children aged two to four perform various Christmas songs. There was even a surprise visit from Santa.

Oasis youth club continues to grow and flourish. New members have joined over the last year and we have supported young people as they have made the transition from our children's ministry to our youth ministry.

Visits to major attractions took place for young people and children and families throughout the year.

Chloe Rotter
Youth Minister

Worship and Music

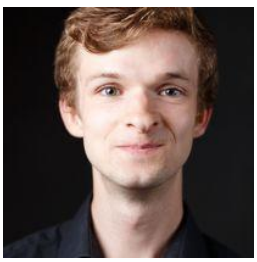
Our mission aim of being known for high quality music and worship has given us a good focus as we seek to grow this part of our life together.

We welcomed Tom Jesty as our Music Director in March of 2023 and he has settled well into the role. The choir and band have gained new members and we have introduced new songs as we seek to keep our music fresh and varied.

There was a wonderful evening of music and creative arts as part of this year's St Mary's Festival, and we look for the God-given creativity in our congregation and community to be released. The expanded choir did a wonderful job in preparing for and singing at our Carols by Candlelight services. These are our busiest services of the year and the choir did a fantastic job, offering a high quality programme of music and sung worship. We look forward to the monthly Friday concert series being launched in 2024.

The St Mary's junior choir was launched and have been such a blessing to our worshipping life. As well as singing at some of our Christmas services they will also sing at our Easter services. Well done to all the children and young people who have put so much effort into the Junior Choir.

Our Sunday liturgy booklets were reviewed and refreshed and the new booklets will be used throughout 2024. It is particularly pleasing to have large print and braille copies available so that we can make our worship more accessible.





Rev. Obi Chike joined our Sunday service leading and preaching teams and Sarah Fagg was officially licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister at St Mary's.

Thank you to all those involved in our Sunday worship, and for all the time and energy you give in enabling our worship to God.

St Mary's Operations

Over 2023 the Operations Team worked hard to develop a strong sense of cohesion between all teams at St Marys, as there was no unified operations team prior to this. With our growing confidence we have also put efforts into expanding our connections in the community with new relationships being formed with Islington Council, local support services, outdoor education charities and small, independent businesses. Primary examples of this include: working with New Horizons Youth Centre to provide them with facilities for sports sessions for disadvantaged homeless youth; The Forest Classroom sessions in the Church Gardens for St Mary's Primary school; cooking classes run by Islington Council in our Crypt Kitchen; and a renewed contact with Islington Police hosting monthly ward panel meetings.

Alongside this, we have worked to improve our existing relationships with Mary's, Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants and the Claremont Project among others. Emphasis has also been placed on increasing the connectivity between operations teams in multiple churches across Islington with a broad aim of increasing stability through information sharing and networking. A good example of this is the work started with Reverend Trevor, at St Mark's, to help demonstrate interest in a new facilities management software package tailored for churches in Islington. This will help ease the administrative burden on understaffed parishes and help improve the resilience of all parishes in Islington.

The Islington Legal Advice centre continues to operate weekly from St Mary's Crypt, providing a vital service to many in need and each week several anonymous groups for addiction meet at St Mary's.

Our Community Sports programme is working to provide physical and emotional wellbeing for groups from MenCap, Islington Centre for Migrants and Refugees and Claremont. This has allowed us to develop a work experience programme with MenCap, and each week three MenCap volunteers come to gain valuable work experience at St Mary's.

St Mary's Operations

We have been working with the Ecochurch group to help demonstrate our caring for creation through projects to improve sustainability with a successful grant application to the Cloudesley charity to install secondary glazing in our Crypt. While these works will occur in 2024, they were approved and the grant was successful in 2023.

We have dedicated ourselves to bettering our facilities, with works taking place on the preschool courtyard and Johnson room to demonstrate to our new Preschool staff and parents our commitment to them. This allows us to welcome in more groups from our community. There is also less obvious work we have been undertaking to improve efficiency and capacity through improved digital networks, new storage arrangements, higher levels of cleaning and upgraded system software. We are also dedicated to thinking differently about how we structure our team to get the best outcomes. As an example of this we have increased the cover of the reception in the evenings and weekends to provide more security on site and increase our contact with our client base.

We also saw some positive trends across 2023 in bookings with a 21% increase in income on 2022 levels based on historical data. We are very positive going into 2024 that these trends will continue and we look forward to more projects in the future.

Shane Thompson
Operations and Enterprise Manager

and

St Mary's Churchwardens

EcoChurch

The principal aims of the EcoChurch scheme are to protect and encourage biodiversity, and to minimise energy use and waste in the buildings and land controlled by churches. In 2022 St Mary's earned a silver award from A Rocha. In 2023, the St Mary's EcoChurch steering group took stock on what would be needed to achieve gold status: it would need greater congregation involvement and for us to reach out more widely to the local community.

The EcoChurch group reached out to the congregation and ran a lively book group in the Spring which discussed Greta Thunberg's seminal Climate Book and, starting in September, a series of monthly film nights. The annual St Mary's Festival coincided with Creationtide and featured an evening of poetry and music relating to creation, a panel debate on the Christian response to climate change with speakers from A Rocha and Tearfund, mid-week Franciscan prayers, and a Sunday morning Barnabas spot with the EcoChurch coordinator from St James Piccadilly, one of the few London churches to have received a gold award. 39 members of the congregation responded to a survey asking what changes people had made to their lifestyle in response to the climate crisis and what would support them in taking this further. All respondents had made some changes and many were contemplating changes that would be more difficult for them. Suggestions and comments for taking this further included regular news and tips. Most respondents said they would like to be part of the EcoChurch group.

As for reaching out more widely to the local community, Sally Hull has continued to run a gardening group, open to all, which has met regularly throughout the year to maintain the rose garden. We have begun to make links with the Islington Environmental Alliance and with a few other local churches also working on the EcoChurch agenda. Richard Nicholson is a member of the recently revived Stepney Area Climate Action Group. We also hosted our first 'Bulb Sunday' in the autumn when we planted over 1000 spring bulbs in the church Gardens.

To reach gold status involves scoring highly in all of the five categories assessed by A Rocha: worship and teaching; buildings; land; community and local engagement; and lifestyle. Buildings and lifestyle are the two areas in which we have the most still to do.





Deanery Synod

Synod members are the clergy from Islington parishes, plus elected lay members of each church. Meetings allow churches to raise concerns in a wider forum and, if necessary, pass them to the diocesan synod. Information about central initiatives can also be passed down. Synod is responsible for appointing governors to CofE schools in Islington, and trustees to a couple of charities.

The first meeting of the year, late April, was mainly about mission to young people and mission work on housing estates, partly because Islington is an area that has a low level of funding, per head of population, for such work. At the June meeting, synod heard about the work of Choices Islington, a compassionate and non-judgmental Christian response to unwanted pregnancy and abortion. Nearly half of all pregnancies are unintended; one woman in three has an abortion in her lifetime; and 33% of babies are born as the result of an unintended pregnancy. Choices offers Islington women support throughout their pregnancies, and runs The Boutique providing baby clothes and an equipment bank for new parents. It also provides support to pregnant women in three Surrey prisons.

Most of the autumn meeting was a session about safeguarding, led by one of the ten Diocese of London safeguarding advisers.



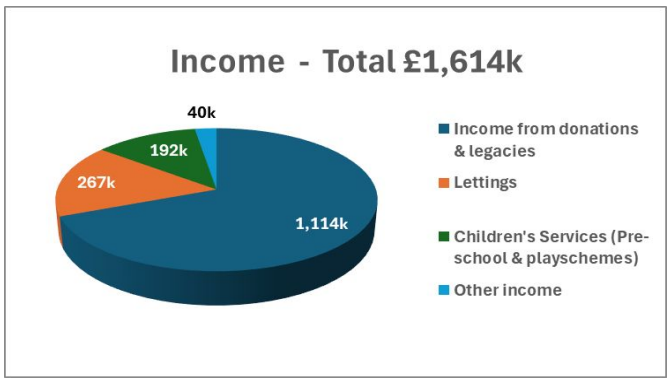
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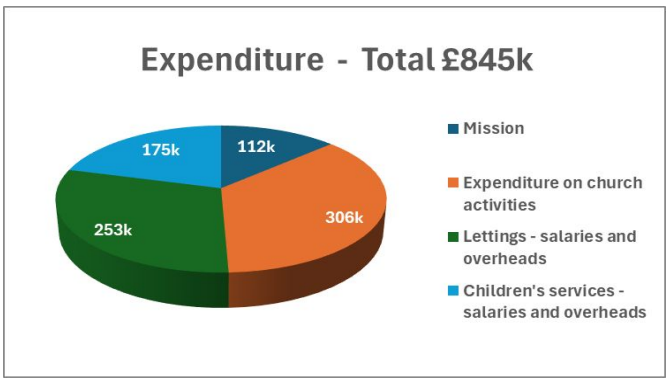
This year the PCC took control of many of the services which were run by Mary's. With the addition of the lettings and pre-school activities that we are now responsible for we have almost doubled in size in terms of our income and expenditure.

The generous giving of our congregation forms the backbone of our finances and that giving (excluding legacies and grants) has grown over the last year by 14.5%. In addition we have received a significant legacy from the estate of Kathleen Reed which the PCC intends to put toward growing the church and the kingdom of God in this place.

Given the nature of the change in responsibilities budgeting this year was far from easy. We budgeted an unrestricted deficit of £65k for the year on our general reserves operations (excluding designated funds), acknowledging that the period following the transition would be a time of challenge, learning and development. In fact the deficit was £20k lower than budgeted - increased costs being offset by higher than expected revenue, particularly in Children's services and donations.

We maintain our three month reserve policy.





The full financial report is available on request from the church office or by emailing imogen.erskine@stmaryislington.org

Governance and Structure

Our Parochial Church Council Members 2023

The Revd James Hughesdon, chair
The Revd Freya Bradley, Curate
The Revd Josh Richards, Curate
Churchwarden Mr Edward Adegbola
Churchwarden Miss Rebecca Shilling
Churchwarden Mrs Veronica Coulson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Sophie Castell
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Richard Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Mr Babatunde Awonusi
PCC Member (elected) Mr Nick Sykes, Vice Chair
PCC Member (elected) Dr Sally Hull, Electoral Roll Officer
PCC Member (co-opted) Ms Julia Abrey, Secretary
PCC Member (elected) Mr David Vanden Bon, Treasurer
PCC Member (elected) Dr Patty Kostkova
PCC Member (elected) Mr Sam Hansford
PCC Member (elected) Mrs Jennifer Obaseki
PCC Member (co-opted) Mr Neville Walter

A very large number of volunteers support the work of the church and it's not possible to list all of their roles in this report. Among them, significant leadership responsibility is undertaken by the Licensed Lay Ministers, three Churchwardens, Sacristan, Treasurer, service leaders and preachers, preschool and Open House volunteers.

Governance and Structure

Clergy Team 2023
The Revd James Hughesdon, Vicar
The Revd Freya Bradley, Curate
The Revd Josh Richards, Curate





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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Independent Auditor's Report

to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

We have audited the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Postion, Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 2 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the trustees' report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

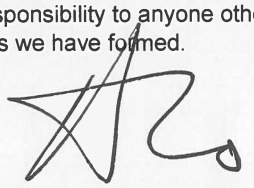
Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the specific business environment in which they operate, the reporting requirements they are obliged to adhere to and other legal and regulatory requirements applicable to operating entities in general.
  These include the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102, the Charities SORP, GDPR and COVID-19 support schemes legislation. The charitable company operates locally and is not significantly impacted by international law or regulations.
  Taxation law and regulations applicable to charities also apply to the charity but it is not involved in any complex matters that increase the risk of non-compliance.
  Each area of audit review includes in the audit documentation reference to potential non-compliance and awareness of potential non-compliance is embedded in our audit procedures.
- We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud by enquiry of management, review of the charity's operations and direct review of significant and material transactions, including all non-standard or irregular journal adjustments. Our understanding of the organisation enables us to understand and identify transactions or areas that appear to present a risk of fraud. None were detected.
  Our pre-audit questionnaire specifically makes enquires about fraud and this is supported by audit documentation. We also review Board minutes to identify any matters of concern or risk. None was identified.
- The audit was conducted by a very experienced auditor who has a good knowledge of the client and no other assistance or support was required.
- The charity is small, its activities are regular and consistent and are not complex and no special audit considerations apply, nor is external specialist assistance required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at **www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities**. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Armstrong & Co, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Hackney Road
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Dated: 28 April 2024

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	1,107,778	3,906	1,111,684	207,168
Church activities	4	2,799	-	2,799	6,020
Generating funds	5	462,029	-	462,029	136,317
Investments	6	6,470	-	6,470	1,970
Other Income	7	31,245	-	31,245	35,463
Total income		**1,610,321**	**3,906**	**1,614,227**	**386,938**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	432,885	-	432,885	10,977
Church activities	9	357,227	54,903	412,130	495,131
Total expenditure		**790,112**	**54,903**	**845,015**	**506,108**
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		820,209	(50,997)	769,212	(119,170)
Transfers between funds	20	(3,000)	3,000	-	
Net movement in funds		**817,209**	**(47,997)**	**769,212**	**(119,170)**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	3,631,348	102,584	3,733,932	3,853,102
Total funds carried forward	14	**4,448,557**	**54,587**	**4,503,144**	**3,733,932**

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Financial Postion

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		3,251,581		3,252,465
Total fixed assets			3,251,581		3,252,465
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	78,857		27,879	
Cash at bank and In hand	11	1,262,714		488,527	
Total current assets		1,341,571		516,406	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	90,008		34,939	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			1,251,563		481,467
Total net assets			4,503,144		3,733,932
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	18		54,587		102,584
Unrestricted funds	16		1,276,151		458,942
Revaluation reserve	9		3,172,406		3,172,406
Total charity funds	21		4,503,144		3,733,932

28 April

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~15 May~~ 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

James Hughesdon

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	767,718	(112,298)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		6,470	1,970
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(2,680)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		6,470	(710)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		774,188	(113,008)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	488,526	601,534
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	**1,262,714**	**488,526**

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

	2023	2022
	£	£
1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	769,212	(119,170)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	884	215
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(6,470)	(1,970)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(50,978)	(8,150)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	55,069	16,776
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**767,718**	**(112,298)**

	2023	2022
	£	£
2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	1,262,714	488,526
Total cash and cash equivalents	**1,262,714**	**488,526**

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.

b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);

c) the Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity
The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from generating funds includes rental income from the letting of church premises, and income from the operation of a preschool and holiday play schemes. Both are accounted for when earned and are shown gross, with the associated costs included in expenditure on raising funds.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

All other income ie recognised when it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the audit and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.
- The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contibution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Deferred income
Income received which is contractually or otherwise not expendable until a future period is deferred to the period in which it meets the criteria for income recognition.

Restricted Funds
Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

Designated Funds
Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions
The charity operates defined contribution schemes which are administered by outside independent pensions providers. Contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £3,000.

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments
Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net incoming resources

	2023	2022
Net incoming resources are stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors fees - audit services	10,250	9,714
Depreciation - owned assets	884	215
Trustees' emoluments	-	-

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

APB Ethical Standard - Provisions available for small entities

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and to provide advice relating to statutory and regulatory compliance.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	84,769	-	84,769	90,121
Collections at services	11,152	-	11,152	11,886
Other donations and appeals	48,881	2,131	51,012	23,830
Gift aid recoverable	25,246	75	25,321	28,690
Grants	4,700	-	4,700	52,641
Legacy income	933,030	1,700	934,730	-
	1,107,778	3,906	1,111,684	207,168

4 Income from church activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,799	-	2,799	6,020
	2,799	-	2,799	6,020

5 Income from generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	267,384	-	267,384	136,317
Children's Services - Preschool and Playschemes	192,320	-	192,320	-
Fundraising events	2,325	-	2,325	-
	462,029	-	462,029	136,317

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	6,470	-	6,470	1,970
	6,470	-	6,470	1,970

7 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Solar panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	10,037	-	10,037	9,197
Other income	21,208	-	21,208	26,266
	31,245	-	31,245	35,463

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings - Salary and expenses	252,668	-	252,668	9,404
Children's Services preschool - Salary and expenses	175,167	-	175,167	-
Fundraising events	5,050	-	5,050	1,573
	432,885	-	432,885	10,977

9 Expenditure on church activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
St Mary's Mission Partners	2,500	300	2,800	12,839
Home mission	13,750	-	13,750	55,000
Diocesan Common Fund	95,000	-	95,000	90,000
Music Ministry	8,936	9,114	18,050	16,064
Children's Ministry	-	44,897	44,897	27,332
Utilities	24,012	-	24,012	10,294
Insurance	9,667	-	9,667	7,730
Cleaning and maintenance	23,367	-	23,367	136,801
Clergy working expenses	5,301	-	5,301	3,131
Curates' housing	25,099	-	25,099	43,215
Upkeep of services	6,007	395	6,402	11,555
Parish communication, website and publicity	6,786	-	6,786	5,722
Training and retreats	764	197	961	701
Parish office staff costs	40,495	-	40,495	33,879
Other parish office costs	8,309	-	8,309	4,211
Bad Debt write-offs	580	-	580	-
Soul in the City	-	-	-	5,027
Depreciation charge	884	-	884	215
Mary's Transition costs	59,634	-	59,634	18,126
Legal and professional fees	15,886	-	15,886	3,575
Governance costs - Audit fees	10,250	-	10,250	9,714
	357,227	54,903	412,130	495,131

10 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff salaries	367,225	63,942
Staff social security	18,383	-
Staff pensions	27,883	2,182
	413,491	66,124
Average number of employees during the year was:	19	2

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2023 nor to 31 December 2022.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:	None	None

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2023	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
As at 31 December 2023	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2023	-	78,116	78,116
Charge for the year	-	884	884
As at 31 December 2023	-	79,000	79,000
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2023	3,250,000	1,581	3,251,581
As at 31 December 2022	3,250,000	2,465	3,252,465

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determind as £3.25 million, to include the first floor flat, by Strettons Chartered Surveyors and Valuers in March 2022.

