THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BEACONSFIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 1132259

Details

Other names	BEACONSFIELD PCC
Status	Registered
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Activities

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

Activities: Activities in connection with the Church of England within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Beaconsfield.

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£607,927	£658,985	£1,964,626	8
2024-12-31	£727,016	£583,461	£2,028,750	8
2023-12-31	£747,534	£592,418	£1,440,110	7
2022-12-31	£671,509	£778,517	£1,276,513	7
2021-12-31	£293,773	£309,598	-	-
2020-12-31	£595,268	£607,249	£1,473,243	12

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annie Bennett		2022-05-15
Craig John Dreyer		2023-04-01
David Knowles		2024-05-19
Harriet Baldwin		2022-05-15
Hazel May Chow		
James Robson		2026-05-24
Jennifer Niven		2025-07-01
Katherine Melling		2026-05-24
Lynn Elizabeth Johnson		2024-05-19
Mary Rinehart Bischoff		2020-10-18
Peter Middleton		2024-05-19
Rev Lloyd Davis		2025-05-18
Rev Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson		2023-09-01
Rev Margot Mardelle Suter		2020-10-18
Ruth Long		2026-05-24
Trevor Sharkey		2017-04-30
Ulrike Maria Heyworth		2025-07-01
WENDY Godrich		2026-05-24

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A View from the Team Rector

2025 has been a year of endings and beginnings and of continuing to see our three churches both anchored in their individual identities and living out the expression "Better Together".

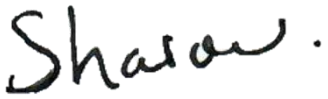
Being mindful of what we can achieve together means, for example, the ability to nurture children and young people across all age ranges, from the very young at St Michael's "Early Birds" to the teenagers of "U-Scape" hosted at St Mary's. It means coming together to deliver preparation for First Communions and Confirmations, both of which took place during 2025. And it means being able to offer a wide variety of worship and teaching across all our churches which any can dip into, be that the contemplative offering of "Sacred Space" in the Fitzwilliams Centre, an Alpha Course at The Dove, or a Palestrina Mass in the setting of a service of Holy Communion at St Michael's. And, of course, "Better Together" extends to much of the practical and governance side of parish life, notably Safeguarding and Finance, two areas which, in their different ways, require us to be ever vigilant. In this we thank Ann-Marie Davis, Safeguarding Officer, Craig Dreyer, our Hon Treasurer, and our staff team who support our finance, administration and buildings functions.

As you will see later in this Report, "endings" during the year has included the drawing to a close of the Beaconsfield Community Magazine and here special thanks are due to editor Margaret Mardall, who for many years oversaw the production of this very professionally produced and much-loved offering.

The arrival of Lloyd and Emily Davis was a new beginning for St Thomas'. Joining the parish clergy and licensed lay ministry team of Lucy, Margot, Cathy, David, Hazel and in 2026 Lorraine, a firm foundation for "Better Together" carries us into the future. My huge thanks to all for their friendship, commitment and ministry.

And it is with thanks that I close, looking as I do to my own "ending" in 2026 when retirement beckons. The parish has incredibly gifted, hard-working and committed lay leadership (you know who you are!) supported by Christ-centred congregations who care – for each other and for the world. Thank you for these past nine years and for all that has been - which is the foundation of all that will be, as the future unfolds under God's grace.

With every blessing



St Michael's

Here at St Michael and All Angels we continue our existing pattern of eucharistic worship but in different styles each week. Our congregation happily attends all or any of these different services, be they Prayer Book, Common Worship or 2gether All-Age Worship, which we present in our modern catholic style.

Sharon has introduced 'Get the Gospel' an informal gathering over a cup of coffee to discuss the gospel reading we have previously heard in the service, which is most thought provoking and encourages lively debate.

To cater for our very young children we have an 'Early Birds' Service on the third Sunday of each month prior to our main 10am Service, which attracts new families to our Christian Worship, and for many serves as the first step to a more permanent association with St Michael's Beaconsfield.

St Michael's Ministry team are much valued and appreciated. We give thanks to Xandie as she continues her sterling work in involving young people in the 2gether services, which involves reading, welcoming, AV and audio support and, for the younger children, lighting the candle or ringing the bell.

St Mary's School held their Easter Service at St Michael's as usual. Sharon has an ongoing relationship with High March School, who for the first time held their Harvest Festival services at St Michael's.

The Team Ministry involves all the congregations. Team Services are held in each church in turn and some special services such as Midnight Mass at Christmas are held only in St Mary's. Members of all 3 churches volunteer at the Dove Café held daily in St Thomas' Church but more are always needed.

Governance

St Michael's District Church Council held 2 Away Half days in 2025, with discussions including: relationships with local schools and nurseries, updating the Mission Action Plan and planning its implementation, how to engage with children and young people and increasing use of the church building, along with planning for the Interregnum.

6 meetings of the District Church Council took place over the year, and the Standing Committee usually met a couple of weeks before the DCC to plan the agenda. The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, Churchwardens, the Assistant Churchwardens and the Hon Treasurer. Safeguarding is on the agenda of each DCC meeting.

We follow the Diocesan recommendations for our Safeguarding policy, and it is reviewed annually. Ann-Marie Davis from St Mary's is the Safeguarding Officer for all 3 churches, with Emily Lambourne overseeing Safeguarding training and administration for St Michael's. Kristel Van Wauwe continues as DBS administrator.

Music and other events

Following another successful Come and Sing Carol Service in 2024, Helen Baker kindly brought together an All-Age group Community Choir for Christmas 2025 for another Come and Sing concert. This service was very well attended with both church and community members. Thank you, Helen for all your hard work in making these concerts such a success.

Alan Lewis, our organist, with his Jazz group, gave another early evening Jazz concert which was very well supported. Alan also continues to compose some lovely music for various services throughout the year. The music and choir are a wonderful asset to our church, thank you to you all for your contribution in making our services so enjoyable.

The DCC held several new community fundraising events during 2025. A very successful and fun Quiz Night was held in February, followed swiftly by an 'Earth Hour' candlelight supper in March. Special thanks go to Emily Lambourne, Ruth Long and Annie Bennett for their creativity and hard work to make both evenings a huge success.

Tom Holyer hosts and organises a men's informal lunch on the 4th Thursday each month, held in the Church and Community Resource Centre, which fulfils a valuable social and friendship offering to both those who are part of our worshipping community and others who are more on the margins of church life.

We have also encouraged wider use of the church building this year by having our annual plant sale indoors (due to the inclement weather in May).

A Christmas Fayre was also held in the church on 22 November, with many local artisans taking a stall, 25 stallholders in total.

Buildings

The major project for this year was the replacement of the lighting in church. After some very successful fundraising during 2024, and some very generous grants and donations - from individuals, St Mary's and the St Michael and All Angels (Beaconsfield) Charitable Trust - we reached our goal ahead of target. Church lighting specialists Anthony J Smith (Glos) Limited commenced the work on 3rd March and completed around 20th April just in time for our Easter Services. The contractors worked with little disruption to church activities.

This was a mammoth project in terms of scale and cost, but St Michael's is now set for the future with a modern lighting system which is fit for the various services and events we wish to host.

Finances

Craig Dreyer became our Honorary Treasurer at our AGM in April 2023.

Craig is also Honorary Treasurer to our other two team churches and the Beaconsfield Team PCC. We are fortunate that our much-valued administrator, Christine Adali, is also able to do the bookkeeping.

St Michael's Hall

Helen Sheehan continues as our Hall Manager and has had great success in improving the rental hours for the Hall and CCRC rooms. Using online platforms such as Instagram and Tik Tok to advertise the space available has generated many more requests to visit our facilities with a view to regular use. It is also pleasing to note that a new local employer in the area used the meeting rooms to conduct their recruitment drive for their Grand Opening in early 2026.

The members of the DCC are essential to the running of the church but many more people of all ages from our congregation also contribute to the church – both to the building and for the people who are our church.

St Thomas' and the Dove Cafe

Throughout 2025, church life has continued to evolve and change, alongside significant work to our governance and site.

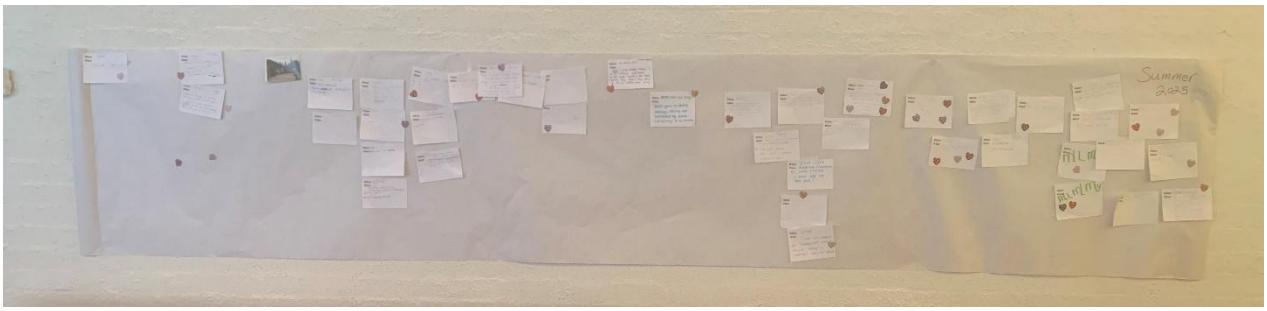
Spiritual and evangelistic life

St Thomas' welcomed a new vicar in 2025, Rev. Lloyd Davis, alongside his wife Rev. Emily. They were welcomed at a licensing service led by the Bishop of Buckingham in April. Rev. Emily also ministered amongst us until her installation as a vicar in the Diocese of London in the summer.

At the heart of our church family is our Sunday morning worship, which varies from week-to-week. As Jesus commands, we break bread in remembrance of him, at least once, usually twice a month on Sunday mornings. We are grateful to the Café Church team, led by Rev. David and Lorraine Izzard (and sometimes joined by others) for the work they have done in enabling interactive worship, initially once a month, but now much more regularly as part of our church life. This has seen an improvement in conversation and fellowship and it is growing our spiritual depth and understanding by moving from lecture-style liturgy, to one that asks every one of us to join in and play our part. We have now fully embraced café seating and culture at our worship services.

Our Worship and Teaching team, led by the vicar, continue to explore together growing our Biblical depth and understanding as a church, and our better inclusion of children and young people. Throughout the latter part of 2025, there has been a greater effort to grow our children's ministry, both on Sunday, and with our special Christmas events with The Dove Café, including family crib making and Christingle services, raising money for The Children's Society.

During the summer, our worship was focused on us as a church family since St Thomas' was first planted. As a church, we joined together to make a timeline of key events, highs and lows throughout the past 70 years. prayer & spiritual growth, going beyond our building and children, families & young people, renewal of financial, talent and time giving.



We celebrated ministry in the past and looked to what God may be calling us to in the future. Each week focused on a different theme: welcome & hospitality, worship & generosity, prayer & spiritual growth, going beyond our building and children, families & young people. The DCC will reflect on the "future" aspect in 2026, as we look to discern God's plan for this church. In the autumn the vicar and Lorraine Izzard led a teaching series on worship, which included our call for review and renewal of financial, talent and time giving.

The leadership of the church was given a boost in the summer with the inclusion of acting churchwardens, Jenny Niven and Ulrike Heyworth, who were presented and commissioned by the PCC formally in October. Their primary focus has been to improve our prayer life as a church, starting with the new Tuesday morning prayer group. The sanctuary space, often closed off in the past, is now an open prayer area utilized throughout the week by children and adults, open to all who want to seek relationship and time with God.

Community life

In Spring 2025 the church gave thanks for the outgoing churchwarden, Fiona Collins, and the outgoing Assistant Churchwarden, Tony Griffiths. After the new vicar arrived, he and his wife made an effort to host as many people as possible for dinner at the vicarage, and at bring and share lunches to get to know people well and to grow in love for one another as a community.

We marked Safeguarding Sunday in late 2025, as part of a new effort to reflect on our culture as a church, good and bad, and to name what we want to change and to pursue that together. As a church we had committed to a safeguarding policy (in line with the Church of England's minimum requirements) which we were not fully following. This was a serious moment in our church life to reflect and to start to put in place a structure that means that our space is a place that is as safe as we can make it for our community. That work continues into 2026.

Significant outreach work to senior citizens takes place from St Thomas' Church, most notably the Senior Citizens Group led by Tony and Margaret Griffiths, the Community Lunch led by Ruth Moores with an incredibly large and dedicated team of volunteers, and the film shows, again headed up by Ruth.

Tony was also instrumental in launching our "secret garden" project in the spring and summer, utilizing space that had previously been used by the vicarage. A greenhouse was installed, and beds to grow food that could be sold in the café. It was a wonderful start to a project that continues into 2026.

Our offering to children and young people includes Toms Tots on a Tuesday morning, our toddler group, and Neuro Spicy, run through The Dove Café, an after-school youth and activity group for young people with additional needs. We began the work of fully including them in the church's life and governance in late 2025, most importantly to improve our safeguarding care, and also to build relationships between the church and our community. In December the vicar hosted a simple Christingle event for them during their usual Thursday afternoon slot.

The vicar and Fiona Collins trialled Homework Hub in late 2025, utilizing The Dove Café as a space where young people can come and work quietly with access to free Wi-Fi, drinks and snacks. There was also the optional Christian "mindfulness" (meditation) time at the end of each session. Although we did not see the usage we had hoped, we were glad to try something new, and realised that the more we do new things as a church, the more we'll need to embrace both failure (and hopefully the occasional success!) when it comes to trying new things. In December, the vicar hosted reception class from Holtspur school for Christmas story time and questions from the children.

Looking after our assets:

Fiona Collins and Tony Griffiths ensured that important work was completed before the arrival of a new vicar, including the installation of new boundary fencing and that the Diocese's work on the house was overseen and completed to a good standard. In the autumn, Jenny Niven oversaw significant improvement and clearing work in our gardens across the front of the church and café which has made a significant difference. The vicar oversaw the installation of new security fencing behind the vestry to stop antisocial behaviour from taking place there. Tim Jurdon has continued to take great care of the hall and Derek Moores does significant work on the day-to-day care of St Thomas'.

Governance:

The DCC (District Church Council) met four times in 2025.

Members prior to the Annual District Church Meeting: Rev. Sharon Roberts, Fiona Collins, Trevor Sharkey (Deanery Synod) and Tony Griffiths.

Members after the Annual District Church Meeting: Rev. Lloyd Davis (from April), Trevor Sharkey (Deanery Synod), Julie Snelling, Andrew Snelling, Ulrike Heyworth (from July) and Jenny Niven (from July).

The Dove Café

The Dove Café is a limited company wholly owned by the PCC of Beaconsfield's Church of England churches (St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas'.) The café is led on behalf of the PCC by the board of directors: Alison Hart, Stephen Snaith, Revd Sharon Roberts, Tony Griffiths and Revd Lloyd Davis (from August.) Several community groups and organisations use The Dove Café as a meeting space. Through the school holidays we are supported financially by statutory authorities and charities to provide free food for children.

In the summer we said goodbye to two significant members of staff, our manager Jodie and our supervisor Natalie. We celebrated them, and all of our team of staff and volunteers at our summer beach party. The Dove Café struggled in the summer with the recruitment of a new manager. We did appoint in the autumn but the appointment came to an end in December. The Dove Café board are grateful to our staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to keep the café open and successful through this challenging period.

St Mary's

St Mary's regular pattern of services continued in 2025, following the church calendar and seasons of the church's year. Regular Book of Common Prayer (BCP) services, both clergy and lay-led, took place alongside Common Worship Holy Communion services. After Easter we introduced an additional monthly BCP Morning Prayer service.

Special services in 2025 included the annual memorial service, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter services and midweek evening Taizé services during Lent. St Mary's also celebrated Harvest, Advent and Christmas seasons and commemorates Remembrance with the Civic Service at the old town war memorial and the schools Remembrance service. It is always good to welcome the schools to church for their Carol Services and Christingle services and the very popular Crib services. Particular thanks to the teenagers who dress up as donkeys, camels and a cow!

We also introduced contemplative worship through a monthly Sacred Space session and held the first Quiet Morning in the autumn. St Mary's hosted a Team Confirmation service with 8 candidates from St Mary's being confirmed. The Junior Church team continued to offer creative and fun learning for primary age children during regular 10am services and monthly All-Age services included a variety of different themes, a favourite undoubtedly being the pet service!

Life events services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals held at St Mary's create a connection with the church which often continues through the generations. In 2025 there were 18 baptisms at St Mary's, 9 weddings and 1 wedding blessing. There were 18 church funerals and an additional 13 funerals at Chilterns Crematorium for church members from across the Team, with these services led by Team clergy.

We are ever grateful to our clergy team Revd Lucy Fyfe Jamieson and Revd Margot Suter for their ongoing ministry, leadership and guidance and to the wider Beaconsfield Team clergy, with special thanks to Revd Sharon Roberts as she approaches her retirement for all that she has given to St Mary's and the Team churches.

The Pastoral Care team, led by Revd Margot Suter strives to be aware of and to support members of St Mary's across all our congregations including visits to those who are unable to get to church, alongside support for the newly bereaved or those who ask for home communion. There is also invaluable support of confidential prayer by the Prayer Team. We also support pastoral care in the wider community by hosting in the Fitzwilliams Centre the AA and GA meetings, the Singing for the Brain Dementia group, Who Let The Dads Out and the St Mary's Baby and Toddler group.

Housegroups: through preaching, testimony and a meeting of interested people, a new house group started in March so that there are now seven house groups with just under 60 members in total. The support house group members give each other through prayer, study and fellowship is invaluable to our wider fellowship.

Safeguarding: doing all that we can to keep people safe in our church family is of the utmost importance at St Mary's. Our leaders and helpers are safely recruited, DBS checked where required and undertake regular safeguarding training. Through DCC discussions we stay up to date with best practice in safeguarding policies and procedures, including social media for churches and working with those who hire our buildings. We are fortunate to have Ann-Marie Davis as Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rachel Harmen as Child Protection Officer, Hugh Suter as DBS verifier and Sue Job as Safer Recruitment Officer all of whom work hard to support this area.

Ministry to Children and Young People: We aim to minister through services and outreach from birth to teenage years and beyond. Our Baby and Toddler group continues to meet with a good mix of parents, grandparents and carers with up to 25 children some weeks. Who Let The Dads Out restarted in 2025 where parents and carers enjoy a bacon buttie and children have fun!

Our children progress via our monthly All Age service with instruments and flag waving to join Junior Church at the Sunday 10 am Holy Communion, where they learn bible stories happily illustrated by some amazing craft.

A growing group of teenagers come to U-Scape on a Sunday evening for games, chat and pizza. This has proved an effective initiative in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are members of the **Open the Book initiative**, an ecumenical programme with dramatisation of Bible stories to our local schools, churches and care homes. Regular visits are made to St Mary's School and Butlers Court School with High March and Holtspur schools lined up for 2026.

Music: In 2025 we have continued to build our music offering. The lunchtime recital series remains popular and has featured top-class performances in a range of styles. The recitals typically have between 60-80 in the audience including many from beyond our church community.

St Mary's choir continues to support worship, including choral anthems after communion and leading monthly choral evensong.

A particular highlight was the '**Concert for Peace'** which commemorated the 80th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day and attracted an audience of around 200 people. This concert combined our choir with local instrumentalists and singers, including a choir from a local school.

The choir performed Aaron King's own composition of Frederick Forsyth's poem Fallen Soldier on Remembrance Sunday, a beautiful poignant choral piece.

The organ project continues with steady progress. Having reached broad agreement with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) in terms of the musical specification, we are now refining the proposal from our preferred contractor.

Caring for Creation: We are using the A Rocha UK Eco Church scheme as a framework for ensuring all our activities are as green as possible. We are close to qualifying for Bronze certification. Following our energy audit, we have applied for a faculty to install LED lighting in the church. We have conducted wildlife surveys in the church grounds and partnered with Chiltern Rangers to build and seed wildflower beds and beautifully decorated bird boxes. This has been a great opportunity to involve the community in church life at the same time as nurturing our natural spaces.

In commemoration of VE Day and VJ Day, displays in church covered events from D-Day, Arnhem, Liberation of Auschwitz, VE & VJ Days. The project involved the congregation and the wider community. Many loaned memorabilia, maps, stories of war experiences, a PoW in the East, a local air raid shelter, memories of VJ day, being evacuated to give birth, and volunteering at Bletchley Park.

Davenies' Cubs created submarines for the Battle of the Atlantic, while the Brownies made flags for D-Day. Holtspur school pupils wrote letters from evacuated children at wartime Christmases. Junior Church made parachutes for Arnhem and St. Mary's school made models for Bletchley Park.

The Church and Fitzwilliams Centre: The church, churchyard and FWC are maintained in a state that befits the buildings. Significant activities have been the repair of church CCTV; expansion of the Garden of Remembrance; repair of kneelers; clerestory window survey and report, leading to a substantial piece of repair work for 2026; replacement of the drain cover in the FWC pathway; trimming of undergrowth and trees in the NW corner of the churchyard; polishing of the FWC hall floor; repair of the electronic piano in the FWC hall and the replacement of the FWC AV iPad. A project to replace the church lights with LED equivalents was begun and a faculty submitted. A Quinquennial inspection was completed in Feb 2025. This resulted in a single priority 1 action and eight identified as priority 2. None of the new items are a major concern.

We are grateful to Hugh Suter, Buildings manager for leading the committed team of staff and volunteers who look after our buildings.

DCC: A three-year Mission Action Plan was devised at a January DCC away day and adopted in March. Our mission driven initiatives are centred on Children and Young People, Music and Caring for Creation. In 2025 the DCC continued to provide comprehensive oversight of all of St Mary's activities, supporting the key areas of focus in the Mission Action Plan.

The DCC approved new Trustees for the Friends of St Mary's: Steve Snaith, Rosemary Badman and Peter Middleton. We record grateful thanks to the outgoing trustees after decades of service: Eddie Weiss, Andrew Farncombe, Jennifer Brown.

The Friends of St Mary's contributed funding to the beautiful mosaic created by Creative Partnerships Beaconsfield on the Fitzwilliams Centre wall.

Mission partners: Details of mission partners who receive funding from the Team is set out in the Outside Giving section of this report. For St Mary's:

In 2025 we started contributing outside giving funding to the Church Missionary Society in Uganda supporting and training clergy and lay leaders in Gulu, an area where people are dealing with trauma after years of terrorism. We look forward to learning more about their work.

We continue our long-standing partnership with Wycombe Homeless Connection. a Christian-led charity that serves people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Church members volunteer in support of their activities including the winter night shelter and the annual Big Sleepout.

Finally sincere thanks go to our office staff Hugh, Deborah, Christine and Tamara for their faithful service, attention to detail, and unwavering support throughout the year.

It is through prayer as well as the giving of time, care, and commitment that St Mary's continues to flourish as a community of faith and we are grateful to all of those so committed to its flourishing.

Outside Giving

Outside giving in the Team Churches is a commitment of 12.5% of donated income (made up of congregational giving- stewardship and cash collections). 8% is donated through the Team and 4.5% distributed at the discretion of each church.

Reports on mission partners supported by the Team are set out below.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

MAF Uganda has just received their first amphibious plane, a Cessna Caravan on floats. This is the fulfilment of a long awaited dream and vision to serve the isolated communities on the 200+ Lake Victoria islands. We pray that this plane will be a blessing and we pray for success as the pilots undertake their float plane training.

There has been an outbreak of civil unrest in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. The unrest is linked to protests about the ongoing power and water shortages and has led to reports of looting, vandalism and violence including 5 deaths.

We pray for MAF staff and their families in the country and for peace to be restored.

After decades of dedication and perseverance a dream has come true in Dekai, Papua as the Bible has arrived in the Ngalik language. MAF accompanied this unique enterprise every step of the way through countless flights so that the project did not falter. The MAF team were able to participate in the festive Bible dedication ceremonies. We give thanks for the translators and pray for those working to provide Bibles in other Papuan languages.

MAF UK has just commissioned David and Judith Babb as they move to South Sudan where David will serve as Deputy Country Director. We pray for them and their children as they leave the UK and for peace in South Sudan during a difficult time of political unrest.

Newham Renewal Programme

Dignity. Inclusion. Collaboration. Empowerment.

The Newham Renewal Programme's mission is to stand alongside those who struggle by inspiring hope and offering opportunities for connection, growth and progress. Their vision is of a vibrant and integrated Newham community where everyone has access to suitable jobs, homes, health and education. They reach out to the community in many and increasing ways.

We held our Annual Day Out – this year to Bekonscot. It was hugely successful and worked so well as an alternative to Odds Farm. St Michael's kindly hosted the families as they arrived to enable them to recover from their journey. It was great to see so many happy faces as we walked into Bekonscot. Then back to afternoon tea at St Mary's which was, as ever, memorable playing games, visiting the church and back onto the coach with many happy memories.

Clothes, bedding and household items are also delivered on a regular basis. These donations enable people to move from temporary accommodation into independent living. This transition normally costs £2K per head – our gifts help reduce this cost.

We delivered St Mary's and the URC Harvest Gifts to Newham in October. As ever, these were well received and we were able to witness their food bank in full flow.

Our now Annual Film night was a great success with over 90 people attending to watch Mr Burton. Jointly raising funds for Christmas presents for Newham and WHC. We raised nearly £2,000 and purchased backpacks, notebooks and pens which were given to the Newham families along with Knit'n'Natter hats, gloves and scarves.

Sharon International Ministries (SIM)

886 pupils (50% girls, 50% boys) started a new school year in June 2025. Children start at the age of 4 years in Nursery, then progress each year through Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and then spend the following 10 years in the main school in classes from 1 to 10. In the last year (10) there are 46 pupils studying for the School Leaving Certificate exam to be held in April 2026. This certificate, with a good result enables them to further their education or qualify them for an apprenticeship. Last year the school produced excellent results with 80% achieving a First Division pass and the rest Second Division. At present there are 35 teachers which means class size is less than 30.

We continue to pray for Dr. Sam, the Head Mistress, Namburi Savithri and all the other teachers and staff. For all the pupils, especially those who are in their final year studying for the School Leaving Certificate exam to be held in April next year.

Fundraising has been reduced mainly because we have decided not to receive any funds from the Team Ministry while we are unable to transfer funds from the SIM UK account to India due to regulations which do not allow money from a Christian charity. SIM in India has re-applied for the Foreign Currency Regulation Act (FCRA) Certificate and hope there will be a change in the Government's attitude. Funding for the teachers' salaries is guaranteed for the rest of this year. In the meantime the SIM committee has decided to continue providing support, albeit on a reduced scale, up to April 2026, when we may have to consider alternative beneficiaries if the FCRA certificate has not been renewed.

Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART)

HART was founded in 2004. Its vision is to save and transform lives by strengthening the capacity of local partners. It aims to combine aid with advocacy to champion the vision for a brighter future.

Since 2004 HART has provided food, water, shelter and medical care, as well as support for education, livelihoods and disability equality. It works with people who face the most profound forms of disadvantage, in places that are hard-to-access, where communities are marginalised and voices seldom heard.

Examples of HART activity include:

In Sudan HART is supporting displaced families who have fled violence and advocating for families caught in the violence. In Abyei, a disputed borderland between Sudan and South Sudan the war in Sudan has triggered a severe displacement crisis with refugees unable to access humanitarian assistance. With no formal government, the delivery of aid is logistically and politically difficult.

In Nigeria displaced families are forced to rely on aid from local churches, their extended families, and charities like HART. HART is calling for collaboration with established networks in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

Embrace the Middle East

We continue to support Embrace, the Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East and to pray for peace in the region. Fundraising this year included a well-attended Christmas gift sale coffee morning at the Dove café.

Examples of Embrace's work include:

In Gaza: Embrace employs local partners to work in the Al Ahli hospital, part of the building has been destroyed, the doctors and staff have been at risk of attack and imprisonment. The humanitarian need for food, medicine and other essential supplies remains an urgent requirement. Families have been displaced and traumatised, they have lost everything, everyone has suffered and the struggle to survive is ongoing.

Lebanon: The region continues to face severe problems with more people displaced by the war in Israel. On a positive note, a successful community farm project Fruits of Faith in N Lebanon is providing food for the local community. Embrace supports vulnerable Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

Syria: The political situation remains challenging as the Government seeks to achieve civil peace. Embrace is working with Syrian churches to give some health care and education to the small Christian communities across Syria.

New Generation Burundi

New Generation Burundi works to transform children's lives, to equip young people with the values and tools they need to flourish. This is the testimony of one such child.

Alan Clinton Billy's life has been shaped by his 12-year journey with New Generation Burundi. Alan is now 20 years old but he remembers the days before NGB, "I had little to no hope," he says. "My life had no meaning or foundation. There were so many basic things I couldn't afford, and I couldn't see a future for myself." Like many children facing hardship, he longed for education but doubted he would ever have the chance.

Aged eight Alan encountered NGB. "The first thing New Generation restored in me was hope," Alan recalls. "They taught me about God and the values that would guide my life. They believe that everything we do, we must do for the glory of God. This has now become my life motto."

After years of perseverance, Alan has recently completed his secondary education. An achievement he describes as "a big step" toward the man he has always wanted to become. Specialising in economics, he now dreams of pursuing finance and accounting at university, boldly saying, "I want to be an expert in the field." His sense of accomplishment is palpable: "I'm a graduate now. That's a major step!"

Beyond academics, NGB has shaped Alan's character. He speaks passionately about the values instilled in him: forgiveness, faithfulness, and integrity. "It's easy to hold onto bitterness against those who failed you," he admits. "But New Generation taught me to forgive wholeheartedly and trust God to take me places I never imagined." Integrity, above all, has become central to his life, saying, "I experience the impact daily in my life."

Alan envisions not only a career but also a life of service. "I want to have a beautiful family, to be a good husband and father who can provide for his children. I also want to serve my country and the church."

When asked what advice he would give to young people going through difficult times in their lives, as he had done, his answer is simple yet profound: "Trust God first. Make Him your priority. Live with integrity in every situation. No matter how tough life gets, do everything for the glory of God."

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre:

The Beaconsfield Team churches also support the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre with annual funding, The BAC was set up initially by Churches Together and staffed by volunteers from across the churches and the town. BAC Advisors provide information and practical assistance to anyone in any kind of need.

The Community Magazine

As ever we were very grateful to our loyal subscribers, distributors, deliverers and advertisers who continued to support the magazine throughout 2025.

A special thank you to Hazel Chow for her regular introductory note from the Churches Together in Beaconsfield Town Chaplain and to all the clergy and members of various congregations who, on rotation over many years, contributed their thoughts to the 'God slot.' A huge thank you also to Rhiannon Scott and Heather Duffy for the time spent in interviewing many local personalities.

2025 was a significant year for the BCM with many major events but we did not realise at the start of the year just how significant it would be. Some of the key news stories included the wonderful work done at Seeley's Overnight Care Home which was under threat of closure early in the year.

We continued to follow the amazing progress of the Dove café, with Revd Lloyd Davis, the new team vicar of St Thomas' joining the team. One aspect of the extraordinary work at the café is the free food for all children scheme, which gives respite to families facing challenges feeding children during the holidays. A highlight of the year, attended by over 100 guests, was the Licensing and Installation of Revd Lloyd Davis. We also featured the 60th anniversary of the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre with particular thanks to Audrey Coles who had been involved for 45 years. Also of note was the achievement of Harriet & Stephen Baldwin who raised over £4k in 2025 for Wycombe Homeless, in their 6th year of participating in the Big Sleepout. St Mary's ran a series of displays commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ day and a major Concert for Peace was held in June. Another hugely successful day out for friends from the Newham Programme was held in Bekonscot which was thanks to Bill Edwards and his team of helpers.

A very happy occasion of note was the 90th birthday celebration for former mayor Cllr Sandy Saunders, a resident of Beaconsfield for 60 years who is still very much involved in community life. The children's holiday club, Lighthouse and the Beaconsfield Community Festival, starting with the Country Fair, are always major stories. And another highlight was the continuing story of the mosaic trail which began in 2023 to pay tribute to the town's key workers for their service during the Covid-19 lockdown. Rhiannon Scott has been the driving force behind this highly successful project, and a trail map has been produced to encourage walking the route of the mosaics, both in the old and new town.

It was with great sadness that the October issue first announced the forthcoming closure of the magazine. Although we had many loyal subscribers the numbers had been declining over the years and it looked as though this trend would continue. In addition, some advertisers had begun to move towards the larger distribution free magazines. With the consequent decline in profitability, the PCC decided the magazine was unlikely to recover its self-supporting status going into 2026 and beyond and therefore it would close at the end of the financial year, 31st December 2025.

The Beaconsfield Parish Magazine was launched in December 1874, and the December 2025 issue of the Beaconsfield Community Magazine carried an extensive article on the magazine's 150-year history written by Clare Bull, Chairman of the Beaconsfield Historical Society. The cover of the final issue had an image of the original cover of Volume 1 No1.

We have received many messages from subscribers, distributors and advertisers expressing sadness at the closure of the magazine.

Advertising

In the face of the falling number of subscribers, it became increasingly more difficult to attract new advertisers, although the existing ones remained very loyal and responded positively to renewal invoices. Overall, the income from advertising for the year was down by just over £700 or 6.5%.

Subscriptions

We saw another fall in subscribers: several long-standing readers are no longer with us, while others have moved away. Only a few did not renew and the resulting income from subscriptions was only down by 3%.

There was a drop in copies purchased in local businesses and in the library and latterly the library and one of the newsagents stopped displaying them. We reduced the number available in the churches as we had no way of knowing how many copies were purchased or just taken free.

The unexpected closure of the magazine caused a ripple of mixed emotions. It has clearly been an important monthly for many subscribers.

Financial Position

With the accounts now complete, there was a deficit of £2,291 at the year-end after a donation from the Beaconsfield Team of £5,500. A number of advertisers have paid in advance for 2026 and as and when bank details are received, they are being repaid from the remaining bank balance.

We are very grateful to our treasurer, Sarah Ainsworth for preparing the accounts and to Sally Masters for her many years as subscriptions manager.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas', Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll in April 2025 was 316.

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PCC Members (Trustees) 2025

The Revd Sharon Roberts Team Rector, St Michael's

The Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson, Team Vicar, St Mary's

The Revd Lloyd Davis, Team Vicar, St Thomas'

The Revd Margot Suter, Associate Priest, St Mary's

Mrs Hazel Chow, Licensed Lay Minister, St Michael's Deanery Synod member

Mrs Harriet Baldwin, Churchwarden, St Mary's, PCC Secretary

Mrs Wendy Godrich, Churchwarden, St Mary's (until May 2025)

Mr Craig Dreyer, St Mary's PCC rep, Team Treasurer

Mr Peter Middleton, St Mary's PCC representative

Mrs Fiona Collins Churchwarden, St Thomas' (until May 2025)

Mr Trevor Sharkey St Thomas' Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Jenny Niven, St Thomas' PCC representative (from July 2025)

Mrs Ulrike Heyworth, St Thomas' PCC representative (from July 2025)

Mr David Knowles, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Professor Derek Portwood, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mr Eddie Weiss St. Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Mary Bischoff, Churchwarden, St Michael's

Mrs Lynn Johnson, Churchwarden, St Michael's

Mrs Kristel Van Wauwe, St Michael's Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Annie Bennett, St Michael's PCC representative

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259.

The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees.

All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches.

The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A firm of Accountants is appointed as Independent Examiners.

The PCC held scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September and November 2025. There was an extraordinary PCC meeting held in August 2025 to discuss the future of the Community Magazine. The PCC Standing Committee met in January, June, July, September and November in preparations for PCC meetings.

The APCM was held at St Mary's church in May 2025.

PCC discussions

Regular items for the Standing Committee and for the PCC included:

- DCC reports from the churches: including worship & services, buildings and working with the wider community
- Outside Giving reports of working with mission partners
- Collaboration and team working within the Team and with the wider community
- Appointment of Governors to St Mary's School (at meetings and by email circulation)
- Buildings & property matters: the Church house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let commercially during 2025.

Financial matters:

- Regular quarterly reporting of income and expenditure against budget from the 3 churches and from the Team account with the Team Treasurer taking a strategic overview of finances across the Team as well as working with the 3 church DCCs
- The Team budget for 2025/26 including the allocation of the Parish share and expenses amounts for the 3 churches

Special agenda items for the PCC included:

- The Dove Café at St Thomas', regular updates throughout the year
- Proposals for the repair and refurbishment of St Mary's church organ
- The Eco Church project which was launched in the Team Churches in 2025
- A discussion around and eventual decision to close the Community Magazine at the end of 2025
- GDPR and Data Protection matters for the Team, with the PCC taking oversight in this area, including the Data Breach in August 2025 at the DBS checking agency APCS.
- A PCC policy on the prevention of sexual harassment, which was agreed in November 2025

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:

The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Team Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Mary's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year as disclosed in Note 11.

St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints Church. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let out commercially from August 2020.

The BCET owns a house at 27 Crossways, which has been rented out commercially from August 2020.

Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and Church & Community Resource Centre and St Thomas' Hall.

Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2025 the unrestricted cash reserves totalled £1,125,971 and represented 20.5 months of normal recurring expenditure (2024: £1,134,679 – 23.4 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements. Depreciation, investment income and building costs associated with the Dove Café, a designated project, have been excluded. The large increase in cash reserves is attributable to large legacies received by St Mary's.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds. The Dove Café was moved to its own new legal entity with effect from January 2023.

Income in 2025 totalled £607,927 (2024: £727,016) and includes income from designated and restricted funds (Excluding restricted and designated funds, total income for 2025 was £606,427 (2024: £725,816). In 2025 Legacy income was £4,961 (2024: £114,873). Regular Giving, including the associated tax recoverable, accounts for around 50% of all unrestricted income and is £307,004, which is lower than the prior year (2024: £350,815).

Expenditure in 2025 totalled £658,985 (2024: £583,461). Depreciation on unrestricted / designated assets for 2025 was £28,148. Unrestricted total expenditure for 2025 was £658,475 (2024: £583,071). Parish share and staff costs totalled £360,970 and account for 55% of all unrestricted expenditure (2024: £335,577 – 57%).

In 2025 there was an unrealised loss on Investments of £13,066 (2024: gain £2,293) and Dividends of £39,232 (2024: £25,434) were received. The total deficit for the year was £64,124 (2024: surplus £145,849) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a deficit of £63,714 (2024: surplus £146,238). Excluding depreciation and unrealised loss on investments, the total deficit for the year was £20,344.

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025 was £1,964,626 (2024: £2,028,750) of which £3,400 was Restricted and £583,082 was Designated. Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2025 stood at £1,961,226.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2025 was £1,125,791 (2024: £1,134,679).

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

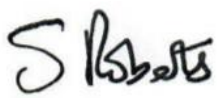
In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 PCC will continue in operation.

Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Chair

Independent Examination Report

To the Parochial Church Council of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Beaconsfield Parochial Church Council (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 1 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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 accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.

Miriam Hickson CTA FCA

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30 April 2026.

Beaconsfield Team Ministry

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2025

Prepared by:
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McAlister & Co Ltd

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	**2.1**	359,221	1,400	100	**360,721**	511,473	1,200	-	**512,673**
Activities for generating funds	**2.2**	58,579	-	-	**58,579**	54,449	-	-	**54,449**
Investment income	**2.3**	46,100	-	-	**46,100**	34,202	-	-	**34,202**
Income from charitable activities	**2.4**	142,527	-	-	**142,527**	125,692	-	-	**125,692**
Total Income		606,427	1,400	100	**607,927**	725,816	1,200	-	**727,016**
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	**3.1**	46,598	4,128	-	**50,726**	52,667	4,140	-	**56,807**
Charitable activities	**3.2**	586,425	14,924	510	**601,859**	506,840	14,924	390	**522,154**
Governance costs	**3.3**	6,400	-	-	**6,400**	4,500	-	-	**4,500**
Total Expenditure		639,423	19,052	510	**658,985**	564,007	19,064	390	**583,461**
Unrealised gains/losses on investments	**6**	(13,066)	-	-	**(13,066)**	2,293	-	-	**2,293**
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		**(46,062)**	**(17,652)**	**(410)**	**(64,124)**	**164,102**	**(17,864)**	**(390)**	**145,849**
Transfers between funds									-
Other recognised gains / losses									-
Net movement in funds		**(46,062)**	**(17,652)**	**(410)**	**(64,124)**	**164,102**	**(17,864)**	**(390)**	**145,849**
Total funds bought forward		**1,424,206**	**600,733**	**3,810**	**2,028,750**	**1,260,104**	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,882,901**
Total funds carried forward		**1,378,144**	**583,082**	**3,400**	**1,964,626**	**1,424,206**	**600,733**	**3,810**	**2,028,750**

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

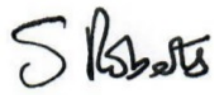
Notes 1 to 12 form part of the financial statements.

BEACONSFIELD PCC
Registered charity no : 1132259
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	**5**	170,088	580,896	-	**750,984**	781,699
Investments	**6**	109,440	-	-	**109,440**	122,506
		279,528	580,896	-	**860,424**	904,205
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	**7**	19,474	-	-	**19,474**	20,704
Cash in hand and at bank		176,746	2,185	3,400	**182,331**	179,819
Short term deposits		947,040	-	-	**947,040**	958,671
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,143,260	2,185	3,400	**1,148,845**	1,159,193
CREDITORS:						
Amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(44,643)	-	-	**(44,643)**	(34,647)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,098,616	2,185	3,400	**1,104,202**	1,124,546
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,378,144	583,082	3,400	**1,964,626**	2,028,750
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	**-**	**-**
NET ASSETS		**1,378,144**	**583,082**	**3,400**	**1,964,626**	**2,028,750**
FUNDS	**9**					
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,378,144	-	-	**1,378,144**	1,424,206
Designated funds	**9.1**	-	583,082	-	**583,082**	600,733
		1,378,144	583,082	-	**1,961,226**	2,024,940
Restricted funds	**9.2**	-	-	3,400	**3,400**	3,810
		1,378,144	**583,082**	**3,400**	**1,964,626**	**2,028,750**

Notes 1 to 12 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 29 APRIL 2026
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :



Rev. Sharon Roberts (Chairman)

Mrs Harriet Baldwin (Senior Churchwarden)

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Net movement in funds		**(64,124)**	**145,849**
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	**5**	30,714	30,714
Investment income	**2.3**	(46,100)	(34,202)
Unrealised investment (gains) / losses	**6**	13,066	(2,293)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		1,230	441,343
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		9,996	(15,803)
Net cash from operating activities		**(55,218)**	**565,609**
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	**5**	-	-
Movement in investments	**6**	-	-
Investment income	**2.3**	46,100	34,202
Cash flow from investing activities		**46,100**	**34,202**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		**(9,119)**	**599,811**
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		**1,138,490**	**538,679**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**1,129,371**	**1,138,490**

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	**2025**	**2024**
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	182,331	179,819
Short Term Deposits	947,040	958,671
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**1,129,371**	**1,138,490**

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels, a charity with registration number 1132259 and registered office address Windsor End, Beaconsfield, HP9 2JW.

The figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate. The Dove financial results are not consolidated (see note 6) as the trustees believe they are not material and if consolidated they would bring in non church income and expenditure which would distort the results. Any Dove surplus income is included in income.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are show at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued on October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The financial statements are prepared in pounds and rounded to the nearest pound.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.
Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.
Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

Creditors

Creditors and short-term financial liabilities are recognised at the amount owed at the date the liability is incurred. They are shown at the transaction price, which is normally the invoice amount.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME		**Unrestricted Funds** £	**Designated Funds** £	**Restricted Funds** £	**2025 Total** £	**2024 Total** £
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		222,555	-	-	**222,555**	216,065
Tax recoverable		50,894	-	-	**50,894**	59,214
Other planned giving		27,567	-	100	**27,667**	59,749
Collections at services		5,888	-	-	**5,888**	15,787
		306,904	-	100	**307,004**	350,815
Other voluntary income						
BCET	**11.1**	33,500	-	-	**33,500**	33,500
Donations, appeals etc		13,856	1,400	-	**15,256**	13,485
Legacies		4,961	-	-	**4,961**	114,873
		52,317	1,400	-	**53,717**	161,858
		359,221	1,400	100	**360,721**	512,673
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land lettings		30,179	-	-	**30,179**	27,968
Beaconsfield Community Mag		16,198	-	-	**16,198**	18,724
Social activities		2,659	-	-	**2,659**	2,124
Other fundraising		9,543	-	-	**9,543**	5,633
		58,579	-	-	**58,579**	54,449
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		6,868	-	-	**6,868**	8,768
Dividends		39,232	-	-	**39,232**	25,434
		46,100	-	-	**46,100**	34,202
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		20,503	-	-	**20,503**	10,598
Church hall lettings		122,024	-	-	**122,024**	115,094
		142,527	-	-	**142,527**	125,692
Total Income		**606,427**	**1,400**	**100**	**607,927**	**727,016**

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	4,506	2,566	-	**7,072**	3,176
Community magazine	24,067	-	-	**24,067**	20,831
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	7,600	-	-	**7,600**	2,646
Social activities	10,425	1,562	-	**11,987**	30,154
	46,598	4,128	-	**50,726**	56,807
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	227,366	-	-	**227,366**	224,074
Clergy					
Expenses	846	-	-	**846**	499
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	5,130	-	-	**5,130**	4,359
	5,976	-	-	**5,976**	4,857
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	60,716	-	-	**60,716**	57,906
Church running expenses	38,002	-	510	**38,512**	36,638
Church maintenance	90,113	-	-	**90,113**	23,873
Depreciation furniture & fittings	13,224	-	-	**13,224**	13,224
Training	80	-	-	**80**	-
	202,135	-	510	**202,645**	131,641
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	56,440	-	-	**56,440**	65,021
Depreciation	-	14,924	-	**14,924**	14,924
	56,440	14,924	-	**71,364**	79,945
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	52,120	-	-	**52,120**	42,214
Printing, stationery & telephone	707	-	-	**707**	5,624
Bank charges	1,000	-	-	**1,000**	1,028
Other team costs	9,367	-	-	**9,367**	2,440
	63,194	-	-	**63,194**	51,306
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**555,111**	**14,924**	**510**	**570,545**	**491,824**

carried forward

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**555,111**	**14,924**	**510**	**570,545**	**491,824**
Brought forward					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	21,496	-	-	**21,496**	4,425
Relief and development agencies	-	-	-	**-**	8,850
Home missions & Church societies	(1,050)	-	-	**(1,050)**	7,125
DCC Outside Giving	10,868	-	-	**10,868**	9,930
	31,314	-	-	**31,314**	30,330
Total Charitable activities	**586,425**	**14,924**	**510**	**601,859**	**522,154**
3.3 Expenditure on governance					
Independent Examination	6,400	-	-	**6,400**	4,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**639,423**	**19,052**	**510**	**658,985**	**583,461**

4. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	**122,422**	105,649
Employers NIC	**348**	487
Pension	**1,257**	947
	124,027	**107,083**

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCCs or PCC.
None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were reimbursed travelling and other expenses in totalling £846 (2024: £0).

	2025 £	2024 £
St Mary's Clergy Clergy	**404**	0
St Thomas' Clergy	**442**	0
	846	**0**

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 8 (2024 : 8)

The year ended with 3 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 0 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 8 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.

Reverend Sharon Roberts licensed as Team Rector 3rd May 2023. Reverend Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson licensed as vicar for St Mary's 6th September 2023. Reverend Lloyd Davis licensed as vicar for St Thomas' on 23rd April 2025.

There are also a few other posts e.g. Cleaner, Community Magazine Editor who receive payments / honoraria.

Redundancy of £3,375 is included within staff costs above. These are recognised when agreement is reached.

5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Right of use - Improvements	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2025	194,395	782,580	436,379	**1,413,354**
Addition	-	-	-	**-**
Cost as at 31 December 2025	194,395	782,580	436,379	**1,413,354**
Depreciation as at 1 January 2025	56,452	339,262	235,942	**631,656**
Charge for the year	2,566	14,924	13,224	**30,714**
Depreciation as at 31 December 2025	59,018	354,186	249,166	**662,370**
Net book value at 1 January 2025	137,943	443,318	200,437	781,699
Net book value at 31 December 2025	**135,377**	**428,394**	**187,213**	**750,984**

Freehold property

Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £380,616 in 2025. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

Right of use - Improvements

The Right of use - Improvements, includes only buildings and does not include any land value.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The 1992 Declaration of Trust between Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (the Board), Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited (the Diocesan Trustees) and The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Beaconsfield (the Church Council), provided for the Church Council to erect and use a church hall on the land on which the Fitzwilliams Centre stands. Following construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre by the Church Council the land continues to be used for this purpose. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £2,193,971. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Community & Resource Centre (CCRC) was completed in 2011 by the PCC on land which was conveyed in 1914 to The Revd Archibald Samuel Commeline, the Rector of St Michael and All Angels, and his successors, as a site for a place of worship and/or for the residence of a minister officiating in such place of worship. St Michaels is responsible for the maintenance of the Hall and the CCRC which receives the income from lettings. The Church Hall and the CCRC plus contents are insured for £3,660,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC at 2% p.a.

6	**INVESTMENTS**		**2025**	**2024**
			£	**£**
	St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	**6.1**	**96,118**	100,121
	St Thomas' Café	**6.2**	**13,322**	22,385
			109,440	**122,506**

	St Mary's CofE	St Thomas' Café	**2025**	**2024**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Investment value at 1 January 2025	100,121	22,385	**122,506**	**120,213**
Sale	-	-	**-**	-
Realised Gain	-	-	**-**	-
Unrealised gain / (loss)	(4,003)	(9,063)	**(13,066)**	2,293
Investment at 31 December 2025	**96,118**	**13,322**	**109,440**	**122,506**
Initial Investment at July 2014	100,000	22,385	**122,385**	**122,385**
Sale	(60,000)	0	**(60,000)**	(60,000)
Realised Gain	15,120	0	**15,120**	15,120
Unrealised Gain	40,998	(9,063)	**31,935**	45,001
Investment at 31 December 2025	**96,118**	**13,322**	**109,440**	**122,506**

6.1 St Mary's CofE Investment Fund

We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 surplus. The remaining investment is now valued at £96,118. An unrealised loss of £4,003 is reported in the year.

6.2 St Thomas Café

The Dove Café Ltd was registered on the 20th January 2023 (Company number 14606882) and immediately commenced trading. The Company has been set up as a trading subsidiary of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Beaconsfield. The Charity holds 100% of the share capital in the Dove Café. The investment was initially valued at £22,385 being the surplus donations brought forward £1,385 plus £20,000 donated by St Mary's and £1,000 donated by St Michaels. In 2025 Dove Café recorded a deficit £7,786 (2024: deficit £2,187). An unrealised loss of £9,063 is reported in the year being the difference between the initial investment and the net asset value.

	2025	**2024**
Summary of Dove Café Accounts:	**£**	**£**
Income	150,923	187,693
Profit (Loss) in the year	(7,786)	(2,187)
Cash at Bank	36,874	45,454
Other Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	(23,552)	(24,346)
Capital and Reserves	**13,322**	**21,108**

7	**DEBTORS**	**2025**	**2024**
		£	**£**
	Sundry debtors	-	434
	Income tax recoverable	17,180	18,103
	Prepayments	2,294	2,167
		19,474	**20,704**

8	**CURRENT LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year**	**2025**	**2024**
		£	**£**
	Sundry creditors and accruals	43,286	25,017
	Income in advance community magazine	657	7,434
	Outside giving	700	2,196
		44,643	**34,647**

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9.1 Designated funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2024 £**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	303,000	-	(11,000)	-	**292,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	140,509	-	(2,566)	-	**137,943**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	172,368	-	(3,924)	-	**168,444**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	615,877	-	(17,490)	-	**598,387**
St Thomas' Café Fund	1,385		-	-	**1,385**
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens	1,336	1,200	(1,574)	-	**962**
	2,721	1,200	(1,574)	-	**2,347**
Designated Funds	**618,597**	**1,200**	**(19,064)**	**-**	**600,734**

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2025 £**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	292,000	-	(11,000)	-	**281,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	137,943	-	(2,566)	-	**135,377**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	168,443	-	(3,924)	-	**164,519**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	598,386	-	(17,490)	-	**580,896**
St Thomas' Café Fund	1,385	-	-	-	**1,385**
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens	962	1,400	(1,562)	-	**800**
	2,347	1,400	(1,562)	-	**2,185**
Designated Funds	**600,734**	**1,400**	**(19,052)**	**-**	**583,082**

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
St Michael's - Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work
St Michael's - Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep

	Balance b/forward 01/01/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2024 £**
St Michael's - Bulrushes	2,323	-	-	-	**2,323**
St Michael's - Garden of Remembrance	1,877	-	(390)	-	**1,487**
Restricted Funds	**4,200**	**0**	**(390)**	**0**	**3,810**

Restricted funds Fund name	Balance b/forward 01/01/2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2025 £**
St Michael's - Bulrushes	2,323	-	-	-	**2,323**
St Michael's - Garden of Remembrance	1,487	100	(510)	-	**1,077**
	3,810	**100**	**(510)**	**-**	**3,400**

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2024: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

11.1 The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £33,500 (2024: £33,500) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.

11.2 The Friends of St. Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church. No donations from The Friends of St. Mary's were received in 2025.

11.3 Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £16,560 (2024: £23,485). There are no conditions attached to these donations.

12 COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

With effect 31/12/2025 the Trustees took the decision to close the community magazine in an orderly fashion. This was necessary because of declining advertising revenue and reduced subscriptions. If the magazine was to continue there would be a requirement to fund future losses which the Trustees wanted to avoid.

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A View from the Team Rector

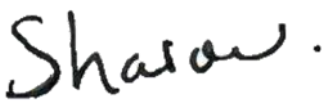
As I write this, we have just celebrated the church festival of Candlemas, which is more usually known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It is a "hinge" time, partly looking back to Jesus' birth and partly ahead to his Passion.

Annual Reports, by their nature, are in the business of looking back – back over the life and activity of our churches during the previous year. It is right that they do so, as it reminds us just how much has been undertaken by so many people! It shows us how we have built on our endeavours of previous years, and it demonstrates our worked-out love of God, and of each other, in myriad ways.

As a record of all that has been, we do not forget that prayer is at the heart of it – from flower arranging to financial accounts; bric-a-brac stalls to celebration worship; coffee and cake to safeguarding courses. There must be few – if any – areas of secular life which cover the variety of service and outreach undertaken by people of faith and as you read through this report you will see that demonstrated hugely by our churches of St Mary's, St Michael's and St Thomas's.

But I started by mentioning a "hinge" time and so we also look forward to all that 2025 will bring and not least to welcoming Lloyd Davis as Team Vicar at St Thomas'. By the time you read this report, Lloyd and his wife Emily will be with us and, together, we will all be on our way into a new chapter of God's life in Beaconsfield – which we will be able to read about in next year's report!

As ever, we have said sad goodbyes to old friends but also cheery hellos to new ones. Jesus Christ may be the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) but we his people journey on - be that with excitement or courage, joy or sadness - but with every assurance of God's grace and goodness. So thank you to everyone who is mentioned in this report - and everyone who is not - as we follow our quest to grow in love and understanding, and to build God's Kingdom in this place.



St Michael's

2024 saw another year of steady progress in building our relationships, and in maintaining our buildings. We have welcomed several newcomers to our church family and journeyed on in our faith life through the introduction of "Get the Gospel", (when we share our thoughts on the reading of the day) and, especially, through the joyous Confirmation Service held at St Michael's in May for young people and adults from across the Team.

St Michael's District Church Council held 2 Away Half days in 2024, with discussions including: relationships with local schools and nurseries; updating the Mission Action Plan and planning its implementation, how to engage with children and young people and increasing use of the church building. 6 meetings of the District Church Council took place over the year and the Standing Committee usually met a couple of weeks before the DCC to plan the agenda. The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, Churchwardens, the Assistant Churchwardens and the Hon Treasurer. Safeguarding is on the agenda of each DCC meeting. We follow the Diocesan recommendations for our Safeguarding policy, and it is reviewed annually. Ann-Marie Davis from St Mary's has agreed to be the Safeguarding Officer for all 3 churches. Kristel will continue with the administration at St Michael's.

Music and other events. After a successful Come and Sing at the Carol Service in 2023, Helen Baker brought a Community Choir together in the summer to sing songs from The Sound of Music; in December Helen led a similar event singing Christmas songs and carols. Alan Lewis, our organist, with his Jazz group, gave a popular Jazz concert and at the end of the year a Brass Band Concert took place in the church in aid of Rennie Grove. Alan also composed some lovely music for the Carol Service, where much of it received its premier. Ruth Long produced bookmarks to leave on seats in church, signposting the church website and activities going on in our churches.

St Michael's Ministry team are much appreciated, and we are all grateful also for support from Xandie in involving young people in the 2gether services. In addition, through her contact with mothers who make bouquets for Mothering Sunday and decorate the oranges for Christingle Xandie has encouraged teenagers to operate the AV system as their volunteering element for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Thanks to those who train and support them.

St Mary's School held their Easter Service at St Michael's as usual. Sharon has an ongoing relationship with High March School and visits regularly for Harvest assemblies and other special events. The Team Ministry involves all the congregations. Team Services are held in each church in turn and some special services such as Midnight Mass at Christmas are held only in St Mary's. The church Electoral Roll is due for renewal in 2025 and it was proposed to include a welcome letter to those on the present roll who had not returned regularly after Covid. To encourage wider use of the church building so people become more familiar with our church it is planned to have more anchor events like the Plant Sale and hiring the building out for events such as Bucks Art Week.

Buildings: Mary Bischoff takes care of the building for the churchwarden team and reports to the DCC. Thanks are due to Martyn Fuller for his exploration of the drains outside the East End of the church. Nigel Roberts and a few helpers including Mary, Ruth Long and Hamish Broom decorated the hall. Nigel also replaced the barres used in some of the ballet classes. We are grateful for all church members who contribute to decoration and maintenance projects and we would always welcome more helpers. Mary arranged for insulation in the hall walls and some of the roof space. LED lights were fitted in the hall. There are still issues with the church boiler and it requires regular maintenance.

The major project of 2024 was planning for the replacement of our church lighting, which was failing fast and growing ever more dim. Careful discernment was required to find the best way forward and this took many months. A further shock – at a late stage – was the discovery that the lighting wiring would require replacement too, significantly increasing the cost of the project. So, having gained PCC approval for the work to go ahead, we launched an appeal for £50,000 in November – with an ambitious target date of Christmas. Thanks to some very generous grants and donation - from individuals, St Mary's and the St Michael and All Angels (Beaconsfield) Charitable Trust - we reached our goal ahead of target and, working with church lighting specialists Anthony J Smith (Glos) Limited, a Faculty was sought and, at the time of writing, has just been agreed. With thanks to everyone for their very generous contributions, we look forward to a brighter future in spring 2025.

Finances: Craig Dreyer became our Honorary Treasurer at our AGM in April 2023. We are fortunate that our much-valued administrator, Christine Adali, is also able to do the bookkeeping. Craig is also Honorary Treasurer to our other 2 Team churches and the Beaconsfield Team PCC.

St Michael's Hall: In August Alison Harper, St Michael's Hall Manager, left the role as she was moving away from the area. She had implemented an online booking system and was extremely efficient with processing invoices. We are very grateful to her for her work. Helen Sheahan started as Hall Manager in August and there was a smooth handover. Helen placed an advert in one of the local magazines and encouraged hall users to pay £10 towards the cost in return for having their names on the advert.

The beautiful angel mosaic on the church hall wall was formally opened together with those on the Post Office and Waitrose.

After purchasing 8 eco-friendly recycled plastic chairs for the hall and finding them satisfactory, 100 more were purchased. The old wooden chairs were unsafe and unfortunately couldn't be sold or given away.

Eco church is being led for the Beaconsfield Team Churches by Lucy, Team Vicar at St Mary's. Members of St Michael's congregation have attended meetings and reported back.

The members of the DCC are essential to the running of the church but many more people of all ages from our congregation also do work that contributes to the church – both to the building, and the people who are our church.

St Thomas' and the Dove Cafe

2024 was a year of vacancy, of prayer and discernment, creating a Parish Profile, working together, and a time of hope and looking to the future.

It can always be a telling time in any church when their vicar is called to another parish. We met, we prayed, people said what they were looking for in our next vicar. Ideas were given, notes made and the Parish Profile started by Tony Griffiths. His work was continued by Alison Hart before Tamara Reading (from St Mary's Church) kindly offered to bring it all together. We advertised, interviewed and appointed Revd. Lloyd Davis. His licensing takes place in 2025 and we very much look forward to having him and his wife Emily join us.

We have always benefitted from being part of the Beaconsfield Team and no more so than in this past year of vacancy. Our immense thanks go to all who have supported us with our services, both clergy and laity. Our pattern of services remained as Communion services on the first and third Sundays at 9.30am. On the fourth Sunday, David and Lorraine Izzard continued to bring us the joys of Café Church. We have been blessed that this has attracted a few new faces to worship with us at those services. Our remaining services are a mix of Morning Prayer and Songs of Praise.

We continue to look at how we can best use the resources that we have: our buildings and our garden spaces. There is an area behind our hall that is currently unused. We want to develop this area, initially to grow produce that can be used in the Dove Café. The area is due to be fenced off from the vicarage garden to allow for privacy to the vicarage.

We are fortunate that our buildings, in the terms of other churches, are not that old. Yet there is work that needs to be done. The repeated rainy weather highlighted the work needed on our south facing windows and doors.

The stained glass door and all the surrounding windows need to be replaced, with the stained glass to be transferred into new windows.

Additionally, and far more expensively, we would like to install solar panels on the south facing church roof. This would need the roof to be replaced as it will be coming to the end of its life in the next few years. This is a longer term proposal. We will look to fund-raising for both the replacement door and window, and the solar panels and roof.

Our annual events were held once again.

St Thomas' Day in July was a celebration enjoyed by many with games and our popular BBQ, with a strategically placed gazebo to keep things cooking in the rain.

Summer also saw the Scarecrow Trail come to Holtspur, with St Thomas' having its own Where's Spot 'scarecrow' much to the delight of our younger and older visitors. The trail brought in many who would not usually come to the area with the week being one of the busiest for the Dove Café.

Christmas brought children and parents into St Thomas' to celebrate with us and get involved in events. Children were given the opportunity to buy presents for mums and dads without their parents knowing what they were choosing. All the gifts were donated by our generous congregation and café users. We were once again grateful to High March School for donating to us their large Christmas tree when the school broke up for Christmas.

The Dove Café continued to thrive and grow. We have a great many volunteers from churches, the community and beyond but are always happy to welcome fresh faces. We had our first internship funded by Green Futures Internships. This was extremely successful and our intern Ella has joined our paid staff as a part-time supervisor alongside Natalie our full-time supervisor and Jodie our café manager. Additional paid staff support the team at weekends and holidays where necessary.

As a registered warm space, we are somewhere for people to feel safe where they can just spend their day whether or not they want to have a drink or food. Our large rail of donated warm coats, scarves and blankets are well used and are free to anyone who needs them. Our Pay It Forward board has a range of meals and drinks that have already been paid for by others. No-one should go hungry and the meals are there for anyone who may need one. We are also able to refer families to the One Can Trust, our local food bank or one of the support groups that come to the Dove Café.

We are blessed and grateful that we continue to be able to offer free food for all children during every school holidays. Our continued and heartfelt thanks goes to Helping Hand and the Clare Foundation who provide the funding to make this possible.

The Proud of Bucks Awards 2024 celebrate Buckinghamshire's communities and individuals that have demonstrated care, creativity and commitment towards their local areas. The Dove Café was highly commended for their work within the community, creating social change and providing a diverse safe environment for so many. Ruth Moores was given the Good Neighbour Award for her tireless work supporting the community over the years.

St Thomas' Hall has seen a continued demand in use. We have our regular church-run groups, Tom's Tots, Senior Citizens, and Film Shows. These have attracted not only new attendees but also new volunteers.

There are a wide variety of regular private hirings from exercise classes and Tae Kwondo to Muslim prayers and baby groups. In addition the One Can Trust uses our hall every week as a base from which food parcels are delivered to local families. The number of families can vary but this is such an important group helping to tackle food poverty which we are pleased to support.

There are so many people that contribute to the daily life of St Thomas' Church and the Dove Café that in trying to thank them all there are always those that are missed. Importantly God knows who they are and we are grateful to all who have supported us in any way. We can all support each other through prayer and we must not forget that we are God's people, sent to do His work for His people.

As we read in Ephesians 6v10 -

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

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St Mary's

It's not easy to fit a year of St Mary's Church life into a couple of pages of text. Church happens not just in Sunday worship or in the committee meetings. Often just as important are the brunch after the service, the housegroup meetings, social events, and many other gatherings that happen in the name of St Mary's Church.

Worship and Services: In this past year, what we value as St Mary's tradition has continued, while new initiatives have begun. In our traditional Sunday services of Holy Communion, we follow the Church calendar, celebrating Church times and seasons. Regular Book of Common Prayer services, both clergy and lay-led take place alongside Common Worship Holy Communion services and services of the word. We have welcomed visiting preachers from the Diocese of Oxford, as well as speakers from our Mission Partners, bringing much-appreciated news and updates.

The pattern of our regular services continued unchanged during the year alongside special events and services where we are happy to be joined by others in the town and wider community. Highlights include the popular and busy Christmas services, services through Holy week and at Easter, Remembrance, Harvest and the Annual Memorial service. We are also delighted to join with the visiting school Christmas Carol Services so varied and joyous. We have this year had the joy of many baptisms and celebrating together at the Baptism Thanksgiving service.

The fellowship and care of our congregation is an integral part of who we are as a church. Our pastoral work is the natural extension of congregational fellowship; our individual awareness of those who we sit with and beside in church; fellowship that includes finding out how people are. Fellowship and pastoral care go together and we all seek to be more aware, to notice and pass on concerns. The pastoral care team visit those who are unable to get to church, including taking Holy Communion to them at home, providing support to the bereaved and those who are sick and praying with and for our church members.

Housegroups provide invaluable support to their members through prayer, study and fellowship. The groups study using a range of resources including past sermons, study books, articles from the news and creative activities. With six established house groups it became obvious over the course of the year that growing one or more new house groups was a priority for early 2025.

With a celebration of fellowship, though, comes also the sadness of losing those of our church family who died during the year and mourning their loss with friends and family

Ministry to Children and Young People: St Mary's monthly All age services continue with a loyal congregation of all different ages who enjoy a time of informal worship and fellowship. Children join adults in leading parts of the services, and they allow for creativity and accessibility for a broader congregation. The shared fellowship at brunch afterwards does much to grow our church family in fellowship and commitment.

The new Uscape group is aimed at young teenagers, a safe space for our young people to make friends, gain confidence and have a safe space to chat and learn. Quinn who enjoys Uscape writes: *"I'm constantly looking forward to Uscape as it is a fun and calm hour and a half where I can play games and discuss stuff with others. It also helps that it is with people who are year seven and up as I feel that I can talk about what to do in the future without feeling like I'm too old to be there. It's also very fun as I get to learn more about Christianity".*

In October 2024, we invited the Bible Society to run an Open the Book training session and we have joined with other Beaconsfield churches in taking the Bible stories into our local primary schools in a fun and engaging way.

Eco church: 2024 has seen St Mary's embark on the Eco church journey. Members of St Mary's and the churches Team have joined in planning meetings and plans are now turning into action. At St Mary's we have completed building audits related to energy consumption, planned a wildlife survey, set up a collection point to recycle blister packs and Junior Church became involved raising funds to twin toilets in Africa with the Tear fund toilet twinning scheme and we are planning to plant a wildflower area in our church yard.

Katie from Junior Church writes: *We do eco-friendly things, for example we once made a hedgehog house out of a cardboard box. We put some hedgehog-friendly ink by the entrances to the box so we could see the footprints as the hedgehogs walked in and out of the box for the food! We also made and decorated a box to collect empty medicine packets for recycling, currently in the Fitzwilliams Centre.*

Music: our worship is increasingly enhanced by choral music with new voices joining the choir and new anthems. In November the choir with other voices from the Team churches sang Faure's Requiem in a full communion setting. Musical outreach to the local community continues with our monthly recitals and regular concerts where we welcome a wide variety of talented musicians.

A Wyvern organ is now installed and gives us time to progress repair and renovation of the pipe organ. Following a helpful meeting in July 2023, quotes were obtained by two companies, and following discussion at a DCC meeting in April 24 it was agreed to develop full specifications and quotations. This proposal was submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Council for consultation and feedback.

Buildings and churchyard: The Church, churchyard and Fitzwilliams Centre continue to be well maintained. Activities during the year have included the installation of the second lightning conductor on the church tower, a new church sign in the churchyard entrance, the removal of the old gas cooker and replacement with an induction cooker in the Fitzwilliams Centre, a new Lincat hot water boiler, trimming of the yew trees to 3.5m and removal of leylandii that have overgrown gravestones. More has been done on the 2020 quinquennial report this year, as we have completed a lot of the stonework repairs, including stone replacement and the stabilising of stone carvings. The stained-glass windows which had been broken were repaired and the 20 cracked quarrels on various clear-glass windows. Huge thanks to our dedicated buildings team.