The revaluation reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	19,967	5,121
Other debtors	2,189	734
Gift aid recoverable	21,546	13,120
Prepayments	27,350	1,038
Accrued income	7,805	7,866
	78,857	27,879

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	25,537	2,775
Other creditors	1,774	962
PAYE liability	7,413	858
Pensions liability	2,574	354
Accrued expenses	20,351	28,990
Deferred income	27,279	-
Deposits held	5,080	1,000
	90,008	34,939

14 The funds of the charity: current year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	102,584	3,906	(54,903)	3,000	54,587
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	33,821	950,530	(88,215)	53,551	949,687
General funds	425,121	659,791	(701,897)	(56,551)	326,464
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	3,631,348	1,610,321	(790,112)	(3,000)	4,448,557
	3,733,932	1,614,227	(845,015)	-	4,503,144

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

15 The funds of the charity: prior year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	138,505	1,265	(39,713)	2,527	102,584
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	82,881	75,885	(124,945)	-	33,821
General funds	459,307	309,787	(341,446)	(2,527)	425,121
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	3,714,594	385,672	(466,391)	(2,527)	3,631,348
	3,853,099	386,937	(506,104)	-	3,733,932

16 Designated funds: current year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Fabric fund	33,821	-	28,581	-	5,240
Transition fund	-	17,500	59,634	53,551	11,417
Kathleen Read legacy fund	-	933,030	-	-	933,030
	33,821	950,530	88,215	53,551	949,687

17 Designated funds: prior year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Fabric fund	82,881	75,885	124,945	-	33,821
	82,881	75,885	124,945	-	33,821

Fabric fund	set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.
Transition fund	a fund established to cover the costs of the transition of services from the charity St Mary Islington Community Partnership to St Mary's in April 2023.
Kathleen Read legacy fund	a legacy from the late Kathleen Read. This was given without any restrictions. To be allocated by the PCC towards specific projects as needs are identified.

18 Restricted funds: current period	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers & gains/(losses) £	Closing balance £
Children's Ministry	48,057	1,831	44,897	-	4,991
Denise Antenen Legacy	50,347	1,700	9,114	-	42,933
Discretionary fund	1,298	375	300	-	1,373
Flower fund	45	-	45	-	-
Monday Fellowship	1,338	-	350	-	988
Retreat fund	861	-	197	-	664
Vicarage Decoration fund	638	-	-	3,000	3,638
	102,584	3,906	54,903	3,000	54,587

19 Restricted funds: prior period	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers & gains/(losses) £	Closing balance £
Children's Ministry	74,474	915	27,332	-	48,057
Denise Antenen Legacy	57,548	-	7,201	-	50,347
Discretionary fund	1,298	-	-	-	1,298
Flower fund	100	350	405	-	45
Monday Fellowship	1,391	-	53	-	1,338
Retreat fund	1,479	-	618	-	861
Soul in the city	1,577	-	4,104	2,527	-
Vicarage Decoration fund	638	-	-	-	638
	138,505	1,265	39,713	2,527	102,584

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Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
Children's Ministry	a fund established to meet the costs of employing a Youth Minister. The balance of this fund will be utilised early in 2024, after which, ongoing expenditure will be covered by the PCC's general funds.
Denise Antenen Legacy	This was given without restrictions but the executors indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis'. Expenditure in 2023 was in support of classical music.
Discretionary fund	a fund to be used at the church wardens' discretion, to help people in financial crisis.
Flower fund	a fund established to collect donations made specifically for the provision of floral arrangements in church.
Monday Fellowship	a fund to provide friendship and refreshments for the congregation and general public.
Retreat fund	to be applied to retreats and similar events.
Soul in the city	a fund established to contribute towards the costs of St Mary's annual neighbourhood festival.
Vicarage Decoration fund	the PCC is responsible for setting aside an annual sum of money to ensure the Vicarage is kept in good decorative order.

20 Transfers between funds: current period

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
General to restricted	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-
General to designated	(53,551)	53,551	-	-	-
	(56,551)	53,551	3,000	-	-

21 Net assets attributable to funds: current period

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	79,175	-	-	3,172,406	3,251,581
Current assets	337,297	949,687	54,587	-	1,341,571
Current liabilities	(90,008)	-	-	-	(90,008)
Net assets represented by funds	326,464	949,687	54,587	3,172,406	4,503,144

22 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	80,059	-	-	3,172,406	3,252,465
Current assets	380,000	33,821	102,584	-	516,405
Current liabilities	(34,938)	-	-	-	(34,938)
Net assets represented by funds	425,121	33,821	102,584	3,172,406	3,733,932

23 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

24 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

25 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to employee defined contribution (DC) auto enrolment pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

	2023	2022
The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£ 2,574	£ 354

26 Contingent liabilities
The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2023 nor at 31 December 2022.

27 Transition from Mary's
On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's". Under the terms of a lease and licence agreement entered into in April 2013, Mary's paid rent of £18,750 in 2023 (2022 - £75,000) and received a discretionary grant from St Mary's of £13,750 (2022 - £55,000).

The transition of the community activities back to St Mary's took place on 1st April 2023. Mary's Youth Club continues to use the facilities of the Neighborhood Centre and Crypt at a preferential rate.

28 Transactions with trustees/PCC members
During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £51,377.

During the year three trustees were reimbursed a total of £2,227 for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

29 Gifts in kind and volunteers
During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

We have audited the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Postion, Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 2 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the trustees' report, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

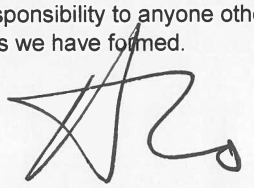
Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the specific business environment in which they operate, the reporting requirements they are obliged to adhere to and other legal and regulatory requirements applicable to operating entities in general.
  These include the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102, the Charities SORP, GDPR and COVID-19 support schemes legislation. The charitable company operates locally and is not significantly impacted by international law or regulations.
  Taxation law and regulations applicable to charities also apply to the charity but it is not involved in any complex matters that increase the risk of non-compliance.
  Each area of audit review includes in the audit documentation reference to potential non-compliance and awareness of potential non-compliance is embedded in our audit procedures.
- We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud by enquiry of management, review of the charity's operations and direct review of significant and material transactions, including all non-standard or irregular journal adjustments. Our understanding of the organisation enables us to understand and identify transactions or areas that appear to present a risk of fraud. None were detected.
  Our pre-audit questionnaire specifically makes enquires about fraud and this is supported by audit documentation. We also review Board minutes to identify any matters of concern or risk. None was identified.
- The audit was conducted by a very experienced auditor who has a good knowledge of the client and no other assistance or support was required.
- The charity is small, its activities are regular and consistent and are not complex and no special audit considerations apply, nor is external specialist assistance required.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at **www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities**. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Armstrong & Co, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

4a Printing House Yard
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London E2 7PR

Dated: 28 April 2024

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	1,107,778	3,906	1,111,684	207,168
Church activities	4	2,799	-	2,799	6,020
Generating funds	5	462,029	-	462,029	136,317
Investments	6	6,470	-	6,470	1,970
Other Income	7	31,245	-	31,245	35,463
Total income		**1,610,321**	**3,906**	**1,614,227**	**386,938**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	432,885	-	432,885	10,977
Church activities	9	357,227	54,903	412,130	495,131
Total expenditure		**790,112**	**54,903**	**845,015**	**506,108**
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		820,209	(50,997)	769,212	(119,170)
Transfers between funds	20	(3,000)	3,000	-	
Net movement in funds		**817,209**	**(47,997)**	**769,212**	**(119,170)**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	3,631,348	102,584	3,733,932	3,853,102
Total funds carried forward	14	**4,448,557**	**54,587**	**4,503,144**	**3,733,932**

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Financial Postion

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		3,251,581		3,252,465
Total fixed assets			3,251,581		3,252,465
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	78,857		27,879	
Cash at bank and In hand	11	1,262,714		488,527	
Total current assets		1,341,571		516,406	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	90,008		34,939	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			1,251,563		481,467
Total net assets			4,503,144		3,733,932
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	18		54,587		102,584
Unrestricted funds	16		1,276,151		458,942
Revaluation reserve	9		3,172,406		3,172,406
Total charity funds	21		4,503,144		3,733,932

28 April

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~15 May~~ 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

James Hughesdon

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	767,718	(112,298)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		6,470	1,970
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(2,680)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		6,470	(710)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		774,188	(113,008)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	488,526	601,534
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	**1,262,714**	**488,526**

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

	2023	2022
	£	£
1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	769,212	(119,170)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	884	215
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(6,470)	(1,970)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(50,978)	(8,150)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	55,069	16,776
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**767,718**	**(112,298)**

	2023	2022
	£	£
2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	1,262,714	488,526
Total cash and cash equivalents	**1,262,714**	**488,526**

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'.

b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);

c) the Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity
The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from generating funds includes rental income from the letting of church premises, and income from the operation of a preschool and holiday play schemes. Both are accounted for when earned and are shown gross, with the associated costs included in expenditure on raising funds.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

All other income ie recognised when it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the audit and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.
- The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contibution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Deferred income
Income received which is contractually or otherwise not expendable until a future period is deferred to the period in which it meets the criteria for income recognition.

Restricted Funds
Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Unrestricted Funds
Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

Designated Funds
Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Accounting Policies
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions
The charity operates defined contribution schemes which are administered by outside independent pensions providers. Contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £3,000.

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings
Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments
Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net incoming resources

	2023	2022
Net incoming resources are stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors fees - audit services	10,250	9,714
Depreciation - owned assets	884	215
Trustees' emoluments	-	-

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

APB Ethical Standard - Provisions available for small entities

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and to provide advice relating to statutory and regulatory compliance.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	84,769	-	84,769	90,121
Collections at services	11,152	-	11,152	11,886
Other donations and appeals	48,881	2,131	51,012	23,830
Gift aid recoverable	25,246	75	25,321	28,690
Grants	4,700	-	4,700	52,641
Legacy income	933,030	1,700	934,730	-
	1,107,778	3,906	1,111,684	207,168

4 Income from church activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,799	-	2,799	6,020
	2,799	-	2,799	6,020

5 Income from generating funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	267,384	-	267,384	136,317
Children's Services - Preschool and Playschemes	192,320	-	192,320	-
Fundraising events	2,325	-	2,325	-
	462,029	-	462,029	136,317

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	6,470	-	6,470	1,970
	6,470	-	6,470	1,970

7 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Solar panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	10,037	-	10,037	9,197
Other income	21,208	-	21,208	26,266
	31,245	-	31,245	35,463

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings - Salary and expenses	252,668	-	252,668	9,404
Children's Services preschool - Salary and expenses	175,167	-	175,167	-
Fundraising events	5,050	-	5,050	1,573
	432,885	-	432,885	10,977

9 Expenditure on church activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
St Mary's Mission Partners	2,500	300	2,800	12,839
Home mission	13,750	-	13,750	55,000
Diocesan Common Fund	95,000	-	95,000	90,000
Music Ministry	8,936	9,114	18,050	16,064
Children's Ministry	-	44,897	44,897	27,332
Utilities	24,012	-	24,012	10,294
Insurance	9,667	-	9,667	7,730
Cleaning and maintenance	23,367	-	23,367	136,801
Clergy working expenses	5,301	-	5,301	3,131
Curates' housing	25,099	-	25,099	43,215
Upkeep of services	6,007	395	6,402	11,555
Parish communication, website and publicity	6,786	-	6,786	5,722
Training and retreats	764	197	961	701
Parish office staff costs	40,495	-	40,495	33,879
Other parish office costs	8,309	-	8,309	4,211
Bad Debt write-offs	580	-	580	-
Soul in the City	-	-	-	5,027
Depreciation charge	884	-	884	215
Mary's Transition costs	59,634	-	59,634	18,126
Legal and professional fees	15,886	-	15,886	3,575
Governance costs - Audit fees	10,250	-	10,250	9,714
	357,227	54,903	412,130	495,131

10 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff salaries	367,225	63,942
Staff social security	18,383	-
Staff pensions	27,883	2,182
	413,491	66,124
Average number of employees during the year was:	19	2

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2023 nor to 31 December 2022.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:	None	None

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2023	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
As at 31 December 2023	3,250,000	80,581	3,330,581
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2023	-	78,116	78,116
Charge for the year	-	884	884
As at 31 December 2023	-	79,000	79,000
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2023	3,250,000	1,581	3,251,581
As at 31 December 2022	3,250,000	2,465	3,252,465

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determind as £3.25 million, to include the first floor flat, by Strettons Chartered Surveyors and Valuers in March 2022.

The revaluation reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	19,967	5,121
Other debtors	2,189	734
Gift aid recoverable	21,546	13,120
Prepayments	27,350	1,038
Accrued income	7,805	7,866
	78,857	27,879

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	25,537	2,775
Other creditors	1,774	962
PAYE liability	7,413	858
Pensions liability	2,574	354
Accrued expenses	20,351	28,990
Deferred income	27,279	-
Deposits held	5,080	1,000
	90,008	34,939

14 The funds of the charity: current year

	Opening balance	Resources arising	Resources utilised	Other movements	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	102,584	3,906	(54,903)	3,000	54,587
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	33,821	950,530	(88,215)	53,551	949,687
General funds	425,121	659,791	(701,897)	(56,551)	326,464
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	3,631,348	1,610,321	(790,112)	(3,000)	4,448,557
	3,733,932	1,614,227	(845,015)	-	4,503,144

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15 The funds of the charity: prior year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	138,505	1,265	(39,713)	2,527	102,584
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	82,881	75,885	(124,945)	-	33,821
General funds	459,307	309,787	(341,446)	(2,527)	425,121
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	-	-	-	3,172,406
Total unrestricted funds	3,714,594	385,672	(466,391)	(2,527)	3,631,348
	3,853,099	386,937	(506,104)	-	3,733,932

16 Designated funds: current year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Fabric fund	33,821	-	28,581	-	5,240
Transition fund	-	17,500	59,634	53,551	11,417
Kathleen Read legacy fund	-	933,030	-	-	933,030
	33,821	950,530	88,215	53,551	949,687

17 Designated funds: prior year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Fabric fund	82,881	75,885	124,945	-	33,821
	82,881	75,885	124,945	-	33,821

Fabric fund	set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.
Transition fund	a fund established to cover the costs of the transition of services from the charity St Mary Islington Community Partnership to St Mary's in April 2023.
Kathleen Read legacy fund	a legacy from the late Kathleen Read. This was given without any restrictions. To be allocated by the PCC towards specific projects as needs are identified.

18 Restricted funds: current period	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers & gains/(losses) £	Closing balance £
Children's Ministry	48,057	1,831	44,897	-	4,991
Denise Antenen Legacy	50,347	1,700	9,114	-	42,933
Discretionary fund	1,298	375	300	-	1,373
Flower fund	45	-	45	-	-
Monday Fellowship	1,338	-	350	-	988
Retreat fund	861	-	197	-	664
Vicarage Decoration fund	638	-	-	3,000	3,638
	102,584	3,906	54,903	3,000	54,587

19 Restricted funds: prior period	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers & gains/(losses) £	Closing balance £
Children's Ministry	74,474	915	27,332	-	48,057
Denise Antenen Legacy	57,548	-	7,201	-	50,347
Discretionary fund	1,298	-	-	-	1,298
Flower fund	100	350	405	-	45
Monday Fellowship	1,391	-	53	-	1,338
Retreat fund	1,479	-	618	-	861
Soul in the city	1,577	-	4,104	2,527	-
Vicarage Decoration fund	638	-	-	-	638
	138,505	1,265	39,713	2,527	102,584

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Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Name of Restricted Fund	Purpose of restricted fund
Children's Ministry	a fund established to meet the costs of employing a Youth Minister. The balance of this fund will be utilised early in 2024, after which, ongoing expenditure will be covered by the PCC's general funds.
Denise Antenen Legacy	This was given without restrictions but the executors indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis'. Expenditure in 2023 was in support of classical music.
Discretionary fund	a fund to be used at the church wardens' discretion, to help people in financial crisis.
Flower fund	a fund established to collect donations made specifically for the provision of floral arrangements in church.
Monday Fellowship	a fund to provide friendship and refreshments for the congregation and general public.
Retreat fund	to be applied to retreats and similar events.
Soul in the city	a fund established to contribute towards the costs of St Mary's annual neighbourhood festival.
Vicarage Decoration fund	the PCC is responsible for setting aside an annual sum of money to ensure the Vicarage is kept in good decorative order.

20 Transfers between funds: current period

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
General to restricted	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-
General to designated	(53,551)	53,551	-	-	-
	(56,551)	53,551	3,000	-	-

21 Net assets attributable to funds: current period

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	79,175	-	-	3,172,406	3,251,581
Current assets	337,297	949,687	54,587	-	1,341,571
Current liabilities	(90,008)	-	-	-	(90,008)
Net assets represented by funds	326,464	949,687	54,587	3,172,406	4,503,144

22 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Revaluation reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	80,059	-	-	3,172,406	3,252,465
Current assets	380,000	33,821	102,584	-	516,405
Current liabilities	(34,938)	-	-	-	(34,938)
Net assets represented by funds	425,121	33,821	102,584	3,172,406	3,733,932

23 Taxation

The PCC is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

24 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

25 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to employee defined contribution (DC) auto enrolment pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

	2023	2022
The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£ 2,574	£ 354

26 Contingent liabilities
The charity had no material contingent liabilities at 31 December 2023 nor at 31 December 2022.

27 Transition from Mary's
On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's". Under the terms of a lease and licence agreement entered into in April 2013, Mary's paid rent of £18,750 in 2023 (2022 - £75,000) and received a discretionary grant from St Mary's of £13,750 (2022 - £55,000).

The transition of the community activities back to St Mary's took place on 1st April 2023. Mary's Youth Club continues to use the facilities of the Neighborhood Centre and Crypt at a preferential rate.

28 Transactions with trustees/PCC members
During the year the total amount aggregate donations made by PCC members, their close family members and business associates amounted to £51,377.

During the year three trustees were reimbursed a total of £2,227 for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

29 Gifts in kind and volunteers
During the year the charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, ISLINGTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1131900

Accounts



St Mary Islington Annual Report 2022

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Vicar's report

In 2022 we focussed anew on growing as a church: growing in evangelism, discipleship and serving our community. We are positioning ourselves for all that God will be doing in our midst in the future.

This has been particularly highlighted by our new vision statement: 'Calling Islington Home.' Our vision is a powerful statement of our desire for all of Islington to find a home at St Mary's, and to play our part in calling people home. It comes out of a desire to better reflect the call of Christ to each one of us as we find a home with God.