We record also thanks to those who created the moving series of displays in the British Legion window commemorating the 80-year anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

We have continued to flourish as part of the Beaconsfield Team ministering alongside and together with St Michael's and St Thomas'. All these things have only been possible thanks to the many who give their time and generosity to serve the community and the church, and we are grateful for their dedication and commitment. We give thanks for the dedication and commitment of Lucy, our Vicar and Margot, our Associate Priest. As a church community we pray for them both and all who support them in their ministry and we acknowledge with gratitude all that they bring to our church family.

Outside Giving

The Outside Giving committee met to discuss and pray for the charities supported by the Team.

Renewal Programme Newham

St Mary's continues to support a range of Newham Renewal Porgramme activities, For housing with single bedding and other household items which people kindly donate – thank you downsizing! Colin who looks after the moves into independent living told us that it costs £2,000 to set up one person.

Peter Laing, Newham's CEO attended St Mary's Harvest Festival in October and Peter spoke about the work of the Newham Renewal Programme. The following Tuesday we took up our and URC's harvest donations—a full car load.

We also learnt more about The Manor Park Oasis which is a multi-use community space on High Street North managed by the Renewal Programme. They offer a range of activities from community gardening, creative workshops and games, such as chess and table tennis! They recently introduced bike hire with the support of a local business. Manor Park Oasis is also a space to rest, with plenty of seating to take a break from the busy high street!

The Film Night raised funds for Christmas presents and was very successful with around 90 people attending. The money raised was shared with Wycombe Homeless Connection. It was a great team effort to put it on particularly the food which drew great praise from those who had never sampled St Mary's catering before!

Sharon International Ministries (SIM)

At present the number of pupils attending school is just over 900 with 55% boys and 45% girls. Children start at the age of 4 years in Nursery, then progress each year through Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and then spend the following 10 years in the main school in classes from 1 to 10. In the last year (10) they study for the School Leaving Certificate which with a good result enables them to further their education or qualify them for an apprenticeship. There are 48 children in Year 10 who will take the School Leaving Certificate exam in April 2025 and there are 40 teachers.

We continue to pray for Dr. Sam, the headmaster, Venga Gobi, and the Head Mistress, Namburi Savithri and all the other teachers and staff. For all the pupils, especially those who are in their final year studying for the School Leaving Certificate exam to be held in April next year.

Sadly, in 2024 UK donors have been unable to transfer funds to Sharon International Ministries (SIM) as the Indian Government has paused renewal of Foreign Currency Regulation Authority Certificates (which enable the transfer of funds in foreign currencies) to all charities such as SIM who do not have a Hindu connection.
There is hope that this Certificate will be issued in future but with no date in prospect the decision was taken in September, at the request of Tom Holyer, to suspend our giving to SIM this year and redirect the Team element of Outside Giving funds to an alternative charity of St Michael's choice. At its DCC meeting in November, after consideration of charities meeting our Outside Giving criteria, Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) was chosen as the most suitable replacement charity for support in 2024.
HART, a Christian charity whose Founder President, Baroness Cox, has visited St Michael's, will therefore receive the funds which would ordinarily have been donated to SIM during 2024. St Michael's will support SIM in 2025 if a change in the Indian Government's policy allows.

New Generation Burundi

Many countries experience fuel shortages from time to time. Burundi has been in the grip of one for over half a year. Queues at fuel stations can be over two miles long. Those with smaller queues are charging grossly inflated prices. This means that many rural communities can't get their crops to market, losing out on much needed income. This in turn means that families cannot afford to feed all their children, so the older ones have to leave school to find work in towns, Bujumbura being a destination where many of them head to. Sadly, as there are not enough secure jobs for these children many end up on the street.
We pray that the fuel shortages will end so that parents can afford to feed their children and keep them in school.
Funds are still being raised to build and establish the Street Children Centre, which be a safe space and education centre in Bujumbura. There are many street children who NGB have yet to reach. This centre will allow them to have a positive impact on those children. We pray that sufficient funds will be found for this much needed building and for all the children who have no choice but to live on the streets.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

We continue to praise God for all those who have committed their lives to pursuing peace. In South Sudan MAF staff trained in reconciliation have held "Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations" workshops in more than ten communities this year. Pray there will be continued healing within and between communities, especially now, as the world's newest nation is preparing for its first elections since independence.

In northern Kenya, access to clean water is a daily struggle and water sources are often contaminated. The risk of waterborne diseases like cholera is ever-present, and the people there have endured several outbreaks due to the scarcity of safe drinking water. The situation is made worse by conflicts over these limited water sources and the worsening effects of climate change. Pilot Daniel Loewen-Rudgers flew a team from Water Matters Sweden to Loglogo with water filters. As the team demonstrated how to use the water filters, the villagers watched in awe as murky, dirty water was transformed into crystal-clear, drinkable water.

Marcus, who led the team, expressed what they were all feeling: 'MAF's commitment to reaching the most remote locations makes all the difference. Together, we're not just delivering filters; we're delivering life.'

We pray for MAF staff and the people they fly so that peace and the essentials for life bring help, hope and healing to more isolated communities.

Embrace the Middle East

Lebanon has had a troubled history of wars and occupations, this recent conflict and strikes from Israel has resulted in many people becoming displaced; the Palestinian and Syrian refugees who were living in Lebanon are once again uprooted.

EMBRACE have launched an appeal this winter for Lebanon; many thousands of people and communities are affected by recent strikes and attacks from Israel as they target Hezbollah terrorists in the South of Lebanon and Beirut the capital.

As civilian casualties and destruction increase the humanitarian crisis becomes critical.

EMBRACE Christian partners are working to provide emergency relief and support to families caught up in the war. They are expanding programmes to assist children with their education and support them in their trauma and suffering.

At the end of October Israel voted to ban UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency). This is catastrophic for Palestinians in Gaza and West Bank who depend on essential provisions. Organisations have signed a statement demanding world leaders prevent this legislation from advancing. The war continues in Gaza, one piece of good news to note is the polio vaccination programme for children was carried out in the Gaza strip this autumn.

A quote from an EMBRACE partner in Lebanon 'in this moment of despair, we turn towards our neighbours, extend our hands, and let the light of Christ shine through'. We pray for a peaceful end to the war in the Middle East, mindful that negotiations need to resume on all sides to stop the conflict and release the hostages. So much work, help and training will be needed in the future to rebuild communities, and trust between all sides when people are allowed to return to their home lands.

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre:

The Beaconsfield Team churches also support the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre with annual funding, The BAC was set up initially by Churches Together and staffed by volunteers from across the churches and the town. BAC Advisors provide information and practical assistance to anyone in any kind of need by means of an enquiry centre.

The Community Magazine

As ever we are very grateful to our loyal subscribers, distributors, deliverers and advertisers who continue to support the magazine.

We are very fortunate that Hazel Chow has continued with her introductory note from the Churches Together Town Chaplain, on the opening page of the magazine. We thank her very much for this regular contribution.

From an editorial point of view, we covered several major news stories in 2024. The first issue of the year recorded the fond farewell given to The Revd Michael Johnson, his wife Yulia and their family as they left Beaconsfield ready for the next chapter in their lives. With an early Easter the Lent lunches began at the end of February and were well supported. We continued to follow the amazing progress of the Dove café, which extended its hours and had an influx of external groups using the café. The café was recognised by Bucks Council in December for its outstanding community contribution. Rhiannon Scott who regularly contributes to the magazine also received an award for all the work she has done on the Mosaics project, and we followed progress on this throughout the year. We also covered the launch of U-Scape in June and Eco Church.

The Beaconsfield Community Festival, incorporating the annual Country Fair and including music concerts, a literary fair and art exhibition was a major event. While a continuing feature was the rolling display of the 80-year anniversary of WWII.

We look forward to featuring The Revd Lloyd Davis when he assumes his role as Team Vicar at St Thomas' and to publishing a contribution from The Revd Peterson Feital. In addition, the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre will be a particular feature in 2025 as it celebrates 60 years of service to the town.

Advertising

It was another difficult year for advertising. Sadly, we lost a major customer who in previous years had accounted for £1,360 in annual income. However, after approaching several care homes in and around Beaconsfield we managed to get an annual booking to replace most of that income. One feature of 2024 was the frequency of one-off adverts where the income doubled over the previous year. We hope at least some of these advertisers may consider booking for a longer period in 2025.

As mentioned below encouraging new advertisers is becoming more difficult in the face of the falling number of subscriptions. Naturally, circulation is a key number for advertisers.

Subscriptions

We have seen another fall in subscribers mainly as some long-standing readers are no longer with us, while others have moved away, and some did not renew. Although we get very positive feedback from our long-standing readers it is not easy to recruit new subscribers, and the committee would very much welcome ideas for how this might be achieved. Currently the deliverers are very conscientious about approaching potential new readers when they see a change in homeowner.

Financial Position

Although, we managed to maintain the level of advertising income and reduce our expenses, the fall in income from subscribers of 12% meant there was an overall deficit for the year of £1,943. To help finances, can we find a way of getting payment for the 90 or so copies of the magazine distributed through the churches?

At the year-end, our bank balance was £10.8k which includes a deposit account of £6.3k. We are very grateful to our treasurer, Sarah Ainsworth for preparing the accounts and to Sally Masters for her continuing efforts as subscriptions manager.

Finally, very grateful thanks to Margaret Mardall as Editor for her expertise, hard work and commitment.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas', Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll, in April 2025 following a full revision was 316 (2024 523)

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Mrs Wendy Godrich, Churchwarden, St Mary's

Mrs Harriet Baldwin, Churchwarden, St Mary's (from May 2024) PCC Secretary

Mr Craig Dreyer, St Mary's PCC rep, Team Treasurer

Mr Peter Middleton, St Mary's PCC rep (from May 2024)

Mrs Fiona Collins Churchwarden, St Thomas'

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Mr David Knowles, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

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Mrs Mary Bischoff St Michael's PCC representative

Mrs Annie Bennett, St Michael's PCC representative

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259. The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees. All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches. The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A firm of Accountants is appointed as Independent Examiners.

The PCC held scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September and November 2024. The Section 11 PCC meeting to progress the recruitment of a Team Vicar for St Thomas' Church was held in February 2024 and the Section 12 PCC meeting was held in July 2024. The PCC Standing Committee met in January, May, September and November in preparations for PCC meetings.
The APCM was held at St Mary's church in May 2024.

PCC discussions

Regular items for the Standing Committee and for the PCC included:

- DCC reports from the churches: including worship & services, buildings and working with the wider community
- Outside Giving reports of working with mission partners
- Collaboration and team working within the Team and with the wider community
- Appointment of Governors to St Mary's School (at meetings and by email circulation)
- Buildings & property matters: the Church house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let commercially during 2024.

Financial matters:

- Regular quarterly reporting of income and expenditure against budget from the 3 churches and from the Team account with the Team Treasurer taking a strategic overview of finances across the Team as well as working with the 3 church DCCs
- The Team budget for 2024/25 including the allocation of the Parish share and expenses amounts for the 3 churches
- The appointment of JCS Accountants to conduct an independent examination of the finances of the Team churches

Special agenda items for the PCC included:

- The oversight of the vacancy process for St Thomas', communication with the congregations and the preparation of Parish profiles and job descriptions
- The Dove Café at St Thomas', regular updates throughout the year
- The Vision for Music, and the music project at St Mary's, communications, community outreach and working with local schools
- Proposals for the repair and refurbishment of St Mary's church organ
- The Eco Church project, which was launched in the Team Churches in 2025
- The Annual Report from the Community Magazine for 2024, this report was received in February 2025
- GDPR and Data Protection matters for the Team, with the PCC taking oversight in this area

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:

The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Team Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Mary's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year.

St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints Church. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

Within the Parish there are 2 church houses. The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let out commercially from August 2020.
The BCET owns a house at 27 Crossways, which has been rented out commercially from August 2020.
Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and Church & Community Resource Centre and St Thomas' Hall.
Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2024 the unrestricted cash reserves totalled £1,134,679 and represented 24.4 months of normal recurring expenditure (2023: £534,479 - 9.3 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements. Depreciation, investment income and building costs associated with the Dove Café, a designated project, have been excluded. The large increase in cash reserves is attributable to large legacies received by St Mary's.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds. The Dove Café was moved to its own new legal entity with effect from January 2023.

Income in 2024 totalled £727,016 (2023: £1,190,326) and includes income from designated and restricted funds (Excluding restricted and designated funds, total income for 2024 was £725,816 (2023: £1,189,924). In 2024 Legacy income was £114,873 (2023: £662,694 of which £442,791 was accrued). Regular Giving, including the associated tax recoverable, accounts for around 30% of all unrestricted income and is £350,815, which is higher than the prior year (2023: £285,497).

Expenditure in 2024 totalled £583,461 (2023: £592,418). Depreciation on unrestricted / designated assets for 2024 was £30,714. Unrestricted total expenditure for 2024 was £583,071 (2023: £590,840). Parish share and staff costs totalled £335,577 and account for 57% of all unrestricted expenditure (2023: £337,132 – 57%).

In 2024 there was an unrealised gain on Investments of £2,293 (2023: gain £8,480) and Dividends of £25,434 (2023: £2,674) were received. The total surplus for the year was £145,849 (2023: surplus £606,388) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a surplus of £146,239 (2023: surplus £607,763). Excluding depreciation, the total surplus for the year was £176,563.

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024 was £2,028,750 (2023: £1,882,901) of which £3,810 was Restricted and £600,732 was Designated. Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2024 stood at £2,024,940.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2024 was £1,134,679 (2023: £534,479).

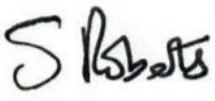
Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 PCC will continue in operation.

Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Chair

Independent Examination Report to the Parochial Church Council of Beaconsfield Team Ministry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Beaconsfield Parochial Church Council (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 1 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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::

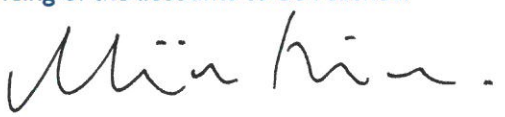
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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 accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.



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Beaconsfield Team Ministry

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2024

Prepared by:
Gillian McAlister (FCMA)
McAlister & Co Ltd

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Restated Total 2023 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	**2.1**	511,473	1,200	-	**512,673**	987,112	200	203	**987,514**
Activities for generating funds	**2.2**	54,449	-	-	**54,449**	54,059	-	-	**54,059**
Investment income	**2.3**	34,202	-	-	**34,202**	9,605	-	-	**9,605**
Income from charitable activities	**2.4**	125,692	-	-	**125,692**	139,148	-	-	**139,148**
Total Income		725,816	1,200	-	**727,016**	1,189,924	200	203	**1,190,326**
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	**3.1**	52,667	4,140	-	**56,807**	32,693	3,556	-	**36,249**
Charitable activities	**3.2**	506,840	14,924	390	**522,154**	533,291	15,900	1,578	**550,769**
Governance costs	**3.3**	4,500	-	-	**4,500**	5,400	-	-	**5,400**
Total Expenditure		564,006	19,065	390	**583,461**	571,384	19,456	1,578	**592,418**
Unrealised gains/losses on investments	**6.1**	2,293	-	-	**2,293**	8,480	-	-	**8,480**
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		**164,103**	**(17,865)**	**(390)**	**145,849**	**627,020**	**(19,256)**	**(1,375)**	**606,389**
Transfers between funds									**-**
Other recognised gains / losses									**-**
Net movement in funds		**164,103**	**(17,865)**	**(390)**	**145,849**	**627,019**	**(19,256)**	**(1,375)**	**606,388**
Total funds bought forward as previously reported	**12**	**817,312**	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,440,109**	**633,085**	**637,853**	**5,575**	**1,276,513**
Prior year adjustment		**442,792**			**442,792**				
Total funds bought forward as restated	**12**	**1,260,104**	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,882,901**				
Total funds carried forward		**1,424,208**	**600,732**	**3,810**	**2,028,750**	**1,260,104**	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,882,901**

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

Notes 1 to 12 form part of the financial statements.

BEACONSFIELD PCC

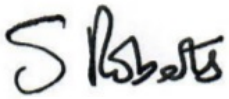
Registered charity no : 1132259

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

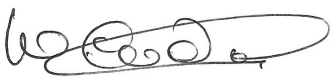
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2024	Restated 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	**5**	183,312	598,387	-	**781,699**	812,413
Investments	**6**	122,506	-	-	**122,506**	120,213
		305,818	598,387	-	**904,205**	932,626
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	**7**	20,704	-	-	**20,704**	462,047
Cash in hand and at bank		173,661	2,347	3,810	**179,819**	277,122
Short term deposits		958,671	-	-	**958,671**	261,557
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,153,036	2,347	3,810	**1,159,193**	1,000,726
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(34,647)	-	-	**(34,647)**	(50,450)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,118,389	2,347	3,810	**1,124,546**	950,276
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,424,208	600,732	3,810	**2,028,750**	1,882,901
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	**-**	**-**
NET ASSETS		**1,424,208**	**600,732**	**3,810**	**2,028,750**	**1,882,901**
FUNDS	**9**					
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds		1,424,208	-	-	**1,424,208**	1,260,104
Designated funds	**9.1**	-	600,732	-	**600,732**	618,597
		1,424,208	600,732	-	**2,024,940**	1,878,701
Restricted funds	**9.2**	-	-	3,810	**3,810**	4,200
		1,424,208	**600,732**	**3,810**	**2,028,750**	**1,882,901**

Notes 1 to 12 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 9th APRIL 2025
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :



Rev. Sharon Roberts (Chairman)



Mrs Wendy Godrich (Senior Churchwarden)

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	Restated 2023
		£	£
Net movement in funds		**145,849**	**606,389**
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	**5**	30,714	33,693
Investment income	**2.3**	(34,202)	(9,605)
Unrealised investment gains	**6.1**	(2,293)	(8,480)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		441,343	(437,081)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(15,803)	(53,521)
Net cash from operating activities		**565,609**	**131,395**
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	**5**	-	-
Movement in investments	**6.1**	-	(22,385)
Investment income	**2.3**	34,202	9,605
Cash flow from investing activities		**34,202**	**(12,780)**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		**599,811**	**118,614**
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		**538,679**	**420,065**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**1,138,490**	**538,679**

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	**2024**	**2023**
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	179,819	277,122
Short Term Deposits	958,671	261,557
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**1,138,490**	**538,679**

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels, a charity with registration number 1132259 and registered office address Windsor End, Beaconsfield, HP9 2JW.

The figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate. The Dove financial results are not consolidated (see note 6) as the trustees believe they are not material and if consolidated they would bring in non church income and expenditure which would distort the results. Any Dove surplus income is included in income.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are show at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued on October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The financial statements are prepared in pounds and rounded to the nearest pound.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.
Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.
Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME		**Unrestricted Funds** £	**Designated Funds** £	**Restricted Funds** £	**2024 Total** £	**Restated 2023 Total** £
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		216,065	-	-	**216,065**	194,982
Tax recoverable		59,214	-	-	**59,214**	38,061
Other planned giving		58,949	800	-	**59,749**	41,392
Collections at services		15,787	-	-	**15,787**	11,062
		350,015	800	-	**350,815**	285,497
Other voluntary income						
BCET	**11.1**	33,500	-	-	**33,500**	33,500
Donations, appeals etc		13,085	400	-	**13,485**	5,823
Legacies		114,873	-	-	**114,873**	662,694
		161,458	400	-	**161,858**	702,017
		511,473	1,200	-	**512,673**	987,514
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land lettings		27,968	-	-	**27,968**	25,305
Beaconsfield Community Mag		18,724	-	-	**18,724**	19,617
Social activities		2,124	-	-	**2,124**	2,775
Other fundraising		5,633	-	-	**5,633**	6,362
		54,449	-	-	**54,449**	54,059
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		8,768	-	-	**8,768**	6,931
Dividends		25,434	-	-	**25,434**	2,674
		34,202	-	-	**34,202**	9,605
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		10,598	-	-	**10,598**	15,324
Church hall lettings		115,094	-	-	**115,094**	123,824
		125,692	-	-	**125,692**	139,148
Total Income		**725,816**	**1,200**	**-**	**727,016**	**1,190,326**

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	610	2,566	-	**3,176**	3,156
Community magazine	20,831	-	-	**20,831**	21,419
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	2,646	-	-	**2,646**	4,293
Social activities	28,580	1,574	-	**30,154**	7,380
	52,667	4,140	-	**56,807**	36,249
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	224,074	-	-	**224,074**	223,556
Clergy					
Expenses	499	-	-	**499**	3,213
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	4,359	-	-	**4,359**	4,495
	4,857	-	-	**4,857**	7,708
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	57,906	-	-	**57,906**	58,004
Church running expenses	36,248	-	390	**36,638**	48,672
Church maintenance	23,873	-	-	**23,873**	27,382
Depreciation furniture & fittings	13,224	-	-	**13,224**	16,200
	131,251	-	390	**131,641**	150,257
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	65,021	-	-	**65,021**	62,202
Depreciation	-	14,924	-	**14,924**	14,924
	65,021	14,924	-	**79,945**	77,127
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	42,214	-	-	**42,214**	49,637
Printing, stationery & telephone	5,624	-	-	**5,624**	5,404
Bank charges	1,028	-	-	**1,028**	1,057
Other team costs	2,440	-	-	**2,440**	4,028
	51,306	-	-	**51,306**	60,126
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**476,509**	**14,924**	**390**	**491,824**	**518,773**

carried forward

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**476,509**	**14,924**	**390**	**491,824**	**518,773**
Brought forward					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	4,425	-	-	**4,425**	4,812
Relief and development agencies	8,850	-	-	**8,850**	9,625
Home missions & Church societies	7,125	-	-	**7,125**	5,996
DCC Outside Giving	9,930	-	-	**9,930**	11,563
	30,330	-	-	**30,330**	31,995
Total Charitable activities	**506,840**	**14,924**	**390**	**522,154**	**550,769**
3.3 Expenditure on governance					
Independent Examination	4,500	-	-	**4,500**	5,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**564,006**	**19,065**	**390**	**583,461**	**592,418**

4. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	**105,649**	110,878
Employers NIC	**4,906**	1,368
Pension	**947**	1,330
	111,503	**113,576**

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCCs or PCC.
None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were not reimbursed travelling and other expenses in 2024 (2023: £512).

	2024 £	2023 £
St Thomas' Clergy	**0**	512
	0	**512**

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 8 (2023 : 7)
The year ended with 3 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 0 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 7 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.
Reverend Sharon Roberts licensed as Team Rector 3rd May 2023. Reverend Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson licensed as vicar for St Mary's 6th September 2023. Reverend Lloyd Davis will be licensed as vicar for St Thomas' on 23rd April 2025.
There are also number of other posts e.g. Cleaner, Community Magazine Editor who receive payments / honoraria.

5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2024	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Addition	-	-	**-**
Cost as at 31 December 2024	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Depreciation as at 1 January 2024	378,223	222,718	**600,941**
Charge for the year	17,490	13,224	**30,714**
Depreciation as at 31 December 2024	395,714	235,942	**631,656**
Net book value at 1 January 2024	598,752	213,661	812,412
Net book value at 31 December 2024	**581,262**	**200,437**	**781,699**

Freehold property

Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £371,050 in 2024. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The Fitzwillams Centre is vested in Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited on behalf of the PCC. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £2,132,140. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Hall which is over 50 years old and the Community and Resource Centre (CCRC) plus contents are insured for £3,300,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC only at 2% p.a.

		2024	2023
6	**INVESTMENTS**	**£**	**£**
	St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	**100,121**	**97,828**
	St Thomas' Café	**22,385**	**22,385**
		122,506	**120,213**

6.1 St Mary's CofE Investment Fund

We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 surplus. The remaining investment is now valued at £100,121. An unrealised gain of £2,293 is reported in the year.

	2024	2023
	£	**£**
Investment value at 1 January 2024	**97,828**	**89,348**
Sale		
Realised Gain		
Unrealised gain / (loss)	2,293	8,480
Investment at 31 December 2024	**100,121**	**97,828**
Initial Investment at July 2014	**100,000**	**100,000**
Sale	(60,000)	(60,000)
Realised Gain	15,120	15,120
Unrealised Gain	45,001	42,708
Investment at 31 December 2024	**100,121**	**97,828**

6.2 St Thomas' Café

The Dove Café Ltd was registered on the 20th January 2023 (Company number 14606882) and immediately commenced trading. The Company has been set up as a trading subsidiary of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Beaconsfield. The Charity holds 100% of the share capital in the Dove Café.
The investment is valued at £22,385 being the surplus donations brought forward £1,385 plus £20,000 donated by St Mary's and £1,000 donated by St Michaels. In 2024 Dove Café recorded a defecit £2,187 (2023: surplus of £808).

	2024	2023
	£	**£**
Summary of Dove Café Accounts:		
Income	187,693	169,662
Profit (Loss) in the year	(2,187)	808
Cash at Bank	45,454	47,488
Other Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	(24,346)	(24,194)
Capital and Reserves	**21,108**	**23,294**

			Restated
7	**DEBTORS**	**2024**	**2023**
		£	**£**
	Sundry debtors	434	442,792
	Income tax recoverable	18,103	19,143
	Prepayments	2,167	112
		20,704	**462,047**

		2024	2023
8	**LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year**	**£**	**£**
	Sundry creditors and accruals	25,017	41,961
	Income in advance community magazine	7,434	8,489
	Outside giving	2,196	-
		34,647	**50,450**

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9.1 Designated funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2023 £**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	314,000	-	(11,000)	-	**303,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	143,075	-	(2,566)	-	**140,509**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	177,268	-	(4,900)	-	**172,368**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	634,343	-	(18,466)	-	**615,877**
St Thomas' Café Fund	1,385		-	-	**1,385**
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens	2,126	200	(990)	-	**1,336**
	3,512	200	(990)	-	**2,721**
Designated Funds	**637,855**	**200**	**(19,456)**	**-**	**618,597**

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2024 £**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	303,000	-	(11,000)	-	**292,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	140,509	-	(2,566)	-	**137,943**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	172,368	-	(3,924)	-	**168,444**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	615,877	-	(17,490)	-	**598,387**
St Thomas' Café Fund	1,385		-	-	**1,385**
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens	1,336	1,200	(1,574)	-	**962**
	2,721	1,200	(1,574)	-	**2,347**
Designated Funds	**618,597**	**1,200**	**(19,065)**	**-**	**600,732**

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
St Michael's - Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work
St Michael's - Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep

	Balance b/forward 01/01/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2023 £**
St Michael's - Bulrushes	3,153	-	(830)	-	**2,323**
St Michael's - Garden of Remembrance	2,422	203	(748)	-	**1,877**
Restricted Funds	**5,575**	**203**	**(1,578)**	**0**	**4,200**

Restricted funds Fund name	Balance b/forward 01/01/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2024 £**
St Michael's - Bulrushes	2,323	-	-	-	**2,323**
St Michael's - Garden of Remembrance	1,877	-	(390)	-	**1,487**
	4,200	**-**	**(390)**	**-**	**3,810**

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2023: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

11.1 The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £33,500 (2023: £33,500) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.

11.2 The Friends of St. Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St.Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church. No donations from The Friends of St. Mary's were received in 2024.

11.3 Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £23,485 (2023: £19,322). There are no conditions attached to these donations.

12 PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

The PCC was entitled to legacies relating to deaths in 2022 for which reliable estimates had been received in the first quarter of 2024. A debtor and income for these legacies were omitted from the 2023 financial statements in error. The prior year adjustment corrects this error as follows:

	2023 As previously stated £	Adjustment £	2023 Restated £
Statement of financial activities			
Unrestricted funds: Voluntary income	544,320	442,792	987,112
Unrestricted funds: Net Movement in funds	184,227	442,792	627,019
Balance sheet			
Unrestricted funds: Debtors	19,255	442,792	462,047
Unrestricted funds	817,312	442,792	1,260,104

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A View from the Team Rector

Growth in outreach to the community and "comings and goings" amongst our people have characterised 2023.
Growth first.

The Dove Café goes from strength to strength on multiple fronts.

- It brings together, as volunteers, people from all three of our churches (and none!), literally working side by side - meeting new people and gaining new skills. It can be hard work but it's always rewarding and if you want to give it a go you will be warmly welcomed!
- It brings together support groups, too many to mention here and growing all the time. Warm, safe space to share a new hobby or an old concern. It brings together the very young, socialising with other toddlers in the soft play area, and it brings together seniors, sharing food and driving away loneliness.
- It brings together anyone and everyone and its often very busy indeed! Yet it never forgets it is church - a church where the doors are open and it is easy to step over the threshold into its space.

Growth, too, in our musical offerings, across all three of our churches…

Aaron King at St Mary's organised a wonderful Coronation Concert in May involving many local schools and groups, and lunchtime concerts on last Saturdays monthly have a loyal following, continually gaining new fans. The musical programme is ever-varied and the refreshments reassuringly the same (did someone say sausages?).

And, quite unlike anything else, local schoolchildren narrated "Peter and the Wolf" while Andrew Gallacher of St Thomas's heroically played the complete score on piano - an inclusive musical experience for all the children, especially those who are not singers or learning to play an instrument.

St Michael's hosted the very different offerings of a joyful Nat King Cole afternoon (aka organist Alan Lewis) and William Byrd's sublime Mass for Four Voices set in the context of a Eucharist, performed by the St Giles Consort, with hymn singing to raise the rafters!

Community singing events continued to be a feature at St Thomas's, the church also enables gifted young musicians to practice performing in a supportive environment, helping them to grow in confidence and skill, guided by local music teachers with whom we are building ever-stronger links.

The Team grows in cohesion; our volunteers and staff increasingly work across all three churches, our outreach to children and young people is increasingly confident, and our finances keep their head above water (just! Annual financial deficits, even when small, need to be reversed if we are still to be here in 30 years' time).

And those "comings and goings" …

We welcomed Craig Dreyer as our Hon Treasurer across all three churches. Craig has brought a uniform approach to the presentation of our church finances as well as insight and understanding of our individual church needs.

In May I was Licensed as Team Rector, a very joyful service and a poignant reminder of the very pastoral and caring ministry Bishop Alan Wilson offered on such occasions, and the sadness we feel at his sudden death in February 2024.

In September we most enthusiastically welcomed Lucy as Team Vicar of St Mary's. It had been a long wait but it is marvellous to have Lucy on board and getting to know us in these first months of her ministry.

St Mary's said goodbye to their long-serving administrator, Helen Sanderson-White, and, in taking on some of her role, Christine Adali now works across all three of our churches.

And on the last day of 2023 we said a sad farewell to Michael Johnson and his family, as he took the skills which had helped bring the Dove to birth in Beaconsfield all the way to Cornwall and a role across 19 parishes, helping them to find new vision and a sustainable way of being church.

We have said hello to new friends in our church congregations and we have said goodbye to old and dear friends who have moved away or departed our earthly shores. We miss them hugely, while being grateful that their presence among us has shaped who we are and will continue to influence who we will be as we look forever forward, renewed by God's grace.

Finally, a big thank you to all who give so much time, energy and expertise to making our Team churches all that they are and can be. We exist only through the willingness of those who value our church life and contribute to its flourishing.

Sharon.

St Michael's

St Michael's year has been a reassuring mixture of the established and the new and, in people terms, as ever, of hellos and goodbyes.

The service pattern first introduced as temporary, following lockdown, has endured and will remain in place until such time as feels right to change. It allows for a variety of styles of worship to be enjoyed week by week and it is encouraging that these seem to be equally valued by those who attend. So in this respect we will continue to abide by the mantra "*If it ain't broke don't fix it".*

None of this precludes us from being ever watchful for God's promptings to pursue something new, explore something as yet unknown, especially given the heavy responsibility we all bear to be Christ's "hands and feet" in the world and to spread His gospel ("good news").

Sometimes, though, it's a case of finding a new way in and much of our focus this year has been on children and young people and on music (and often on both at the same time). There is reference earlier in the report to some of these events but one which isn't mentioned is our ongoing efforts to build church singing. This is easier said than done.

Although our small choir performs valiantly on all occasions it would like to be bigger. We took a step towards building confidence with those who both love to sing and those who think they can't when we held the Christmas "Come and Sing" Carol Service, when 30 adults, young people and children joined forces and achieved far more than they thought possible under the expert guidance of Helen Baker.

There was no singing involved on Shrove Tuesday, when we paused the children's races of pre-lock down times (not least on Health and Safety grounds) and instead offered a variety of "activity stations" around the church, plus quizzes and crafts…. and, of course, pancakes. This meant there was something for everyone, not just the children who wanted to tear around the church at top speed.

We were delighted - for the second year in a row - to be holding First Communion preparation classes for St Michael's children, with Florence, Grace and Hannah receiving their first Communions at Pentecost.

Tom Holyer re-started Men's Lunches for the first time since the pandemic and they have been well received as important social events, especially for those who live alone.

We said goodbye to John Gibbs, who has moved to Sonning Common, but welcomed new members of the congregation too. And, on the staff front, in September we said goodbye to Gemma Allwood as Hall Bookings Manager and hello to Alison Harper, who has taken over that role. Alison has introduced a fully automated room booking system which not only considerably cuts down on the administrative time and effort of booking and invoicing manually but also enables enquirers to see at a glance if the facility is available to them. In a culture which increasingly expects to gain instant information this has been a huge benefit and, so far, is working well.

We welcomed Craig Dreyer as Team Hon Treasurer for our 3 churches and we are hugely grateful for his detailed and dedicated work, and his interest in what, as church, we are seeking to achieve. Christine Adali continues in her role as book-keeper and office manager for which we are very grateful, but she, too, now works across all 3 of our churches, making her a busy person but which brings many benefits, not least in terms of integrated communication and streamlined administration.

On our DCC we said goodbye to Tommy Lecky, whose term of office ended, and hello to Charles Gillham, and we were especially delighted to welcome Lynn Johnson as Churchwarden alongside Daphne. With Annie Bennett, Emily Lambourne and Mary Bischoff appointed Assistant Churchwardens we have a sustainable model of leadership and a strong DCC (who aren't afraid to have fun too!). We are grateful that Kristel Van Wauwe remains Deanery Synod Representative (alongside Hazel Chow) and St Michael's representative on the PCC Outside Giving Sub Committee (alongside Tom Holyer). Thank you, Kristel for the duties you also undertook until December as Parish Safeguarding Officer. The DCC met at the Convent of the Sisters of the Church in Gerrards Cross for another Away Morning in October, mindful that St Michael's 3 Year Mission Action Plan concludes in 2024, so pressure mounts to meet the targets we set ourselves back in 2021.