Having a vision statement allows us to be more focussed on how we operate as a church and an organisation. It will particularly help us as we take on the preschool, playscheme, community gym, bookings and premises management from our partner charity, Mary's, in April 2023.

Behind the scenes, a large amount of work has been happening to ensure the transition of services from Mary's to St Mary's takes place with the minimum amount of disruption to those we serve. I am very grateful to all those who have supported this work, especially the PCC and Standing Committee, and also want to express my thanks to Mary's Trustees, their CEO, Balazs Csernus, and all their staff. We look forward to welcoming everyone as part of the new organisation and to our future working with Mary's youth club.



We have been blessed in 2022 to welcome many new people to St Mary's. It is a real gift to be a Church made up of such a diverse collection of people and to see new people stepping into leadership and service in so many different ways.

June marked a special moment when we welcomed Freya and Josh as our new curates. We are looking forward with joy to their priesting service on 17 June 2023 at St Mary's. They have already blessed us with their ministry amongst us.

Vicar's report

In September, we played an important role in our borough during the days of mourning after the death of her late Majesty, Elizabeth II. St Mary's was open from 9am-9pm each day, staffed by clergy from St Mary's and local churches. Several hundred people came into the church building during those days for prayer and reflection. As part of Islington's response we held a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the Queen's life. In 2023, we will once again gather the people of Islington when we hold a special service the day after the coronation of King Charles III.

The Heart of Islington project is coming to an end, and in 2022 some final and significant pieces of work to the interior of the church were completed: the repainting of the ceiling; the cleaning of the murals; the repair and restoration of the tower stairs. My thanks to Anthea Nicholson for all her work on this project, and we will celebrate the whole project at a special celebration service in 2023.

There is much more to celebrate and note from the last year: Oasis youth club at St Mary's starting; multiple youth trips; prayer events for Ukraine; opening the church as a community warm hub; providing free lunches for those in need; welcoming a growing number of school visits to St Mary's; the St Mary's festival; over 1000 people at our Carols by Candlelight services.

The Spirit is moving in our life as a Church. As we journey on through this next year may the Spirit continue to move in our midst and may we be bold to faithfully follow where the Spirit leads.

Rev. James Hughesdon

Vicar

Churchwardens' report

Three main projects were undertaken in 2022. Thanks to another generous grant from the Cloudesley charity, the 18th century tower stairs were repaired and all previously painted surfaces in the main body of the church were redecorated. The murals on the east and west walls of St Mary's were cleaned and restored, paid for from the PCC's designated fabric fund.

The historic timber specialists working on the tower stairs noted that it was very unusual to see a timber stair constructed in such a narrow opening as they are traditionally made of stone. There is a near identical staircase at St Mary Rotherhithe which, like St Mary Islington, was designed by Lancelot Dowbiggin,"citizen and joyner of London". There is another one of similar date at Southwark Cathedral, presumed also to be Dowbiggin's work. We are now confident that the stairs are safe. As such, a modest profit-sharing agreement has been put in place with Islington Guided Walks whereby they will lead regular tours up the tower to enable many more people to see the spectacular views from the top.

The aim of the redecoration project was to enhance the sense of space and light within the church interior. This was achieved by repainting the greying white paintwork on the window reveals and ceiling beams and by returning the ceiling coffers to a light colour as they were in the 1950s. In 1970 the coffers were painted a burgundy red but are now grey-blue, an exact match with the original decorative metalwork to the communion rail and balusters of the chancel stairs.

The east wall mural was cleaned and damaged areas on the gold cross repaired. The west wall mural had been covered with a yellowing gloss varnish which was removed in highlighted areas and elsewhere thinned as far as possible without causing damage. A satin varnish was applied which dulls the previous gloss, the mural is now less reflective and thought to be closer to what the artist, Brian Thomas, originally intended. The overall effect has restored the original, bright colours to both murals.

These projects represent the end of the long-running Heart of Islington programme of building works. There will always be more to be done but, for now, no more large projects are planned.

Churchwardens

Our year in numbers



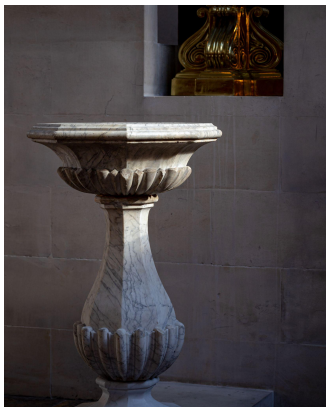
Two new curates

Two Bishop visits

Three Islington Mayor visits







14 baptisms

We are a Living Wage Employer

Instagram

27,513 Facebook page reaches and 1.462 instagram page reaches

2,157 Facebook page visits and 845 instagram profile visits

632 facebook followers and 797 instagram followers



One newly painted ceiling



Four weddings

Our year in numbers

Four bouncy castles, six face painters + 2000 visitors + 1000 scones eaten = two family fun days







The PCC met seven times in 2022

100 midweek groups hosted

850 celebratory drinks toasted

1500 slices of cake made and consumed

3250 hot drinks served

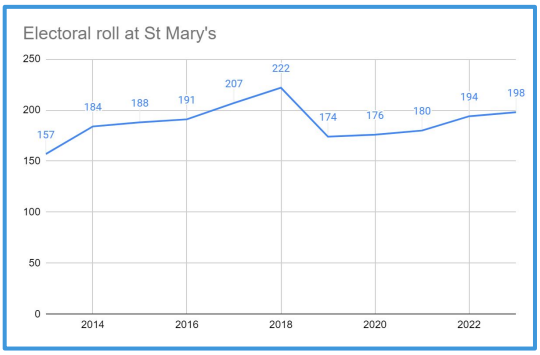


Two snow covered carols by candlelight services attended by 1056 people

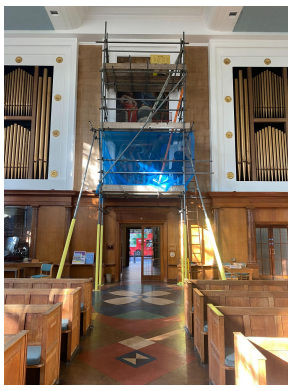


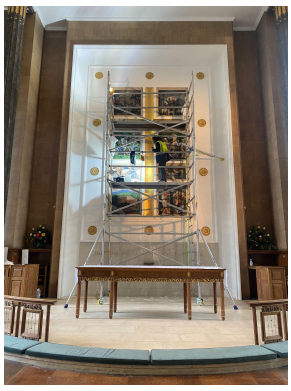
One Christmas fair with over 1000 visitors





198 on our electoral roll





11 school visits with a total of 1,440 school children

At least seven stories covered in local media

Two restored murals

185 public services in church and online with 9989 attendances

EcoChurch report

The highlight of 2022 for the EcoChurch group was hearing, in February, that we had earned a silver award from A Rocha, the charity that runs the scheme. EcoChurch started in 2015 as a way of encouraging churches to care better for God's Creation. The principal aims are to protect and encourage biodiversity, and to minimise energy use and waste, in the buildings and land controlled by churches.



2022 was otherwise a fairly quiet year for the group. Sally Hull continued to run her regular gardening group that has transformed the rose garden in the southeast corner of the churchyard. Discussions with Green Christian, which we support financially, on how to work together continued. We needed to ensure that the activities that had gained us a silver award still continued, while planning for getting to gold. That will require, in particular, greater involvement of our congregation, and reaching out more widely to the local community. Offers of help and ideas will be gratefully received.







Deanery synod report

Deanery synods allow the clergy, and elected lay representatives, of churches in an area to meet and work together. They are part of the synodical system of governance of the Church of England, which also includes the diocesan synods and the General Synod. In 2022 Islington deanery synod met three times.

In February, the synod discussed the 'Stepney Vision' – Hackney and Tower Hamlets with Islington are the Stepney area. The main question considered was 'what pathways do our churches have to help a newcomer put their faith in Jesus?' Each church was also asked what plan its PCC had for growth in the number of church members. At the June meeting Melanie Griffiths, director of the Cloudesley charity, outlined the charity's current programmes for helping Islington churches. And 70% of the synod voted in favour of a motion, to be sent to diocesan synod, requesting:
a) the national investing bodies (NIBs) of the CofE immediately end any remaining investment in fossil fuel companies;
b) the NIBs to invest in solar panel and heat pump providers, so that churches can get the best deals to reduce their carbon footprints;
c) church leaders to be more ambitious in their efforts to mitigate climate change.

Convening Neighbourliness, our response to the cost of living crisis, was discussed at the November meeting, with speakers from the Finsbury Park Mosque, from a local community centre, and from the Diocese of London's Compassionate Communities group. It was also reported that the June meeting's motion was going nowhere: of the four members of diocesan synod on the deanery synod, three had voted against the motion at the deanery meeting and refused to present it to the diocesan synod, and the fourth missed the deanery meeting and therefore chose not to present it. So much for representative democracy in the CofE.

Treasurer's report

We budgeted for a deficit in 2022 of £119,000, but ended with a deficit of £59,000. The church had to have a full audit of its accounts instead of the expected independent examination, our property needed to be revalued, and professional fees for help in completing the merger between Mary's and St Mary's were higher than planned for. Other contributors to the larger deficit were increased salaries, and costs of the refreshed work with children and youth work. Some savings were achieved on housing our curates and also on church maintenance. Overall our costs seem reasonable.

From an income perspective, voluntary giving was 3.7% more than budgeted, and income overall was 2% (£7,150) more than expected. However, income from church lettings was down; since this income will be key to our future financial position, it will have to be monitored carefully after the merger with Mary's. It will be important also to maintain the welcome growth in income that we saw in 2022.

The full financial report is available on request from the church office or by emailing imogen.erskine@stmaryislington.org

Governance and structure

Our Parochial Church Council Members 2022

The Revd James Hughesdon, chair
The Revd Freya Bradley, Curate from July 2022
The Revd Josh Richards, Curate from July 2022
Churchwarden Mr Edward Adegbola
Churchwarden Miss Rebecca Shilling
Churchwarden Mrs Anthea Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Sophie Castell
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Richard Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Mr Babatunde Awonusi
PCC Member (elected) Mr Nick Sykes, Vice Chair
PCC Member (elected) Dr Sally Hull, Electoral Roll Officer
PCC Member (elected) Dr Patty Kostkova
PCC Member (elected) Jules Cassidy
PCC Member (elected) Ms Julia Abrey
PCC Member (elected) Mrs Jennifer Obaseki
PCC Member (elected) Mr David Vanden Bon
PCC Member (elected) Catherine Stevens (May - September 2022)
PCC Member (co-opted) Mr Neville Walter, Treasurer

Staff Team 2022

The Revd James Hughesdon, Vicar
The Revd Freya Bradley, Curate from July 2022
The Revd Josh Richards, Curate from July 2022
Chloe Rotter, Youth Minister, from April 2022
Ian Mylam, Licensed Lay Minister
Imogen Erskine, part-time Office Manager
Olu Omose, part-time Finance Officer

A very large number of volunteers support the work of the church and it's not possible to list all of their roles in this report. Among them, significant leadership responsibility is undertaken by the Licensed Lay Minister, three Churchwardens, Sacristan, Treasurer, service leaders and preachers.



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calling Islington home

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year 2022

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The laws and regulations applicable to the charity were identified through discussions with Trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of charitable organisations. Of these laws and regulations, we focused on those that we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including Charity Law, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, anti-money-laundering, company & employment, environmental and health and safety legislation. The extent of compliance with these laws and regulations identified above was assessed through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence. The identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- understanding the design of the charity's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Charity Commission and the charity's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

R W Williams

Mr R W Williams (FCCA)
Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of:

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25th May 2023

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2a	158,321	75,113	233,434	576,861
Activities for generating funds	2b	79,089	0	79,089	77,389
Income from investments	2c	57,161	2,037	59,198	58,913
Church activities	2d	6,020	0	6,020	5,192
Other incoming resources	2e	9,197	0	9,197	7,912
Total Income		309,788	77,150	386,938	726,267
Resources expended					
Church activities	3b	317,605	164,230	481,835	403,527
Raising Funds	3a	10,552	428	10,980	18,697
Other	3c	13,289	0	13,289	9,975
Total Expenditure		341,446	164,658	506,104	425,200
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**(31,659)**	**(87,508)**	**(119,167)**	**294,067**
Transfers between funds/Revaluation	10	(2,527)	2,527	0	840,000
Net movement in funds		**(34,186)**	**(84,982)**	**(119,167)**	**1,134,067**
Total funds brought forward		3,631,713	221,386	3,853,099	2,719,032
Total funds carried forward		**3,597,527**	**136,405**	**3,733,932**	**3,853,099**

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	6	3,252,465	3,250,000
		3,252,465	3,250,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	27,879	19,729
Cash at bank and in hand		488,526	601,534
		516,405	621,263
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts fall due within one year	9	(34,938)	(18,164)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		481,467	603,099
Total Net Assets		**3,733,932**	**3,853,099**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	425,121	459,307
Designated		33,821	82,881
Revaluation reserve on Neighbourhood Centre	6	3,172,406	3,172,406
		3,631,348	3,714,594
Restricted	10	102,584	138,505
Total Funds of the church		**3,733,932**	**3,853,099**

These financial statements were approved by PCC in May 2023 and signed by:

James Hughesdon
Vicar

Charity Number 1131900

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net Cash from operating activities		
Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(113,008)	280,899
Net cash provided by/used in investing activities	0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(113,008)	280,899
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	601,534	320,635
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	488,526	601,534
Reconciliation of net income/ (expenditure)		
Net income before investment gains at 31 December	(119,168)	301,067
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	215	0
Decrease/ (increase) in fixed assets	(2,680)	0
Decrease/ (increase) in debtors	(8,150)	(10,603)
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	16,775	(9,565)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	(113,008)	280,899
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	488,526	601,534

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

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1. Accounting Policies

A Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

B Funds and reserves

Funds held by the PCC are:

Restricted funds –a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund.

Unrestricted funds

General funds - which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future projects.

In order to ensure that the PCC's known regular financial commitments can be met when due, and to provide sufficient financial flexibility to meet unexpected expenditure, it is the policy of the PCC to seek to hold free reserves within its unrestricted funds (i.e. reserves which are not designated nor represented by that proportion of the cost of the Neighbourhood Centre which is financed from reserves) at a minimum of 3 months of anticipated expenditure. At the end of the year, this free reserves policy was met.

C Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised only when received. Planned giving receivable is recognised only when it is received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donations are received. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due and the amount can be measured with reasonable reliability.

Income from investments

Rents receivable and Interest are accounted for when due and payable. A full accruals basis of interest would result in no material difference.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

D Resources expended

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Pension costs (see also Note 5)

The PCC contributes towards a money purchase stakeholder scheme for qualifying employees. Contributions are charged on an accruals basis.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

E Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(c) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust and for which a faculty is required for their disposal, since the PCC considers such to be unalienable property.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between formal valuations.

Small items of equipment (normally those costing less than £500) are charged as expenditure in the year of purchase.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	- Four years
Computer equipment	- Three years

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
		£	£	£	£
a	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving	90,121	0	**90,121**	86,924
	Collections at services	10,517	100	**10,617**	6,212
	Sundry donations and appeals	23,933	1,165	**25,098**	71,451
	Legacy Income (Note 10 ii)	0	0	**0**	281,297
	Gift Aid recoverable	28,690	0	**28,690**	36,532
	Grants (Note 10 i)	2,641	50,000	**52,641**	74,500
	Other funds generated	2,419	23,848	**26,267**	19,944
		158,321	75,113	**233,434**	576,861
b	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Neighbourhood Centre Rent (Note 11)	75,000	0	**75,000**	76,000
	Fundraising events	4,089	0	**4,089**	1,389
		79,089	0	**79,089**	77,389
c	**Investment income**				
	Interest receivable	1,204	766	**1,970**	69
	Rent of Neighbourhood Centre flat	31,227	0	**31,227**	29,973
	Forecourt rents	24,730	1,271	**26,001**	28,871
		57,161	2,037	**59,198**	58,913
d	**Income from Church Activities**				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	6,020	0	**6,020**	5,192
		6,020	0	**6,020**	5,192
e	**Other incoming resources**				
	Solar Panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	9,197	0	**9,197**	7,912
		9,197	0	**9,197**	7,912
	Total incoming resources	309,788	77,150	**386,938**	726,267

3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
a	**Raising Funds**				
	Events	1,148	428	1,576	426
	Garden flat letting fees & maintenance	9,404	0	9,404	18,271
		10,552	**428**	**10,980**	**18,697**
b	**Church activities**				
	St Mary's Mission partners	12,836	0	12,836	16,140
	Home Mission (Note 11)	55,000	0	55,000	55,000
	Diocesan Common Fund	90,000	0	90,000	90,000
	Music Ministers - Salary and Expenses	7,201	7,201	14,402	10,592
	Church - Utilities	10,817	0	10,817	9,455
	Church insurance	7,730	0	7,730	7,490
	Church cleaning	5,822	0	5,822	5,442
	Church maintenance	5,159	123,702	128,861	49,841
	Clergy working expenses	3,131	0	3,131	979
	Vicarage maintenance	151	0	151	73
	Curates' housing (Note 12)	43,215	0	43,215	0
	Upkeep of services	9,906	1,731	11,637	17,873
	Parish magazine, website and publicity	5,552	0	5,552	4,099
	Training and retreats	83	618	701	200
	Parish office staff costs	36,173	23,544	59,717	18,168
	Photocopier and stationery	2,992	0	2,992	2,215
	Other parish office costs	3,876	0	3,876	2,212
	Soul in the city	1,297	3,729	5,066	2,339
	Depreciation	215	0	215	0
	Church major repairs	0	0	0	103,276
	Children's work	0	3,705	3,705	0
	Accounting services	0	0	0	8,114
	Mary's Transition Costs	16,449	0	16,449	0
		317,605	**164,230**	**481,835**	**403,527**
c	**Governance**				
	Governance/Valuation	3,575	0	3,575	0
	Audit fees	9,714	0	9,714	9,975
		13,289	**0**	**13,289**	**9,975**
	Total resources expended	**341,446**	**164,658**	**506,104**	**432,200**

4 Prior year comparatives

The detailed comparatives for each item in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown below:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total
	£	£	£
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income	420,627	156,234	576,861
Activities for generating funds	77,389	0	77,389
Income from investments	58,907	6	58,913
Church activities	5,192	0	5,192
Other incoming resources	7,912	0	7,912
Total Income	570,027	156,240	726,267
Resources expended			
Church activities	248,421	155,106	403,527
Raising Funds	18,657	40	18,697
Other	9,975	0	9,975
Total Expenditure	277,053	155,146	432,200
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**292,973**	**1,094**	**294,067**
Transfers between funds	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	**292,973**	**1,094**	**294,067**
Total funds brought forward	2,498,739	220,293	2,719,032
Total funds carried forward	**2,791,712**	**221,387**	**3,013,099**

5 Staff Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,942	24,714
Social security costs	0	0
Pension costs	2,182	1,962
Total	**66,124**	**26,676**

During the year, the PCC employed 2 staff in the Parish Office (2021: 2);1 Music minister (2021: 1) and 1 Youth Minister (2021: 0). The average number, on the basis of full-time equivalents, was 1.75 (2021: 1.2). The PCC provides a defined contribution stakeholder pension scheme for qualifying employees, under which it contributes 8% of the employee's basic salary. Employees may also make their own contributions. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity, in an independently administered fund. None of the staff members earned the Act's minimum figure for declaration of £60,000. p.a.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2022	3,250,000	77,901	3,327,901
Additions		2,680	2,680
At 31 December 2022	**3,250,000**	**80,581**	**3,330,581**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	0	(77,901)	(77,901)
Charge for the year	0	(215)	(215)
At 31 December 2022	**0**	**(78,116)**	**(78,116)**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2021	3,250,000	0	3,250,000
At 31 December 2022	**3,250,000**	**2,465**	**3,252,465**

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determined as £3.25 million, to include the first floor flat, by Strettons Chartered Surveyors and Valuers in March 2022.

The Revaluation Reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	3,252,465	0	3,252,465	3,250,000
Current assets				
Debtors	27,879	0	27,879	19,729
Deposits and cash	488,525	0	488,525	601,534
	516,404	**0**	**516,404**	**621,263**
Current liabilities	(34,938)	0	(11,164)	(18,164)
	3,733,931	**0**	**3,733,931**	**3,853,099**

8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	13,120	14,360
Due from Mary's	5,121	1,344
Prepayments	1,038	603
Accrued income	7,866	1,405
Other Debtors	734	2,017
	27,879	**19,729**

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors	5,948	8,164
Accrued expenses	28,990	10,000
	34,938	**18,164**

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

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10 Statement of funds

	Opening balance 01.01.22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance 31.12.22
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	459,307	309,787	(341,446)	(2,527)	425,121
Fabric fund (i)	82,881	75,885	(124,945)	0	33,821
	542,188	385,672	(466,391)	0	458,942
Revaluation reserve	3,172,406	0	0	0	3,172,406
	3,714,594	**385,672**	**(466,391)**	**(2,527)**	**3,631,348**
Restricted Funds					
Children's Ministry	74,474	915	(27,332)	0	48,057
Denise Antenen Legacy (ii)	57,548	0	(7,201)	0	50,347
Discretionary fund	1,298	0	0	0	1,298
Monday Fellowship	1,391	0	(53)	0	1,338
Retreat Fund	1,479	0	(618)	0	861
Soul in the City	1,577	0	(4,104)	2,527	0
Vicarage Decoration Fund	638	0	0	0	638
Flower Fund	100	350	(405)	0	45
	138,505	**1,265**	**(39,713)**	**2,527**	**102,584**
Total Funds	**3,853,099**	**386,937**	**(506,104)**	**0**	**3,733,932**

As explained in Note 1b, the PCC funds are divided between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. Within the first of these categories is one Designated Fund, which is unrestricted and has been set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.

Notes

i We received a generous grant of £50,000 from Cloudesley towards repair of the tower stairs and redecoration of the church interior. These projects represent the conclusion of the long-running Heart of Islington project. We also received £23,848 in VAT refunds from DCMS, under the Government's Listed Places of Worship scheme.

ii The executors have indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis,' in order of priority, summarised as:

1. Support of classical music as part of worship at St Mary's Church.
2. Support youth work in the form of Christian holidays away for young people.
3. Facilities to render the Church more accessible and amenable to the elderly and infirm.
4. Redecoration of the church vestibule.

Expenditure in 2022 was in support of classical music.

11 Mary's

On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's".

The arrangements by which Mary's occupies the Neighbourhood Centre and Crypt were formalised in a lease and licence entered into in April 2013; with a rent review in April 2018, wherein, the rent increased to £75,000 per annum. This year Mary's paid the full amount as recorded (2021 - £75,000) for the year. The discretionary grant of £55,000 was also passed. (2021 - £55,000).

Charges were made to and from the PCC and Mary's in order to reflect costs incurred by the one but partially for the benefit of the other, namely utilities and insurance.
The transition of services between St Mary's and Mary's took place on the 1st April 2023. The PCC set aside a sum of £50,000 at it's meeting in June 2022 to meet costs relating to the transition. This sum is in addition to the figure budgeted for in the 2022 accounts.

12 Curates' Housing

In March 2022 an agreement was reached with the London Diocesan Fund whereby a property at 108, Liverpool Road has been allocated as housing for Curates of St Mary's Islington, with St Mary's PCC paying 50% of the agreed market rent. The expenditure in 2022 includes an amount of £29,487 for the refurbishment and redecoration of the property. This amount is being decapitalised over a period of 10 years, by which amount the market rental of the property will be adjusted each year to reflect a fair rental value for the property in the condition in which the PCC received it.

13 Interests of the PCC members in transactions

No member of the PCC had a financial interest in any transaction with the church during 2021 (Nil 2021).

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9th May 2022

The Trustees
The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary Islington
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Ladies and Gentlemen

Re: Management Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

We attach our report of the significant matters which came to our attention during the course of our audit.

Independence and Objectivity

We operate a number of checks to ensure that we continue to act independently. We have enquired whether any partners or staff has a connection to the Church, its staff or the trustees. We are not aware of any matters which would impact on our independence and objectivity as auditors.

Respective Responsibilities

The Committee has a primary responsibility for the Church's timely publication of statutory financial statements and the establishment and ongoing maintenance of an adequate system of custodial and management control over the Church's assets and transactions.

Our audit examination is designed to enable us to express an opinion on your financial statements as a whole and their compliance with relevant statutory reporting requirements. It must therefore be recognised that this post audit report cannot be relied upon as an exhaustive catalogue of all the actual or potential weaknesses which may exist in the systems you have devised to discharge your responsibilities.

This report is designed to highlight those material weaknesses in your financial systems and controls which came to our attention during the audit. It is also intended to suggest ways in which management effectiveness can be improved.

There were no material weaknesses that we would like to bring to your attention.

1. Collections

Please ensure that all cash collections are banked intact on a timely basis.

2. Assignment Letter

If you are in agreement with the terms of the enclosed letter, could you please sign it and return it to us.

3. Letter of Representation

We will send you a soft copy of the representation letter, which if you are in agreement with, please print on your headed paper, sign and return to us for our records.

4. Cash in Hand

Could you please certify the cash in hand at 31st December 2022 on the certificate provided.

5. Other Comments

In conclusion, we would thank James Hughesdon, Olubunmi Omose and Pamela Alayli for their assistance and hospitality during our audit.

We look forward to a reply to this letter.

Yours faithfully

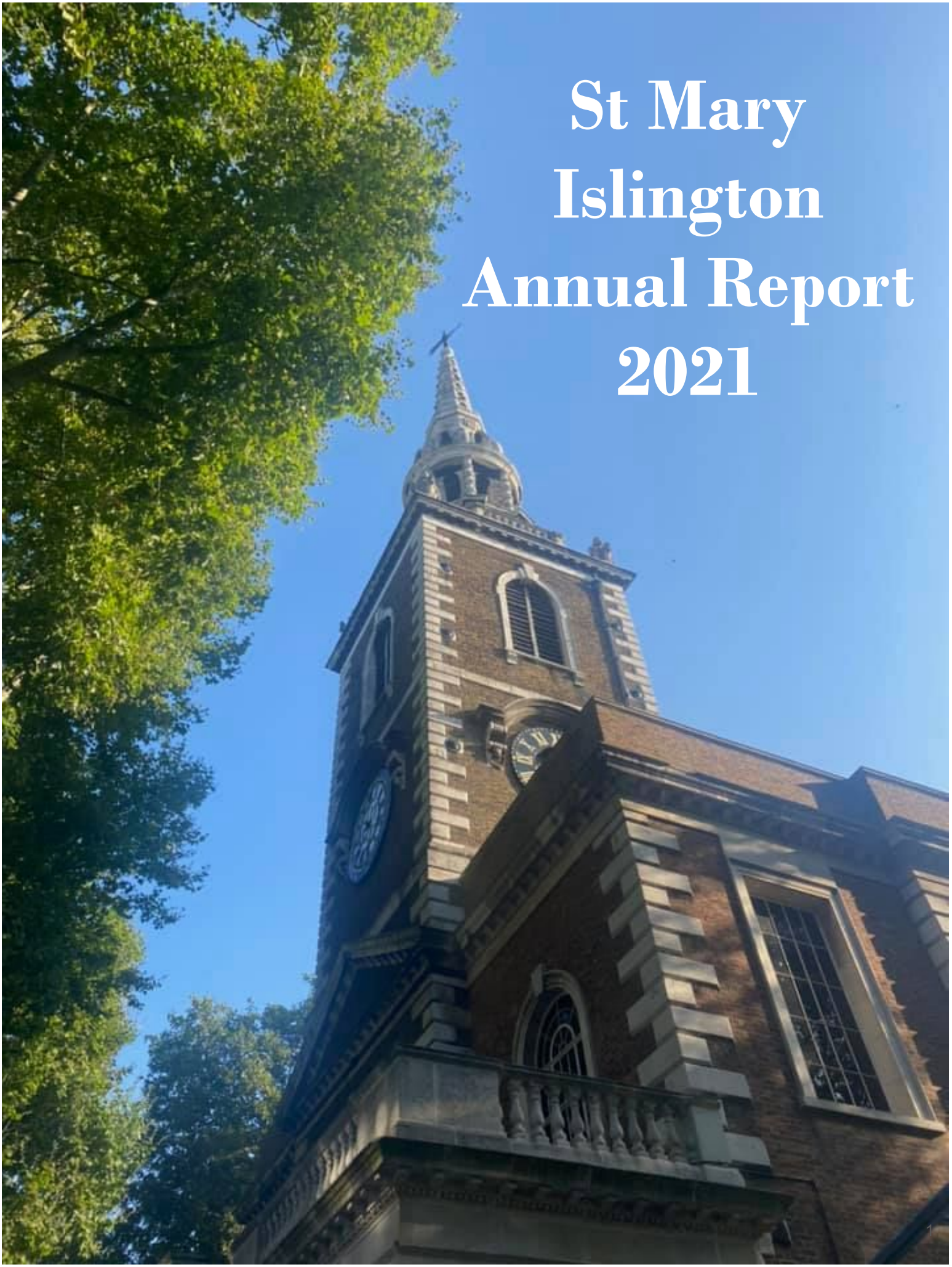
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, ISLINGTON

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Accounts



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Vicar's report

2021 has been a time of rebuilding for St Mary's as we have come out of Covid. We have needed to gain confidence in meeting together again, restarting our in-person services in the church, while still allowing those who need to shield to join online. Throughout the year this has required a lot of adjustments at short notice, and I am very grateful to all those who have worked hard to allow us to respond quickly and safely.

We said goodbye in different ways to some dear members of St Mary's. First, to Liz Salmon, who passed away on 30 January after faithfully serving the people of this church for over 50 years. We continue to be grateful for the legacy of her ministry amongst us. Secondly, to Rev. Caroline Shuttleworth, who moved on to provide support for St Thomas' Finsbury Park. Caroline was a great support for this church throughout the turbulence of the interregnum and for the five years of her ministry amongst us. But we also welcomed a number of new people to St Mary's and we give thanks to God that they have found this church to be a place where they feel at home. Of course, I and my family have been amongst these people and we are grateful for the welcome.

I am very grateful to everyone who, in their prayers, giving and time, supports the life of St Mary's. It was especially humbling to receive a legacy from Liz Salmon's estate and also a very generous gift from a congregation member towards the youth work.



But 2021 was also a time of renewal

Renewal of us the people of God: It has been wonderful to see over this last year people coming back together. Each moment of seeing one another again, or meeting each other for the first time, has given us little moments of joy throughout the year. The Family Fun Day in September, attended by over 1000 people, showed again how St Mary's can be at the heart of this community.

Vicar's report

Renewal of our buildings: The Heart of Islington project continued with the interior works to the main church space, and the completion of the North Gardens project. The official opening of the North Gardens with the Bishop of Stepney, the Mayor of Islington and many of the contributors to the project was a real highlight.

Renewal of our structures: We began the journey of changing our structures as the PCC and Mary's Trustees agreed together that at the end of Mary's lease in 2023 the Pre-School, site management, bookings and play scheme will come back under the oversight of the church. I am confident that this will enable us as Church to build on the good work that Mary's have done over the last 15 years, to grow the church in discipleship, evangelism and social action.

When we returned to worship in church on Easter Day 2021 we started our tradition of singing a hymn outside. This started out as a safety measure but the Holy Spirit took this and turned it into an incredible weekly act of witness in the middle of Upper Street. As people heard us they saw the people of God worshipping and they encountered St Mary's as a place where the Spirit is at work.

As we worshipped I believe our hearts were also renewed again with love for our community and a desire to witness to the good news of Christ. As we journey on through this time of renewal may the Spirit continue to stir up that desire in our hearts, and may we be bold to faithfully follow where the Spirit leads.

Rev. James Hughesdon

Vicar

Churchwardens' report

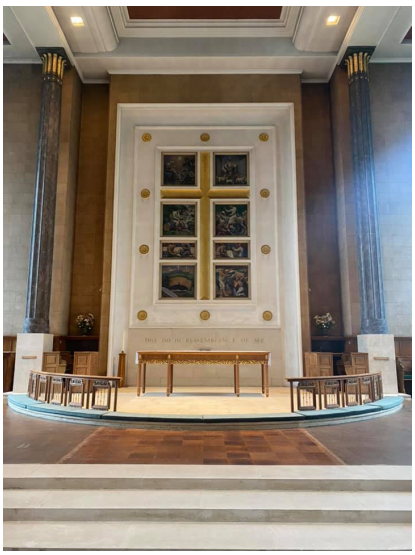
A range of refurbishments has taken place in the church interior this year which cumulatively have served to 'lift' its overall appearance: stonework has been cleaned, timber wall panels French polished, brass mesh panels in front of radiators repaired and cleaned, Octagon redecorated, internal doors repaired, loose and missing wall and ceiling tiles reinstated, and two radiators replaced.

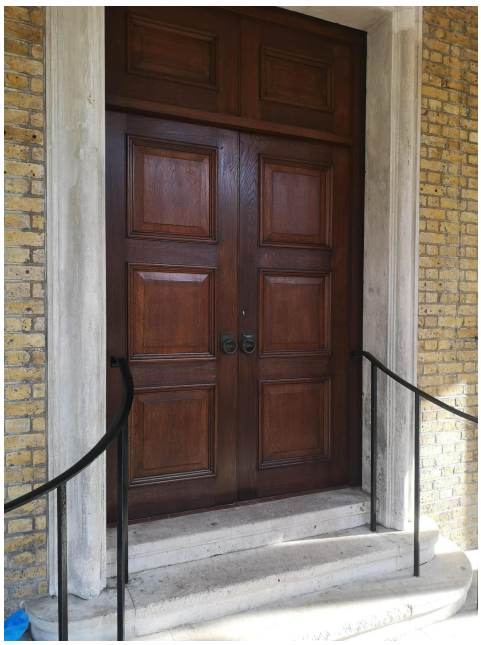
New kneelers at the communion rail and cushions on the pews have improved both comfort and appearance. Electrical work has improved safety and provided additional power points.

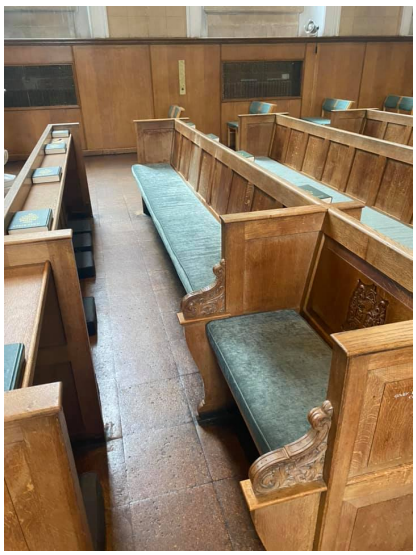
All five external doors, including the three lower-level doors into the crypt, have been repaired and French polished. The missing antique brass ring handle on the main front door has been replaced with a bespoke replica.

These improvements represent the near-final stage of the Heart of Islington project. They have been made possible thanks to grants from Cloudesley and the AllChurches Trust and to generous donations from members of the congregation.

In addition, thanks to grants from Cloudesley and the London Community Energy Fund, the four large blacked-out windows in the organ loft have now been lined with thermal insulation. This project was part of the church's case to achieve a Silver EcoChurch award.