Like St Mary's and St Thomas's, St Michael's took advantage of part-funding by the Diocese to undertake an Energy Audit and the resultant report gave us some suggested areas of action to reduce our carbon footprint - and our energy bills. One action we took straight away was cavity wall insulation in the church hall, where benefit could immediately be felt.

As ever there are tremendous thanks due to all who lead and nourish us spiritually - to Sharon, Cathy and Hazel; to all who work hard as staff and lay volunteers - Christine and Alison, Daphne and Lynn as Churchwardens, Annie, Mary and Emily as Assistant Churchwardens, and all on the DCC; not forgetting key lay people who make things happen - Xandie, Zoe, Jane and Margaret in our children's work, Alan and all members of the choir, and everyone who is on a Welcomers, Readers, Intercessors, Flower Arrangers, Maintenance or Coffee rota, on which there are always vacancies!

photo David Rolfe

St Mary's

Highlights

- The appointment of Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson licensed on 6th September beginning a new chapter in the life and ministry at St. Mary's. The wonderful Service of Licensing by Bishop Alan was followed by Lucy's installation by Revd Canon Chris Bull
- The Coronation of King Charles, celebrated in church with bell ringing, fabulous displays by local schools and Junior Church featuring totally recycled materials in the words GOD SAVE THE KING, the orb, sceptre and crown, photo displays of his life and, in the churchyard, patriotic bunting made by the congregation and a new addition, the Bug hotel.
- The wonderful Coronation Concert on Friday 12th May of uplifting music, led by Aaron King with school choirs, orchestra and a huge church choir.
- Growth of our music and progress on the organ project: Lunchtime recitals were much appreciated and welcomed more music lovers into our church.
- In May we welcomed our families from the Newham Refugee and migrant project to a day out at Odds Farm
- Christmas proved a very busy time with a wonderful Nine Lessons and Carols, three Holy Communion Services and two crib services where we welcomed nearly 600 children and their families.

Work of St Mary's DCC included

- Oversight of the Vacancy process and the appointment of a Team Vicar at St. Mary's
- Discussion and oversight of all regular church services.
- Receiving and considering finance reports with the guidance of Craig Dreyer our new Team Treasurer.
- The Music Project covering both the community work and the organ project.
- Implementation of building works
- Safeguarding which is always uppermost in our minds
- Partnership working with St Michael's, St Thomas' and The Dove Café

Worship

Thanks to Margot assisted by Sharon, Michael and visiting clergy, our pattern of services was maintained until Lucy was licensed in September when we were delighted to have Lucy and Margot sharing leading us in worship.

Going into 2023 worship had largely reverted to pre pandemic practice with two exceptions, kneeling at the altar rail and the common cup. In February we reintroduced kneeling at the altar rail to receive communion and service booklets for 8.00 am Communion and Evensong. After discussion, the common cup was reintroduced at all communion services from June. A few remain who prefer not to receive the common cup, and reassurance is given about how to receive the sacrament. We are grateful to those who give their time and commitment to serving as Sacristan, Deacons, Chalice Assistants, Servers and Sidespeople. We remain short of volunteers for these valuable roles, but two Deacons were trained and teenagers again help on the AV system at the 10 am service.

Key Services in 2023

January - Annual Memorial service with tea

February - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

March- Mothering Sunday Holy Communion with daffodil posies for all

April - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Good Friday devotions led by Revd Peggy Ludlow, Area Dean. 8am and 10am Easter Day Holy Communion services.

September – Licensing service for the Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson and Harvest All-Age service.

October - Civic service for Town Mayor Councillor Jackson Ng.

November - War Memorial service for schools, the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by the Civic Service in Church.

December - Advent Carol service, Nine Lessons & Carols service, two Crib Services, Midnight Holy Communion, 8am and 10am Christmas Holy Communion services as well as local schools for their Carol Services.

Weddings and baptisms are always welcomed but fewer in number after the post pandemic rush. We held 15 baptisms, and 7 weddings.

Sadly we lost a number of our congregation in 2023 and 21 funerals were held at St. Mary's.

Pastoral: The team of eight members continue to support our congregation in times of need and illness. We take Home Communion to residents of Bradbury House at Easter and Christmas and now in a regular monthly pattern as well as to members of our congregation unable to attend church. We are delighted that our buildings are well used by local organisations such as AA, Singing for the Brain, the Care and Share Group for those with Dementia as well as friendship offered by the many societies who use the Fitzwilliams Centre.

Housegroups: The friendship and support housegroup members give each other through prayer, bible study and creative thinking is a wonderful church resource. There are currently 6 housegroups with 59 members.

Music: New voices have joined St Mary's choir and the choir led concerts at the Coronation time and Christmas Recital in December alongside their regular contribution to our worship. Monthly recitals have proved very popular with outstanding contributions from our own Aaron King, Helen Baker from St. Michaels, the Chiltern Chirpers and the wonderful team of talented local musicians.
The organ project: A meeting was held with the Oxford diocesan organ consultants in July which allowed us to move to final quotations with our proposed organ companies. We plan to present these to the DCC, PCC and congregation in 2024. We are fortunate to have the continuing commitment of Aaron King, Sean Groombridge and Steve Snaith who lead this project.

Social events: Our first 'social' event of 2023 was the brunch following the family Service at the beginning of February. 'Brunches' have become increasingly popular over the year and many families and groups come and enjoy a shorter simpler time of worship on the 1st Sunday followed by food and friendship. Following that the popular Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday was again a time of friendship and feasting. The Country Fayre again proved a huge success with all enjoying the festivities. In September we held the postponed 'Last Night of the Proms' singalong with supper. Our thanks go to those who give so much to these events, organising, contributing and supporting.

Buildings and Fabric: We are ever grateful to Hugh Suter and Peter Grey who have undertaken a huge amount of maintenance and upkeep of the church and Fitzwilliams Centre. Significant activities in 2023 have been the addition of all the memorials into FindaGrave.com, 5-year fixed electrical test, tidying the compost bins, external painting of the FWC, conversion of the church floodlights to LED, the amplifier in the church sound system was replaced and the dishwasher PCB replaced following a fault. 4 stained glass windows were vandalised, and these have been repaired. A special thanks to Sheila, who cleans the FWC every day and maintains the garden of remembrance and to Peter who opens and locks the church daily. We are grateful for Deborah and Peter Sanders' work keeping the magnificent kneelers in good condition and monitoring the condition of our beautiful altar frontal.

Mission partners: Our support and relationship building with our mission partners has continued and, indeed, grown during this year in so many ways. Our regular runs to Newham with clothing and food, various ways of helping Wycombe Homeless including sleeping out in the cold, providing food for the London Run.

Team Outside Giving Committee we give 12.5% of our income into Outside Giving, 8% of which goes to the five nominated team charities, updates on these are later in this Report. . The other 4.5 % is given at the discretion of each church. St Mary's gives to Wycombe Homeless Connection and The Bible Society. In addition, we have funds to give to 'crisis situations'. We welcome other requests from the congregation for funding for other worthy causes.

Thanks: There are many to thank for their unfailing service during 2023.
These include our Finance Manager Deborah Forrest in the church office and our dedicated churchwarden Wendy Godrich who gives hugely of herself and works tirelessly for St Mary's.

Two stand out who are stepping down from their roles.

Lesley has been an amazing servant as Secretary to the DCC with her impeccable minutes and administrative skills.

Bill has wisely decided it is time to relax and enjoy those parts of church life that being a warden excludes. He has been more than a support to so many, you could not ask for a wiser, more patient and sincere friend.

Our grateful thanks to all those who contribute to church life.

St Thomas'

Every year brings with it variety, change, challenges and status quo. 2023 was no exception. Our services are led by both clergy and laity and we are grateful to all who lead our services. One of the joys of being part of the Beaconsfield Team is the support that we get and can offer to others. Our pattern of services remained as Communion services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9.30am, with a 4pm Communion once a month. The remaining services are a mixture of morning praise and afternoon prayers. David and Lorraine Izzard have introduced us to Café Church on the fourth Sunday. It is hoped that this less formal style of service will attract others to worship with us.

Christmas is always a busy period. We are grateful to High March School for again donating to us a large Christmas tree when the school broke up for Christmas. We saw many families coming to St Thomas'. Holtspur School performed their Nativity Service to parents, family and friends, it is always a joyous occasion to be able to see so many children remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

Physically our building has changed. On the outside of St Thomas' is a beautiful Dove mosaic designed by Maud Milton. This is the third mosaic in Beaconsfield, the other two being at the Medical Centre and the Library. People from across the community made tiles that became part of one or more of the mosaics. The mosaic was officially launched at our St Thomas' Day celebration. Following our communion service we had a very busy day with crafts and games, a BBQ, a talk about Tea from a local expert and the Community Stars Awards. Huge thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day happen.

In the summer we once again took part in the Holtspur Scarecrow Trail. Anyone coming to St Thomas' would have seen our 'scarecrow' on the wall of St Thomas' House – a huge Dove from empty 4 pint milk bottles made by Tony Griffiths. Those taking part in the trail voted for their favourite scarecrow and Tony's Dove took second place.

In October we had a Harvest Supper and quiz. It was a fun, relaxed evening with friends, the first we have had since covid. Once again the British Association of Christian Bands held their charity concert, this year with Andrew Gallagher on the piano. This was a wonderful event. All monies raised were in aid of St Thomas' support for Ukraine. Everyone was moved when we were invited to stand whilst the band played the Ukrainian National Anthem.

Over the past year The Dove Café has brought people into St Thomas'. In just two years it has grown beyond what we expected. We see 400 people a week choosing to use the café. We see regular groups of friends coming in every week, relaxing, chatting and sharing time with each other. We have people coming in with their carers, we have families coming in with their children.

There are many community groups that come and offer their support to others. We have Café Ukraine, Talking Café, Parkinson's Café, Kindness in Bucks, Knit and Natter to name but a few.

We are a registered warm space, somewhere to feel safe where someone can just spend their day. We have a large rail of warm coats, scarves and blankets that are free to anyone who needs them. Our Pay It Forward board has a range of meals and drinks that have already been paid for by others. No-one should go hungry and the meals are there for anyone who may need one.

During school holidays it has been good to see families coming to our Wednesday Community Lunches. With funding from Helping Hand and the Clare Foundation we have been able to offer free food for children during the school holidays.

It is not just customers that the Dove Café brings to St Thomas'. The café could not function without the massive support from all our volunteers, whether it is serving in the café, clearing tables, making coffee or coming to Bake and Banter to produce 'home made' cakes and brownies. We are extremely thankful of all their time and all that they do.

We must also give our thanks to all the hard work and dedication of our three members of staff. In 2023 Natalie joined Jodie and Nicki, making 2.5 paid members of staff. It is through their hard work and the time they spend at the cafe beyond their normal hours that help make it the success that it is

In 2023 the Dove Café became a separate financial entity. The income reached the threshold for paying VAT, which without becoming separate the whole of the income from all our three churches would have been liable for VAT. This has meant budgets have had to be carefully looked at. However the Dove Café continues to do well.

31st December 2023 was Michael Johnson's last day. After five years leading St Thomas' Michael has moved on to new challenges in Cornwall. A service on that day saw friends from all three of our churches and beyond come to worship together, give thanks for all that Michael and Ulia have given to us and to wish the whole family well in their new life.

In 2023 we welcomed Craig Dreyer as Treasurer for our 3 Team Churches. We are grateful for all the time and expertise that he gives us. Christine Adali continues to support us in her book-keeping and administrative roles, for which we are always grateful.

We give thanks to all who support St Thomas' in so many ways, whether it is being on a committee, organising events or supporting us financially; but most of all we give you thanks for your prayers. We enter 2024 in vacancy, with meetings, reports and arrangements to complete. We are very grateful that we are in such a supportive team offering encouragement and advice after having gone through a vacancy at St Mary's.

How to sum up 2023 at St Thomas? It has been a busy year. Our doors are open seven days a week as we welcome people from our local community and further afield into our church. It is true to say that the majority of people coming do so for The Dove Café, but we are doing God's work.

We may never know what impact The Dove Café has on people's lives, but we know that for some this will be the first time that they have ever stepped foot inside a church. If we are not going to go to the people, let the people come to us. Let us show people what it is to be a follower of Christ. Let us show them God's love through service, through welcome, through listening, through witness, through compassion.

Be prayerful and know that God is with us.

Outside Giving

The Outside Giving committee met to discuss and pray for the 5 charities supported by the PCC during 2023.

Renewal Programme Newham

St Mary's once again gave harvest gifts to Newham Renewal and the team remains, as ever hugely grateful. The church also provided Christmas gifts once again in 2023. Many of the congregation made tote bags, and these were packed with toys and gifts and delivered in early December.
The Renewal Programme has been given permission to use a site on High Street North as a Community Garden, they are currently applying for grants to complete the work. They hosted a Community Energy Champions Launch Event which was a massive success. This project is an extension of their existing Stay Warm in Newham project, with an emphasis on community outreach and delivering programmes to support vulnerable communities struggling with rising energy costs. They will be serving hot meals and providing a warm space, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday!
On a recent visit, Peter Laing highlighted a loss of income from grants, times are hard in the charity sector and applications are far exceeding funds available. The St Mary's team was very touched by the reaction to news of Chris Burley's passing when talking to Shirley their office manager. It reinforced the sense that of family – Newham and Beaconsfield.

Sharon International Ministries (SIM)

The school continues to grow, such is the need in basically poor villages around the school – up to 1 hour's school bus ride away. At present the number of pupils attending school is just under 900 with 55% boys and 45% girls. Children start at the age of 4 years in Nursery, then progress each year through Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and then spend the following 10 years in the main school in classes from 1 to 10. In the last year (10) they study for the School Leaving Certificate which with a good result enables them to further their education or qualify them for an apprenticeship. The number of teachers remains at 38. The more recent 2nd floor and wing now needs to be painted and the floor needs a finishing layer.

Here in Beaconsfield SIM hopes to fulfil its commitment to pay the teachers' salaries (£ 40,000) this year. So far £30,000 has been sent and by the end of the year another £10,000 should be sent thanks in no small way to the generous donation from Outside Giving. Next year we shall make the same commitment. We continue to pray for Dr. Sam, the headmaster, Venga Gobi, and the headmistress, Namburi Savithri and all the other teachers and staff and for all the pupils, especially those who are in their final year studying for the School Leaving Certificate exam to be held in April next year.

New Generation Burundi

Street outreach is an important part of New Generation Burundi's work. Their model is to reach out to as many street-connected children as possible. One such child is Charlene, she was only five when she first lived on the streets as part of a begging gang. Charlene is now 15 years old. She goes to a regular street outreach. In their rehabilitation programme, children live in a house with peers alongside house parents. They go to school, are provided with all that they need, and even get the opportunity for work or university when they reach 18-years-old.

New Generation Burundi are working in partnership with Great Lakes Outreach. They are looking to build and establish a new safe space and education centre. Land has already been purchased in a prime location in Bujumbura and a team of UK architects have drawn up plans. The centre will comprise of several buildings built around courtyards to include a church, café, shop and training facilities along with accommodation for children. This is an ambitious project that will require funding of $2 million. Once built the centre will be a place of opportunity and support that will be able to reach out to more children living on the streets. The eagerly awaited Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023 took place in India, with 19 teams taking part. The team from Burundi impressed those who watched, especially as cricket is a relatively new sport there. They won their matches against Mauritius and Hungary. The young leaders had this message, "I am Somebody. You are Somebody. We are all Somebody."

Embrace the Middle East

EMBRACE have had many years of experience in the Middle East with Christian Partners working in the region. They have staff working in the hospitals in Gaza. The terrible suffering and bombing of Gaza City and Gaza have been seen and heard on our news bulletins since the horrific Hamas attack on 7 October 2023.

Bombs hit Gaza each day causing thousand of fatalities. Embrace staff continue to provide urgent help despite the daily explosions and unbearable conditions. EMBRACE and the church in Gaza ask for prayers for the killing to stop, the violence to end, for humanitarian aid to reach the population needing water, food, shelter, medical supplies and fuel. There is a big risk of disease and infections as food and medicines become scarce. When communications are cut off the situation becomes more difficult and dangerous.

EMBRACE continues to support their local staff as they bring immediate aid to desperate people. Future support will be needed for many years to rebuild and help traumatised families on both sides.

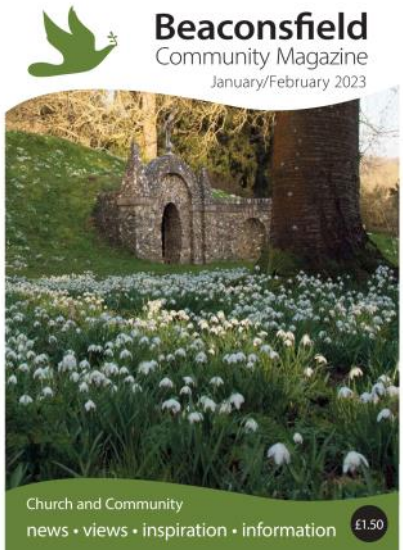
Mission Aviation Fellowship

MAF Pilot Daniel Loewen-Rudgers flew eye specialists from the Fred Hollows Foundation to Mandera, Kenya. Insecurity in the area means the dangerous journey by road would have taken 17 hours. The MAF flight took only three. Once in Mandera, the eye specialists ran a five-day camp. They provided screenings, diagnoses, treatments and counselling. Incredibly, they performed 295 sight-restoring surgeries. The short clinic has changed residents' lives forever. Habiba, a grandmother, regained her sight after years of living in the dark. The team felt blessed to give Habiba the opportunity to see her grandchildren's faces after years of knowing only their voices. The success of the surgical eye camp was made possible by the collaboration between MAF, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Australian Aid and the County Government of Mandera. We pray that those who received treatment will recover well and will rejoice at having their sight restored and that preventable blindness will continue to be treated throughout the world. We also pray for safe MAF flights in Kenya and for all the MAF staff who make them possible. We give thanks that whatever the human or physical barriers the Lord always finds a way to help those who need Him most.

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre: The Beaconsfield Team churches also support the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre with annual funding, The BAC was set up initially by Churches Together and staffed by volunteers from across the churches and the town. BAC Advisors provide information and practical assistance to anyone in any kind of need by means of an enquiry centre.

The Community Magazine

The Community Magazine team is very grateful to our subscribers, distributors, deliverers and advertisers who continue to support the magazine.



After making a loss in 2022 as a result of the fall in advertising income following the pandemic, we took various steps in the hope of improving the financial position. The magazine subscription was raised from £10 to £15 p.a. and the cost of an individual magazine from £1 - £1.50.
We also increased our efforts to attract new advertisers which produced some positive results. Finally, following negotiations with the printers they agreed to maintain the status quo and not to impose a suggested price increase of close to 8%. On this basis we agreed to stay with them.

We are very fortunate that Hazel Chow has continued with her introductory note from the Town Chaplain, on the opening page of the magazine. We thank her very much for this regular contribution.

From an editorial point of view major news stories in 2023 included St Mary's preparations for the Coronation with the strong theme of conservation and the continuation of mosaic-making workshops as part of the community project to develop a cultural trail of mosaics around the town.

We had a moving article from one of our Ukrainian friends reflecting on her life in England one year on from the start of the war. We also told the remarkable story of the Beaconsfield Friends of Cancer research who had reached £1 million in funds raised. We continued to follow the amazing progress of the Dove Cafe and covered regular events like Lighthouse and the Country Fayre. The Holtspur Scarecrow Trail was a great success and apart from the enjoyment of tracking down the characters it brought a lot of business to the Dove Café, which featured on the trail. We were delighted to cover Lucy's Licensing in September, a very moving and joyful occasion.

Many other happy occasions were featured including Bill and Margaret Edwards Golden Wedding Anniversary and the Beaconsfield Society's well-deserved award to Ruth Moores as Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Financial Position

As a result of the action referred to above the income from subscriptions increased by 22% and the advertising picked up with the income from this source rising by over 16%. Despite the improvements the magazine is still running at a loss of £1,641,a 60% improvement against the loss of £4,104 in 2022.

In a further effort to improve the financial position, we advised the advertisers of a price increase, averaging 5%, for 2024 and we are pleased that all those who were due to renew at the beginning of the year did so without any problems over the increase.

Sadly, we have seen another fall in subscribers mainly as some long-standing readers are no longer with us. Recently we did a magazine drop among the new houses in Wilton Park and we wait to see if this produces any response.

Our team of distributors and deliverers is stable, but some of our more elderly helpers are beginning to struggle, so although others are wonderful at stepping in, we are always on the look-out for new deliverers.

Early in the year we had a change to the team as Nicki Edwards, the former treasurer handed over to Sarah Ainsworth. We are grateful to Nicki for her years of handling the magazine accounts and very grateful to Sarah for taking on this role. Being an accountant, she is ideally suited to the task.

Sally Masters, continues as the efficient subscriptions manager and we thank her for all the work she does for the magazine.

Finally, very grateful thanks to Margaret Mardall as Editor for her expertise, hard work and commitment.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas', Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll as at May 2024 was 523 (2023 528)

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Bankers
Lloyds TSB plc

Legal Advisers
Winckworth Sherwood
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PCC Members (Trustees) 2023

The Revd Sharon Roberts Team Rector, St Michael's

The Revd Michael Johnson Team Vicar, St Thomas'

The Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson, Team Vicar, St Mary's (from September 2023)

The Revd Margot Suter Associate Priest, St Mary's

Mrs Hazel Chow Licensed Lay Minister, Town Chaplain

Mrs Wendy Godrich, Churchwarden, St Mary's

Mr Bill Edwards Assistant Churchwarden & St Mary's PCC rep

Mr Craig Dreyer, St Mary's PCC rep (from May 2023), Treasurer

Mrs Harriet Baldwin, St Mary's PCC rep (until May 2023) Secretary

Mrs Fiona Collins Churchwarden, St Thomas'

Mr Trevor Sharkey St Thomas' Deanery Synod representative

Mr Andrew Farncombe St Mary's Deanery Synod representative (until April 2023)

Mr David Knowles, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative (from September 2023)

Professor Derek Portwood, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mr Eddie Weiss St. Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Dr Daphne Scott, Churchwarden, St Michael's

Mrs Lynn Johnson, Churchwarden, St Michael's, (from May 2023)

Mrs Mary Bischoff St Michael's PCC representative

Mrs Annie Bennett, St Michael's PCC representative

Mrs Catherine Davidson, St Thomas' PCC representative (until May 2023)

Mr Richard Davidson, St Thomas' PCC representative (until May 2023)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259. The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees. All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches. The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A local firm of Accountants is appointed as Independent Examiners.

The PCC held scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September, and November 2023. The Section 12 meeting as part of the recruitment process for a new Team Rector was held in January 2023

The PCC Standing Committee met in January, May, September and November in preparation for scheduled PCC meetings.

PCC discussions

Regular items for the Standing Committee and for the PCC included:

- DCC reports from the churches: including worship & services, buildings and working with the wider community;
- Outside Giving reports of working with mission partners;
- Collaboration and team working within the Team and with the wider community;
- Appointment of governors to St Mary's School (at meetings and by email circulation);
- Buildings & property matters: the Church house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let commercially during 2023, with new tenants in February 2023.

Financial matters

- Regular quarterly reporting of income and expenditure against budget from the 3 churches and from the Team account, including how to address the ongoing deficit in finances;
- Streamlining and simplifying financial processes across the Team churches with the Team Treasurer taking a strategic overview of finances across the Team as well as working with the 3 church DCCs;
- The Team budget for 2023 including the allocation of the Parish share and expenses amounts for the 3 churches.

Special agenda items for the PCC included:

- The oversight of the vacancy process, communication with the congregations and the preparation of Parish profiles and job descriptions;
- The Dove Café at St Thomas', regular updates throughout the year;
- The Vision for Music, and the music project at St Mary's, communications, community outreach and working with local schools;
- The Annual Report from the Community Magazine for 2023, this report was received in February 2024;
- GDPR and Data Protection matters for the Team, with the PCC taking oversight in this area.

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:
The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Michael's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year.

St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

Within the Parish there are 2 church houses. The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let out commercially from August 2020.
The BCET owns a house at 27 Crossways, which has been rented out commercially from August 2020.
Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and Church & Community Resource Centre and St Thomas' Hall.
Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2023 the unrestricted cash reserves totalled £534,479 and represented 9.3 months of normal recurring expenditure (2022: £414,490 7.8 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements. Depreciation, investment income and building costs associated with the Dove Café, a designated project, have been excluded. The large increase in cash reserves is attributable to large legacies received by St Mary's.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds. The Dove Café was moved to its own new legal entity with effect from January 2023 (the 2022 financial results include the Dove Café).

Income in 2023 totalled £747,534 (2022: £671,509) and includes income from designated and restricted funds (Excluding restricted and designated funds, total income for 2023 was £747,132 (2022: £569,115). Legacies of £219,902 (2022: £25,619) were recognised in the year. Regular Giving, including the associated tax recoverable, accounts for around 37% of all unrestricted income and is £274,032, which is lower than the prior year (2022: £302,575).

Expenditure in 2023 totalled £592,418 (2022: £778,517), 2022 includes costs associated with designated and restricted funds - Dove Café £149,775. Depreciation on restricted / designated assets for 2023 was £15,900. Unrestricted total expenditure for 2023 was £571.384 (2022: £593,887). This includes depreciation (a non-cash expense) on unrestricted funds of £15,224.

Parish share and staff costs totalled £338,905 and account for 59% of all unrestricted expenditure.

In 2023 there was an unrealised gain on Investments of £8,480 (2022: loss £11,861) and Dividends of £2,674 (2022: £2,659) were received. The total surplus for the year was £163,596 (2022: deficit £118,870) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a surplus of £184,227 (2022: deficit £36,632). Excluding depreciation, the total surplus for the year was £194,720.

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023 was £1,440,109 (2022: £1,276,513) of which £4,200 was Restricted and £618,597 was Designated. Unrestricted funds stood at £817,312.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2023 was £531,758 (2022: £410,978).

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

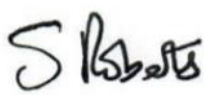
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate action to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 April and signed on its behalf by:



Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF

BEACONSFIELD TEAM MINISTRY

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

This report is made solely to the members of the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for my Independent Examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

D TERRY – Chartered Accountant
RAMON LEE LTD
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LONDON EC2A 4BA

10th May 2024

Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Consolidated End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2023

Prepared by:
Gillian McAlister (FCMA)
McAlister & Co Ltd

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	**2.1**	544,320	200	203	**544,722**	374,756	26,819	2,375	**403,950**
Activities for generating funds	**2.2**	54,059	-	-	**54,059**	58,776	73,047	152	**131,975**
Investment income	**2.3**	9,605	-	-	**9,605**	4,815	-	-	**4,815**
Income from charitable activities	**2.4**	139,148	-	-	**139,148**	130,769	-	-	**130,769**
Total Income		747,132	200	203	**747,534**	569,116	99,866	2,527	**671,509**
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	**3.1**	32,693	3,556	-	**36,249**	37,194	40,288	-	**77,482**
Charitable activities	**3.2**	533,291	15,900	1,578	**550,769**	547,438	141,868	2,474	**691,780**
Management costs	**3.3**	5,400	-	-	**5,400**	9,255	-	-	**9,255**
Total Expenditure		571,384	19,456	1,578	**592,418**	593,887	182,156	2,474	**778,517**
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		**175,748**	**(19,256)**	**(1,375)**	**155,117**	**(24,771)**	**(82,290)**	**53**	**(107,008)**
Transfers between funds									**-**
Other recognised gains / losses									**-**
Gains/losses on investments	**6**	8,480	-	-	**8,480**	(11,861)	-	-	**(11,861)**
Net movement in funds		**184,227**	**(19,256)**	**(1,375)**	**163,596**	**(36,632)**	**(82,290)**	**53**	**(118,870)**
Total funds bought forward		**633,085**	**637,853**	**5,575**	**1,276,513**	**669,717**	**720,143**	**5,522**	**1,395,383**
Total funds carried forward		**817,312**	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,440,109**	**633,085**	**637,853**	**5,575**	**1,276,513**

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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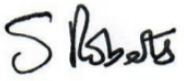
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	**5**	196,536	615,877	-	**812,413**	846,104
Investments	**6**	120,213	-	-	**120,213**	89,348
		316,749	615,877	-	**932,626**	935,452
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	**7**	19,255	-	-	**19,255**	24,971
Cash in hand and at bank		270,201	2,721	4,200	**277,122**	294,815
Short term deposits		261,557	-	-	**261,557**	125,250
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		551,013	2,721	4,200	**557,934**	445,035
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(50,450)	-	-	**(50,450)**	(103,971)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		500,563	2,721	4,200	**507,484**	341,064
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		817,312	618,597	4,200	**1,440,109**	1,276,513
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	**-**	**-**
NET ASSETS		**817,312**	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,440,109**	**1,276,513**
FUNDS	**9**					
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds		817,312	-	-	**817,312**	633,085
Designated funds	**9.1**	-	618,597	-	**618,597**	637,853
		817,312	618,597	-	**1,435,909**	1,270,938
Restricted funds	**9.2**	-	-	4,200	**4,200**	5,575
		817,312	**618,597**	**4,200**	**1,440,109**	**1,276,513**

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 8th MAY 2024
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :



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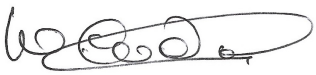

Mrs Wendy Godrich (Senior Churchwarden)

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Net movement in funds		**155,117**	**(107,008)**
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	**5**	33,693	59,398
Investment income	**2.3**	(9,605)	(4,815)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		5,716	(6,070)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(53,521)	30,647
Net cash from operating activities		**131,400**	**(27,848)**
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	**5**	-	-
Movement in investments	**6.2**	(22,385)	-
Investment income	**2.3**	9,605	4,815
Cash flow from investing activities		**(12,780)**	**4,815**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		**118,619**	**(23,033)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		**420,065**	**443,097**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**538,679**	**420,065**

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	**2023**	**2022**
Cash at bank and in hand	277,122	294,815
Short Term Deposits	261,557	125,250
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**538,679**	**420,065**

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels.The consolidated figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. The financial statements of all three DCCs are subject to separate independent examination prior to inclusion in the consolidated figures. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are show at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued on October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings
Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.
Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.
Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME		**Unrestricted Funds**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**2023 Total**	**2022 Total**
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		194,982	-	-	**194,982**	206,734
Tax recoverable		38,061	-	-	**38,061**	46,755
Other planned giving		40,989	200	203	**41,392**	76,112
Collections at services		11,062	-	-	**11,062**	751
Sundry donations		-	-	-	**-**	-
		285,094	200	203	**285,497**	330,352
Other voluntary income						
BCET	**11.1**	33,500	-	-	**33,500**	33,000
HMRC furlough grant		-	-	-	**-**	-
Donations, appeals etc		5,823	-	-	**5,823**	14,979
Legacies		219,902	-	-	**219,902**	25,619
		259,225	-	-	**259,225**	73,598
		544,320	200	203	**544,722**	403,950
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land lettings		25,305	-	-	**25,305**	27,017
Church hall lettings		-	-	-	**-**	-
Beaconsfield Community Mag		19,617	-	-	**19,617**	17,495
Social activities		2,775	-	-	**2,775**	5,215
Dove Café		-	-	-	**-**	70,587
Other fundraising		6,362	-	-	**6,362**	11,661
		54,059	-	-	**54,059**	131,975
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		6,931	-	-	**6,931**	2,156
Dividends		2,674	-	-	**2,674**	2,659
Realised gain/(loss) on investment		-	-	-	**-**	-
		9,605	-	-	**9,605**	4,815
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		15,324	-	-	**15,324**	24,856
Church hall lettings		123,824	-	-	**123,824**	105,913
Bookstall / Children		-	-	-	**-**	-
		139,148	-	-	**139,148**	130,769
Total Income		**747,132**	**200**	**203**	**747,534**	**671,509**

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	590	2,566	-	**3,156**	3,671
Community magazine	21,419	-	-	**21,419**	21,622
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	4,293	-	-	**4,293**	10,033
Social activities	6,390	990	-	**7,380**	42,155
	32,693	3,556	-	**36,249**	77,481
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	223,556	-	-	**223,556**	233,815
Clergy					
Expenses	3,213	-	-	**3,213**	520
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	4,495	-	-	**4,495**	4,207
	7,708	-	-	**7,708**	4,727
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	58,004	-	-	**58,004**	96,748
Church running expenses	47,095	-	1,578	**48,672**	40,837
Church maintenance	27,382	-	-	**27,382**	45,504
Church improvements & major repairs	-	-	-	**-**	-
Depreciation furniture & fittings	15,225	975	-	**16,200**	38,907
Depreciation freehold property	-	-	-	**-**	-
Training	-	-	-	**-**	100
Team expenses	-	-	-	**-**	-
	147,705	975	1,578	**150,257**	222,096
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	62,202	-	-	**62,202**	44,782
Dove Café building costs	-	-	-	**-**	73,483
Depreciation	(1)	14,925	-	**14,924**	17,925
	62,202	14,925	-	**77,127**	136,190
Youth work					
Cost of youth activities	-	-	-	**-**	-
	-	-	-	**-**	-
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	49,637	-	-	**49,637**	50,118
Printing, stationery & telephone	5,404	-	-	**5,404**	5,694
Bank charges	1,057	-	-	**1,057**	1,074
Other team costs	4,028	-	-	**4,028**	5,447
	60,126	-	-	**60,126**	62,333
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**501,296**	**15,900**	**1,578**	**518,773**	**659,160**

carried forward

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**501,296**	**15,900**	**1,578**	**518,773**	**659,160**
Brought forward					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	4,812	-	-	**4,812**	5,800
Relief and development agencies	9,625	-	-	**9,625**	11,600
Home missions & Church societies	5,996	-	-	**5,996**	6,400
DCC Outside Giving	11,563	-	-	**11,563**	8,820
	31,995	-	-	**31,995**	32,620
Total Charitable activities	**533,291**	**15,900**	**1,578**	**550,769**	**691,780**
3.3 Expenditure on management costs					
Independent Examination / Audit	5,400	-	-	**5,400**	9,255
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**571,384**	**19,456**	**1,578**	**592,418**	**778,517**

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	**110,878**	143,975
Employers NIC	**1,368**	8,145
Pension	**1,330**	1,482
	113,576	**153,602**

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCCs or PCC.
None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were reimbursed travelling and other expenses totalling £512 (2022: £520).

	2023	2022
St Mary's Clergy	**0**	0
St Michael's Clergy	**0**	0
St Thomas' Clergy	**512**	520
Youth work	**0**	0
	512	**520**

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 7 (2022 : 7)
The year ended with 3 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 0 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 7 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.
Reverend Sharon Roberts licensed as Team Rector 3rd May 2023. Reverend Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson licensed as vicar of St Mary's 6th September 2023 and Michael Johnson left 31st December 2023.
There are also number of other posts e.g. Cleaner, Community Magazine Editor who receive payments / honoraria.

5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2023	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Addition	-	-	**-**
Cost as at 31 December 2023	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Depreciation as at 1 January 2023	360,732	206,516	**567,249**
Charge for the year	17,491	16,202	**33,693**
Depreciation as at 31 December 2023	378,223	222,718	**600,941**
Net book value at 1 January 2023	616,243	229,863	846,105
Net book value at 31 December 2023	**598,752**	**213,661**	**812,413**

Freehold property

Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £356,771 in 2023. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The Fitzwillams Centre is vested in Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited on behalf of the PCC. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £2,115,229. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Hall which is over 50 years old and the Community and Resource Centre (CCRC) plus contents are insured for £3,300,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC only at 2% p.a.

		2023	2022
		£	£
6	**INVESTMENTS**		
	St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	**97,828**	**89,348**
	St Thomas' Café	**22,385**	
		120,213	**89,348**

6.1 St Mary's CofE Investment Fund

We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 profit. The remaining investment is now valued at £97,828. An unrealised gain of £8,480 is reported in the year.

Investment value at 1 January 2023	**89,348**
Sale	
Realised Gain	
Unrealised gain / (loss)	8,480
Investment at 31 December 2023	**97,828**

Initial Investment at July 2014	**100,000**
Sale	(60,000)
Realised Gain	15,120
Unrealised Gain	42,708
Investment at 31 December 2023	**97,828**

6.2 St Thomas' Café

The Dove Café Ltd was registered on the 20th January 2023 (Company number 14606882) and immediately commenced trading. The Company has been set up as a trading subsidiary of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Beaconsfield. The Charity holds 100% of the share capital in the Dove Café.
The investment is valued at £22,385 being the surplus donations brought forward £1,385 plus £20,000 donated by St Mary's and £1,000 donated by St Michaels.

7	**DEBTORS**		
	Sundry debtors	-	-
	Income tax recoverable	19,143	22,850
	Prepayments	112	2,121
		19,255	**24,971**
8	**LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year**		
	Sundry creditors and accruals	41,961	44,142
	Deferred income	8,489	57,320
	Community magazine	-	-
	Audit and accountancy	-	-
	Outside giving	-	2,509
		50,450	**103,971**

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9.1 Designated funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2023**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	314,000	-	(11,000)	-	**303,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	143,075	-	(2,566)	-	**140,509**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	177,268	-	(4,900)	-	**172,368**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	634,343	-	(18,466)	-	**615,877**
St Thomas' Café Fund	1,385		-	-	**1,385**
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens	2,126	200	(990)	-	**1,336**
	3,512	200	(990)	-	**2,721**
	637,855	**200**	**(19,456)**	**-**	**618,597**

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
St. Michael's	
Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work
Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep

Restricted funds Fund name	Balance b/forward 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2023**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
St . Michael's					
Bulrushes	3,153		(830)	-	**2,323**
Garden of Remembrance	2,422	203	(748)	-	**1,877**
	5,575	**203**	**(1,578)**	**-**	**4,200**

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2023: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

11.1 The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £33,500 (2022: £33,000) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.

11.2 The Friends of St.Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St.Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

11.3 Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £19,322 (2022: £31,092). There are no conditions attached to these donations.

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31 May 2024

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Dear Gillian

As requested, please find enclosed a copy of the fully signed financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 for your records.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Ingram

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A View from the Team…

Once again in 2022, fellowship and teamworking has enabled us to achieve more over the last year than we would have done if our three churches were working separately in our town.

There were two major team projects which characterised our year of working together:

Hospitality

The Dove Café opened to the public in February 2022, with a public launch on 14th May. The building and development of such a major capital project at St Thomas', was only made possible by the support of all three churches and of individuals from them, who have given generously of their time and money. Our team of volunteers, drawn from all three churches, plus several others (not all churchgoers) were well co-ordinated in support of Tanya Palmer, our experienced Café Manager.

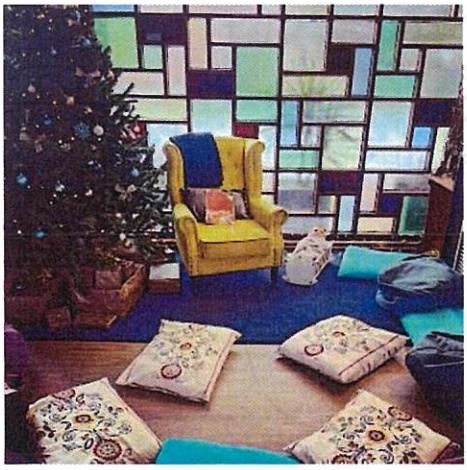
The new café quickly became known as a favourite meeting place for parents of pre-school children. Customer numbers and sales figures began modestly but soon began to rise month upon month and continued to grow throughout the year. Excluding building costs the cafe broke even in July, more than a year ahead of projections.

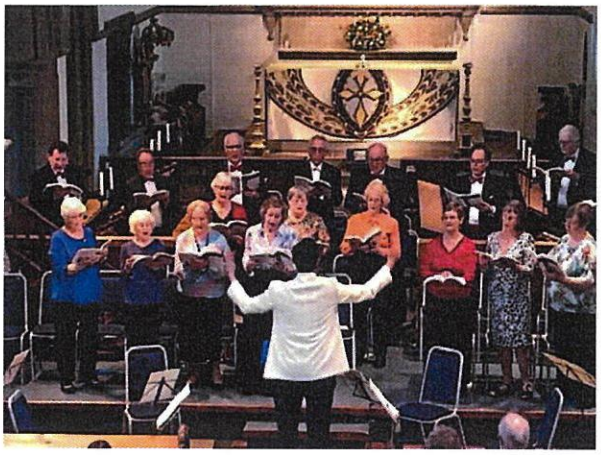
In September, Jodie Brown succeeded Tanya as Café Manager, bringing new energy and vision. Her ability to adapt to the needs of other groups has forged several mutually beneficial alliances and she keeps us all updated daily through social media.

And members of all three of our churches remain crucial to the success, planning and daily operational running of the café.

The build up to Christmas gave us opportunities to try engaging café customers in new ways, with several positive results. At the end of the year, two major challenges loomed: our growth in sales meant we attracted VAT and the unexpected hike in energy prices meant our overhead costs soared.

Strategies to mitigate those two effects took us into the new year.



Musical Engagement

The team-wide music project has already started to build relationships with local schools and local musicians, professionals, amateurs and children all included. There have already been several concerts in our churches and expressions of interest from key musical contacts.

A newsletter informs followers about much of what is happening. There have been ticketed concerts, fundraising concerts and concerts for children to try out playing in front of an audience. And there's much more to follow in 2023!

The Platinum Jubilee and then the death of Queen Elizabeth II were both occasions when the team worked together, serving the needs of our community and nation both to celebrate and to mourn.

The annual Beaconsfield Country Fayre was another success this year and, as usual, made a significant financial contribution to many charities and community groups. But Sylvia Jones and the team involved are facing huge challenges to keep this event going.

Like so many other churches and organisations, the Team has continued to face ongoing financial challenges during 2022, with all three churches budgeting for a loss. The significant shortfall of income against expenditure in the year continues to be a cause for concern. Clearly, a priority for all three churches in 2023 is to find ways to address these challenges.

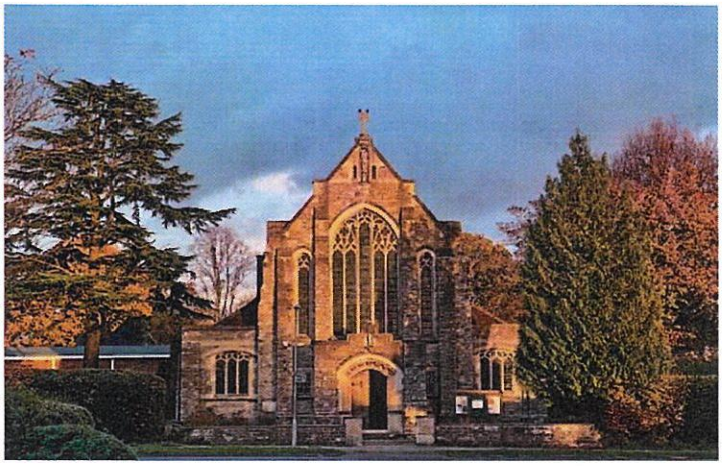
We also continue to face the challenge of having no full-time priest at St Mary's, nor a Team Rector for the team. Again, this would unquestionably have proved much more difficult if not for the collaborative support of our team of clergy and lay leaders.

After consultation with the PCC, DCCs, congregations and the diocese, it was decided to reshape our recruitment expectations. We realised, happily, that Revd Sharon Roberts might well be called to serve us as Team Rector, thus making it possible for a new Team Vicar at St Mary's to focus their efforts on one congregation, while continuing to build on the good relationships of leaders across the team.

And so we look ahead to new beginnings in 2023, to welcoming a new Rector for the Team and a new Team Vicar for St Mary's. And for the contribution we each of us can make to both work ever more closely together with fellow Christians across our town and to look ever more widely outwards to serving our community and our world.

Revd Michael Johnson

St Michael's



2022 felt like a coming home to what was "normal" again. I was very conscious of this, arriving as I did at St Michael's just six months before Covid hit and hardly being able to remember what "normal" was!

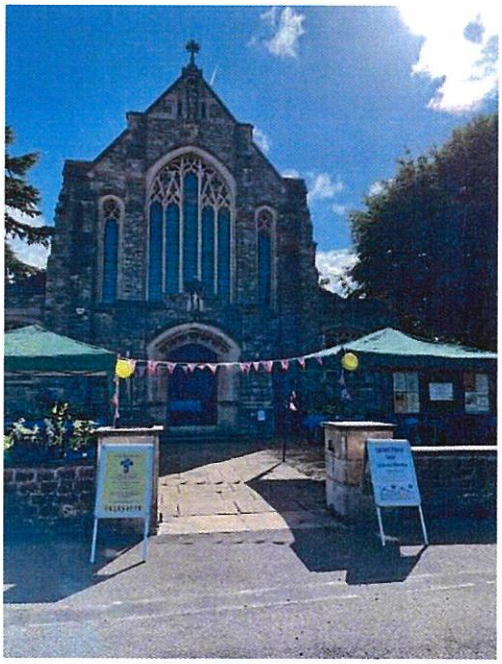
We took things slowly but surely, with the reinstatement of much that was familiar but the retention of patterns introduced because of Covid which seemed to serve us well as we moved forward into our "new normal".

So during the year it was good to reintroduce coffee after our 10am service, but now held in church rather than the CCRC to encourage people to stay on without having to leave one building and enter another. We also reintroduced various rotas (where would the church be without them!) but also tried to simplify these where we could. As ever with church rotas, there is room for more volunteers, please don't be shy to come forward. The Welcome Team is made up, largely, of DCC members, so you can get to know them and they can know you (although the benefit of being a fairly small church is that St Michael's people do mostly know one another anyway!). DCC members also oversee the cleaning of the church, now undertaken jointly by volunteers and a cleaning company. But it would be good to have more people on board. Also reintroduced into our worship are intercessors, offering their prayers on behalf of all each Sunday, readers of the scripture of the day, flower arrangers who keep the church looking so beautiful and our small Pastoral Care Team of, alongside me, Hazel Chow, Lorraine Johnson and Judi Burch. As ever, my thanks to everyone who supports St Michael's with their service, their prayers or their financial giving.

Our worship pattern continued as it had evolved after lockdown – sung Holy Communion at 10am each Sunday and a said service at 9am on Wednesday. We are indebted to Cathy Smith who continues to lead and preach at both the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday services, the former being Common Worship and the latter Prayer Book. 2gether All-Age Communion remains popular on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Given that these different offerings seem equally popular, we have felt no need to vary the mix. A re-introduction in 2022, though, was Early Birds at 9.15 on the first Sunday of the month, which enables us to cater for very young families, as well as the slightly older ones at 2gether. St Michael's worship in 2022 was totally "Zoom free" which felt liberating to many but perhaps a loss to those who aren't mobile, and so we are grateful that our friends at St Mary's continue to live stream their services each week to keep people connected.

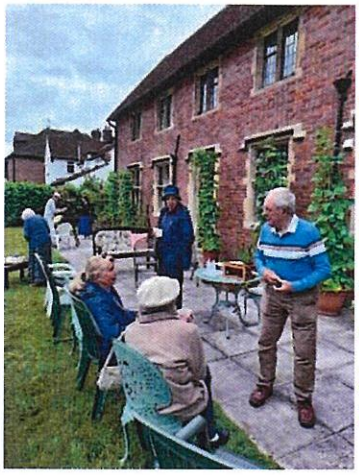
Hazel has had a very busy year, especially wearing her Town Chaplain hat, where she has shouldered responsibility for many of the services previously led by the Team Rector. She continues to serve not just St Michael's but other churches in the town, especially the Free Methodists. I am sure neither Hazel – nor any of us – envisaged that 2022 would completely pass without the appointment of a new Rector for St Mary's and Team Rector for Beaconsfield. I notice that I wrote in last year's Chairman's Report "*A major excitement for 2022 will, of course, be the appointment of a new Team Rector and Rector of St Mary's – all prayers for that particular journey to unfold and arrive….*". Well, we are still waiting for that arrival except that now – completely unforeseen last year – we have split out the two roles and await the arrival of a Team Vicar for St Mary's alongside my assuming the mantle of Team Rector. This is a role I commit to fulfilling diligently but very much with a "light touch" for we are blessed with talented leaders – ordained and lay – and this will very much continue to be a journey of moving forward together, side by side, as Team.

Our DCC membership increased with the appointment at last year's ACM of Zoe Lawrence and Annie Bennett, with Annie (along with Emily Lambourne) appointed into the additional role of Assistant Churchwarden.



Our three Assistant Churchwardens (Mary Bischoff completes the trio) have designated areas of responsibility, with Mary overseeing buildings, Annie the church grounds and Emily being at the forefront of Communications in its various guises. Daphne has been, as ever, the fount of all knowledge and wisdom as Churchwarden, and we were grateful to Graham Skinner for volunteering to be DCC Minutes Secretary, a role he fulfils so efficiently.

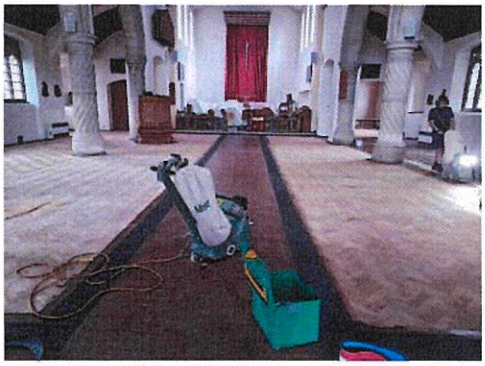
St Michael's undertook two major projects during 2022. In July the church floor was completely renovated, thanks to a generous grant from the St Michael and All Angels (Beaconsfield) Charitable Trust, and various items of church furniture were also renovated at the same time, enabling the church as a whole to look loved and deeply cared for.

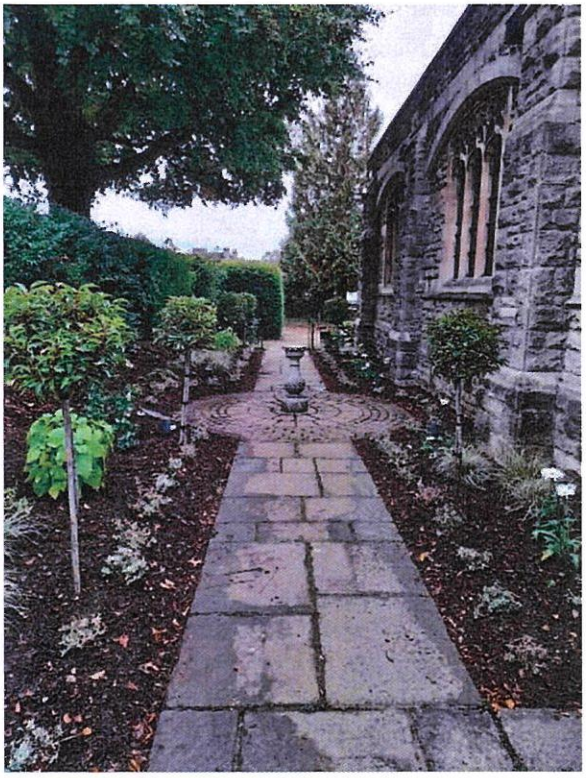


The transformation has amazed everyone who has seen it, it is quite awesome to see the floor as it would have looked in 1916 when it was laid in the nave, or the early 1960's when the intricate floor of many different hardwoods was laid in the Lady Chapel.

While the church was closed for this work to be carried out, we worshipped with St Mary's or St Thomas's on Sundays and in the Parsonage garden on Wednesday mornings, which was a very special experience, with birdsong joining in our prayers!

In October the Garden of Remembrance was replanted, with much hard work having been undertaken in the weeks before to clear the site and work organic compost into the borders. Many thanks to Liz Webster, who designed the garden pro bono for us, to Annie Bennett for overseeing the project, and to those who worked in the garden or made donations to cover the cost..





Finally, although this might seem a strange note to end on, in September we twinned all the toilets in the Hall and CCRC. This means that each of our loos contains a framed picture of a toilet in a developing country made possible by our "twinning" donation. None of them look like ours, of course, but they are, quite literally, a life-saver for the villages in which they have been built. Next time you "pay a visit", take note and do consider twining your own toilet at home! What We Do - Toilet Twinning

We travel into 2023, then, with hope and gratitude. Hope for what will be - the exciting adventure which will unfold before us – and gratitude for God's grace which infills us and enables us to do His work and sing His praise in this place. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us so that our journeys of love and understanding can ever deepen and grow.

Revd Sharon Roberts

St Mary's

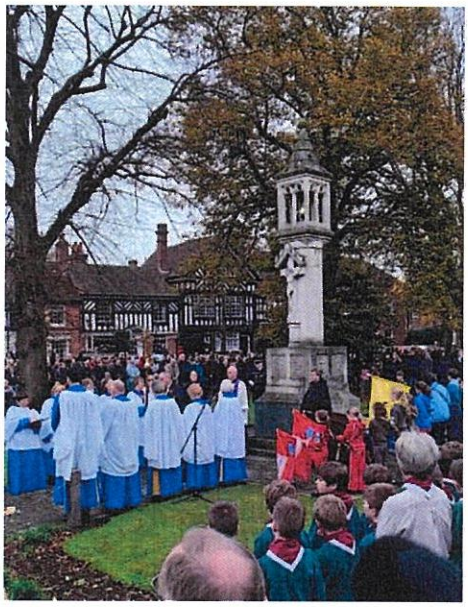
At St. Mary's we began 2022 full of hope our new Team Rector and Rector of St. Mary's would be appointed by Easter. That was not God's will. The vacancy group prayed, considered, and made some very difficult decisions, but we firmly believe we enter 2023 on the right path. Much work has been carried out with dedication, planning, writing and designing profiles. As we write we are advertising for a Team Vicar at St. Mary's, a new direction with new hope and new beginnings.

In spite of this 2022 was a challenging year. We were tested in ways we could not have imagined. Have we grown, have we developed as a worshipping community. We believe so as we gradually returned to as near 'normal' as we felt able.

Highlights of 2022

We have been able to bring back elements of our services that we all missed. The return of the offertory, plate collections and more recently our young servers

We pulled together in helping the wider community celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with displays and music and, sadly, commemorating HM The Queen's unstinting service when she died in September 2022



We continue to perform as the civic church in so many ways including the annual Remembrance Services which are appreciated by all

Choral Evensong has been appreciated.

The music vision has played a key part in worship and concerts. Our choir have developed and inspired us with their singing under the leadership of Aaron King

The DCC focused on

- Allowing our worship to gradually return to pre-covid normality, with much thought and prayer
- Considering the work of the DCC and how we could implement our work and support the congregation
- The vision and growth of music particularly the organ project
- The implementation of the repairs needed following the 2020 Quinquennial Report and other building works in church and Fitzwilliams Centre
- Safeguarding and a report from our Safeguarding officer

- Finance and stewardship under the guidance of David Smyth as Treasurer
- Reporting on the recruitment of a Team Rector

Reflections on Worship

Our pattern of services each week:

1st Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion BCP 10.00 am Family Service

2nd Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion 6.30 Choral Evensong

4th Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion BCP 10.00 am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion

Weekdays 9.00 am Thursday morning prayer

Step by step since all government restrictions were lifted in early 2022, we have been able to bring back elements of our worship:

- Compulsory wearing of masks was lifted at the end of April with the priest remaining masked to give communion by intinction until later in the year
- The choir returned to processing in singing in July along with the processing of the gospel
- Deacons at 10am returned in August
- Altar servers once a month at 10am services in December
- The offertory collection in the Autumn
- The offertory procession on Remembrance Sunday
- 8.00am deacons returned from January 2023
- Many appreciated the Bible Course in spring

The final element needing to be brought back is the common cup.

As the year progressed congregations grew in number and strength. It was wonderful to see old faces return to the fold and for new younger families come to our family services and junior church group. Christmas services for 2022 were better attended than in 2021 with the Crib Service back to full capacity. The attendance was reflected in the improved collections for our Christmas charities. Schools visited and had end of year and carol services with us, we celebrated and lamented with civic services for Jubilee, Death of the Queen and Remembrance Sunday.

Weddings and baptisms were numerous keeping the clergy team busy with these joyous occasions of celebrations which had been postponed or delayed in lockdown.

Sadly, we had many funerals to conduct and felt the loss of too many of our own church family in that number.

Family Services and Junior Church

We are delighted to report a year of happy worship with families on first Sundays each month. Numbers grew during the year, as we followed the theme of Jesus saying "I am". We looked at the bread of life with sour dough, the vine with a prayer tree and I am the light of the world among others. It proved a happy time with enthusiasm for playing instruments and waving flags. Junior Church has also developed with a wonderful team of lay helpers, who research, follow the gospel story and have fun painting or doing exciting crafts with the children and we are delighted to welcome some newcomers. We pray they take away a seed of faith from their time with us.

Pastoral activities

The pastoral care team saw two of its members step back (one returned to full time work and one moved away). There is one new person training to join the team. Safeguarding training was updated across the team, and a general review of policy and procedure was undertaken by Ann-Marie Davis, the Parish Safeguarding Officer and the wardens at the end of 2022. The team continue to support our congregation in times of need and illness. We have six in the home communion team and this is taken to residents of Bradbury House at Easter and Christmas.

St Mary's Toddler Group

The toddler group which has been running continually for nearly 51 and a half years meets every Wednesday afternoon during term time in the FWC. The group is run by a team of 9 volunteers (not all members of St Mary's) who provide friendship and refreshments each week on a rota basis. The Rev'd Margot Suter attends each week and leads the group singing at the end of the session. The group is open to all. We have welcomed new mothers and toddlers as the year progressed with an average of 14 adults and 19 children by the end of the year with many coming every week.

Music

The strong tradition of music at St. Mary's has grown this year with the agreement of a team wide music vision and the start of its implementation. Under the guidance of Aaron King the choir's repertoire has grown and we have seen many new members join for both Sunday worship and concerts. The biggest event of the year the Jubilee Concert was hugely appreciated and the music outstanding. We have enjoyed regular anthems at both 10.00am Communion and Evensong.

We now have occasional lunchtime concerts which are appreciated by congregation and visitors alike. A good year ended with a splendid Nine Lessons and Carols.

The organ project: 2022 was a time of research and meetings resulting in detailed specifications being written. In the autumn we approached three companies to tender and the DAC to progress the faculty. This led to our seeking the advice of an organ specialist who is currently preparing his report. The project has been ably led by Steve Snaith, Aaron King and Sean Groombridge and we are so grateful for their commitment. We are also grateful for the loan of the present organ from Cotswold Hybrid Organs.

The buildings Church and Fitzwilliams Centre

We have maintained all necessary maintenance of the church and FWC. Faculties have been obtained where necessary for the quinquennial repairs and work is progressing as quickly as possible. The Friends of St. Mary's have kindly supported the replacement of the church floodlighting system and we hope to complete the church path lighting on the north west path during 2023. We can report that Fitzwillams Centre bookings are almost at pre-covid levels and we look to increase this again this coming year as it provides much needed income.

To conclude:

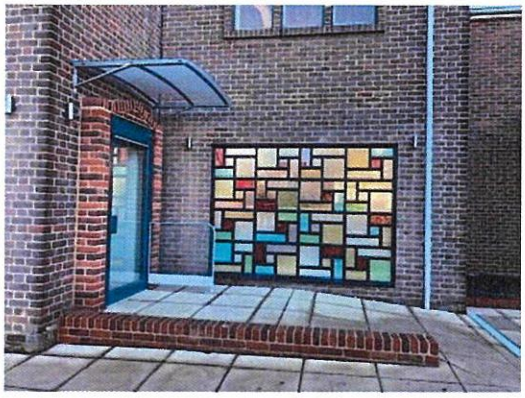
We must thank our clergy. Margot as Associate Priest, for her devotion and dedication, and Sharon, Michael and Hazel, for supporting us so willingly. 2022 was a year when we had to adapt but we all must adapt to changing circumstances. Also a time of challenge but with God's strength and guidance we learnt to journey on.

Wendy Godrich, Churchwarden

St Thomas'

2022 has been a busy year and a year of change. For many of us we have been putting the pandemic behind us as life goes back to something like it was before 2020.

Our regular Sunday worship remains at 9.30am and 4pm with a variety of formal and informal services. These include traditional Communion services, family services, and services with Taize and Celtic prayer. Easter services included Palm Sunday service and Easter Day Holy Communion. Christmas saw a range of events and services including children choosing and wrapping surprise presents for parents, and seniors' carol singing. We had a Carols Service, Family Service with dressing up, Family Crib Service, and Christmas Day Family Communion. Holtspur School held their Nativity Service and it was wonderful to see so many children and their parents celebrating together. There have also been baptisms and funerals, each in their own way celebrating and remembering those we love and care for.



We are grateful to our clergy and St Thomas' lay worship team who have worked together to lead our services. We were joined by Rev David Izzard who has moved back to Beaconsfield having retired in 2022. He has enabled us to hold communion services while Michael has been preaching elsewhere.

The Dove Café opened on 16th February 2022 and had its official launch on 14th May. It is a vibrant, welcoming space that serves both young and old. A separate report gives more detail.

As with many churches, finances are a tricky subject. During the pandemic, income dropped dramatically and it has slowly been recovering in the period since. We have been hit hard with the increase in energy prices and continue to look for ways to counter this. Bookings for the hall, lounge and church provide regular income and we have seen new groups coming.

St Thomas' members continue to support several groups in St Thomas' Hall:

Tom's Tots, our toddler group continues to be busy. It is rare that a week goes by without a new family joining us.

Senior Citizens meet twice a month and is very popular with a wide variety of events including talks, crafts, displays and even a magician.

Our monthly film show with tea and homemade cakes has seen numbers in excess of 50.

One Can Trust continues to distribute local food parcels from St Thomas' Hall every Friday. We have seen the need for these parcels steadily increase as food and fuel prices have risen.

In St Thomas' office, The Beaconsfield Advisory Centre continues to offer advice from St Thomas' each Tuesday morning. They too have seen an increase in those seeking their services.

Among the many events that have been held in St Thomas' were:

Two Lent Lunches – a time for meeting friends and raising money for Christian Aid.

A Gift of a Piano Concert – we were given a wonderful gift of an electric mini-grand piano. To celebrate this there was a concert by local musicians.

Mother's Day afternoon tea.

Several classical concerts by local young musicians have been held. These will continue in 2023.

Jumble Sale in aid of One Can Foodbank and Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Sadly 2022 was not a return to normal for everyone. For many it was a year of immense sadness and pain with the invasion of Ukraine. At St Thomas', across our three churches and the wider Beaconsfield community, we have prayed, raised funds and supported many Ukrainians, both those who have come to the UK and those who have chosen to stay in Ukraine. Many people have become hosts and welcomed Ukrainians into their homes.

Café Ukraine was set up at St Thomas' and in the early period of the war each week there would be increasing numbers of women and children who had made the gruelling journey to the UK: each with their own stories to tell, each with their own loss and hurt. Café Ukraine continues to offer support, friendship and love. Our grateful thanks goes to Ulia for all her work during an immeasurably difficult time which is still ongoing.

There were various fund raising events in aid of the victims of the war in Ukraine including an Apple Pie Bake-off (with prizes donated from local businesses), an evening at a pop-up restaurant, an afternoon tea, and a Charity Tea Concert by British Association of Brass Bands. A Go Fund Page has also been set up and to date has raised over £7000.

The support for Ukraine from our community and beyond has been heartfelt. In September, I AM ALIVE was a remarkable art exhibition at St Thomas' with photographs and stories of Ukrainian women telling how they escaped the war and fled to England.

Everyone who saw it was moved by the strength and resilience of these women.

As always we remember we are God's people sent to do His will. We continue to strive to serve God and to be the heart of the Holtspur community.

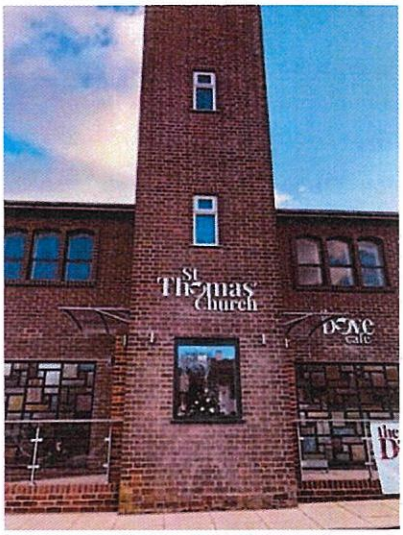
Fiona Collins, Churchwarden

The Dove Café opened in February 2022 and has gone from strength to strength throughout the year.

Building a community

In recent years, local research identified the need to offer somewhere in the community for people to meet with friends, to make new connections or to find support. Hence the vision for St Thomas' is to respond directly to this, to be the place where those needs are met and to be the heart of the Holtspur community. The Dove Café is designed to be that place of welcome and hospitality for all that St Thomas hope to offer.

The Start of a Transformation



The Dove Café is already beginning to transform St Thomas' as a church in a number of ways:

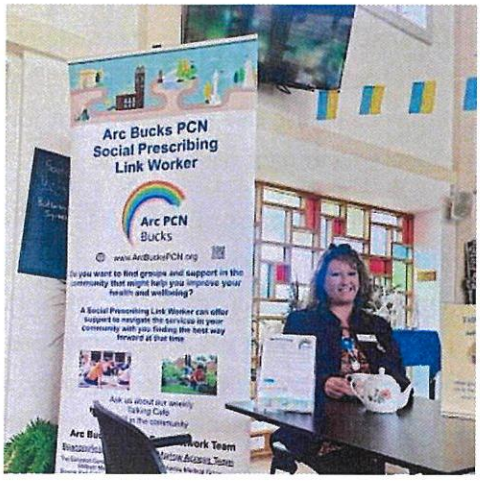
- Our staff and volunteers are welcoming and actively engaging with members of the local community daily, extending the reach of God's Kingdom.
- Our building is now open and accessible to all kinds of people seven days every week. St Thomas has not become a café in which a church occasionally operates. It has become more of a church than ever before because members of the church and of the local community – many of whom we have never met before – are engaging with each other in the context of a place which embodies the Body of Christ.
- The Café and its team are breaking down barriers and blurring the boundaries between the sacred and the secular, not because there is no distinction, but to make it easier for all kinds of people to move in both directions and in both arenas.
- We are challenging ourselves to see the Body of Christ including more than just those who attend Sunday services or whose names are on the Electoral Roll.

Welcome to the Dove Cafe

The Dove Café is a place where everyone is welcome. It is a vibrant café and community space serving Hotspur and Beaconsfield. We serve great coffee, tea, the best hot chocolates and delicious food and cakes. All served by Jodie, our café manager and her team of local volunteers. Where possible, our food is sourced locally from our community and from ethical suppliers.

Our café is a large open space that's accessible to all, full of natural sunlight with ample parking, free Wi-Fi, and free charging points and has proved particularly attractive to parents with young children and toddlers. On sunny days we have outdoor seating in an enclosed garden.

Community Services



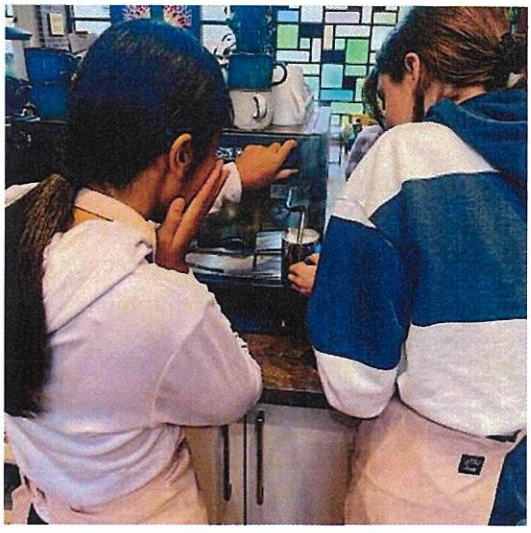
Our vision is to support the church in offering a range of new activities and support services for the community, often by working in partnership with other local bodies, including Better Connected Beaconsfield, the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre, Helping Hand, Arc PCN, Skill Up Bucks, Parkinsons UK, Dementia Friends, Safe Spaces, Read Easy, Alfriston School.

Christmas 2022 saw the café offer free meals to children in the school holidays in partnership with Bucks Council's Helping Hand programme and this proved so successful that the programme has continued in school holidays during 2023.

Alongside the Helping Hand, free food for all children project we have a "pay forward" scheme where anyone can access food or drink at any time, with no referral or judgment.

The Café has allowed a space for many vulnerable individuals, including people struggling with addiction, poverty, isolation, loneliness, and social rejection to find a safe place to access what they need.

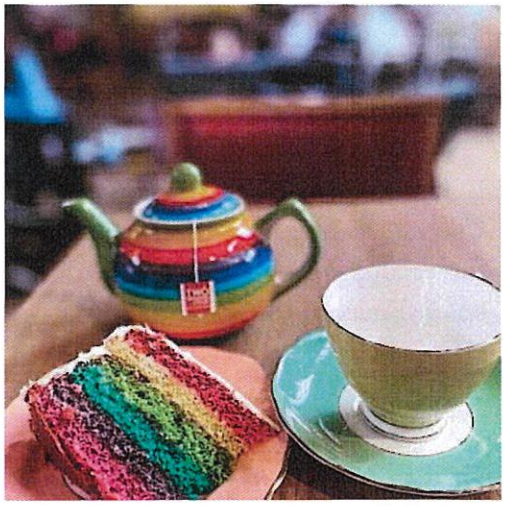
Over the winter period the Dove Café, registered as a warm space, inviting those in energy poverty to come and keep warm and safe. During this period a selection of coats, blankets, hats and gloves were available for anyone to take with no charge.