Our year in numbers



One new vicar and family

Two Bishop visits

Three Islington Mayor visits







One Pentecost balloon arch

1230 Facebook page visits

18541 Facebook page reaches

1700 views on YouTube, almost 100 hours of videos watched



750 candles burned

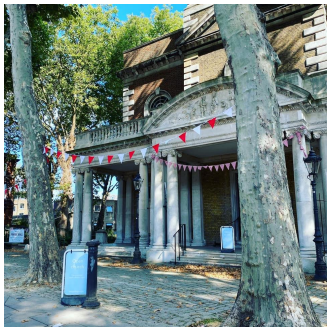


Six weddings

Our year in numbers

Two bouncy castles + 1000 visitors + 2150 sandwiches eaten = one family fun day







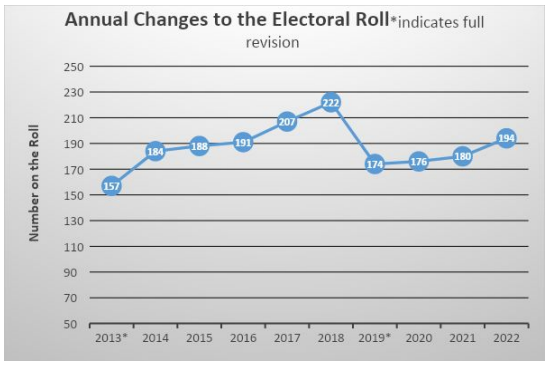
250 midweek groups hosted

850 celebratory drinks toasted

1500 slices of cake made and consumed

3250 hot drinks served





One Christmas fair with over 1000 visitors







194 on our electoral roll

At least three stories covered in local medias

The PCC met 12 times in 2021

144 public services in church and online with 6937 attendances

EcoChurch report

Work to decrease our church's carbon footprint and to improve its environment for biodiversity continued during the pandemic. Sally Hull, in particular, kept the Saturday morning gardening sessions going, so that the rose garden in the south-east corner of the churchyard now looks lovely both to humans and to insects. Re-creation of the North garden was completed and provides not only a meeting and resting place for humans, but a large variety of plants to attract wildlife, and bug houses on the Neighbourhood Centre wall. Inside the church the latest energy-saving measure was installed: insulation of the organ loft, to prevent freezing downdraughts in winter at the back of the church.



In preparation for COP26, the international conference in Glasgow on climate change, we held a Climate Sunday in September. We also had two evening meetings, using in part a programme devised by Green Christian (which St Mary's supports financially) that looks at the economic origins of climate change. Various small changes in how we do things meant that by the end of the year we were nearly ready to apply for a silver EcoChurch award.





Deanery Synod report

Two meetings were held on Zoom and one, in November, face-to-face. Some business was conducted – appointing charity trustees and governors to church schools in the deanery – and we said goodbye to the Area Dean, Paul Zaphiriou, who retired to Cornwall.

There was more discussion of the diocesan Vision 2030, by which the hierarchs hope to increase the number of parishioners across the diocese. Although our synod has been flagging up the importance of doing more about climate change for over six years, the vision views it as only one of many issues of equal importance.

Islington deanery will have to take a lead and show the rest of the diocese how much care for God's creation churches can provide.

Treasurer's report

The church accounts for 2021 benefitted from the highly generous receipt of two significant gifts – a legacy of over 280,000 pounds and a gift of c. 50,000 given for the purpose of funding our youth ministry. Without these two exceptional items, our outturn shows an improvement v. 2020 of c.5% at Gross profit level. This is a very healthy result reflecting a holding up of voluntary income in what was, of course, another covid-impacted year.

Church expenditure benefitted from the savings incurred by the youth minister vacancy – of 18,500 pounds v. Budget. Allowing for the two exceptional donations and youth ministry savings shows an underlying net operating loss of just over 2,300 pounds on an adjusted gross profit of c. 287,000 pounds.

The full financial report is available on request from the church office or by emailing imogen.erskine@stmaryislingotn.org

Governance and structure

Our Parochial Church Council Members 2021

The Revd James Hughesdon, chair from 31 January 2021
Interim Minister: The Revd Caroline Shuttleworth, until 4 July 2021
Churchwarden Mr Edward Adegbola
Churchwarden Miss Rebecca Shilling
Churchwarden Mrs Anthea Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Sophie Castell
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Richard Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Mr Babatunde Awonusi
PCC Member (elected) Mr Nick Sykes, Vice Chair
PCC Member (elected) Dr Sally Hull, Electoral Roll Officer
PCC Member (elected) Ms Angela Cannon, Assistant Electoral Roll Officer
PCC Member (elected) Dr Patty Kostkova
PCC Member (elected) Jules Cassidy
PCC Member (elected) Ms Julia Abrey
PCC Member (elected) Mrs Jennifer Obaseki
PCC Member (elected) Mr David Vanden Bon
PCC Member (elected) Mr John Gallagher
PCC Member (co-opted) Mr Neville Walter, Treasurer, from November 2021

Staff Team 2021

The Revd James Hughesdon, Vicar, from 31 January 2021
The Revd Caroline Shuttleworth, Interim Minister, until July 2021
Ian Mylam, Licensed Lay Minister
Jakub Tomasek, part-time Music Worship Leader
Imogen Erskine, part-time Office Manager
Olu Omose, part-time Finance Officer from July 2021

A very large number of volunteers support the work of the church and it's not possible to list all of their roles in this report. Among them, significant leadership responsibility is undertaken by the Licensed Lay Minister, three churchwardens, Sacristan, treasurer, service leaders and preachers.







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Registered charity number: 1131900

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Mary, Islington (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of

accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information,

we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and

Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with

the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The laws and regulations

commercial knowledge and experience of charitable organisations. Of these laws and regulations, we focused on those that we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Charity Law, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, anti-money-laundering, company & employment, environmental and health and safety legislation. The extent of compliance with these laws and regulations identified above was assessed through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence. The identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- understanding the design of the company's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Charity Commission and the company's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2021

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

CBW Audit Limited

CBW Audit Limited 28 June 2022

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor 66 Prescot Street

London
E1 8NN

CBW Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2a	420,627	156,234	576,861	216,101
Activities for generating funds	2b	77,389	0	77,389	15,130
Income from investments	2c	58,908	6	58,913	52,302
Church activities	2d	5,192	0	5,192	458
Other incoming resources	2e	7,912	0	7,912	8,650
Total Income		570,027	156,240	726,267	292,641
Resources expended					
Church activities	3b	248,421	155,106	403,527	278,989
Raising Funds	3a	18,657	40	18,697	5,838
Other	3c	9,975	0	9,975	9,975
Total Expenditure		277,053	155,146	432,200	287,802
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**292,973**	**1,094**	**294,067**	**4,839**
Transfers between funds	10	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**292,973**	**1,094**	**294,067**	**4,839**
Total funds brought forward		2,498,739	220,293	2,719,032	2,714,193
Total funds carried forward		**2,791,712**	**221,387**	**3,013,099**	**2,719,032**

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	6	3,250,000	2,410,000
		3,250,000	2,410,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	19,729	9,126
Cash at bank and in hand		601,534	320,635
		621,263	329,761
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts fall due within one year	9	(18,164)	(20,729)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		603,099	309,032
Total Net Assets		**3,853,099**	**2,719,032**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	459,307	166,333
Designated		82,881	127,169
Revaluation reserve on Neighbourhood Centre	6	3,172,406	2,332,406
		3,721,594	2,625,908
Restricted	10	138,505	93,124
Total Funds of the church		**3,853,099**	**2,719,032**

These financial statements were approved by PCC in June 2022 and signed by:

James Hughesdon
Vicar

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net Cash from operating activities		
Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	280,899	26,957
Net cash provided by/used in investing activities	0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	280,899	26,957
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	320,635	293,678
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	601,534	320,635
Reconciliation of net income/ (expenditure)		
Net income before investment gains at 31 December	294,067	4,839
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	0	3,035
Decrease/ (increase) in debtors	(10,603)	9,719
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	(2,565)	9,364
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	280,899	26,957
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	601,534	320,635

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

A Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

B Funds and reserves

Funds held by the PCC are:

Restricted funds –a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund.

Unrestricted funds

General funds - which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future projects.

In order to ensure that the PCC's known regular financial commitments can be met when due, and to provide sufficient financial flexibility to meet unexpected expenditure, it is the policy of the PCC to seek to hold free reserves within its unrestricted funds (i.e. reserves which are not designated nor represented by that proportion of the cost of the Neighbourhood Centre which is financed from reserves) at a minimum of 3 months of anticipated expenditure. At the end of the year, this free reserves policy was met.

C Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised only when received. Planned giving receivable is recognised only when it is received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donations are received. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due and the amount can be measured with reasonable reliability.

Income from investments

Rents receivable and Interest are accounted for when due and payable. A full accruals basis of interest would result in no material difference.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

D Resources expended

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Pension costs (see also Note 5)

The PCC contributes towards a money purchase stakeholder scheme for qualifying employees. Contributions are charged on an accruals basis.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

E Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(c) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust and for which a faculty is required for their disposal, since the PCC considers such to be unalienable property.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between formal valuations.

Small items of equipment (normally those costing less than £500) are charged as expenditure in the year of purchase.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	- Four years
Computer equipment	- Three years

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
a	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving	86,924	0	**86,924**	102,772
	Collections at services	6,212	0	**6,212**	4,348
	Sundry donations and appeals	21,291	50,160	**71,451**	9,128
	Legacy Income (Note 10 ii)	281,297	0	**281,297**	69,000
	Gift Aid recoverable	24,032	12,500	**36,532**	23,767
	Grants (Note 10 i)	0	74,500	**7,086**	7,086
	Other funds generated	870	19,074	**19,944**	0
		420,627	156,234	**576,861**	216,101
b	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Neighbourhood Centre Rent (Note 11)	76,000	0	**76,000**	15,000
	Fundraising events	1,389	0	**1,389**	0
		77,389	0	**77,389**	15,130
c	**Investment income**				
	Interest receivable	63	6	**69**	562
	Rent of Neighbourhood Centre flat	29,973	0	**29,973**	29,458
	Forecourt rents	28,871	0	**28,871**	22,282
		58,908	0	**58,913**	52,302
d	**Income from Church Activities**				
	Bookstall sales	0	0	**0**	0
	Fees for weddings and funerals	5,192	0	**5,192**	458
		5,192	0	**5,192**	458
e	**Other incoming resources**				
	Solar Panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	7,912	0	**7,912**	8,650
		7,912	0	**7,912**	8,650
	Total incoming resources	570,027	156,240	**726,267**	292,641

3 Resources expended

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
a	**Raising Funds**				
	Events	386	40	426	218
	Garden flat letting fees & maintenance	18,271	0	18,271	5,620
		18,657	**40**	**18,697**	**5,838**
b	**Church activities**				
	St Mary's Mission partners	16,140	0	16,140	14,860
	Home Mission (Note 11)	55,000	0	55,000	395
	Diocesan Common Fund	90,000	0	90,000	90,000
	Music Ministers - Salary and Expenses	5342	5,250	10,592	11,908
	Church - Utilities	9,455	0	9,455	6,047
	Church insurance	7,490	0	7,490	7,982
	Church cleaning	5,442	0	5,442	4,291
	Church maintenance	5,466	44,374	49,841	20,693
	Vicarage maintenance	1,052	0	1,052	17,099
	Upkeep of services	17,873	0	17,873	10,796
	Parish magazine, website and publicity	4,099	0	4,099	1,377
	Training and retreats	200	0	200	9
	Parish office staff costs	18,168	0	18,168	14,244
	Photocopier and stationery	2,215	0	2,215	704
	Other parish office costs	2,232	0	2,212	4,001
	Soul in the city	133	2,206	2,339	0
	Depreciation	0	0	0	3,035
	Church major repairs	0	103,276	103,276	59,600
	Children's work	0	0	0	741
	Accounting services	8,114	0	8,114	11,208
		248,421	**155,106**	**403,527**	**278,989**
c	**Governance**				
	Auditors/Independent Examination fees	9,975	0	9,975	2,975
		9,975	**0**	**9,975**	**2,975**
	Total resources expended	**277,053**	**155,146**	**432,200**	**287,802**

4 Prior year comparatives

The detailed comparatives for each item in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown below:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total
	£	£	£
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income	139,735	76,366	216,101
Activities for generating funds	15,1304	0	15,130
Income from investments	52,302	0	52,3024
Church activities	458	0	458
Other incoming resources	8,650	0	8,650
Total Income	216,2756	76,3663	292,641
Resources expended			
Church activities	192,611	86,378	278,989
Raising Funds	5,838	0	5,8389
Other	2,975	0	2,975
Total Expenditure	201,424	86,3781	287,802
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**14,851**	**(10,012)**	**4,839**
Transfers between funds	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	**14,851**	**(10,012)**	**4,839**
Total funds brought forward	2,611,057	103,136	2,714,193
Total funds carried forward	**2,625,9087**	**93,124**	**2,719,032**

5 Staff Costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	24,714	24,066
Social security costs	0	0
Pension costs	1,962	1,760
Total	**26,676**	**25,826**

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During the year, the PCC employed 2 staff in the Parish Office (2020: 1) and 1 Music minister (2020: 1). The average number, on the basis of full-time equivalents, was 3 (2020: 3).
The PCC provides a defined contribution stakeholder pension scheme for qualifying employees, under which it contributes 8% of the employee's basic salary. Employees may also make their own contributions. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity, in an independently administered fund. None of the staff members earned the Act's minimum figure for declaration of £60,000. p.a.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2020	2,410,000	77,901	2,487,901
Revaluation	840,000		840,000
At 31 December 2020	**3,250,000**	**77,901**	**3,327,901**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	0	(77,901)	(77,901)
Charge for the year	0	0	0)
At 31 December 2020	**0**	**(77,901)**	**(77,901)**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2020	2,410,000	0	2,410,000
At 31 December 2021	**3,250,000**	**0**	**3,250,000**

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determined as £3.25 million, to include the first floor flat, by Strettons Chartered Surveyors and Valuers in March 2022.

The Revaluation Reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

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7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	3,250,000	0	3,250,000	2,410,000
Current assets				
Debtors	7,229	12,500	19,729	9,126
Deposits and cash	601,534		601,534	320,635
	608,763	**12,500**	**621,263**	**329,761**
Current liabilities	(18,164)	0	(18,164)	(20,729)
	3,840,599	**12,500**	**3,853,099**	**2,719,032**

8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	14,360	1.78
Due from Mary's	1,344	4,665
Prepayments	603	556
Accrued income	1,405	0
Other Debtors	2,017	2,124
	19,729	**9,126**

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors	8,164	15,357
Accrued expenses	10,000	5,372
	18,164	**20,729**

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10 Statement of funds

	Opening balance 01.01.21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers /Revalue	Closing balance 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	166,333	570,027	(277,053)	0	459,307
Fabric fund (i)	127,169	85,392	(129,633)	(47)	82,881
	293,502	655,419	(406,686)	(47)	542,188
Revaluation reserve	2,332,406	0	0	840,000	3,172,406
	2,625,908	**655,419**	**(406,686)**	**839,953)**	**3,714,594**
Restricted Funds					
Children's Ministry (iii)	11,974	62,500	0	0	74,474
Denise Antenen Legacy (ii)	62,798	0	(5,250	0	57,548
Discretionary fund (v)	1,298	0	0	0	1,298
Heart of Islington - General (i)	2,751	4,688	(7,486)	47	0
Monday Fellowship	881	550	40	0	1,391
Retreat Fund	1,479	0	0	0	1,479
Soul in the City	3,773	10	2,206	0	1,577
Vicarage Decoration Fund	638	0	0	0	638
Sustainable Church Project (iv)	7,532	3,000	(10,532)	0	0
Flower Fund	0	100		0	100
	93,124	**70,848**	**(25,514)**	**47**	**138,505**
Total Funds	**2,719,032**	**726,267**	**(432,200)**	**840,000**	**3,853,099**

As explained in Note 1b, the PCC funds are divided between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. Within the first of these categories is one Designated Fund, which is unrestricted and has been set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.

Notes

i The Heart of Islington fund was set up in 2016 to take receipt of generous donations from the congregation and subsequent grants towards the Heart of Islington project. This fund has now been closed and the near-final stage of the project has been funded via the designated Fabric Fund. We received two generous grants from Cloudesley in 2021: £45,000 towards internal refurbishment of the church and £25,000 towards refurbishment of the external doors, electrical work, and new communion rail kneelers and pew cushions. The rest of the income in 2021 comprised VAT refunds from DCMS, under the Government's Listed Places of Worship scheme

ii The executors have indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis,' in order of priority, summarised as:

1. Support of classical music as part of worship at St Mary's Church.
2. Support youth work in the form of Christian holidays away for young people.
3. Facilities to render the Church more accessible and amenable to the elderly and infirm.
4. Redecoration of the church vestibule.

Expenditure in 2021 was in support of classical music.

iii The PCC received a donation of £50,000, a one-off donation to go towards the cost of employing a families and children's/youth worker/minister and the associated gift aid in respect of the donation £12,500.

iv Thanks to a grant from Cloudesley in 2018 and a more recent grant from the London Community Energy Fund, the four large blacked-out windows in the organ loft have now been lined with thermal insulation. This project has helped the church to achieve a Silver Ecochurch award.

v A fund to be used at the churchwarden's discretion, to help people in financial crisis.