Ensuring all the community are reached is a challenge with some parts being easier to reach than others. Through the daily range of activities the Dove Café has started to deliver something for everyone. Mondays offer a "talking café" with social prescription. We host "Café Ukraine" which allows local families to meet and share a drink as well as an out of hours 'Bake and Banter' group. Tuesdays gives access to the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre and NWR meet fortnightly. Wednesdays sees the "community lunch" which is provided to reach more people in need of a healthy, hot meal. On Thursdays, we have an employment advisor offering support, a fortnightly "childless not by choice group" and a monthly "Parkinson's Café". "WI Beaconsfield" also hold a monthly meeting. On Fridays, we tend to see a very high number of families. In the afternoon we have a monthly 'Knit and Natter' group as well as an independent poetry group meeting. On Saturdays, we have had a large number of Duke of Edinburgh students wishing to volunteer. We now run a weekly art and craft class to support these DofE students.

The Operation: Not only has the cafe proved successful in terms of community engagement and support, it has also proved to be financially viable. The value of sales during the year covered the total costs incurred by the café which was not forecast to occur until year 2. This was due to higher sales than expected and tight cost control.

The Team: The success of the café is a testament to the time, commitment and service and the enthusiasm and warm heartedness of our team of volunteers and our manager Jodie. Without these dedicated people there would be no café and a poorer community, and we are extremely grateful for everything they do. The team is constantly developing and growing with access to training aiming for the best to be delivered every day.



Providing opportunities for development has enabled some volunteers to access work experience. Some of the team is made up of students with a variety of needs. We have had feedback from Alfriston School that the students who volunteer from the school have grown in confidence, which is mirrored in their schoolwork.

The Customer Feedback

The most frequent remark we here from our customers is how much of a community hub the church is. As you enter the building you are welcomed with a buzz of conversation, laughter, and happy children. The Dove café really is a space for everyone to share. Generations coming together has been another huge hit with many people meeting others that they may not have otherwise encountered. The interactions throughout the Café are not restricted to who you came in with – new friendships are formed every day.

Several people have come in and said that they had never been in a church before, but felt they were able to enter because of the friendliness and inviting space offered by the cafe. Several communities have said that cafe is seen as an accepting, safe and non-judgmental place where they can meet e.g. members of the LGBTQIA+ community

Just the Beginning

So when people come to St Thomas' Church with The Dove Café, they are finding a warm welcome, food and drink for their body and soul, and an increasing range of activities for children, young people, parents, singles, senior citizens, neuro divergent, including conversations, stories, friendship, practical and moral support, prayers, advice, artistic opportunities, music and singing, exercise, intellectual stimulation, spiritual formation, really good coffee, tea and cakes.

We have exciting plans for 2023 to further build the community and spread the message of God.

The Dove Café Committee

Outside Giving

The committee met twice in 2022, May and November in person to review and pray for the work of the chosen charities. No changes to the charities the team supports were made during the year.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years we have been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. We enable more than 2,000 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief and long-term development. Our pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air. Our faithful supporters give and pray to make this all possible.

Dr Makor in Juba said that Grace needed treatment in the nearest specialist hospital 800 miles away and that no treatment meant sepsis and death. When Grace finally reached hospital, she needed two life-saving operations from which she is now recovering. We were honoured to fly Grace home, too. Grace's father said: 'Thank you, MAF. May God increase the days of people behind this great work, which has helped my daughter.'

In April 2022 the new MAF programme in Guinea got off the ground literally with a flight taking two missionaries to their remote location saving them 2 days of difficult road travel.

In some MAF programmes flights last several hours, in others like Timor-Leste just minutes, but are essential to save lives. Bendito, a six-year-old boy contracted dengue fever and needed the short flight to hospital in the capital Dili to save his life.

Newham Renewal Programme

For 50+ years, they have continued to support those, in Newham, who are facing multiple challenges; whether they're a carer who needs wellbeing support, a migrant or refugee without access to public funds, an individual suffering with homelessness or experiencing poverty, a young person without direct access to learning pathways or an elderly person unable to communicate in English. With their support, they can access the services they need in order to overcome those challenges.

Using advocacy, education, temporary accommodation, positive community activities, experience and a breadth of knowledge & expertise enables them to draw on internal resources to provide individuals with the most tailored support possible.

It would be so wrong not to mention the great loss that we all felt when John Brown died in August. The pain we felt was shared by many in Newham who had grown to love and respect John in the same way as we did in Beaconsfield. He was a bundle of energy who buzzed round the corridors talking and listening to everyone. A group of our Newham friends also attended his funeral..

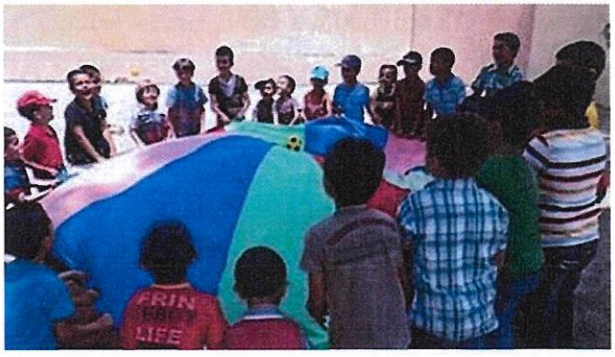
Another difficult year for our friends in Newham, and we have tried to support them with regular visits taking food to support their twice weekly foodbank, housewares, bedding, and men's clothes for use in their sheltered housing and ultimately helping those moving from there into their own homes. As ever, a few individuals have also supported via donations of money.

Once again St Mary's and URC harvest gifts were delivered to them and were gratefully received. Our Christmas run of toys/ scarves etc. also took place again thanks to Jennifer Brown and a group of friends who helped her sort and pack the toys.

We were grateful to the Rev Tim Dean, a Newham trustee, who visited us in February to lead a service in St Mary's..

Embrace the Middle East

EMBRACE support for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon. The 12 years of war in Syria has meant refugees in Lebanon have not been able to go home. 1.5 million Refugees are hosted by a country that has had its own problems. EMBRACE works through Christian staff and churches providing Humanitarian assistance to people in great need.



These include medical, educational and social. The war in Ukraine has had a huge effect on the population, decreased wheat imports and higher fuel costs, (winters in parts of Lebanon are very cold). The cost of living and food shortages has pushed many families into a desperate situation. An outbreak of Cholera has caused more difficulties

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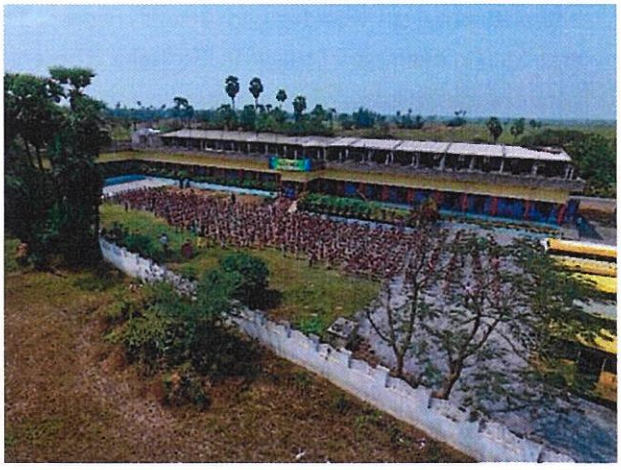
Bruce Clark from EMBRACE visited St Mary's Church on 11th September, he spoke about his recent visit to N Iraq where the Kurds are returning and rebuilding their lives and communities. EMBRACE partners are providing loans to returnees and women, enabling them to start small local businesses. These are proving successful and help to pay for the children's education and any medical costs.

The Christmas collection was shared with EMBRACE, a generous donation of £1,015.00 was sent to the charity for the general fund/support in the Middle East. One such programme includes planting and replanting olive trees on Palestine land and supporting children with vision and hearing needs. Another is the Rock project protecting vulnerable children in Egypt.

Sharon International Ministries (SIM)



The school has now just over 800 pupils with 46% girls and 54% boys. The school growth reflects the great need for as many children as possible to receive a good education. SIM still has a commitment to pay for the teachers which now number 38.

Again due to Covid there has been a backlog of pupils who are preparing for their School Leaving Certificate Exams scheduled for April 2023 resulting in a record number of pupils (62) in the 2 Senior Classes.

For the year 2022 this commitment was met despite the loss of income from fund raising. We sent £30,000 and this was in no small way thanks to the generous donations made by the Team Ministry for which Dr. Sam and the school are extremely grateful.

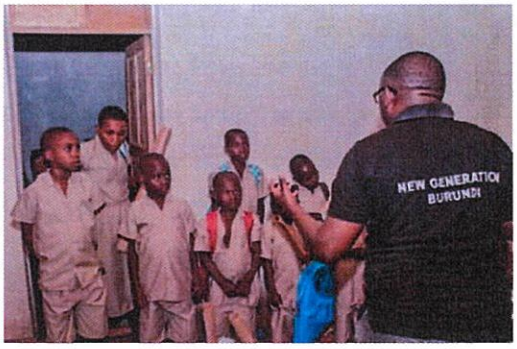
New Generation Burundi

Almost 44% of the population of Burundi are under 14 years of age, 63% are under 24 years of age. New Generation has for several years developed programs that meet the needs of its target groups: young people and children. New Generation has three objectives:

To encourage young people to leave bad habits behind and renew their way of thinking.

To provide an artistic and intellectual support to young people in order to promote our culture and the glory of God.

To provide vocational training to young people with the aim of producing goods and services for a sustainable socio-economic development



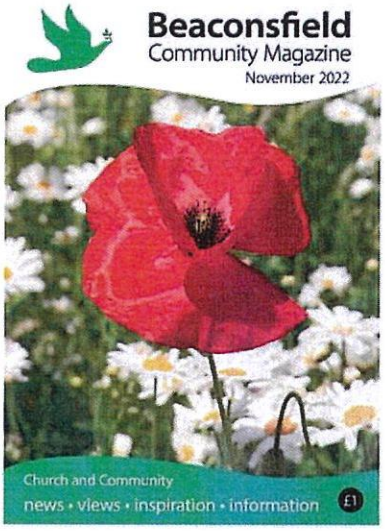
New Generation has several programs aimed at meeting their objectives. In a country that is one of the poorest in the world there are numerous children who have no-one to support them and the re-integration of street-connected children remains a major issue in Burundi. In 1998 New Generation began its program working with street children. There are only a handful of initiatives like New Generation. An example of this is in Gir'iteka. There a transition centre has been developed where those who are identified as more vulnerable and need more protection and attention are welcomed. Our support for New Generation helps them to continue with their programs to reach more children that otherwise would be fending for themselves.

Derek Moores & the Outside Giving Committee

The Community Magazine

We are always very grateful to our loyal subscribers, distributors, deliverers and advertisers who continue to support the magazine. We have received some very positive feedback from readers which is always encouraging.

After a long period of maintaining the subscription at £10.00p.a. it has now been increased to £15.00 for the current year. We are also marketing the magazine through various organisations to encourage a wider readership.



Activities returned to normal after the Covid years.

We were fortunate that Hazel Chow agreed to continue with her introductory note from the Town Chaplain, on the opening page of the magazine, while the Vicar vacancy continues at St Mary's.

From an editorial point of view major news stories in 2022 included the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with street parties and other events throughout the town; the official opening of the Dove café; the opening of the new Beaconsfield Medical Centre; the formation of Creative Partnerships Beaconsfield, a community art project; Lighthouse holiday club and the Country Fayre. The Queen's death in early September was marked with commemorative displays in St Mary's and a local Proclamation took place on the steps of the Town Hall. We began a series in the autumn dedicated to several Ukrainian women who fled the Russian invasion of Ukraine and found shelter in the Beaconsfield area.

It was another difficult year for advertising. Since the start of the pandemic, we have lost around 3% of our advertisers and the income from advertising in 2022 was down on the previous year. During the year we actively pursued new advertisers and we recently had some success which will help the income for the current year.

We have seen a fall in subscribers, sadly as some long-standing readers are no longer with us, but our recent campaign to attract new readers has begun to bear fruit. Our team of distributors & deliverers is stable with even a few volunteers ready to take over. We are currently reviewing our typesetting and printing costs to ensure they are competitive.

We are very grateful to our extremely efficient treasurer, Nicki Edwards and the subscriptions manager, Sally Masters

Margaret Mardall, Editor

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas, Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll for 2022 was 528 (2021 559)

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PCC Members (Trustees) 2022

The Revd Sharon Roberts Team Vicar of St Michael's

The Revd Michael Johnson Team Vicar of St Thomas's

The Revd Margot Suter Associate Priest, St Mary's

Mrs Hazel Chow Licensed Lay Minister, Town Chaplain

Mrs Wendy Godrich, Churchwarden, St Mary's

Mr Bill Edwards Churchwarden St Mary's (until May 2022)
Assistant Churchwarden & St Mary's PCC rep (from May 2022)

Mr David Bulteel, Churchwarden, St Mary's (until May 2022)

Mrs Harriet Baldwin, St Mary's PCC rep (from May 2022) PCC Secretary

Mrs Fiona Collins Churchwarden of St Thomas'

Mr Trevor Sharkey Churchwarden of St Thomas' (until May 2022)
St Thomas' Deanery Synod representative

Mr Andrew Farncombe St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Professor Derek Portwood, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mr Eddie Weiss St. Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Dr Daphne Scott, Churchwarden, St Michael's (from May 2022)

Mr John Gibbs, Churchwardem St Michael's (until May 2022)

Miss Frances Hall St Michael's PCC & Deanery Synod representative
(until January 2022)

Mrs Mary Bischoff St Michael's PCC representative

Mrs Annie Bennett, St Michael's PCC representative (from May 2022)

Mrs Alison Hart St Thomas' PCC representative (until May 2022)

Mrs Catherine Davidson, St Thomas' PCC representative

Mr Richard Davidson, St Thomas' PCC representative (from May 2022)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259. The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees. All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches. The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A local firm of Accountants is appointed as Auditors..

The PCC held scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September, and November 2022. An additional PCC meeting was held in August, focussing specifically on finances and the proposal to appoint a Team Treasurer.

The PCC held 2 additional meetings as part of the Vacancy process following the departure of the Team Rector in 2021. In January 2022 the PCC Section 12 meeting was held in preparation for the recruitment of a new Team Rector.

In October 2022 a meeting was convened for the PCC & DCC members to discuss the proposal to move forward with a Team Vicar for St Mary's, with the Team Rector role being agreed to be appointed internally.

The PCC Standing Committee met in January, May, September and November in preparations for PCC meetings.

PCC discussions

Regular items for the Standing Committee and for the PCC included:

- DCC reports from the churches: including worship & services, buildings and working with the wider community;
- Outside Giving reports of working with mission partners;
- Collaboration and team working within the Team and with the wider community;
- Appointment of governors to St Mary's School (at meetings and by email circulation);
- Buildings & property matters: the Church house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let commercially during 2022, with new tenants in February 2022.

Financial matters

- Regular quarterly reporting of income and expenditure against budget from the 3 churches and from the Team account, including how to address the ongoing deficit in finances, in particular for St Mary's
- Streamlining and simplifying financial processes across the Team churches and the recruitment of a Team Treasurer to take a strategic overview of finances across the Team;
- The Team budget for 2022 including the allocation of the Parish share and expenses amounts for the 3 churches

Special agenda items for the PCC included:

- The oversight of the vacancy process, communication with the congregations and the preparation of Parish profiles and job descriptions
- The proposal and eventual decision to disengage the Team Rector role from the role of St Mary's Team Vicar, including wider discussions with the DCCs and the congregations, and the progress towards recruitment of a Team Vicar for St Mary's
- The Dove café at St Thomas', including regular updates on progress of design, development and funding throughout the year and towards the end of the year the recruitment and appointment of a new café manager, who started work in September 2022.
- The Vision for Music, and the start of the music project at St Mary's, including communications, community outreach and working with local schools
- A report on the Lighthouse Holiday camp held in July 2022
- The Annual Report from the Community magazine for 2022, this report was received in February 2023.
- GDPR and Data Protection matters for the Team, with the PCC taking oversight in this area.

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:

The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Michael's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year.

St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

Within the Parish there are 2 church houses. The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let out commercially from August 2020.

The BCET owns a house at 27 Crossways, which has been rented out commercially from August 2020.

Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and Church & Community Resource Centre and St Thomas' Hall.

Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2022 the unrestricted cash reserves totalled £414,490 and represented 7.8 months of normal recurring expenditure (2021: £437,575 9.8 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements. Depreciation, investment income and building costs associated with the Dove Café, a designated project, have been excluded.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds.

Income in 2022 totalled £671,509 (2021: £678,182) and includes income from designated and restricted funds (Dove Café £97,407, Holtspur Senior Citizens £2,460, Garden of Remembrance £2,527). Excluding restricted and designated funds, total income for 2022 was £569,115 (2021: £482,189). Legacies of £25,619 (2021: £10,000) were recognised in the year. Regular Giving, including the associated tax recoverable, continues to account for around 53% of all unrestricted income and remains at approximately £300,000 a year.

Expenditure in 2022 totalled £778,517 (2021: £768,767) and includes costs associated with designated and restricted funds (Dove Café £149,775, Holtspur Senior Citizens £333, Garden of Remembrance £2,472, depreciation on restricted / designated assets £32,048). Unrestricted total expenditure for 2022 was £593,886 (2021: £569,566). This includes depreciation (a non-cash expense) on unrestricted funds of £27,350.

Parish share and staff costs together account for 65% of all unrestricted expenditure. Unrestricted expenses for the PCC stood at £67 per hour in 2022 (£65 per hour in 2021).

In 2022 there was an unrealised loss on Investments of £11,861 (2021: gain £12,723) and Dividends of £2,659 (2021: £2,572) were received. The total deficit for the year was £118,870 (2021: deficit £77,862) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a deficit of £36,632 (2021: deficit £74,654). Excluding depreciation, the deficit in the year was £9,282.

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022 was £1,276,513 (2021: £1,395,383) of which £5,575 was Restricted and £637,853 was Designated. Unrestricted funds stood at £633,085.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2022 was £410,978 (2021: £383,822).

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 PCC will continue in operation.

Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate action to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19 April and signed on its behalf by:

S. Roberts.

CHAIR

Independent Auditors Report to the Parochial Church Council of Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Beaconsfield Team Ministry for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise of a Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cashflow and notes numbered 1 to 11 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 PCC's affairs as at the 31 December 2022, and of its incoming resources, for the year 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 the International Standards of 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 PCC 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 responsibility in accordance with these requirements and believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Members of the PCC's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of the PCC have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the PCC's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorise for issue.

Other information

The Members of the PCC are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the member's annual report, other than the financial statements and out auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 in inconsistent in any material respect with the PCC annual 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 the Members of the PCC

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Members of the PCC, the members are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the members 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 Members of the PCC are responsible for assessing the PCC'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 Members of the PCC either intend to liquidate the PCC 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 regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is

sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the PCC's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Members of the PCC.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Members of the PCC use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the PCC to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Members of the PCC, 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 Members of the PCC 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 PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Date: 19 May 2023

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Cansdales Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Consolidated End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2022

Prepared by:
Gillian McAlister (FCMA)
McAlister & Co Ltd

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	2.1	374,756	26,819	2,375	**403,950**	346,231	11,740	-	**357,971**
Activities for generating funds	2.2	58,776	73,047	152	**131,975**	60,025	184,253	-	**244,278**
Investment income	2.3	4,815	-	-	**4,815**	2,658	-	-	**2,658**
Income from charitable activities	2.4	130,769	-	-	**130,769**	73,275	-	-	**73,275**
Total Income		569,115	99,866	2,527	**671,509**	482,189	195,993	-	**678,182**
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	3.1	37,194	40,288	-	**77,481**	38,221	10,332	-	**48,553**
Charitable activities	3.2	547,438	141,868	2,474	**691,780**	524,707	188,869	-	**713,576**
Management costs	3.3	9,255	-	-	**9,255**	6,638	-	-	**6,638**
Total Expenditure		593,886	182,156	2,474	**778,517**	569,566	199,201	-	**768,767**
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		**(24,771)**	**(82,290)**	**53**	**(107,008)**	**(87,377)**	**(3,208)**	-	**(90,585)**
Transfers between funds									-
Other recognised gains / losses									-
Gains/losses on investments	6	(11,861)	-	-	**(11,861)**	12,723	-	-	**12,723**
Net movement in funds		**(36,632)**	**(82,290)**	**53**	**(118,870)**	**(74,654)**	**(3,208)**	-	**(77,862)**
Total funds bought forward		**669,717**	**720,143**	**5,522**	**1,395,383**	**744,371**	**723,351**	**5,522**	**1,473,243**
Total funds carried forward		**633,085**	**637,853**	**5,575**	**1,276,513**	**669,717**	**720,143**	**5,522**	**1,395,383**

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	5	211,761	634,343	-	**846,104**	905,501
Investments	6	89,348	-	-	**89,348**	101,209
		301,109	634,343	-	**935,452**	1,006,710
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	24,971	-	-	**24,971**	18,901
Cash in hand and at bank		285,729	3,512	5,575	**294,815**	322,165
Short term deposits		125,250	-	-	**125,250**	120,932
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		435,949	3,512	5,575	**445,035**	461,997
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(103,971)	-	-	**(103,971)**	(73,324)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		331,978	3,512	5,575	**341,064**	388,673
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		633,085	637,853	5,575	**1,276,513**	1,395,383
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		**633,085**	**637,853**	**5,575**	**1,276,513**	**1,395,383**
FUNDS	9					
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds		633,085	-	-	**633,085**	669,718
Designated funds	9.1	-	637,853	-	**637,853**	720,143
		633,085	637,853	-	**1,270,938**	1,389,861
Restricted funds	9.2	-	-	5,575	**5,575**	5,522
		633,085	**637,853**	**5,575**	**1,276,513**	**1,395,383**

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 19th APRIL 2023 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :

Rev. Sharon Roberts (Chairman)

Mrs Wendy Godrich (Senior Churchwarden)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Net movement in funds		**(107,008)**	**(90,585)**
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	5	59,398	59,398
Investment income	2.3	(4,815)	(2,658)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		(6,070)	2,556
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		30,647	(28,636)
Net cash from operating activities		**(27,848)**	**(59,925)**
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	5	-	-
Other recognised gains/losses		-	-
Investment income	2.3	4,815	2,658
Cash flow from investing activities		**4,815**	**2,658**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		**(23,033)**	**(57,267)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		**443,097**	**500,364**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**420,065**	**443,097**

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	**2022**	**2021**
Cash at bank and in hand	294,815	322,165
Short Term Deposits	125,250	120,932
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**420,065**	**443,097**

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels.The consolidated figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. The financial statements of all three DCCs are subject to separate independent examination prior to inclusion in the consolidated figures. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are show at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued on October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.
Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.
Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		198,377	7,457	900	**206,734**	206,730
Tax recoverable		46,755	-	-	**46,755**	59,434
Other planned giving		57,443	18,194	475	**76,112**	44,930
Collections at services		751	-	-	**751**	664
Sundry donations		-	-	-	-	-
		303,326	25,651	1,375	**330,352**	311,758
Other voluntary income						
BCET	11.1	33,000	-	-	**33,000**	33,500
HMRC furlough grant		-	-	-	-	-
Donations, appeals etc		12,811	1,168	1,000	**14,979**	2,713
Legacies		25,619	-	-	**25,619**	10,000
		71,430	1,168	1,000	**73,598**	46,213
		374,756	26,819	2,375	**403,950**	357,971
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land lettings		27,017	-	-	**27,017**	33,993
Church hall lettings		-	-	-	-	-
Beaconsfield Community Mag		17,495	-	-	**17,495**	16,188
Social activities		2,603	2,460	152	**5,215**	2,612
Dove Café		-	70,587	-	**70,587**	184,253
Other fundraising		11,661	-	-	**11,661**	7,232
		58,776	73,047	152	**131,975**	244,278
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		2,156	-	-	**2,156**	86
Dividends		2,659	-	-	**2,659**	2,572
Realised gain/(loss) on investment		-	-	-	-	-
		4,815	-	-	**4,815**	2,658
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		24,856	-	-	**24,856**	25,636
Church hall lettings		105,913	-	-	**105,913**	47,639
Bookstall / Children		-	-	-	-	-
		130,769	-	-	**130,769**	73,275
Total Income		**569,115**	**99,866**	**2,527**	**671,509**	**678,182**

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	1,105	2,566	-	**3,671**	3,490
Community magazine	21,622	-	-	**21,622**	21,365
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	10,033	-	-	**10,033**	15,319
Social activities	4,434	37,722	-	**42,155**	8,379
	37,194	40,288	-	**77,481**	48,553
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	233,815	-	-	**233,815**	235,955
Clergy					
Expenses	520	-	-	**520**	7,158
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	4,207	-	-	**4,207**	11,594
	4,727	-	-	**4,727**	18,752
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	59,402	37,346	-	**96,748**	49,643
Church running expenses	36,952	1,410	2,474	**40,837**	35,008
Church maintenance	45,504	-	-	**45,504**	11,126
Church improvements & major repairs	-	-	-	**-**	-
Depreciation furniture & fittings	24,350	14,557	-	**38,907**	38,907
Depreciation freehold property				**-**	-
Training	100	-	-	**100**	-
Team expenses	-	-	-	**-**	963
	166,308	53,313	2,474	**222,096**	135,646
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	44,634	148	-	**44,782**	49,922
Dove Café building costs	-	73,483	-	**73,483**	158,064
Depreciation	3,001	14,924	-	**17,925**	17,925
	47,635	88,555	-	**136,190**	225,911
Youth work					
Cost of youth activities	-	-	-	**-**	-
	-	-	-	**-**	-
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	50,118	-	-	**50,118**	42,602
Printing, stationery & telephone	5,694	-	-	**5,694**	7,740
Bank charges	1,074	-	-	**1,074**	960
Other team costs	5,447	-	-	**5,447**	6,478
	62,333	-	-	**62,333**	57,779
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**514,818**	**141,868**	**2,474**	**659,160**	**674,043**

carried forward

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**514,818**	**141,868**	**2,474**	**659,160**	**674,043**
Brought forward					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	5,800	-	-	**5,800**	7,594
Relief and development agencies	11,600	-	-	**11,600**	12,656
Home missions & Church societies	6,400	-	-	**6,400**	7,350
DCC Outside Giving	8,820	-	-	**8,820**	11,933
	32,620	-	-	**32,620**	39,533
Total Charitable activities	**547,438**	**141,868**	**2,474**	**691,780**	**713,576**
3.3 Expenditure on management costs					
Audit	9,255	-	-	**9,255**	6,638
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**593,886**	**182,156**	**2,474**	**778,517**	**768,767**

4. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	**143,975**	106,009
Employers NIC	**8,145**	3,785
Pension	**1,482**	1,006
	153,602	**110,800**

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCCs or PCC.
None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were reimbursed travelling and other expenses totalling £520 (2021: £5,615).

	2022	2021
St Mary's Clergy	**0**	4,500
St Michael's Clergy	**0**	0
St Thomas' Clergy	**520**	477
Youth work	**0**	638
	520	**5,615**

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 7 (2021 : 6)
The year ended with 2 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 0 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 6 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.
Reverend Sharon Roberts licensed as Team Rector 3rd May 2023 (Jeremy Brooks left 30th September 2021).
There are also number of other posts e.g. Organist, Choir Director, Community Magazine Editor, Hall Booking administrator who receive payments / honoraria.

5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2022	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Addition	-	-	-
Cost as at 31 December 2022	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Depreciation as at 1 January 2022	343,242	164,611	**507,853**
Charge for the year	17,490	41,907	**59,398**
Depreciation as at 31 December 2022	360,732	206,518	**567,251**
Net book value at 1 January 2022	633,733	271,768	905,501
Net book value at 31 December 2022	**616,243**	**229,861**	**846,104**

Freehold property

Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £312,411 in 2022. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The Fitzwillams Centre is vested in Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited on behalf of the PCC. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £1,726,203. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Hall which is over 50 years old and the Community and Resource Centre (CCRC) plus contents are insured for £2,900,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC only at 2% p.a.

		2022	2021
		£	£
6	**INVESTMENTS**		
	St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	**89,348**	**101,209**

We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 profit. The remaining investment is now valued at £89,348. An unrealised loss of £11,861 is reported in the year.

Investment value at 1 January 2022	**101,209**
Sale	
Realised Gain	
Unrealised gain / (loss)	(11,861)
Investment at 31 December 2022	**89,348**

Initial Investment at July 2014	**100,000**
Sale	(60,000)
Realised Gain	15,120
Unrealised Gain	34,228
Investment at 31 December 2022	**89,348**

7	**DEBTORS**		
	Sundry debtors	-	-
	Income tax recoverable	22,850	16,903
	Prepayments	2,121	1,997
		24,971	**18,901**
8	**LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year**		
	Sundry creditors and accruals	101,462	67,816
	Community magazine	-	-
	Audit and accountancy	-	-
	Outside giving	2,509	5,509
		103,971	**73,324**

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9.1 Designated funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2022**
	£	£	£	£	£
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	325,000	-	(11,000)	-	**314,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	145,641	-	(2,566)	-	**143,075**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	195,750	-	(18,482)	-	**177,268**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	666,391	-	(32,048)	-	**634,343**
St Thomas' Café Fund	53,754	97,407	(149,775)	-	**1,385**
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens		2,460	(333)	-	**2,126**
	53,754	99,866	(150,108)	-	**3,512**
	720,144	**99,866**	**(182,156)**	**-**	**637,853**

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
St. Michael's	
Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work
Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep

Restricted funds Fund name	Balance b/forward 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2022**
	£	£	£	£	£
St . Michael's					
Bulrushes	3,153		-	-	**3,153**
Garden of Remembrance	2,369	2,527	(2,474)	-	**2,422**
	5,522	**2,527**	**(2,474)**	**-**	**5,575**

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2020: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

11.1 The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £33,000 (2021: £33,500) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.

11.2 The Friends of St.Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St.Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

11.3 Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £31,092 (2021: £26,147). There are no conditions attached to these donations which include £6,020 for the Dove Café.

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A View from the Team…

As we know, 2021 was a difficult year for everyone, not least for us here in Beaconsfield, but fellowship and teamworking have seen us through, as they do. In fact, "seeing us through" doesn't do justice to the many achievements of the year, just a few of which are mentioned here.

The year closed with the Dove Café poised to open to the public in February 2022 with the whole church – inside and out – transformed both in appearance and in its missional goal of community engagement, branded as "coffee and kindness". There is more about The Dove later in this report but thanks are due here to members of the Project Team which has delivered the café and the Management Team which will now oversee its operation, especially given that both have been long-term collaborations between St Thomas's and St Mary's. Furthermore, the café opens with an extensive volunteer team drawn from all three of our churches – and beyond – so that pool of fellowship and team working widens still more. The envisioning and delivery of such a major project during this time of Team Rector vacancy makes an already major achievement truly amazing!

Like so many other churches and organisations, the Team faced ongoing financial challenges during 2021 and the significant shortfall of income against expenditure in the year continues to be a cause for concern. A priority for all three churches for 2022 is to find ways to address these challenges and work is underway to review stewardship schemes, develop alternative ways of giving and maximise hall income.

2021 began, of course, in a further lockdown between January and April, which surely lasted longer than anyone might have imagined. Our worship, though, continued without pause, thanks to the livestreaming of services from St Mary's directly into our homes, led by Michael, Margot and Sharon, and also daily Night Prayer recorded by talented members of our churches. Thanks are due, also, to those behind the scenes who made that broadcasting possible – and continue to do so, week by week.

In a year which has been very far from "normal" in all sorts of ways it was a tremendous achievement, too, not only to hold the Country Fayre this year but to welcome what seemed to be even more people than usual to enjoy being outdoors together at a fun, uplifting event which made a tremendous financial contribution to many charities and community groups. It was wonderful just to stop and say hello to people we had not seen for so long - and the range and quality of "street food" on offer was a particular joy! Well done to Sylvia Jones and all involved in making it happen.

In June we said farewell to Youth and Outreach Worker Michelle Fotherby, wishing her well as she prepared to commence ordination training as a Pioneer Minister later in the year.

This has surely been a year when special thanks are due to the heroic commitment and contribution made to our community life by Margot, as self-supporting minister at St Mary's, and to the lay leaders and members of our churches, especially at St Mary's, who have shouldered the considerable burden which falls to any church in vacancy and particularly came to us here in Beaconsfield last year.

The whole year was tinged with sadness at the continuing absence of our Team Rector, with Jeremy officially leaving the parish in September. Jeremy, and Dorothy, had been part of Beaconsfield life for 11 years and their absence from our spiritual and community lives, and the manner of that departure, left a shadow over the whole of 2021. We owe it to them both – and to ourselves – to acknowledge our thanks and gratitude for all that we have gained as church community and as individuals through that ministry, over those years. 2022 brings a new beginning for us all and our prayer is that it will be a fruitful and happy one, full of the hope and promise which the Gospel gives us.

And so we look ahead to those new beginnings, to welcoming a new Rector for the Team and for St Mary's, and for the contribution we each of us can make to both work ever more closely together and look ever more widely outwards to serving our community and our world.

Sharon. Michael

St Thomas'

At the time of writing, at St Thomas' we are all excited as the Dove café opens. We remain deeply committed to serving the needs of the Holtspur community. Despite numerous setbacks, the building of a community café inside our church is complete. We give our love and deep gratitude to the amazing café project team. We are immensely grateful, too, for many incredibly generous individual donations and institutional grants that have made this project possible. Both the inside and the outside of St Thomas' Church have been transformed.

The new church windows are beautiful and let light shine through the building. Work is still ongoing, primarily outside, with repairs to the car park and some tarmac surfacing alongside the far side of the hall to be completed.

Formal worship has continued to move towards a post-pandemic 'new-normal'. We have established a settled pattern of two Sunday Services each week at 9.30am and 4pm. The numbers at the 4pm service were unaffected by the clocks going back. The monthly children's story time at 4pm is attracting more families with requests for it to happen more frequently. During the week, a prayer group meets in church at 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A house group has resumed on Thursday afternoons.

Christmas services were scaled back due to Covid, having just three services - a carol service, stories for children and a Christmas Day Communion Service.

Each Wednesday there is a Senior Lunch in the hall where a freshly home cooked meal is available for £3.50. This has been very well received and is attracting more people each week.

In November there was a Remembrance Dinner which raised funds for The Dove Café and Helping Homeless Veterans. In January, there was a four course meal for Burns Night, complete with piper, funds raised this time being shared between hall revenues and Food for the Hungry. Our thanks go to Fi Mackenzie for both the senior lunches and the fund-raising dinners. We are also hugely grateful to Fi for masterminding a great transformation in the area between the vicarage, the hall and the church. We are just a few weeks away from a resumption of her 'a riot of colour', as springtime indicates an awakening from the current woes in many ways.

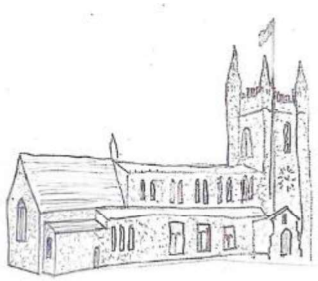
Our toddler group Tom's Tots is now well re-established each Tuesday morning during term time. We have around 20-25 children each week, although not always the same children as there are many more who have registered with us. We continue to attract new families, many hearing about us from others who already attend the sessions.

Bookings for the hall, lounge and church are varied and many. It is anticipated that these will increase with the opening of the Dove Café.

We also look forward to a resumption of many other activities. The Beaconsfield Advisory Centre has made a new home at St. Thomas'. BAC is a fellowship of Christians whose aim is to use their various gifts by volunteering their time to give back to the community. We hope that the ecumenical Oasis Bereavement Support Group will return monthly in our hall for an opportunity to talk and get to know each other over tea and cakes; that the local Senior Citizens social club once more makes use of our church and hall to enjoy a programme of talks, music and occasional outings; that residents are invited to various social events, including our popular film-show tea parties. For all this, and for much more, we owe great thanks to our Vicar, Michael, to Ruth and Derek Moores and to the DCC team, wardens and lay leaders.

Our supported charities show that our outreach stretches beyond the local community to the needs of the wider world. Among many others, they include Mission Aviation Fellowship, an international Christian aviation organisation serving around 30 developing countries to reach people living in some of the world's most isolated communities and Food For The Hungry, a Christian organisation engaged in sustainable development work in some of the poorest regions of the world. We are a friendly, welcoming and caring church community, and, as you can see, our wish is that we grow together in faith with support and encouragement.

St Mary's



The year 2021 for St Mary's was very different to any we have ever experienced in the past. The pandemic continued and it was with sadness that we announced that Jeremy was leaving the parish after 10 years' service with us.

We moved in and out of lockdowns and adapted accordingly to keep our congregations safe whilst at the same time having as many services as possible.

Services during 2021:

- Daily Prayer resumed in person in rotation across the three churches over the week. Morning Prayer at St Mary's was Thursday at 9am
- Mid-week Holy Communion was offered from April at St Michael's for the whole team
- 8am in-person and livestreamed Book of Common Prayer service at St Mary's from May – August once a month, then from September - December twice a month. All led by Rev Margot Suter.
- 10am Sunday services in person and livestreamed
    - First Sunday leading and preaching Rev Margot Suter
    - Second Sunday leading Rev Margot Suter with visiting preacher
    - Third Sunday Rev Sharon Roberts or Rev Michael Johnson leading and preaching
    - 4th Sunday leading and preaching Rev Margot Suter
    - 5th Sunday leading Rev Margot Suter with visiting preacher or team service
- Visiting preachers included Rev Canon Chris Bull, Rev Gareth Morley, Venerable Guy Elsmore, Hazel Chow LLM, Rev Ian Fishwick, Rev Nick Malony, Peter Laing from Newham Renewal Programme and Mark Dykes from Wycombe Homeless connection.
- There were two choral evensong services at 6:30pm, in person and live streamed, in September and October lead by laity.
- From September the YouTube Family online service was offered once a month.
- From September we resumed Family Service each month led by Rev Margot with a talk by members of the congregation.
- Junior Church during our 10am service resumed for primary school children from April 2021 with a new team of dedicated helpers.

Special Services during 2021 included:

- Ash Wednesday service on Zoom, 17th February
- Mothering Sunday 14th March (only online, 8am BCP and 10am service)
- National Day of Reflection to mark a year since first lockdown, 23rd March, (online only)
- Palm Sunday Passion reading recorded on Zoom and played at Palm Sunday online service.
- Maundy Thursday evening Holy communion service (online only), 1st April
- Good Friday reflections (pre-recorded service online only), 2nd April
- Easter Fire pre-recorded service online
- Easter Day family Holy communion service in-person and livestreamed.
- Family Harvest Service, 3rd October with window decorations of flower filled jars
- Remembrance service at War Memorial with Team Civic service of Morning Prayer, 14th November

- Advent Carol service of lessons and advent hymns,
- Family Toy service, 2nd December where a generous collection of wrapped gifts were received for the Church Army.
- Traditional lessons and carols, 19th December
- Retelling the Nativity Story and Midnight Mass, on Christmas Eve with window decorations of greenery and storm lanterns with large candles.
- 8am BCP and 10am Family Holy communion service on Christmas Day
- Other offerings included an Easter Story outdoor prayer walk in the church yard during Holy Week, COVID focused prayer stations in the church, and Playmobil Christmas story posters on the church fence on Windsor End during December.

It is wonderful to welcome the wider church family and the local community in the town to many of the special services.

Life events continued to be an important part of church life in 2021 with:

- 10 interments
- 23 funerals, 10 of which were in church
- 15 weddings
- 16 baptisms
- 2 marriage blessings
- 2 children were prepared and admitted to Holy communion

For some individuals and families this is their first contact with church, or a renewal of contact, and we are encouraged that for many of them it is the start of more regular contact whether through special services or through more regular worship. Through baptism and marriage preparation programmes and regular events and activities for children and families as well as ongoing pastoral support and fellowship we aim to offer opportunities to all for further involvement and development of their faith.

Pastoral care

Our Pastoral Care team kept in touch with many people offering support where needed either by phone call or increasingly home visits. Sadly, the number of lay volunteers involved across all aspects of worship and in church life declined during the year due, understandably, to concerns over the pandemic.

It continues to be challenging for House group membership which has largely had to be sustained through online engagement through Zoom calls with some in person meeting in the summer when restrictions allowed.

Margot as House group chaplain, met online with the leaders in May. Groups reported the difficulties in engaging with bible study or theological discussion over Zoom but appreciated the emotional support members gave each other in such uncertain times. At the end of 2021 there were 8 house groups with 67 members in total. .

Margot is grateful to the leaders for their care and support for those in their individual house groups.

The wider community

Hazel Chow LLM in the absence of the Rector has taken on engagement with the wider community in her role as Town Chaplain.

She has chaired the Churches Together meetings for ministers, arranged the War Memorial and Civil services on Remembrance Sunday and the Armistice service for schools on 11th November.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry worked with Bekonscot management to put on an outdoor Carols by Starlight service at Bekonscot on 12th December attended by 200 residents..

Engagement with schools continued to be limited due to the pandemic with Sharon and Michael being the main contacts for schools. 4 schools planned carols service in person in the church in December but due to the concerns over Omicron variant only Beaconsfield High School had their service in person, the other schools pre-recorded in the church and went online.

The Wooburn Singers had two concerts in church during the year, St Mary's Choir performed an Armistice Day recital with music and poetry and the Chiltern Band had a concert in December. The church space was used by the Fine Arts Society for its meetings so it could offer both in person and livestreamed options.

St Michael's

2021 felt like another year of opportunity and challenge – particularly the latter! We might have hoped that with the advent of vaccines our world would have returned to something recognisably B.C. (Before Covid) but alas it was not to be.

But if a long lockdown from January followed by a slow, cautious relaxation in late spring and summer brought its challenges it also brought opportunity, with the continuing offering of innovative on-line worship by many lay members of St Michael's and the Team churches, and a most moving Ash Wednesday service on Zoom before our joyous return to worshipping together in church, perfectly timed for Easter Day. Resurrection indeed!

Sadly, the challenge continued with our pressing need to maximise church income during a year when, as in 2020, hall and CCRC room hire was much reduced. Two innovations helped us hugely in our stewardship quest during 2021 – the extended promotion of the fantastic Parish Giving Scheme as the way to give regularly to St Michael's and the introduction of contactless one-off giving through the "Goodbox", now to be found at the back of church for retiring collections. At a time when volunteer resources are stretched in every direction the church must embrace those systems and processes which make best use of time and energy, so we are most thankful for those members of St Michael's who have switched to using these methods, as well as the Golden Giving scheme, as their means of financial giving.

During the year we had the excitement of St Michael's becoming a film location for a BBC "Silent Witness" episode and also for a private filming project. It was truly fascinating to see how the church was transformed – and how it all came back together again at the end of the shoot! It was an opportunity to engage with literally scores of film crew, outreach which doesn't often come our way.

Our Plant Sale in May was a great success too, with £2,000 raised and a wonderful sense of church and wider communities coming together on a hugely enjoyable day celebrating God's creation and human "green fingers".

Tremendous thanks are due to all our plant growers, whose time and trouble extends over weeks and months of preparation, as well as to those who helped on the day.

There has been the usual round of hellos and goodbyes, notably a farewell to our Office Manager, Zoe Lawrence (thankfully still very much part of the St Michael's family, together with daughter Florence) and the arrival in the Parish Office of Christine Adali, who works across both St Thomas's and St Michael's admin roles, an arrangement which works brilliantly and to the benefit of both our churches. Some long-standing St Michael's members moved away during the year and new families have arrived in the area and become part of our church life, and we have, of course, said sad and fond farewells to Joy Clark and to David Baker, giving thanks for their lives, their friendship and their long, faithful service to St Michael's.

And so on to worship. We have continued with a 10am Sunday pattern of different services each week, something for everyone, with All-Age 2gether services on 2nd and 4th Sundays proving to be the most popular, involving, as they do, children and young people in many aspects of the service. 2gether is always Eucharistic, so we were delighted to welcome seven St Michael's children taking their First Communion on Advent Sunday, following preparation held for a total of 10 children from across our Team churches.

It could be said that in 2021 our worship was across the threshold in a literal sense, with Advent and Easter displays mounted outside the church and a Remembrance Season display, to be visited at any time of day, inside. Tightening Covid restrictions found us on Christmas Eve not with a conventional Crib Service but both "inside" and "outside", as church doors opened to the knock of the (outside) congregation and revealed children (inside) dressed in character and telling their part of the nativity story.

Regardless of Covid infection levels and restrictions, we will no doubt stay with our "across the threshold" theme in 2022, the threshold which blurs "inside" and "outside", whether that is a church building or a church community, bringing people closer to God and to each other, both as part of the St Michael's family, and through building wider relationships within the community we serve. This will bring to fruition the vision and strategy reviewed and renewed by the DCC in a Mission Action Plan agreed in 2021, which every one of us can own and contribute to, and which sets the direction of travel for the St Michael's journey over the next three years.

A major excitement for 2022 will, of course, be the appointment of a new Team Rector and Rector of St Mary's – all prayers for that particular journey to unfold and arrive, and to build on the energy, commitment and love shown to St Michael's, St Mary's and St Thomas's by Jeremy Brooks, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude as his 11 years of ministry in Beaconsfield came officially to a close in September.

2021 has been the year in which the Beaconsfield team came together and achieved something amazing. The Dove café has been built and is now open.

After two years of planning and fundraising, we put the finishing touches to the building specification in January 2021 and went out to tender. We secured the services of a wonderful builder, John Wood, and he and his team began work on June 3rd when the hoardings went up and the foundations were dug. It has not all been plain sailing. There were structural difficulties to overcome and some changes to the plan were forced upon us, but we got there.

St Thomas' church has been transformed. The ugly exterior on the north side has been updated, a new accessible entrance created and the interior transformed into a vibrant, warm and welcoming space for us to serve our community.

The plain north wall before its transformation and as it is today

Our most exciting moment was when the new windows arrived in late December. Thanks to a generous individual donation, we have been able to replicate the windows on the south side of the church and Jonathan and his team from Silva Furniture Ltd of Ibstone, worked long into the night to put them in place before the New Year.

The new windows arrived late one afternoon on 29th December and were installed just before New Year.

This has truly been a team project. The Café Project Team of Michael, Steve, Gill, Derek Ruth and Alison were drawn from across the parish. When the exterior was almost complete we created the Plumage Group to pay attention to the look and feel of the interior. The group was made up of talented people with connections throughout the parish.

Most of all, we have been supported by the prayers of individual church members from St Mary's, St Michael's and St Thomas' and by the practical support, encouragement and generous donations from all three churches.

We are also grateful for the army of volunteers who have come forward from our churches and the town to serve in the café and help us reach out to our local community.

We are conscious that none of this would have been possible had we not felt the presence of God throughout the project. He has blessed us in so many ways. He has encouraged us when we stumble and guided us when we are uncertain. We are humble when we think how he has worked through us to achieve this.

We look forward with confidence and trust in God to the months and years ahead when the Dove café begins to transform the lives of the people in our community as it has transformed the interior and exterior of St Thomas' church building . The Dove café will become a beacon of hope and a haven of comfort for the people we serve in this town and we thank our God for it.

Finally, the Dove café has been made possible not only by the faithful prayers of local people but by the generous support of local businesses and our funders for whom we our truly grateful.

Outside Giving

The committee met twice in 2021, once on Zoom and in November in person to review and pray for the work of the chosen charities. No changes to the charities the team supports were made during the year.

Mission Aviation Fellowship – Derek Moores

Daily newspaper headlines can make for depressing reading. Television reports from around the world can be hard to watch. Some days, you can wonder whether your efforts in life make any difference whatsoever.

Fortunately, at MAF, we get to hear good news every week. MAF Pilot Roy Rissanen recently sent details of an emergency flight in Liberia that saved the life of little Sangai:

'On Friday afternoon at a remote village, I picked up a five-month-old girl called Sangai who was infected with a flesh-eating parasite. She was extremely ill.

Healthcare in the countryside is limited, so I flew Sangai and her mum immediately to the capital Monrovia. (The doctors in her village told me the baby would never survive ten hours on a road in the wet season… on the back of a motorbike.)

From the airfield, they were driven by MAF car to the ELWA — Eternal Love Winning Africa — mission hospital because an ambulance wasn't available.

Margot Biggs, wife of my fellow pilot Steven, works at this hospital and is very happy to report that Sangai is in a good condition following a successful operation!'

In Myanmar work on the new airstrip at Lailenpi ceased due to the monsoon and the deteriorating security situation. Although the monsoon has ended, security has continued to worsen so work on the airstrip cannot resume. The small national team is providing a limited response to the medical needs due to Covid. MAF continues to monitor the growing humanitarian crisis and could join an international response.

In other news the MAF Global Week of Prayer was 31 Oct – 7 Nov 2021. Permission has been given to start a new programme in Guinea which will use the C208 Grand Caravan previously in Mongolia. Nigel Clark, a new member of the MAF speaker team spoke to the congregation at St Mary's on 30 January 2022 giving an illustrated talk and personal testimony. The coronavirus pandemic is affecting many of the countries MAF works in, particularly Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea. In Tanzania there is misinformation that the vaccine affects fertility.

Sharon International Ministeries (SIM) – Tom Holyer

At present the school is open with 650 pupils attending, aged between 4 and 15 years old. They are being taught by 30 teachers who have all been vaccinated. Social distancing and wearing of masks is mandatory in the class room.

This year School Leaving Certificates will be awarded after the Senior Class, munbering 40 pupils, have taken their exams in March. They are confident of obtaining good results, which will enable them to continue in further education, albeit away from their homes.

In 2021 we e were able to send £20,000 which paid for the teachers' salaries as the teachers were furloughed. and were on half-salary, so fulfilling SIM's commitment regarding teachers' pay – thanks in particular to the Outside Giving's considerable donation of £6,750 which was 33% of the amount that was sent to India this year.

This year SIM's commitment is £30,000 and so 3 fund -raising events are planned:-

Saturday, 19th March, - concert, by the Wycombe Orpheus Male Voice Choir in St. Michael's Church

Sunday, July/August – Ploughman's Lunch in the Gardent

October/ November – Curry Evening

School after renovation

Senior class now

Newham Renewal Programme – Bill Edwards

The Newham Renewal Programme celebrated its 50th birthday and a group of us attended a wonderful celebration in Stratford Old Town Hall. We were also able to give them a birthday gift of £1,500 which were the proceeds of a sponsored walk supported by us all.

We once again couldn't hold our quiz or host our annual day out to Beaconsfield. However, we were delighted to welcome Peter Laing, C.E.O to our Harvest Festival where he spoke movingly about the work they do and the effects of the pandemic. Despite the difficulties of lockdown, we were able to make a number of trips with food, clothing, and housewares.

Our Christmas run of toys and clothes took place after the mountain of gifts so generously given were gathered in and converted to parcels. They had even laid on a shared lunch for us when we arrived.

They were looking after 470+ families via their food bank, opened a Community Hub café, started Chat Newham for people who just needed to talk, and Connect Newham. They now employ a full-time legal expert to support 138 individuals with their issuess. and continued with many of their ongoing activities. It was a heroic effort on their behalf to support so many people. As ever they were so incredibly grateful for our love and support – which makes us feel so humble given the difficulties they face daily.

Embrace the Middle East – Rose Shimwell

The EMBRACE charity is based in Amersham; they have worked with Partners and local churches in the Middle East for many years. Part of the Outside Giving goes towards the EMBRACE mission partners working in Lebanon to help Syrian refugees. Some of the Christmas Collection from St Mary's is sent to the EMBRACE general fund in the Middle East.

EMBRACE work with local partners getting involved with programmes and projects to help those living in poverty. In Lebanon approximately 1.5 million refugees live in tented villages. Recent demonstrations and political unrest has

resulted in more refugees and Lebanese families living in poverty and struggling to survive. The situation in Syria is much worse.

Despite the recent challenges of the Covid pandemic and economic collapse EMBRACE partners have continued to provide health, educational and training opportunities especially for young women. Other programmes include emergency and winter relief programmes targeting the most vulnerable. In Syria two partner organisations work in health care and provide a safe space for traumatised children.

New Generation Burundi – Derek Moores

New Generation's mission is to incite notions of spirituality, culture and socio-economic development among young people and children so that they can become servant leaders of the nation. They have 4 programmes; socio-economic reintegration; training and coaching in leadership and entrepreneurship: return to school; awareness, advocacy and youth engagement.

Our support for this project in Burundi continues. It is particularly important during the Covid pandemic where regular income is so helpful to this charity which has a continuing need to support the many street children and orphans in one of the world's 39 poorest countries. As well as caring for these children they provide the older children with leadership training which is particularly useful with corvid prevention. The following extract from their recent report gives a good idea of the many challenges that they have had.

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre

Clients have presented with problems that are often very complicated and we are fortunate to have a panel of specialist advisors who are able to help. We had clients reliant on food banks and sadly have had to deal with more debt problems during this time.

We offered a free transport service for medical appointments for clients living in the HP9 area and our drivers take them as far as Oxford, Mount Vernon, and Stoke Mandeville, as well as local appointments.

We were so grateful to our volunteer drivers who gave up their time to do this valuable task. There were 26 people from St Mary's involved as advisors plus more as drivers.

We worked closely with Better Connect Beaconsfield and took over their transport requests.

With the present lockdowns we had to restrict the numbers of drivers.

Advisors went into the Centre to man the phones and were also manning them from home.

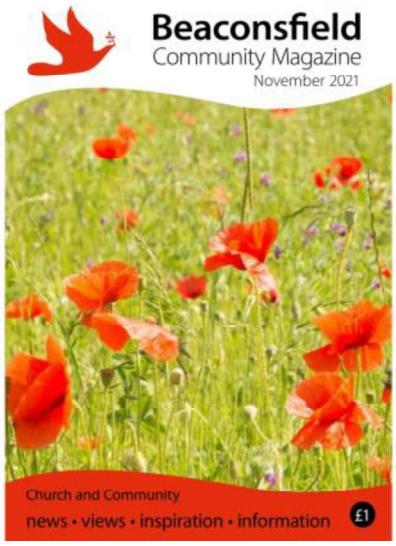
We are now seeing clients at the Centre but by appointment only.

We are in the process of opening an office in the Dove, Holtspur on a Tuesday morning from 10-12noon.

Beaconsfield Community Magazine

The year started with hope that very soon things would return to 'normal.' But what happened was rather different. We were very grateful for our loyal subscribers, distributors & deliverers and advertisers.

With several activities still online or cancelled, including the Beaconsfield Community Festival, we appreciated the many contributors who continued to support the magazine. It was wonderful to cover the return of Lighthouse Beaconsfield, after a two-year absence and the Country Fayre and Festival of Lights, both of which had been missed in 2020.



For the past 10 years Jeremy had written an opening note at the start of the magazine and we were indebted to Hazel Chow who agreed to fill this role and prepare a monthly note from the Town Chaplain.

Editorial

In the first issue of the year, we launched a new feature in which local clergy spoke of their faith heroes. Hazel Chow, Paul Cornelius, Fr Seán Healy, Michael Johnson, Tom Williams, Padre Shyju from St Teresa's, Matt Jones of Hope Church, Nigel Douglas and Sharon Roberts all participated in this new series.

As ever we thank the various members of the clergy and parishioners who contribute to the monthly 'God slot' and offer particular thanks to Heather Duffy and Rhiannon Scott who kindly conduct interviews during the year. We had some very positive feed-back from readers during 2021 particularly in relation to the interviews. Although some meetings took place face-to-face, Zoom enabled interviews to continue when social distancing was required. We met Andy Tagg, Headteacher at Holtspur Primary school, Chris Burley on his retirement from the pastoral care team, Peter Tang, Headteacher of The Beaconsfield School, Andrew Farncombe on his role as High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Steve Butler, Headteacher at Butlers Court School, Chris Wayland & Jo Rasenburg, proprietors of the Hibiscus Supper Club, Soslan and Zarina Salamov of Salanti Pies, Victoria from Benedict's Store in Gregories Road, Vicki Marsh, chocolatier of Prescotts, Bhavini Mistry of the Sass & Spice cookery school, Kate Gater, Head Teacher at High March, Celia Harding on her retirement from the Jack & Jill nursery,

Alex Osei Bonsu from the charity, the Christian Eye Foundation and the current mayor, Alastair Pike.

Apart from the regular church & community news, we also covered among other things the 50th anniversary of both St Mary's Toddler Group and the National Film & Television School. We were also happy to cover The Beaconsfield School's long-standing Art & Craft Fair which returned soon after covid restrictions were lifted for indoor events. And we were delighted to track the progress throughout the year of the Dove Café and look forward to the official opening in February. We hope it will become a much- loved resource for the whole community of Beaconsfield.

Advertising

2021 was, as expected, a difficult year for advertising as a few of our long-standing advertisers had not renewed following the restrictions of 2020. The income from advertising in 2021 was down by 9% against the previous year. One positive contribution during the year was the higher than usual number of bookings for one -off adverts.

Subscriptions and Distribution

We thank Sally Masters very much for her continuing role in handling the subscriptions and monthly distribution of the magazine. Sales of the magazine to subscribers were down in 2021 to a figure of just over 600. In addition, copies are delivered to McColls, The Post Office, Ricki's, The Mayflower and the Library, for sale. Churches all receive copies for purchase, but no cash comes back directly to the magazine from any sales. Sadly, some of our long-standing subscribers have passed away, others have moved from the area, and some have stopped subscribing. However, efforts are being made to encourage new subscribers.

This year we were able to hold our mulled wine & mince pie party as a thank you to all distributors & deliverers. It was a hugely successful occasion, very upbeat and with a very good turnout! Black Friday proved to be a good choice for this event!

Finances

We are very grateful to our extremely efficient treasurer, Nicki Edwards who keeps a close watch on our financials. A financial summary had been prepared as of 31st December 2021. Total income from advertisers and subscriptions was £16.2k compared with £18.6k the previous year. Expenditure exceeded income over the year by £5.8k. The balance in the current account at the year-end was approx. £3.3k while the deposit account remained unchanged at approx. £15.6k.

An increase in the price of the magazine seems overdue since the last increase was in January 2012.. A figure of £1.50 per copy with an annual subscription of £15.00 will be introduced from January 2023.

Production and Printing

Our business continues to be handled very efficiently by Turville printers. and our main contact, Michael Yorke is now assisted by a new employee who seems equally good.

Committee Meetings

The committee, consisting of representatives from all the churches in Beaconsfield, met just once in 2021 on 2 nd February and then an annual review meeting was held on 26th January 2022.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas, Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll for 2021 was 559 (2020 558)

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List of members of the PCC (Trustees) for 2021

The Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks Team Rector (Until September 2021)

The Revd Michael Johnson Team Vicar of St Thomas's

The Revd Sharon Roberts Team Vicar of St Michael's

The Revd Margot Suter Associate Priest, St Mary's

Mrs Hazel Chow Licensed Lay Minister

Mrs Michelle Fotherby Youth & Outreach Worker (Until June 2021)

Mrs Nicki Edwards PCC Treasurer (until May 2021)

Mr Bill Edwards Churchwarden St Mary's

Mr David Bulteel, Churchwarden, St Mary's (from May 2021)

Mrs Harriet Baldwin Churchwarden St Mary's, (until May 2021) PCC Secretary

Mr John Gibbs Churchwarden, St Michael's

Mr Trevor Sharkey Churchwarden, St Thomas' & St Thomas' Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Fiona Collins Churchwarden, St Thomas'

Mr Andrew Farncombe Deanery Synod representative, St Mary's

Professor Derek Portwood Deanery Synod representative, St Mary's

Mr Eddie Weiss Deanery Synod representative, St Mary's

Mrs Wendy Godrich Assistant Warden & PCC representative, St Mary's (from May 2021)

Mrs Tor Saer PCC representative, St Mary's (from May 2021)

Miss Frances Hall PCC & Deanery Synod representative, St Michael's

Mrs Mary Bischoff PCC representative, St Michael's

Mrs Alison Hart PCC representative, St Thomas'

Mrs Catherine Davidson, PCC representative, St Thomas' (from May 2021)

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259. The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees. All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches. The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A local firm of Accountants is appointed as Auditors.

In 2021, PCC meetings considered financial matters, including the budgets, the Parish share and overall team expenses particularly in the light of the Covid 19 pandemic. There were also regular updates on the progress of the Dove café at St Thomas'.

PCC meetings received regular reports from DCCs and considered other team matters such as outside giving, youth and outreach work and the Community Magazine as regular agenda items.

In 2021 there were 2 additional PCC meetings held, one in August 2021 for PCC and DCC members to understand the vacancy and recruitment process for the new Rector and in October the PCC Section 11 meeting to appoint Parish Representatives.

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:

The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Michael's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year.

St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

Within the Parish there are 2 church houses. The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let out commercially from August 2020.

The BCET owns a house at 27 Crossways, which has been rented out commercially from August 2020.

Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and Church & Community Resource Centre and St Thomas' Hall.

Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2021 the unrestricted cash reserves totalled £437,575 and represented 9.8 months of normal recurring expenditure (2020: £494,842 10.9 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements. Costs associated with the Dove Café, a designated project, have been excluded. Expenditure on the Dove Café in 2021 totalled £167,153 and the excess of income over expenditure at the end of the year was £53,754.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds.

In 2021 the PCC faced some significant and continuing financial challenges.

All 3 churches had experienced reductions in income during the 2020/21 lockdown periods, affecting property hire (hall booking income), fund raising and social events and plate collections. The gradual opening up from the summer of 2021 meant that income increased slightly during 2021 but by the end of 2021 income across the Team had not re-established to pre pandemic levels.

Stewardship/planned giving schemes had continued during lockdown periods but with reduced congregations as the churches re-opened, giving from these schemes had not grown as anticipated and as in previous years.

The suspension of face-to-face activities and deferment of other activities including property maintenance at the start of 2021 meant that expenditure was also reduced but as fixed costs remained, the significant shortfall of income against expenditure continues to be a cause for concern.

The total Income for 2021 was £678,183 (2020: £595,268) – all of which was unrestricted but includes £195,993 designated to the St Thomas' Dove Café. Excluding restricted and designated funds, total income for 2021 was £482,191 (2020: £573,638). Legacies of £10,000 (2020: £56,000) were recognised in the year. In 2019 St Mary's received a large legacy and recognised £20,000 of this income in the same year. The remainder was held on the balance sheet for future use and £10,000 was recognised in 2021. Regular Giving, including the associated tax recoverable, continues to account for around 62% of all unrestricted income but has fallen by a little over £50,000 to approximately £300,000 in the year.

The total Expenditure for 2021 was £768,767 (2020: £607,249), the increase almost entirely due to the cost of building the St Thomas' Dove Café £167,153. Excluding restricted and designated funds, total expenditure for 2021 was £569,566 (2020: £575,201).

Parish share and staff costs together account for 61% of all unrestricted expenditure. Unrestricted expenses for the PCC stood at £65 per hour in 2021 (£65 per hour in 2020).

In 2021 there was an unrealised gain on Investment Income of £12,723 (2020: £5,716) and Dividends of £2,572 (2020: £2,484). The total deficit for the year was £77,860 (2020: deficit £6,266) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a deficit of £74,652 (2020: surplus £4,153).

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021 was £1,395,384 (2020: £1,473,243) of which £5,522 was Restricted and £720,143 was Designated. Unrestricted funds stood at £669,719.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2021 was £383,822 (2020: £469,930).

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

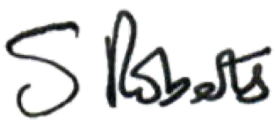
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate action to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 6 April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



CHAIR

Independent Auditors Report to the Parochial Church Council of Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Beaconsfield Team Ministry for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise of a Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cashflow and notes numbered 1 to 11 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 PCC's affairs as at the 31 December 2021, and of its incoming resources, for the year 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 the International Standards of 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 PCC 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 responsibility in accordance with these requirements and believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Members of the PCC's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of the PCC have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the PCC's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorise for issue.

Other information

The Members of the PCC are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the member's annual report, other than the financial statements and out auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 in inconsistent in any material respect with the PCC annual 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 the Members of the PCC

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Members of the PCC, the members are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the members 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 Members of the PCC are responsible for assessing the PCC'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 Members of the PCC either intend to liquidate the PCC 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 regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is

sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the PCC's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Members of the PCC.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Members of the PCC use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the PCC to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Members of the PCC, 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 Members of the PCC 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 PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

25 April 2022
Date:

Cansdales Audit LLP

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Cansdales Audit LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Cansdales Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Consolidated End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2021

Prepared by:
Gillian McAlister (FCMA)
McAlister & Co Ltd

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	**2.1**	346,231	11,740	-	**357,971**	456,533	4,000	-	**460,533**
Activities for generating funds	**2.2**	60,025	184,253	-	**244,278**	52,097	17,494	135	**69,726**
Investment income	**2.3**	2,658	-	-	**2,658**	3,036	-	-	**3,036**
Income from charitable activities	**2.4**	73,275	-	-	**73,275**	61,973	-	-	**61,973**
Total Income		482,189	195,993	-	**678,182**	573,638	21,494	135	**595,268**
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	**3.1**	38,221	10,332	-	**48,553**	48,893	2,566	-	**51,459**
Charitable activities	**3.2**	524,707	188,869	-	**713,576**	519,709	29,482	-	**549,191**
Management costs	**3.3**	6,638	-	-	**6,638**	6,600	-	-	**6,600**
Total Expenditure		569,566	199,200	**-**	**768,767**	575,201	32,048	-	**607,249**
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		**(87,377)**	**(3,208)**	**-**	**(90,585)**	**(1,563)**	**(10,553)**	**135**	**(11,981)**
Transfers between funds									**-**
Other recognised gains / losses									**-**
Gains/losses on investments	**6**	12,723	-	-	**12,723**	5,716	-	-	**5,716**
Net movement in funds		**(74,653)**	**(3,208)**	**-**	**(77,862)**	**4,153**	**(10,553)**	**135**	**(6,266)**
Total funds bought forward		**744,371**	**723,351**	**5,522**	**1,473,243**	**740,218**	**733,904**	**5,387**	**1,479,509**
Total funds carried forward		**669,718**	**720,143**	**5,522**	**1,395,383**	**744,371**	**723,351**	**5,522**	**1,473,243**

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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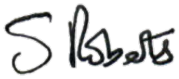
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	**5**	239,111	666,390	-	**905,501**	964,899
Investments	**6**	101,209	-	-	**101,209**	88,486
		340,320	666,390	-	**1,006,710**	1,053,385
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	**7**	18,901	-	-	**18,901**	21,454
Cash in hand and at bank		262,890	53,753	5,522	**322,165**	382,044
Short term deposits		120,932	-	-	**120,932**	118,320
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		402,722	53,753	5,522	**461,997**	521,818
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(73,324)	-	-	**(73,324)**	(101,960)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		329,398	53,753	5,522	**388,673**	419,858
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		669,718	720,143	5,522	**1,395,383**	1,473,243
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	**-**	**-**
NET ASSETS		**669,718**	**720,143**	**5,522**	**1,395,383**	**1,473,243**
FUNDS	**9**					
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds		669,718	-	-	**669,718**	744,370
Designated funds	**9.1**	-	720,143	-	**720,143**	723,351
		669,718	720,143	-	**1,389,861**	1,467,721
Restricted funds	**9.2**	-	-	5,522	**5,522**	5,522
		669,718	**720,143**	**5,522**	**1,395,383**	**1,473,243**

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 6th APRIL 2022
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :



Rev. Sharon Roberts (Chairman)

Mr David Bulteel (Senior Churchwarden)

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Net movement in funds		**(90,585)**	**(11,981)**
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	**5**	59,398	59,398
Investment income	**2.3**	(2,658)	(3,036)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		2,556	(4,102)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(28,636)	(1,093)
Net cash from operating activities		**(59,925)**	**39,186**
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	**5**	-	-
Other recognised gains/losses		-	-
Investment income	**2.3**	2,658	3,036
Cash flow from investing activities		**2,658**	**3,036**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		**(57,267)**	**42,222**
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		**500,364**	**458,142**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**443,097**	**500,364**

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	**2021**	**2020**
Cash at bank and in hand	322,165	382,044
Short Term Deposits	120,932	118,320
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**443,097**	**500,364**

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels.The consolidated figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. The financial statements of all three DCCs are subject to separate independent examination prior to inclusion in the consolidated figures. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are show at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued on October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings
Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.
Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.
Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME		**Unrestricted Funds**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**2021 Total**	**2020 Total**
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		204,678	2,052	-	**206,730**	239,749
Tax recoverable		50,251	9,183	-	**59,434**	61,768
Other planned giving		44,425	505	-	**44,930**	50,885
Collections at services		664	-	-	**664**	1,243
Sundry donations		-	-	-	**-**	-
		300,018	11,740	-	**311,758**	353,645
Other voluntary income						
BCET	**11.1**	33,500	-	-	**33,500**	39,500
HMRC furlough grant		-	-	-	**-**	5,774
Donations, appeals etc		2,713	-	-	**2,713**	5,613
Legacies		10,000	-	-	**10,000**	56,000
		46,213	-	-	46,213	106,888
		346,231	11,740	-	**357,971**	460,533
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land letttings		33,993	-	-	**33,993**	20,049
Church hall lettings		-	-	-	**-**	-
Beaconsfield Community Mag		16,188	-	-	**16,188**	18,613
Social activities		2,612	-	-	**2,612**	9,528
Dove Café		-	184,253	-	**184,253**	-
Other fundraising		7,232	-	-	**7,232**	21,536
		60,025	184,253	-	**244,278**	69,726
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		86	-	-	**86**	552
Dividends		2,572	-	-	**2,572**	2,484
Realised gain/(loss) on investment		-	-	-	**-**	-
		2,658	-	-	**2,658**	3,036
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		25,636	-	-	**25,636**	24,271
Church hall lettings		47,639	-	-	**47,639**	37,702
Bookstall / Children		-	-	-	**-**	-
		73,275	-	-	**73,275**	61,973
Total Income		**482,189**	**195,993**	**-**	**678,182**	**595,268**

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	924	2,566	-	**3,490**	11,304
Community magazine	21,365	-	-	**21,365**	19,573
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	15,319	-	-	**15,319**	13,694
Social activities	614	7,766	-	**8,379**	6,887
	38,221	10,332	**-**	**48,553**	51,459
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	235,955	-	-	**235,955**	236,307
Clergy					
Expenses	7,158	-	-	**7,158**	6,592
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	11,594	-	-	**11,594**	22,218
	18,752	-	-	**18,752**	28,810
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	48,416	1,227	-	**49,643**	47,733
Church running expenses	35,008	-	-	**35,008**	31,268
Church maintenance	11,126	-	-	**11,126**	10,921
Church improvements & major repairs	-	-	-	**-**	-
Depreciation furniture & fittings	24,350	14,557	-	**38,907**	38,907
Depreciation freehold property				**-**	-
Training	-	-	-	**-**	37
Team expenses	963	-	-	**963**	(807)
	119,863	15,784	-	**135,646**	128,058
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	49,922	-	-	**49,922**	38,459
Dove Café building costs	-	158,064	-	**158,064**	-
Depreciation	3,001	14,924	-	**17,925**	17,925
	52,923	172,988	-	**225,911**	56,384
Youth work					
Cost of youth activities	-	-	-	**-**	-
	-	**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	42,602	-	-	**42,602**	41,547
Printing, stationery & telephone	7,643	97	-	**7,740**	9,968
Bank charges	960	-	-	**960**	927
Other team costs	6,478	-	-	**6,478**	-
	57,682	97	-	**57,779**	52,442
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**485,175**	**188,869**	**-**	**674,043**	**502,001**

carried forward

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**485,175**	**188,869**	**-**	**674,043**	**502,001**
Brought forward					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	7,594	-	-	**7,594**	6,225
Relief and development agencies	12,656	-	-	**12,656**	12,450
Home missions & Church societies	7,350	-	-	**7,350**	7,825
DCC Outside Giving	11,933	-	-	**11,933**	20,689
	39,533	-	-	**39,533**	47,189
Total Charitable activities	**524,707**	**188,869**	**-**	**713,576**	**549,191**
3.3 Expenditure on management costs					
Audit	6,638	-	-	**6,638**	6,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**569,566**	**199,200**	**-**	**768,767**	**607,249**

4. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	**106,009**	111,381
Employers NIC	**3,785**	4,180
Pension	**1,006**	1,168
	110,800	**116,729**

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCC's or PCC
None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were reimbursed travelling and other expenses totalling £6,592 (2019: £7,640)

	2021	2020
St Mary's Clergy	**4,500**	3,854
St Michael's Clergy	**0**	31
St Thomas' Clergy	**477**	423
Youth work	**638**	2,284
	5,615	**6,592**

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 6 (2020 : 7)
The year ended with 2 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 0 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 6 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.
Jeremy Brooks, Team Rector left St Mary's 30th September 2021.
There are also number of other posts e.g. Organist, Choir Director, Community Magazine Editor, Hall Booking administrator who receive payments / honoraria.