11 Mary's

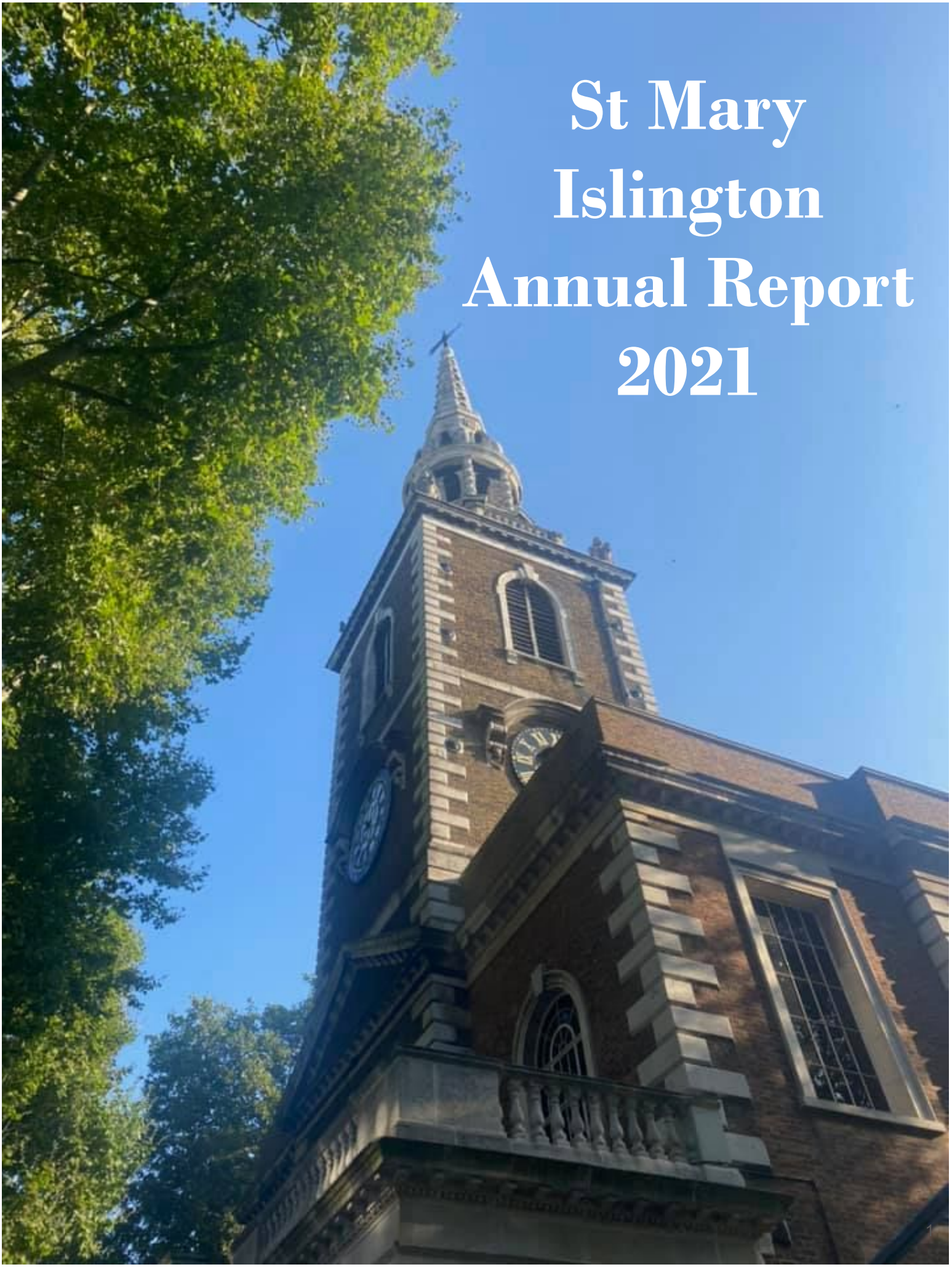
On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's".

The arrangements by which Mary's occupies the Neighbourhood Centre and Crypt were formalised in a lease and licence entered into in April 2013; with a rent review in April 2018, wherein, the rent increased to £75,000 per annum. This year Mary's paid the full amount as recorded (2020 - £15,000) for the year. The discretionary grant was also passed. (2020 - Nil).

Charges are made to and from the PCC and Mary's in order to reflect costs incurred by the one but partially for the benefit of the other, namely utilities and insurance.

12 Interests of the PCC members in transactions

No member of the PCC had a financial interest in any transaction with the church during 2021 (Nil 2020).



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Vicar's report

2021 has been a time of rebuilding for St Mary's as we have come out of Covid. We have needed to gain confidence in meeting together again, restarting our in-person services in the church, while still allowing those who need to shield to join online. Throughout the year this has required a lot of adjustments at short notice, and I am very grateful to all those who have worked hard to allow us to respond quickly and safely.

We said goodbye in different ways to some dear members of St Mary's. First, to Liz Salmon, who passed away on 30 January after faithfully serving the people of this church for over 50 years. We continue to be grateful for the legacy of her ministry amongst us. Secondly, to Rev. Caroline Shuttleworth, who moved on to provide support for St Thomas' Finsbury Park. Caroline was a great support for this church throughout the turbulence of the interregnum and for the five years of her ministry amongst us. But we also welcomed a number of new people to St Mary's and we give thanks to God that they have found this church to be a place where they feel at home. Of course, I and my family have been amongst these people and we are grateful for the welcome.

I am very grateful to everyone who, in their prayers, giving and time, supports the life of St Mary's. It was especially humbling to receive a legacy from Liz Salmon's estate and also a very generous gift from a congregation member towards the youth work.



But 2021 was also a time of renewal

Renewal of us the people of God: It has been wonderful to see over this last year people coming back together. Each moment of seeing one another again, or meeting each other for the first time, has given us little moments of joy throughout the year. The Family Fun Day in September, attended by over 1000 people, showed again how St Mary's can be at the heart of this community.

Vicar's report

Renewal of our buildings: The Heart of Islington project continued with the interior works to the main church space, and the completion of the North Gardens project. The official opening of the North Gardens with the Bishop of Stepney, the Mayor of Islington and many of the contributors to the project was a real highlight.

Renewal of our structures: We began the journey of changing our structures as the PCC and Mary's Trustees agreed together that at the end of Mary's lease in 2023 the Pre-School, site management, bookings and play scheme will come back under the oversight of the church. I am confident that this will enable us as Church to build on the good work that Mary's have done over the last 15 years, to grow the church in discipleship, evangelism and social action.

When we returned to worship in church on Easter Day 2021 we started our tradition of singing a hymn outside. This started out as a safety measure but the Holy Spirit took this and turned it into an incredible weekly act of witness in the middle of Upper Street. As people heard us they saw the people of God worshipping and they encountered St Mary's as a place where the Spirit is at work.

As we worshipped I believe our hearts were also renewed again with love for our community and a desire to witness to the good news of Christ. As we journey on through this time of renewal may the Spirit continue to stir up that desire in our hearts, and may we be bold to faithfully follow where the Spirit leads.

Rev. James Hughesdon

Vicar

Churchwardens' report

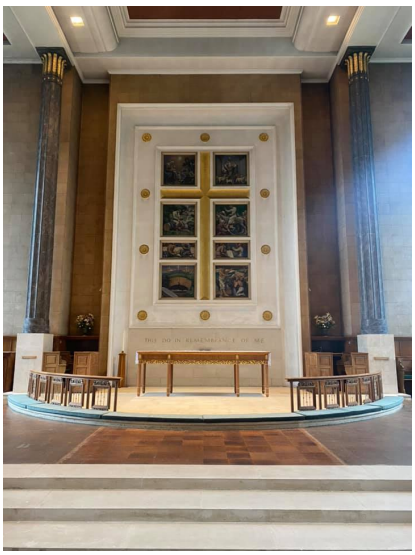
A range of refurbishments has taken place in the church interior this year which cumulatively have served to 'lift' its overall appearance: stonework has been cleaned, timber wall panels French polished, brass mesh panels in front of radiators repaired and cleaned, Octagon redecorated, internal doors repaired, loose and missing wall and ceiling tiles reinstated, and two radiators replaced.

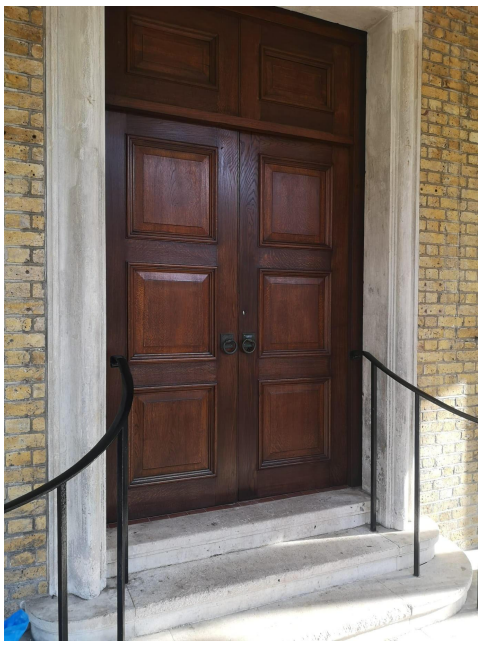
New kneelers at the communion rail and cushions on the pews have improved both comfort and appearance. Electrical work has improved safety and provided additional power points.

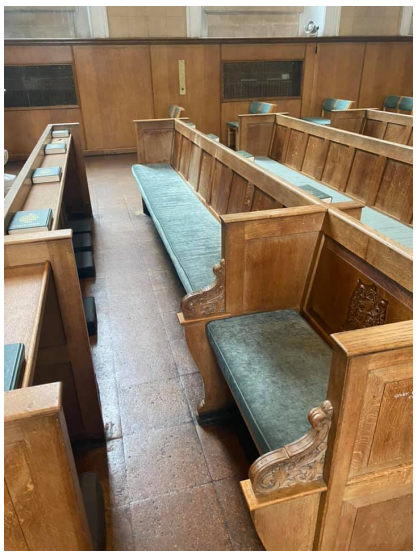
All five external doors, including the three lower-level doors into the crypt, have been repaired and French polished. The missing antique brass ring handle on the main front door has been replaced with a bespoke replica.

These improvements represent the near-final stage of the Heart of Islington project. They have been made possible thanks to grants from Cloudesley and the AllChurches Trust and to generous donations from members of the congregation.

In addition, thanks to grants from Cloudesley and the London Community Energy Fund, the four large blacked-out windows in the organ loft have now been lined with thermal insulation. This project was part of the church's case to achieve a Silver EcoChurch award.







Our year in numbers



One new vicar and family

Two Bishop visits

Three Islington Mayor visits







One Pentecost balloon arch

1230 Facebook page visits

18541 Facebook page reaches

1700 views on YouTube, almost 100 hours of videos watched



750 candles burned

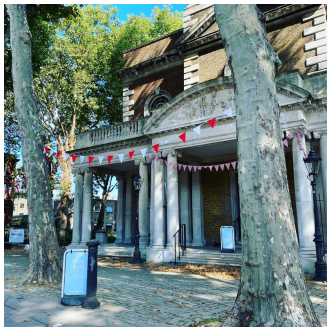


Six weddings

Our year in numbers

Two bouncy castles + 1000 visitors + 2150 sandwiches eaten = one family fun day







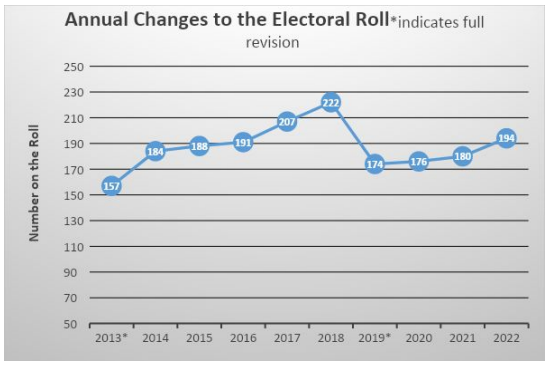
250 midweek groups hosted

850 celebratory drinks toasted

1500 slices of cake made and consumed

3250 hot drinks served





One Christmas fair with over 1000 visitors







194 on our electoral roll

At least three stories covered in local medias

The PCC met 12 times in 2021

144 public services in church and online with 6937 attendances

EcoChurch report

Work to decrease our church's carbon footprint and to improve its environment for biodiversity continued during the pandemic. Sally Hull, in particular, kept the Saturday morning gardening sessions going, so that the rose garden in the south-east corner of the churchyard now looks lovely both to humans and to insects. Re-creation of the North garden was completed and provides not only a meeting and resting place for humans, but a large variety of plants to attract wildlife, and bug houses on the Neighbourhood Centre wall. Inside the church the latest energy-saving measure was installed: insulation of the organ loft, to prevent freezing downdraughts in winter at the back of the church.



In preparation for COP26, the international conference in Glasgow on climate change, we held a Climate Sunday in September. We also had two evening meetings, using in part a programme devised by Green Christian (which St Mary's supports financially) that looks at the economic origins of climate change. Various small changes in how we do things meant that by the end of the year we were nearly ready to apply for a silver EcoChurch award.





Deanery Synod report

Two meetings were held on Zoom and one, in November, face-to-face. Some business was conducted – appointing charity trustees and governors to church schools in the deanery – and we said goodbye to the Area Dean, Paul Zaphiriou, who retired to Cornwall.

There was more discussion of the diocesan Vision 2030, by which the hierarchs hope to increase the number of parishioners across the diocese. Although our synod has been flagging up the importance of doing more about climate change for over six years, the vision views it as only one of many issues of equal importance.

Islington deanery will have to take a lead and show the rest of the diocese how much care for God's creation churches can provide.

Treasurer's report

The church accounts for 2021 benefitted from the highly generous receipt of two significant gifts – a legacy of over 280,000 pounds and a gift of c. 50,000 given for the purpose of funding our youth ministry. Without these two exceptional items, our outturn shows an improvement v. 2020 of c.5% at Gross profit level. This is a very healthy result reflecting a holding up of voluntary income in what was, of course, another covid-impacted year.

Church expenditure benefitted from the savings incurred by the youth minister vacancy – of 18,500 pounds v. Budget. Allowing for the two exceptional donations and youth ministry savings shows an underlying net operating loss of just over 2,300 pounds on an adjusted gross profit of c. 287,000 pounds.

The full financial report is available on request from the church office or by emailing imogen.erskine@stmaryislingotn.org

Governance and structure

Our Parochial Church Council Members 2021

The Revd James Hughesdon, chair from 31 January 2021
Interim Minister: The Revd Caroline Shuttleworth, until 4 July 2021
Churchwarden Mr Edward Adegbola
Churchwarden Miss Rebecca Shilling
Churchwarden Mrs Anthea Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Sophie Castell
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Richard Nicholson
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Mr Babatunde Awonusi
PCC Member (elected) Mr Nick Sykes, Vice Chair
PCC Member (elected) Dr Sally Hull, Electoral Roll Officer
PCC Member (elected) Ms Angela Cannon, Assistant Electoral Roll Officer
PCC Member (elected) Dr Patty Kostkova
PCC Member (elected) Jules Cassidy
PCC Member (elected) Ms Julia Abrey
PCC Member (elected) Mrs Jennifer Obaseki
PCC Member (elected) Mr David Vanden Bon
PCC Member (elected) Mr John Gallagher
PCC Member (co-opted) Mr Neville Walter, Treasurer, from November 2021

Staff Team 2021

The Revd James Hughesdon, Vicar, from 31 January 2021
The Revd Caroline Shuttleworth, Interim Minister, until July 2021
Ian Mylam, Licensed Lay Minister
Jakub Tomasek, part-time Music Worship Leader
Imogen Erskine, part-time Office Manager
Olu Omose, part-time Finance Officer from July 2021

A very large number of volunteers support the work of the church and it's not possible to list all of their roles in this report. Among them, significant leadership responsibility is undertaken by the Licensed Lay Minister, three churchwardens, Sacristan, treasurer, service leaders and preachers.







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The PCC of St Mary Islington is registered as a charity under the name Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Islington.

Registered charity number: 1131900.

Our address: St Mary's Church, Upper Street, Islington, London N1 2TX.

This report was approved by the Parochial Church Council in the week commencing 19 April 2021.



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Introduction

On the one hand, this report is a formal account of how St Mary's has worked for the public benefit during 2020, using the assets entrusted to it. Yet it is more than that. It is also a record of the dynamic life of the people of this parish and this church as they seek to live out the gospel and grow God's Kingdom in Islington. We hope that as you read it you will get a sense of the story of this parish, and a glimpse of God at work through the people who live, work and worship here.

The people of St Mary's have worshipped God on this site for a thousand years or more. Islington is a dynamic and ever-changing place. St Mary's too has been in transition, treading new paths. Our new Vicar, Reverend James Hughesdon was licenced to St Mary's on 31 January 2021.

He comments below:

It is a joy to write this as the new Vicar of St Mary's following the vacancy. I am grateful to all those who have carried so much responsibility for the church and parish over the last two years. As a family we are grateful for the welcome we have received even in these strange times.

The last twelve months have been a difficult time for everyone in this country with the impact of Coronavirus and the restrictions needed to protect the most vulnerable in our society. Amid these significant challenges, we have all had to rediscover how to be the body of Christ and people of faith. I expect many of us have learnt something new about God's presence with us in our homes, in creation and in silence. Giving thanks for the ongoing success of the vaccination programme, looking forward to the lifting of restrictions, and returning to worship in the church building as well as online, we should try to hold onto those new things we have learnt this last year of God's presence in our midst.

Nick Sykes, Churchwarden and PCC chair during the vacancy comments:

Looking back over 2020, it has been an extraordinary year. With the pandemic, lockdowns and the church buildings closed for much of the period, it could have been a year of 'marking time' at best. But it doesn't feel like that at all. It feels that it was a year in which the exceptional circumstances enabled us to learn more about God, about each other and about ourselves as individuals, in ways that we could not possibly have anticipated.

The necessary closing of the buildings for much of the year forced us to think hard and in new ways about 'where is God?' and also 'how are we a community when we can't meet together in one place?' God being everywhere became more real to us when we experienced Him in the gardens, the streets and the parks, and in nature generally. And not meeting physically as a community stimulated other ways of being together whether that was on-line for morning services or home groups, catching up on the phone, walking and talking, or even cards or small gifts to tell others that they are in our thoughts and prayers, even if a shake of the hand or a hug was forbidden.

On-line services haven't been for everyone but they have brought us some inspirational Barnabas spots. And location is no longer a barrier to participation in the service so our friends from far away have been able to join as part of St Mary's family, which has been

great. A new bible study group, the Upper Room has thrived on-line bringing a wide range of people together for weekly discussion and prayer. Although we yearn to be back in church and able to meet together without restrictions, we have also learnt new ways of being a community, of communicating and of sharing with each other the good things we receive from God.

We approach the year ahead with much confidence and hope. We are delighted to welcome James as our new vicar and his family to be part of our family after a two year interregnum. In many ways our church community feels stronger than it was a year ago. We look forward to our newly-refurbished church being open for services and private prayer and we have a new and exciting space in the North garden which we look forward to using. It feels as if we are entering a new and exciting phase in the life of St Mary's church.

As we look ahead to all that God has in store for St Mary's and our community let us be expectant about all that God will do, faithful in prayer and love, and confident in the good news of Jesus Christ.

Rev. James Hughesdon
Vicar



Our purpose

St Mary's is a parish church, serving and cherishing the people of the whole parish. We are part of the Church of England and a registered charity. Our charitable objects are defined simply as: **Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.**

Our focus is to provide for the worship of God, evangelism and pastoral care, making Islington a better place for all its people. We do this by working at the heart of Islington where we have had a church building for over a thousand years. We work with our partner charity, Mary's, at our neighbourhood centre, have established links with St Mary's Church of England Primary School, partner charities and organisations, as well as a very wide range of local and international mission partners.

We aim to follow Jesus Christ by loving God, our neighbours and to seek the Kingdom of God wherever we can.



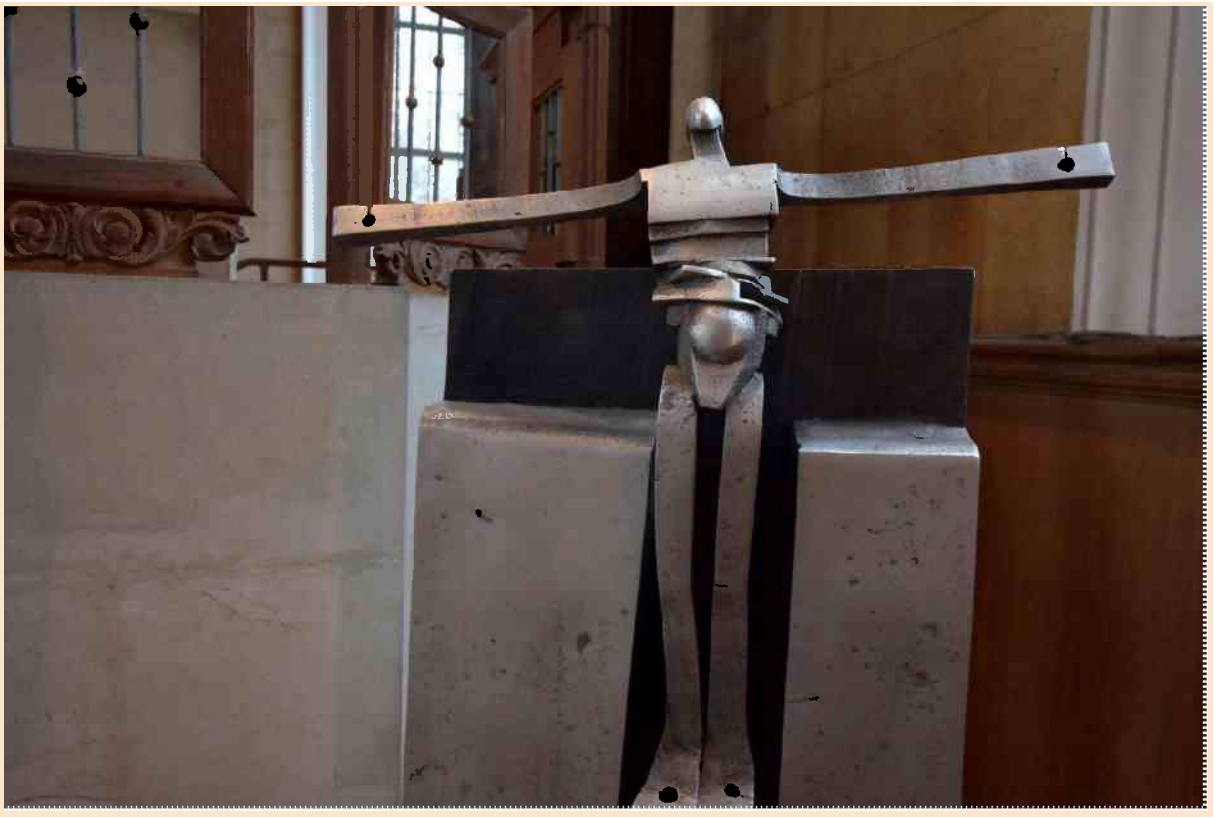
What we do

Worshipping God

Worship is the beating heart of the church. At St Mary's we seek to place prayer and worship of God at the heart of our life as people of faith. We seek to become people of God who seek the mind of God, by stopping and by listening. It is as the community of worshippers gathers on Sundays and throughout the week that we draw inspiration, challenge and encouragement in joining in God's work in the wider world.

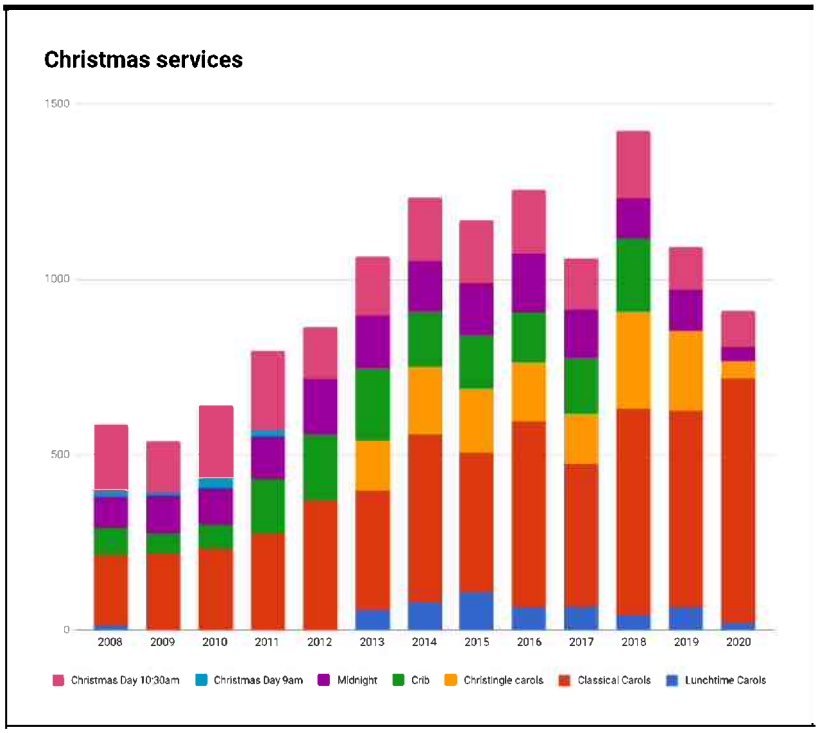
Attendance at St Mary's for 2020 was very different from that of 2019. On 23 March 2020, England was forced into a national lockdown in order to protect the population from surging cases of the new coronavirus: Covid-19. The lockdown forced all churches to close their doors for both public worship and private prayer until the end of July.

Holy Week services were streamed online and we held the first online service via Zoom at 11am on Easter Day. A weekly pattern of worship continued throughout 2020, including an evening communion in church when permitted. The figures below reflect both online and in church service attendance for the 44 weeks of 2020 where online or in church services were available.



We aim to make our worship accessible to people who may never have worshipped before, offering welcome and hospitality. Even as we worship God together, we seek to serve the community around us.

St Mary's had a responsibility not only to keep worshippers safe but also the worship team and volunteers. To this end we limited the number of people that could physically attend the services to 45, not including church staff and volunteers. The season of Christmas 2020 challenged church attendance more than any other time of the year. A new stronger variant of Covid-19 forced a second national lockdown in November, with London staying in Tier 4 of the lockdown measures. St Mary's hosted a full schedule of Christmas services: a Christingle service held via Zoom; lunchtime carols for Islington in church; two candlelit carol services in church; a Christmas Eve Holy Communion in church as well as two services held in tandem on Christmas Day morning, one in church and one via Zoom. The number of people attending the candlelit carol services was hugely bolstered by both services being streamed online, 590 people viewed the services made available virtually.



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Encouraging discipleship

Jesus left his followers at his ascension with the commission to help other people in their discipleship. Two thousand years later, we seek to fulfil this commission by helping people draw close to God, learn from each other and develop their gifts and confidence. We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ by what we say and do, to help everyone to know Jesus better and become his followers. We see the growth of faith as an ongoing process which, like the mustard seed, will flourish even from small beginnings.

We warmly welcome adults and children to be baptised and confirmed. Last year before lockdown three people were baptised and confirmed by Bishop Joanne at St Mary's.

The 'Upper Room' developed as a weekly online group in response to the social constraints of lockdown. It is an opportunity to meet, like the disciples, in the spirit of friendship in order to discuss the scriptures, to share experience, to deepen faith, to encourage each other and to enjoy fellowship. It is open to anyone wishing to join in. About 12-15 people met each week from April 2020, and the group continues.

'A Thought for the Day' ran on-line over the course of 2020 to facilitate a daily reading and reflection of the daily lectionary readings and to give encouragement in a pattern of daily quiet and prayer.

Our home groups and prayer triplets allow people to grow deeper in their faith through shared study, support and prayer. We currently have two home groups. We hope further groups may begin soon.

Seeking God's Kingdom

Our mission is not our own. It is God's mission in which we seek to join. As a large parish church in the heart of Islington with a historic civic presence, this is sometimes in very public ways. More often it is in ways that are small and hidden, yet we trust that God will grow these green shoots. St Mary's prays to discern where we can make a difference. Above all we seek to be outward-looking and welcoming, asking God's help that our church community may be a living parable of the life of the Kingdom.

St Mary's is committed to supporting the Church of England's presence in areas where ministry is difficult to sustain financially. The PCC maintained its level of giving to the Church of England, contributing £90,000 to the Diocese of London's Common Fund. Contributions also continued to be made to our mission partners, on the recommendation of our Mission Giving Committee. The PCC approved grants of £16,000 as listed below.

Organisation	Amount
Al-Ahli Arab Hospital	£1,500
Caris Bereavement	£2,500
Compassion	£1,008
Green Christian	£1,100
Hospice Care Kenya	£2,000
Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants	£2,102
Islington Foodbank	£250
Kanaama	£1,500
Keith Waddell - Uganda ophthalmology	£1,500
Margins Project, Union Chapel	£1,400
The Children's Society	£140
Stuart Low Trust - Charity of Year	£1,000
TOTAL	**£16,000**

A significant impact in Islington is made through our partner charity, Mary's. We invest our buildings and resources so that this independent charity can deliver and extend our local social action, and church members sit on Mary's board of trustees. Mary's runs a youth club, pre-school, holiday playschemes and hosts a wide range of community activities in our church crypt and Neighbourhood Centre which were significantly reduced in 2020 due to Covid-19. In 2020 the church received a net rent of £15,000 from Mary's for use of the crypt and neighbourhood centre which was only partially used over the pandemic period.

We are delighted to support the work of St Mary's Church of England Primary School in enabling children to flourish. Before lockdown our interim minister continued the work of regularly visiting the school to lead assemblies, though a joint school Prayer Project in church had to be postponed.

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Caring for people

We value keeping the church building open every day, offering people the opportunity to find quiet and rest, a chance to sit down, to recover and to pray. Once lockdown was enforced the church remained closed until July when we reopened daily for private prayer and from August for weekly 6pm service until the end of the year. We are grateful to the borough of Islington, which maintains the church gardens for public use.

At the beginning of 2020 groups included: Chat and Cuppa Tuesday drop-in; weekly term time Bible study group; monthly Twenties and Thirties; family lunches; gardens group; Young at Heart lunches for older people. All were put on hold after the national lockdown was enforced on 23 March and none restarted throughout 2020. Organised activities like home groups are very often the place where people build trusting relationships and find opportunities to support each other and were moved to virtual meetings via Zoom.

We reached out to our older, and often offline, church members each week with a posted notice sheet and weekly service booklet as well as a hand delivered Christmas goody bag.

We conducted an online survey inviting feedback from church attenders and the wider parish which had a good response. We asked responders how they were experiencing lockdown and in what ways St Marys could best support the community. It enabled a number of changes to be made.

In 2020, we conducted one emergency wedding (offsite) and six funerals. Special services to respond to the needs of the wider community include a Service of Remembering for all who have been bereaved, whether recently or in years past, included those whose funerals were held at St Mary's over the previous year.

Our pastoral team meets fortnightly and we consider wider pastoral issues, as well as the specific requests that people bring to us. We set up a dedicated email address allowing anyone in the community to contact for prayer requests.

We take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and are fully committed to the House of Bishop's Policy Statement on Child Protection and Safeguarding and have implemented the Diocese of London's Safeguarding Policy in our parish. We have a designated officer responsible for safeguarding.

During 2020, where possible, we continued our weekly collection of food items for Islington Food Bank with a focus on this at harvest festival. Members of the congregation also participated in the Angel Tree project, donating money to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parents are in prison.

We were unable to hold our Christmas Fair in 2020 but we hosted Cards for Good Causes.

Telling our story

As well as telling God's story, St Mary's is also a part of the story of Islington itself. As the local parish church St Mary's is the place which holds many of the vital memories of the neighbourhood, and a place which gives identity and significance to residents. We are privileged to help people locate themselves in our longer and larger story.

The phrase 'The Church at Islington's Heart' has served to express the way that St Mary's is located on the ground where Islington's story began and reflects the warm feeling that the wider community feels towards its original church. And we use 'The Heart of Islington' to give focus and identity to our project to help Islington understand its origins.

Being creative in our use of social media, through our FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, and maintaining our website, enables us to reach many more people and make important connections through sharing our stories.

St Mary's is also part of the nation's story. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, we produced an oral history video featuring members of the congregation who remembered the first VE Day in 1945. Over 300 people viewed the video and it was also used by a local school. Our wonderful set of eighteenth century bells are regularly rung by an active and committed team coordinated by Deborah Bolton. Despite lockdown St Mary's was able to join with other churches to ring bells to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of Grenfell Tower fire on 14 June.

Deanery Synod

The synod normally meets three times a year, to receive information about central church initiatives, and to allow Islington's churches to discuss matters of common interest. Its members are the parish clergy and lay representatives from each church. Synod appoints some of the governors of each CofE school in the borough and trustees to a couple of charities, and is the electorate that votes for members of the diocesan and general synods.

In 2020, only one meeting was held before the Covid pandemic arrived; there were also two meetings via Zoom that were only partly successful. At the last meeting of 2019 the synod had had its first opportunity to discuss what should be in the diocesan plan for the next decade: the strongest message that it sent to the diocese was the necessity for the plan to concentrate on climate change. There was further discussion at the February 2020 meeting, when synod also noted a paucity in the borough of youth work that was inclusive of those with disabilities, the need for parishes to work together more, and to identify 'centres of excellence' whose skills could be shared.

It was apparent, however, that the diocesan hierarchs had already decided on the priorities for Vision 2030. They were to focus on a) young people, b) growing the church through new worshipping communities, c) deepening discipleship, and d) being socially compassionate. Responding to the climate crisis turns out, in the Vision 2030 plan published late in 2020, to be just one of six areas that 'compassionate communities' should be concentrating on. So ended the second attempt by Islington deanery to encourage the diocese to take the climate emergency seriously.

Managing resources

We take a positive and creative view of resources. They are not merely assets for the life of the church. They are often the means through which really effective activity takes place. We don't worship our buildings or make our finances the ultimate goal of our organisation. But we don't see these as spiritually irrelevant either.

Property

The Covid pandemic delayed final completion until October 2020 of the major project undertaken by Bakers of Danbury, largely in 2019, under which the portico was rebuilt, the organ loft roof repaired, new access created into the nave roof void, and joinery work undertaken in the nave including a new servery and facilities for flower arranging. New lighting was installed on the portico in February 2020.

A second major project started in May 2020 under which the north gardens were re-ordered and opened up, with a new space created for outside events. Harry Gray, artist, designed and cast bronze roundels depicting significant figures associated with St Mary's which have been inlaid in the main pathway running through the site. The overall project was designed by Robert Myers Associates, executed by Warwick Landscaping, managed by Islington Council and funded by a £500k contribution from the developers of Islington Square. The project was overseen by a joint St Mary's - Islington Council steering group. The work was completed in November.

The church architect, Kelley Christ, undertook her quinquennial inspection of the church in July. Her report contained 67 recommendations. Work on 26 of them (including the four urgent ones) has now either been completed or is under way. The fixed wiring was inspected in October, and new humidifiers were installed for the organ and repairs undertaken to the organ blowers in November.

Over the summer Fullers (Builders) Ltd carried out trials and sample work to determine how best to carry out repairs and refurbishment work to the church interior. Based on their findings we made an application to Cloudesley to support a refurbishment project. They generously awarded us a grant of up to £45k which has enabled this work to go forward in Spring 2021.

EcoChurch

This is a scheme designed to help churches respond better to the CofE's fifth mark of mission - caring for God's creation. It requires us to survey our performance in five areas: worship and teaching, management of buildings, management of land, community and global engagement, and lifestyle (both of the church and of individuals). Depending on the church's performance, it may achieve a bronze, silver or gold award.

The plaque for the bronze award we gained in 2019 was mounted at the back of the nave in summer 2020, but few were able to see it because of Covid closures. We held Climate Sunday in early September, with a Zoom service mostly devoted to the climate emergency. The service sheet included advice on the most useful ways for individuals to reduce their carbon footprints. Thereafter most weekly news sheets have included an 'Ecotip'. The main area of activity has been that of the garden group, led by Sally Hull, who have transformed the rose garden, in the south-east corner of the churchyard, with soil improvement and some wonderful new planting.

The scheme encourages lots of small steps to achieve ecological improvement. We have reached silver standard in the first two areas listed above, but will need to do more in the other three areas. The EcoChurch group has some ideas for this but would welcome suggestions, particularly from younger members of the congregation.

People

Our staffing structure at the end of 2020 was:

- Interim Minister (stipendiary, full-time)
- Office Manager (part-time)
- Music Worship Leader (part-time)
- Youth and Children's Coordinator (part-time until June 2020)

A very large number of volunteers support the work of the church and it's not possible to list all of their roles in this report. Among them, significant leadership responsibility is undertaken by two Licensed Lay Ministers, three churchwardens, Sacristan, treasurer, PCC Secretary and assistant churchwarden.

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Financial review

The financial position of the church on 31 December 2020 and comparatives for the prior year, as detailed in the accounts, are summarised as follows:

`	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted income	216,275	304,036
Unrestricted expenditure	(201,424)	(296,294)
Restricted income	76,366	133,973
Restricted expenditure	(86,378)	(501,101)
Net income / (expenditure)	**4,839**	**(359,386)**
Unrestricted General funds	166,333	139,846
Unrestricted funds designated to the Fabric of the Church	127,169	138,805
Revaluation Reserve Fund on Neighbourhood Centre	2,332,406	2.332.406
Restricted funds	93,124	103,136
Total funds	**2,719,032**	**2,714,193**

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2020.

The PCC considers the financial performance of the church during the year to have been robust despite the uncertain economic circumstances brought on by the global pandemic.

Key features during 2020 were:

- Voluntary income fell though funds through the Parish-giving scheme remained consistent.
- The PCC maintained its contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund at £90,000.
- At mid-year, a deficit of £14,000 in the General Fund was forecast which became a surplus of £14,851 as a result of generous donations and keeping the Children Minister post vacant.

A generous legacy (included in Restricted funds) was received by the church in May 2020; a small amount of which has so far been spent on the support of classical music. 2020 saw major Heart of Islington projects continuing and expenditure out of restricted funds was mainly for the restoration of the portico and repairs to the organ.

The PCC has designated reserves of £127,169 for maintaining the interior fabric of the church.

Reserves

The PCC's policy is to hold sufficient funds to enable the church to carry out its mission in the long term.

The minimum reserve is set at three months' operating costs, on the understanding that this would provide adequately for the ongoing costs of the church. With unrestricted General reserves of £166,333 (2019 £139,846) this policy is adequately met.

Included within Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2020 the Trustees have also designated £127,169 (2019 £138,805) for the interior Fabric of the Church.

Risk management

The PCC actively review the major risks which face the charity on a regular basis, with a Risk Assessment report available online. They believe that maintaining reserves at adequate levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. PCC has also examined other operational and business risks and believes that the systems in place to mitigate significant risks offers adequate protection.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started in March 2020, the church has had to close temporarily.

The PCC has taken appropriate action to ensure that the church is well placed to continue its work given the impact of Covid-19 on services, activities and income which have been adversely affected.

It was able to re-open partially in August 2020 for services of worship and is following robust guidelines and procedures to ensure the safety of its members and staff into 2021.

The church continues to hold virtual services of worship and key activities online.

Plans for the future

The church relies on the continuing generosity of its members and grants from charitable bodies and will work closely with them to ensure its continuity in these uncertain times. The financial position of the church is regularly monitored to avoid financial loss.

Thank you to everyone who gives to support the work of St Mary's and our life together. Whether you give financial support, of your time or of your skills we give thanks that together we can build the Kingdom of God here in Islington.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC operates within the regulation of both charity law and the Church Representation Rules and other measures. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held virtually via Zoom 11 October 2020, there were 176 names on the electoral roll.

In 2020, the charity's trustees were:

Vicar: Vacant
Interim Minister: The Revd Caroline Shuttleworth
Churchwarden Mr Edward Adegbola
Churchwarden Miss Rebecca Shilling
Churchwarden Mr Nick Sykes
Licensed Lay Minister Ms Elizabeth Salmon
Licensed Lay Minister Mr Ian Mylam
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Sophie Castell
Deanery Synod Lay Representative Dr Richard Nicholson
PCC Member (elected) Dr Sally Hull
PCC Member (elected) Mr Babatunde Awonusi
PCC Member (elected) Ms Angela Cannon
PCC Member (elected) Mr David Vanden Bon
PCC Member (elected) Dr Patty Kostkova
PCC Member (elected) Ms Anthea Nicholson
PCC Member (co-opted) Ms Cheryl Barrow
PCC Member (elected) Jules Cassidy
PCC Member (elected) Mr John Gallagher
PCC Member (elected) Ms Julia Abrey

The PCC appointed the following as its officers:

Treasurer: Ms Cheryl Barrow
Secretary: Ms Rebecca Shilling
Assistant Treasurer: (vacant)
Assistant Churchwarden: Mr Edward Adegbola
Electoral Roll Officer: Ms Harriet Maunsell
Assistant Electoral Roll Officer: Dr Sally Hull
Assistant Electoral Roll Officer: Ms Angela Cannon
Safeguarding Officer: Ms Katy Haynes

The PCC Standing Committee, formed of the parish clergy, churchwardens, treasurer, secretary and PCC member responsible for building projects met on ten occasions to plan the business of the PCC and to transact business on its behalf under delegated authority and considered a large number of issues in relation to the mission of the church.

The PCC made substantial grants to mission partners at home and overseas. It considered the worship of the church and the pattern of attendance, and its pastoral implications.

The PCC has applied the safeguarding policies of the Diocese of London.

The Parochial Church Council has paid due regard to the House of Bishop's Policy Statement on Child Protection and Safeguarding Adults.

Electoral roll report for 2021

Electoral roll report for 2021

The electoral roll was revised this year, 2021. The roll was open for revision from 28 March to 18 April. However, like last year, this was an unusual year, as the church was closed for public worship for much of 2020 and services were online. The revision of the roll in 2021 was publicised through the necessary statutory notices, through the weekly notice sheet and by a video by James on the website. In addition, a number of emails or letters were sent to people who had not filled in a form, and who were thought to be eligible. Around 45 people on the electoral roll have been on it for at least ten years, and many of those have been on it for a lot longer. The electoral roll will be open again for revision after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 16 May. The electoral roll numbers in recent years have been as follows:

2014 - 184

2015 - 188

2016 - 191

2017 - 207

2018 - 222

2019 - 174 (after a full revision of the roll)

2020 - 176

2021 - 180

This year, three people are being removed from the roll and seven people were added. So this year, 2021, the electoral roll is 180.

Harriet Maunsell, Angie Cannon, Sally Hull

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charily (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 27th April 2021 and signed on its behalf



Rev. James Hughesdon
Vicar and Chair of the PCC

The accompanying financial statements and accounts form part of this annual report.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Islington for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities *(*Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination, or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Daniel Howarth (Independent Examiner)

Carter Backer Winter LLP
66 Prescot Street
London
E1 8NN

Dated: 30/04/2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2a	139,735	76,366	216,101	294,742
Activities for generating funds	2b	15,130	0	15,130	76,234
Income from investments	2c	52,302	0	52,302	52,974
Church activities	2d	458	0	458	4,570
Other incoming resources	2e	8,650	0	8,650	9,489
Total Income		216,275	76,366	292,641	438,009
Resources expended					
Church activities	3b	192,611	86,378	278,989	784,196
Raising Funds	3a	5,838	0	5,838	7,559
Other	3c	2,975	0	2,975	5,640
Total Expenditure		201,424	86,378	287,802	797,395
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**14,851**	**(10,012)**	**4,839**	**(359,386)**
Transfers between funds	10	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**14,851**	**(10,012)**	**4,839**	**(359,386)**
Total funds brought forward		2,611,057	103,136	2,714,193	3,073,579
Total funds carried forward		**2,625,908**	**93,124**	**2,719,032**	**2,714,193**

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	6	2,410,000	2,413,035
		2,410,000	2,413,035
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	9,126	18,845
Cash at bank and in hand		320,635	293,678
		329,761	312,523
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts fall due within one year	9	(20,729)	(11,365)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		309,032	301,158
Total Net Assets		**2,719,032**	**2,714,193**
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	166,333	139,846
Designated		127,169	138,805
Revaluation reserve on Neighbourhood Centre	6	2,332,406	2,332,406
		2,625,908	2,611,057
Restricted	10	93,124	103,136
Total Funds of the church		**2,719,032**	**2,714,193**

These financial statements were approved by PCC on 27th April 2021 and signed by:



Rev. James Hughesdon
Vicar

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Net Cash from operating activities		
Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	26,957	(97,950)
Net cash provided by/used in investing activities	0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	26,957	(97,950)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	293,678	391,628
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	320,635	293,678
Reconciliation of net income/ (expenditure)		
Net income before investment gains at 31 December	4,839	(359,386)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,035	3,035
Decrease/ (increase) in debtors	9,719	256,266
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	9,364	2,135
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	26,957	(97,950)
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	320,635	293,678

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting Policies

A Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

B Funds and reserves

Funds held by the PCC are:

Restricted funds –a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund.

Unrestricted funds

General funds - which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future projects.

In order to ensure that the PCC's known regular financial commitments can be met when due, and to provide sufficient financial flexibility to meet unexpected expenditure, it is the policy of the PCC to seek to hold free reserves within its unrestricted funds (i.e. reserves which are not designated nor represented by that proportion of the cost of the Neighbourhood Centre which is financed from reserves) at a minimum of 3 months of anticipated expenditure. At the end of the year, this free reserves policy was met.

C Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised only when received. Planned giving receivable is recognised only when it is received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donations are received.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due and the amount can be measured with reasonable reliability.

Income from investments

Rents receivable and Interest are accounted for when due and payable. A full accruals basis of interest would result in no material difference.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

D Resources expended

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Pension costs (see also Note 5)

The PCC contributes towards a money purchase stakeholder scheme for qualifying employees. Contributions are charged on an accruals basis.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

E Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(c) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust and for which a faculty is required for their disposal, since the PCC considers such to be unalienable property.

A policy of revaluation has been adopted for the church's functional property, which is the Neighbourhood Centre. Formal valuations are obtained every five years and advice as to material movements in property values is obtained in the period between formal valuations.

Small items of equipment (normally those costing less than £500) are charged as expenditure in the year of purchase.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	- Four years
Computer equipment	- Three years

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

2 Incoming resources

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
a	**Voluntary income**				
	Planned giving	102,772	0	**102,772**	113,147
	Collections at services	4,348	0	**4,348**	8,997
	Sundry donations and appeals	8,848	280	**9,128**	13,384
	Legacy Income (Note 10 ii)	0	69,000	**69,000**	0
	Gift Aid recoverable	23,767	0	**23,767**	21,490
	Grants (Note 10 i)	0	7,086	**7,086**	52,500
	Other funds generated	0	0	**0**	85,224
		139,735	76,366	**216,101**	294,742
b	**Activities for generating funds**				
	Neighbourhood Centre Rent (Note 11)	15,000	0	**15,000**	76,050
	Fundraising events	130	0	**130**	184
		15,130	0	**15,130**	76,234
c	**Investment income**				
	Interest receivable	562	0	**562**	987
	Rent of Neighbourhood Centre flat	29,458	0	**29,458**	29,634
	Forecourt rents	22,282	0	**22,282**	22,353
		52,302	0	**52,302**	52,974
d	**Income from Church Activities**				
	Bookstall sales	0	0	**0**	691
	Fees for weddings and funerals	458	0	**458**	3,879
		458	0	**458**	4,570
e	**Other incoming resources**				
	Solar Panels - Feed in Tariff receipts	8,650	0	**8,650**	9,489
		8,650	0	**8,650**	9,489
	Total incoming resources	216,275	76,366	**292,641**	438,009

3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
		£	£	£	£
a	**Raising Funds**				
	Events	218	0	218	2,271
	Garden flat letting fees & maintenance	5,620	0	5,620	5,288
		5,838	**0**	**5,838**	**7,559**
b	**Church activities**				
	St Mary's Mission partners	14,860	0	14,860	17,571
	Home Mission (Note 11)	395	0	395	60,800
	Diocesan Common Fund	90,000	0	90,000	90,039
	Assistant Ministers - Salary and Expenses	5,706	6,202	11,908	39,488
	Church - Utilities	6,047	0	6,047	8,481
	Church insurance	7,982	0	7,982	7,036
	Church cleaning	4,291	0	4,291	3,903
	Church maintenance	17,993	2,700	20,693	7,819
	Vicarage maintenance	144	16,955	17,099	0
	Upkeep of services	10,310	485	10,795	12,317
	Parish magazine, website and publicity	1,377	0	1,377	3,349
	Training and retreats	9	0	9	3,404
	Parish office staff costs	14,244	0	14,244	15,564
	Photocopier and stationery	704	0	704	1,519
	Other parish office costs	4,001	0	4,001	244
	Soul in the city	0	0	0	4,617
	Depreciation	3,035	0	3,035	3,035
	Church major repairs	0	59,600	59,600	491,773
	Children’s work	305	436	741	709
	Accounting services	11,208	0	11,208	12,528
		192,611	**86,378**	**278,989**	**784,196**
c	**Governance**				
	Independent Examination fees	2,975	0	2,975	5,640
		2,975	**0**	**2,975**	**5,640**
	Total resources expended	**201,424**	**86,378**	**287,802**	**797,395**

4 Prior year comparatives

The detailed comparatives for each item in the Statement of Financial Activities are shown below:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 Total
	£	£	£
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income	161,153	133,589	294,742
Activities for generating funds	76,234	0	76,234
Income from investments	52,974	0	52,974
Church activities	4,186	384	4,570
Other incoming resources	9,489	0	9,489
Total Income	304,036	133,973	438,009
Resources expended			
Church activities	284,098	500,098	784,196
Raising Funds	6,556	1,003	7,559
Other	5,640	0	5,640
Total Expenditure	296,294	501,101	797,395
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**7,742**	**(367,128)**	**(359,386)**
Transfers between funds	(7,290)	7,290	0
Net movement in funds	**452**	**(359,838)**	**(359,386)**
Total funds brought forward	2,610,605	462,974	3,073,579
Total funds carried forward	**2,611,057**	**103,136**	**2,714,193**

5 Staff Costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	24,066	46,556
Social security costs	0	2,849
Pension costs	1,760	3,387
Total	**25,826**	**52,792**

During the year, the PCC employed 1 staff in the Parish Office (2019: 2) and 1 assistant minister (2019: 2). The average number, on the basis of full-time equivalents, was 2 (2019: 2).

The PCC provides a defined contribution stakeholder pension scheme for qualifying employees, under which it contributes 8% of the employee's basic salary. Employees may also make their own contributions. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity, in an independently administered fund.
None of the staff members earned the Act's minimum figure for declaration of £60,000. p.a.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Neighbourhood Centre	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2020	2,410,000	77,901	2,487,901
At 31 December 2020	**2,410,000**	**77,901**	**2,487,901**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	0	(74,866)	(74,866)
Charge for the year	0	(3,035)	(3,035)
At 31 December 2020	**0**	**(77,901)**	**(77,901)**
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2019	2,410,000	3,035	2,413,035
At 31 December 2020	**2,410,000**	**0**	**2,410,000**

The Neighbourhood Centre is vested in the London Diocesan Fund on behalf of the PCC. Its market value, subject to the existing tenancy, was determined as £2.41 million, to include the first floor flat, by Currell Chartered Surveyors in April 2016.

The Revaluation Reserve represents the difference between the current valuation of the Neighbourhood Centre and its original cost. As such, it is neither represented by cash nor in a form which is available for expenditure by the PCC.

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fixed assets	2,410,000	0	2,410,000	2,413,035
Current assets				
Debtors	9,126	0	9,126	18,845
Deposits and cash	227,511	93,124	320,635	293,678
	236,637	**93,124**	**329,761**	**312,523**
Current liabilities	(20,729)	0	(20,729)	(11,365)
	2,625,908	**93,124**	**2,719,032**	**2,714,193**

8 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Gift aid recoverable	1,781	4,294
Due from Mary's	4,665	1,117
Prepayments	556	499
Accrued income	0	5,000
Other Debtors	2,124	7,935
	9,126	**18,845**

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Creditors	15,357	6,991
Accrued expenses	5,372	4,374
	20,729	**11,365**

10 Statement of funds

	Opening balance 01.01.20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	139,846	216,275	(189,788)	0	166,333
Fabric fund (i)	138,805	0	(11,636)	0	127,169
	278,651	216,275	(201,424)		293,502
Revaluation reserve	2,332,406	0	0	0	2,332,406
	2,611,057	**216,275**	**(201,424)**	**0**	**2,625,908**
Restricted Funds					
Children's Ministry	12,410	0	(436)	0	11,974
Denise Antenen Legacy (ii)	0	69,000	(6,202)	0	62,798
Discretionary fund (v)	1,298	0	0	0	1,298
Heart of Islington - General (i)	58,170	7,366	(62,785)	0	2,751
Monday Fellowship	881	0	0	0	881
Retreat Fund	1,479	0	0	0	1,479
Soul in the City	3,773	0	0	0	3,773
Vicarage Decoration Fund (iii)	17,593	0	(16,955)	0	638
Sustainable Church Project (iv)	7,532	0	0	0	7,532
				0	
	103,136	**76,366**	**(86,378)**	**0**	**93,124**
Total Funds	**2,714,193**	**292,641**	**(287,802)**	**0**	**2,719,032**

As explained in Note 1b, the PCC funds are divided between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. Within the first of these categories is one Designated Fund, which is unrestricted and has been set aside by the PCC for refurbishment to the fabric of the church.

Notes

i The Heart of Islington fund was set up in 2016 to take receipt of generous donations from the congregation and subsequent grants towards the Heart of Islington project. The income received in 2020 represents VAT refunded under the Government's Listed Places of Worship scheme. Expenditure from this fund in 2020 principally relates to repair of the portico which was to have been funded from the Fabric Fund. This is because the decision was taken in 2019 to use up the Heart of Islington fund first, so that money would not be left in a fund that was restricted to the project after the project had finished. During the year, the Fabric Fund was used for further refurbishment of the church interior including repairs to the Organ. No date has yet been set for the conclusion of the Heart of Islington project although it is now expected to run into 2022.

ii The executors have indicated four 'areas favoured by Denise Antenen on an advisory basis,' in order of priority, summarised as:

1. Support of classical music as part of worship at St Mary's Church.
2. Support youth work in the form of Christian holidays away for young people.
3. Facilities to render the Church more accessible and amenable to the elderly and infirm.
4. Redecoration of the church vestibule.

Expenditure in 2020 was in support of classical music.

iii The PCC is responsible for keeping the Vicarage in good decorative order and with the appointment of a new vicar, the fund accumulated over the years was used for this purpose.

iv The grant awarded by Cloudesley in 2018 under their 500th anniversary Sustainable Church Buildings project has not yet been fully spent as the plan to insulate the organ loft was not practical. An alternative proposal has now been developed and, subject to Faculty consent, the plan is to implement it by June 2021.

v A fund to be used at the churchwarden's discretion, to help people in financial crisis.

11 Mary's

On 1 January 2009, the community activities of the PCC were commissioned to a separate registered charity, called St Mary Islington Community Partnership and rebranded during 2014 as "Mary's".

The arrangements by which Mary's occupies the Neighbourhood Centre and Crypt were formalised in a lease and licence entered into in April 2013; with a rent review in April 2018, wherein, the rent increased to £75,000 per annum. However, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, there were some cash flow difficulties in an uncertain financial environment at Mary's and flexibility was given to the rent payable. Mary's paid the amount of £15,000 (2019 - £75,000) for the year. The amount in Note 2b for this year is equivalent to the net consideration of three quarters' worth of rent receivable, less the discretionary grant if this was payable. Consequently, no grant is shown as passed for this year to Mary's (2019 - £60,000).

Charges are made to and from the PCC and Mary's in order to reflect costs incurred by the one but partially for the benefit of the other, namely utilities and insurance.

12 Interests of the PCC members in transactions

No member of the PCC had a financial interest in any transaction with the church during 2020 (Nil 2019).