5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2021	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Addition	-	-	**-**
Cost as at 31 December 2021	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Depreciation as at 1 January 2021	325,752	122,704	**448,456**
Charge for the year	17,490	41,907	**59,398**
Depreciation as at 31 December 2021	343,242	164,611	**507,853**
Net book value at 1 January 2021	651,223	313,675	964,899
Net book value at 31 December 2021	**633,733**	**271,768**	**905,501**

Freehold property

Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £291,155 in 2021. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The Fitzwillams Centre is vested in Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited on behalf of the PCC. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £1,726,203. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Hall which is over 50 years old and the Community and Resource Centre (CCRC) plus contents are insured for £2,900,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC only at 2% p.a.

		2021	2020
		£	£
6	**INVESTMENTS**		
	St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	**101,209**	**88,486**

We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 profit. The remaining investment has regained its value and is now valued at £101,209. An unrealised gain of £12,723 is being reported in the year.

Investment value at 1 January 2021	**88,486**
Sale	
Realised Gain	
Unrealised gain / (loss)	12,723
Investment at 31 December 2021	**101,209**

Initial Investment at July 2014	**100,000**
Sale	(60,000)
Realised Gain	15,120
Unrealised Gain	40,373
Investment at 31 December 2021	**101,209**

7	**DEBTORS**		
	Sundry debtors	-	7,201
	Income tax recoverable	16,903	11,303
	Prepayments	1,997	2,949
		18,901	**21,454**
8	**LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year**		
	Sundry creditors and accruals	67,816	92,652
	Community magazine	-	-
	Audit and accountancy	-	-
	Outside giving	5,509	9,308
		73,324	**101,960**

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9.1 Designated funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2021**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	336,000	-	(11,000)	-	**325,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	148,207	-	(2,566)	-	**145,641**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	214,231	-	(18,482)	-	**195,749**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	698,438	-	(32,048)	-	**666,390**
St Thomas' Café Fund	24,912	195,993	(167,152)	-	**53,753**
	723,350	**195,993**	**(199,199)**	**-**	**720,143**

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
St. Michael's	
Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work
Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep

Restricted funds Fund name	Balance b/forward 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2021**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
St . Michael's					
Bulrushes	3,153		-	-	**3,153**
Garden of Remembrance	2,369	-	-	-	**2,369**
	5,522	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5,522**

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2020: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

11.1 The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £33,500 (2020: £39,500) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.

11.2 The Friends of St.Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St.Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

11.3 Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £26,147 (2020: £40,187). There are no conditions attached to these donations.

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A View from the Team…

"We are in this together" has been a popular saying since the early days of the pandemic. Here in the Beaconsfield Team Ministry, it has proved to be much more than a slogan, it has become the pathway to not only surviving these difficult times, but to finding innovative ways to sustain and nourish ourselves spiritually. By pooling our gifts – creative and practical – lay and ordained leaders have worked together, making it possible for many of us to worship together in our homes for far longer than anyone could have imagined when we went into the first lockdown, back in March last year. Our buildings may have been locked down, but the Church of God has been very much alive!

While so many of our other activities and events were paused, it does seem that we have truly lived out St Paul's teaching of the church as a body, all with different and inter-dependent parts to play, appreciating the skills and gifts others possess which complement, rather than compete, with our own. Another popularised saying that has emerged goes something like this: "We cannot go back to how things were before, we need to find a new normal." There is surely something of the Gospel message in that: "the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" [2 Corinthians 5:17] and "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" [Romans 12:2].

So looking ahead, we expect to continue finding new ways to benefit from being and doing more things together, not to become singular, but to honour, cherish, enhance and complement those things which are different and wonderfully distinctive in each other's churches.

It won't be right to combine everything, but in some of our working practices, especially in certain areas of governance, accounting and administration, there may well be helpful ways to reduce bureaucracy and streamline our support services, ultimately for the benefit of those whom we serve and support. to be reduced not increased!

And we can't offer a perspective from the Team without mention of The Dove Café, which we are now confident will become a reality in 2021, thanks to the courageous vision of St Thomas' and to energy, expertise and financial gifts drawn from across all three of our churches. The remodelling and reopening of those doors will create a place of real engagement with our Beaconsfield community. And it will be a significant sign of hope that by working together, our churches can truly transform the lives of all God's people.

At the time of compiling this report, our Team Rector, Revd Jeremy Brooks, is away from the parish on discretionary leave granted by the Bishop. Much of what we have achieved together as a team over the last year has been possible because of Jeremy's collaborative and enabling approach. We are immensely grateful and wish him well during this time of reflection and restoration.

Sharon. Michael

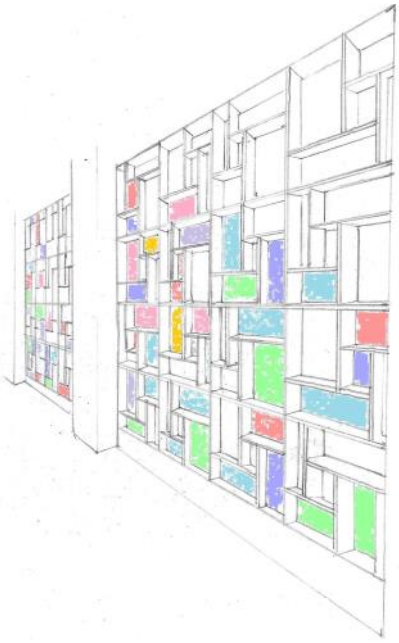
St Thomas'

At St Thomas', in the midst of a national lockdown, we remain deeply committed to serving the needs of the Holtspur community. Despite numerous setbacks, the building of a community café inside our church remains on track. We are immensely grateful for the many incredibly generous individual donations and institutional grants that have made this project possible. Building work is out to tender and we are looking forward to opening the doors of The Dove Café sometime in 2021. It will be a place where people find friendship, connection, peace, shelter, a new start and the presence of God's Spirit. We are immensely grateful to Alison, Derek, Ruth, Gill and Steve for their commitment and energy throughout the year, which means we have every confidence of opening in 2021.

In common with other places of worship, we have not been able to meet for fellowship within the church building, but we have made the best of the situation by turning the premises into a hub for the vital work of Better Connected Beaconsfield and the One Can foodbank, distributing food and essential supplies to the local community. Over recent weeks, the number of households receiving deliveries has increased and at the end of January it stood at 21. We salute the work of Ruth and her team in supporting this initiative.

Despite not being physically present as a congregation at St. Thomas' for more than five weeks during the past year, we have continued to contribute to Team on-line services, whether by offering readings, prayers and contributions to services every day, or simply by being able to log in and to share worship with our friends across the Anglican community in Beaconsfield.

The church and its garden has been open for private contemplation and prayer.



Speaking of the garden, we are hugely grateful to Fi, who has masterminded a great transformation in the area between the vicarage, the hall and the church. We are just a few weeks away from what she predicts will be 'a riot of colour', as springtime indicates an awakening from the current woes in many ways. Fi's initiatives, backed by several willing helpers, will ensure that the new café spills outside with the most pleasant ambience.

We eagerly anticipate an end to the current Covid-19 restrictions and look forward to the resumption of the initiatives and plans that were snatched away last March. The café will support and enhance all such initiatives for young and old alike. Reaching young families is a primary focus of our determination to find ways of encouraging local people to join the St Thomas' community. The well-established Tom's Tots playgroup often attracted more than 50 children on Tuesdays and we trust that they will return. We are developing a number of additional options for parents and carers by building on this recognised brand. Tom's Tots on Sundays began last February and this extension of the popular midweek group, once resumed, will mean that a number of families will bring their toddlers with their older siblings on Sunday mornings. We will be able to build on the work of our on-line storytellers in the hope of offering a weekly Storytime in the church. We hope Fusion Youth Church will resume as a lively Sunday evening group for 10 to 14-year-olds with an ambition to 'Shape body, mind and spirit'. We also predict that our resumed Sunday services will continue to benefit

frequently from the leading and preaching of six able and creative people. We will hold regular prayers during the week. And at Kiln Court sheltered housing complex there will be monthly services followed by tea and coffee. We also look forward to a resumption of many other activities. We hope that the ecumenical Oasis Bereavement Support Group will return monthly in our hall for an opportunity to talk and get to know each other over tea and cakes; that the local Senior Citizens social club once more makes use of our church and hall to enjoy a programme of talks, music and occasional outings; that residents are invited to various social events, including our popular film-show tea parties. For help in directing and co-ordinating all this, and for much more, we owe great thanks to our Vicar, Michael, and to his DCC team, wardens and lay leaders.

Our supported charities show that our outreach stretches beyond the local community to the needs of the wider world. Among many others, they include Mission Aviation Fellowship, an international Christian aviation organisation serving around 30 developing countries to reach people living in some of the world's most isolated communities and Food For The Hungry, a Christian organisation engaged in sustainable development work in some of the poorest regions of the world. We are a friendly, welcoming and caring church community, and, as you can see, our wish is that we grow together in faith with support and encouragement.

St Michael's

> *"2020 is going to be another year of excitement and exploration as together we try to find out what God is doing in our town, our parish, and we try to join in!"*

These were Sharon's concluding words to the 2019 Church Report for St Michael's. This year, she feels inclined to say if there is anyone out there who knows what God was up to in 2020 could they please tell her!

However, in all seriousness, that seems to be precisely the challenge as we look back on last year and try to identify the good which has come out of it, along with the heartache. It seems destined always to be a mix of the two. Much of the care for the community expressed through activity such as Film Night, T Club, Men's and Ladies' Lunches and Bulrushes, was paused in March and remained that way for the rest of the year. Terribly sad as that was (and is) it did perhaps provide opportunity for those who worked tirelessly over many years in these – and many other - aspects of church and community life to take a deep breath and relax or maybe explore doing something new.

"Something new" certainly sums up our worship life at St Michaels and across the Team in this past year. Within days of the first lockdown, worship for Mothering Sunday and beyond was devised online, our first steps into the world of virtual worship where, as has been said elsewhere in this report, we have achieved, as a Team, much more than would ever have been possible as individual churches. Our thanks to everyone at St Mary's and St Thomas's who has contributed to that.

At St Michael's our newly introduced Churchsuite database – connected to what was already in place at St Mary's and was soon to be introduced at St Thomas's – made it possible to communicate electronically with all our church families and hopefully we have been able to keep everyone informed of news and developments through our weekly newsletters and occasional letters.

Our informal pastoral care of one another – by picking up the phone or sending each other texts –

went well beyond our novel way of sharing the Peace on a Sunday morning to day to day care for one another, along with undertaking many small acts of kindness, which has been mirrored across our communities.

When we finally returned to our church building for worship there was a new look to all our services. Sunday offerings changed week by week with (hopefully) all tastes catered for – Prayer Book, Common Worship and, twice a month, completely new all age worship called "2gether", which does what it says on the tin – bringing together in one worshipping community everyone aged 9 months to 90 (and beyond!). Our younger St Michael's families have been enthusiastic about contributing to this service and to on line worship, through the readings and prayers or, most recently, recording craft activities or stories for the very young. It has been a way for us to engage with everyone in our community and the "catch up" option for on line worship allows families to engage with it at a time of their choosing.

St Michael's is blessed with a superb and sophisticated sound desk and AV equipment and this year much more use has been made of both, thanks to the establishment of a tech team to devise and deliver screen based worship.

Of course, in that worship there was great sadness in not being able to sing but our gifted organist Alan Lewis played the hymns in such a way that they sounded as if we were! For the choir, and for Alan as technician, the big triumph of 2020 was the recording of 37 tracks of Christmas music which we enjoyed all too briefly at Christmas but which now gives us an on line library for future years.

During Advent, we enjoyed the church's artistic talents with an

outdoor "Advent Calendar", with some particularly imaginatively interpretations by the children! We look forward to making greater use of our outdoor spaces for worship in the months to come.

Finally, comings and goings. We have said goodbye to Mary Peters and Peter Simmonds, who have both moved from Beaconsfield. We thank them for faithful and loving service over many years. We have, though, welcomed James Robson, a member of St Thomas's Church and its Hon Treasurer, who doubled up in that role as our Hon Treasurer with effect from January 2021. With Zoe Lawrence, St Michael's Office Manager, now undertaking the book keeping for St Thomas' as well as St Michael's, this was another example of Team working which saves both human and financial resource.

Notwithstanding the financial concerns which affect St Michael's and so many people at this time we look forward with hope, faith and confidence to, yes, what God has in store!

Illustration by Tim Baynes

St Mary's

Covid 19 gave us a sharp reminder that church is not just about a building but about people and community. Mostly people couldn't go to church, so we took the church to the people!

Before 'lockdown' we managed to squeeze in:

- Our annual Memorial Service in January.
- A couple of poppy making workshops as we produced poppies in many colours and styles in preparation for cascades to commemorate VE Day and VJ Day 75th anniversaries.
- Our regular pattern of worship continued in the first three months of 2020 before being disrupted by Covid at the end of March.

We then provided, working wherever possible as a team:

- Compline which has been recorded every evening since 1st April.
- We opened the church for private prayer as soon as we were allowed by Government legislation.
- Midday prayers between April and July online,
- 10am service each Sunday between April and October – online.
- 9am communion service in church from 26th July to 1st October
- 10am live communion service in St Mary's from 8th October. Services were halted in November at the start of the second lockdown and returned online.
- Midweek communion since mid-July on Thursday mornings
- Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am every day.

We had virtual commemorations of the following with the poppy cascades on display.

- VE Day 75th anniversary in May
- VJ Day in August
- Remembrance Day – from the war memorial

We collected toys for the Church Army in December.

Walk the Life of Jesus Prayer Walk in the churchyard.

Advent and Christmas services, following the lifting of lockdown, were held in church as ticketed events with all requests met and no one was turned away.

- Carol Service on 20th December
- Communion services
- 11.30 on Christmas Eve
- 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Christmas Day

Additional support via Michael Johnson's online calendar, Cathy Smith's reflections and we also distributed to each member of the congregation the C.of.E Booklet Comfort and Joy.

Sadly, we were unable to welcome families into our annual Crib Services, but the services were made available online.

Other services offered online during the year included.

- Mothering Sunday
- Christingle
- Harvest was a live Family Communion in church – with the gifts going to help our friends in Newham.

We were able to host the usual school Carol Services – for online transmission.

Baptisms, weddings, and funerals continue to be a strong part of church life although 2020 has been marked by cancellations and rearrangements rather than events which have taken place. During the year there have been:

8 baptisms. This compares with 36 in 2019.

48 funerals - 15 in church

7 weddings

The FWC remained available to support groups and the FWC team took the opportunity to carry out a lot of maintenance and decoration.

In January 2020 Denise Kelly stepped down as leader of the Pastoral care Team after many years in the role. The Rev Margot Suter took over the role and, with help from Heather Graham, ran an 8-week training course between January and March.

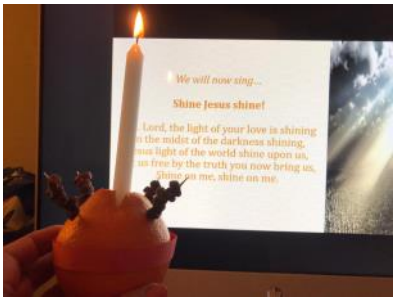
The emphasis of the Pastoral Care team then changed and regular phone calls replaced visits. The clergy identified 150 people who they felt would most appreciate regular contact and the Pastoral Care team divided the list and kept in touch.

Outreach and support for the most vulnerable continued via the support given by individuals, and the churches to Better Connected Beaconsfield

Many of our groups within St Mary's turned to regular Zoom meetings to keep in touch and support each other. The groups have included House Groups, Choir and the Bell Ringers.

We said goodbye to Gareth, Jenna, Elijah and Phoebe Morley as they moved to All Saints. David Hackett, our church organist, also left for pastures new after many years of service.

We welcomed Aaron King as our organist and are already enjoying his music.



2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, but for The Dove Café at St Thomas' it has been an astounding year of progress. During the pandemic, St Thomas' church became a beacon of hope for local people and our plans for a café in the church to serve our community have captured the moment perfectly. St Thomas' opened wide its doors in the early summer and transformed itself into a Pop-Up Larder serving struggling families and individuals in the local community. The Dove Café will be a lasting legacy to the relationships we have built and the reputation for hospitality, kindness and selfless service St Thomas' has achieved through this initiative throughout the year.

The café team has been working hard to bring our vision of an open, welcoming church to life. The national lockdowns have caused some inevitable delays but it has given us time to take stock, plan carefully and make sure we have every detail right.

We began fundraising in earnest early in the year and have been overwhelmed by the response to our grant applications and enormously humbled by the generosity of individuals in our three churches and in the town. It seems The Dove Café has offered a beacon of hope for us all in the dark days of the pandemic. We set ourselves an ambitious target to raise £200,000 by the end of the year and to date we have secured £186,000 in grants, gifts and pledges. We cannot thank our sponsors and supporters enough.

We have been actively marketing our café to spread the word about what we are trying to achieve. We have made use of our fresh, warm, loving logo and created a new strap line which sums up everything we are about.

Coffee and kindness

the perfect blend

On the practical side, the generosity of our donors has meant we have been able confidently to finalise the works specification and put it out to tender. We are now working with a local kitchen company to create a fresh new kitchen for our cafe, with a local flooring company to find the best way to cover our old cork floor and with an audio installation company to help us bring sound and vision to our café. We have been working closely with the Diocesan Advisory Committe and expect to have the full Faculty in place by mid-March. We are now looking for help with web-site design, social media marketing and general promotion to raise awareness in our town and draw people in. All of these strands are coming together and now that we have the funds, we are in a position to begin work as soon as the tender process is concluded, which could be as early as April or May 2021. This means we could be ready to open in the late summer or early autumn.

There is still a lot to do. We know there will be difficulties and unanticipated problems, but we as a team have seen God's hand at work in this project. We ask for continued prayer for every aspect of our work and for wisdom and guidance in our daily decisions. The need for socially isolated local people to get out of their houses and find somewhere warm, welcoming, unjudgmental and kind has never been greater.

We look forward with confidence and trust in God to the day The Dove Café will be ready to serve them and everyone in our community with the perfect blend of coffee and kindness.

Youth and outreach worker report

Mid-February last year I was writing this report and preparing for the school Easter workshops, unaware of the pandemic that was about to sweep the world, and how our lives would change. It is hard to process that a year on we are still being so impacted by this virus.

Last year as the first lockdown took hold I was furloughed for six months. I returned to my role part time at the beginning of the school year in September 2020 and although the range of my job description stayed much the same, as restrictions tightened once more this wasn't, of course, to be.

As we have spent much of the last six months in further lockdown it has been a time of imagining new ways of carrying out my ministry and fulfilling my role.

On my return we were trying to see how we could reconnect to families and young people at this time and one of the first tasks was to put together an online service for families. We started producing this monthly and then increased this to a weekly offering. It has been interesting to see how families and young people have viewed these services. The joy of an online service is that it is available to access at any time and has meant that more families have been able to engage than we normally see in church which is great. Personally, I have really enjoyed exploring different ways of presenting and learning new technical skills as part of this. Of course the down side to this approach and what we have really missed is meeting with and seeing others.

We trialled a zoom service as another way to meet remotely, and the zoom Christingle service stands out as a time that families were able meet with each other and with God in a special way at a difficult time.

Another initiative that had been on my heart for a while was Outdoor church and the slight lifting of restrictions seemed to lend itself to this. I love the idea of using our calling to stewardship of creation as an opportunity to bring people into a closer relationship with God, the world, and each other. We met on the first Sunday of the month and managed two meetings before further restrictions were imposed. I look forward to growing this community as we emerge from lockdown.

It has been difficult to maintain relationships with schools as visitors have not been able to attend so 1:1 mentoring, wellbeing visits and assemblies have not happened. I continue to be involved with Holtspur school as a Community Governor and was part of the interview panel for the new Head teacher. BHS Christian Union has not met in person although I was able to support the leaders in an Advent bible study on zoom.

Fusion Youth has not been able to meet at all as a group although I have maintained relationships with the young people on an ad hoc basis. I look forward to meeting with and engaging our inspiring young people and families in some community projects as and when we are able.

As I write this year the sun is shining and I am hopeful that we will be able to meet in person soon and I so look forward to all the positives that will bring. In the meantime I am taking time now to build my strength in the Lord and to try and discern how, as a team of churches, we might be called to respond to the wider community as we emerge.

Beaconsfield Community Magazine

A very different year! We are even more grateful than usual to our subscribers, amazing band of distributors & deliverers, advertisers and our many contributors who continued to support the magazine throughout this unusual year.

We thank the various members of the clergy and parishioners who contribute to the monthly 'God slot' and offer particular thanks to Heather Duffy and Rhiannon Scott who kindly conduct interviews during the year. Although inevitably these were restricted in 2020, we did meet Andrea Smyth, Railway Chaplain, Matt Jones, part of the leadership team at Hope Church and Daniel Crump of the Greyhound. George Mardall, the 'resident' photographer, continues to make a significant contribution with his many photos and the editor is very grateful for his input.

The first two issues of 2020 were printed as usual but the April & May issues could only be published on the website, while the printers were closed. From June onwards printing and delivery returned to normal.

Editorial

In his Note from the Team Rector in the combined January/February issue of the magazine, Jeremy said, "2020 is likely to be a momentous year for our country….". At the time he was of course thinking of our departure from the EU but as we now know the word Brexit was rapidly replaced by Covid, lockdown and quarantine (apparently the most looked up word in the Cambridge dictionary in 2020).

As the year began it looked as though there would be no shortage of events in 2020. A great deal of planning had been done for a major two-week Community Festival, incorporating the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day over the Bank Holiday weekend. Plans were also being formed to mark VJ Day later in the year. Fortunately nothing could stop the knitting and crocheting of thousands of poppies for the magnificent cascades.

However, as things turned out the year was anything but normal and most events were cancelled. Faced with lockdown at the end of March the April issue (published on 30th March) was immediately out-of-date. Beaconsfield was closed along with everywhere else and the May issue was a blank canvas, although closure in itself created a story with photos of the deserted town filling some of the pages. Then the Beaconsfield WI got to work, making laundry bags and scrubs to support frontline workers in the NHS, another unexpected story. This was followed by

several local residents sending in news of their various lockdown projects. Life without Cinema became a regular feature, where the Beaconsfield Film Society suggested films to watch at home.

Charities needed help more than ever so they were keen to contribute articles. Better Connected Beaconsfield sprang into action, working with the Rugby Club to provide essential items for the most vulnerable and the Pop-Up-Larder was set up.

We featured children from the St Mary's Toddler group showing the new talents they were learning during lockdown and also followed the reflections of several local residents.

The Black Lives Matter campaign spread across the world and around 200 people in Beaconsfield joined a march to unite against racism.

In August, when life was a little more normal the VJ commemoration went ahead and the town also celebrated various heroes who had volunteered in many ways during lockdown. When schools opened again the pupils of Beaconsfield High didn't forget others and they began a major campaign to help the homeless.

One of the features of this year has been the development of closer relations with the local schools. We had an article from Davenies in May and then the Beaconsfield High project in August. We then had an interview with the new Headteacher at Holtspur School in the first issue of this year and currently interviews are in progress with the new Head at both The Beaconsfield School and Butlers Court.

As it transpired the editor should not have worried about how to fill the pages in the magazine with all activities cancelled, as so many very different but very good things happened.

A major initiative for this year will be The Dove, a vision for St Thomas' church complex to become the heart and the hub of the Beaconsfield community. Let's hope progress can continue on this project.

Advertising

At the beginning of the first lockdown all the advertisers were contacted to explain how the magazine would be operating going forward. We encouraged them to 'stick with us' and thanked them for their past and hopefully future support. We received some very understanding and supportive feedback. The advertising income in 2020 was down on the previous year but actually quite close to the average for the past 5 years. 2021 could be a different story as during the year we lost a number of advertisers who were no longer able to do business and at the year-end four others did not renew. Admittedly one of them was through retirement but another was a full page colour advert which brought in £1,200 in 2020. The better news is that although there are fewer enquiries for small line adverts, recently we have taken bookings for display adverts from three new advertisers whose business is unaffected by lockdown.

Subscriptions and Distribution We thank Sally Masters very much for her continuing role in handling the subscriptions and monthly distribution of the magazine. With no magazines being printed in April or May, we endeavoured as far as possible to inform subscribers that the BCM was still available online.

Distributors and Deliverers The wonderful Alison Posgate retired after 25 years of distributing and delivering! David Hawkins took on her sizeable list. He is very efficient, supportive and switched on! Alison received a card and flowers. She has been a huge support over the years and will be sorely missed. Anne Hatter, Margaret Skrimshire, Gill Homer and John Kelly also retired and were thanked with cards and flowers/wine. With others stepping in to take their place, by August the delivery team was almost 100% again. Inevitably the number of subscribers has fallen; sadly we have had some deaths, some subscribers have moved away and a few no longer wish to subscribe. With a number of businesses and the library closed we are currently distributing fewer copies of the magazine but hopefully things will change as the year progresses

Financials We are very grateful to our extremely efficient treasurer, Nicki Edwards who keeps a close watch on our financials. With lower income from advertising, a similar income from subscriptions and higher admin expenses, expenditure for the year exceeded income by approx. £950. This compared with a surplus in the

previous year.

Production and Printing Our business continues to be handled very efficiently by Michael Yorke at Turville printers. He was a great support in a difficult year.

Committee Meetings

The committee, consisting of representatives from all the churches in Beaconsfield, is invited to attend meetings twice a year.

Outside Giving

The Outside Giving Committee normally meets twice a year to review and pray for the work of the chosen charities. Support for events planned on behalf of the charities is organised and recent literature distributed for display in our churches. This year there has been one online meeting.

Due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions on meetings there have been no changes to the charities supported by the team. During the year representatives from several of those charities have been able to send video updates that have been included in our streamed Sunday services. Also, Rev Sharon Roberts prayed for all the charities in the streamed Compline Service on 21st September. It would be helpful to pray regularly for our charities in church services.

Beaconsfield Advisory Centre (BAC)

BAC received £600 as requested by them.

Sharon International Ministries (SIM)

25% - Tom Holyer – www.simindianruralschool.org.uk

SIM is an Indian Charity responsible for providing free education to children from the lowest castes (Dalit/ Untouchable) families in a rural part of SE India. Schools in India were closed for most of 2020 due to the pandemic. Now only the 3 Senior top classes are open. In England SIM raises money to pay the teachers salaries.

The photos show the contrast between school before Covid, and what the senior class looks like now.

Newham Renewal Programme

25% - Bill Edwards – www.renewalprogramme.org.uk

Peter Laing has taken over the programme in 2020 and is very keen to further develop our relationship. The Refugee and Migrant Project (RAMP) exists to support refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, living in Newham, who are seeking refuge from disadvantaged conditions..

When permitted, donations of food and clothing have been taken to the programme, pictured.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

25% - Derek Moores – www.maf-uk.org

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is an international Christian organisation whose mission is to fly light aircraft,and to use other technologies, to bring help and hope to people in some of the world's poorest communities.

MAF's 75th anniversary celebrations had to be postponed and it is hoped the event in Westminster Central Hall will take place in 2021.

Although flying was seriously reduced in most programmes due to the Corona virus, when flying was allowed covid test kits and PPE were carried to remote areas, pictured.

EMBRACE the Middle East (Bible Lands)

12.5% - Rose Shimwell – www.embraceme.org

EMBRACE the Middle East (Bible Lands) is a local mission in Amersham. EMBRACE works through Christian Partners in the Middle East, they provide humanitarian assistance to the poor and needy in local communities. Our focus with Embrace are the Syrian refugees in Lebanon. In August 2020 the explosion in Beirut had a devastating impact on the population and recovery will take many years.

The annual lecture this year was an interview with John McCarthy which was streamed online.

Beit el Nour, meaning 'house of light and hope', works with vulnerable women and girls, including Syrian refugees, in Lebanon.

New Generation Burundi

12.5% - Deborah Sanders

Our support for this project in Burundi continues. Regular income is so helpful to this charity which has a continuing need to support the many street children and orphans in one of the world's poorest countries. New Generation believes that children and young people are the future of Burundi. Alice, pictured, is encouraged in her wonderful talent in singing and leading worship. She sadly suffered an injury and has only one leg but this does not stop her enjoying life in all its fulness and making the most of every opportunity.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas, Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll for 2020 was 558 (as at October 2020)

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List of members of the PCC (Trustees) for 2020

The Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks Team Rector

The Revd Michael Johnson Team Vicar of St Thomas's

The Revd Sharon Roberts Team Vicar of St Michael's

The Revd Margot Suter Associate Priest, St Mary's

Mrs Hazel Chow Licensed Lay Minister

Mrs Michelle Fotherby Youth & Outreach Worker

Mrs Nicki Edwards PCC Treasurer

Mr Bill Edwards Churchwarden of St Mary's

Mrs Harriet Baldwin Churchwarden of St Mary's, PCC Secretary

Mrs Daphne Scott Churchwarden of St Michael's (until October 2020)

Mr John Gibbs Churchwarden of St Michael's

Mr Trevor Sharkey Churchwarden of St Thomas' & St Thomas' Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Fiona Collins St Thomas's Churchwarden of St Thomas' (from October 2020)

Mr Andrew Farncombe St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Deborah Sanders St Mary's Deanery Synod representative (until October 2020)

Professor Derek Portwood, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative (from October 2020)

Mr Eddie Weiss St. Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mrs Amanda Champion St Mary's PCC

Mrs Pam Crawford St Mary's PCC

Mr Christopher Cook St. Michael's PCC & Deanery Synod representative (until October 2020)

Mr Peter Simmonds St. Michael's PCC & Deanery Synod representative (until October 2020)

Miss Frances Hall St Michael's PCC & Deanery Synod representative

Mr Chris Lockett St Michael's PCC representative (until October 2020)

Mrs Mary Bischoff St Michael's PCC representative (from October 2020)

Mrs Alison Hart St Thomas's PCC representative

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259. The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees. All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches. The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A local firm of Accountants is appointed as Auditors.

In 2020, PCC meetings considered financial matters, including the budgets, the Parish share and overall team expenses particularly in the light of the Covid 19 pandemic.

PCC meetings received regular reports from DCCs and considered other team matters such as outside giving, youth and outreach work and the Community Magazine as regular agenda items.

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:

- The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Michael's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year which including towards housing costs for the Ordinand.
- St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

Within the Parish there are 2 church houses. The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which was occupied by Youth & Outreach worker Michelle Fotherby and her family until August 2020 from which time it was let commercially.

The BCET owns 27 Crossways, which was occupied by Gareth Morley, St Melitus Ordinand, and his family until June 2020 with St Mary's DCC paying rent to the BCET, whilst also receiving a grant from the BCET to cover most of the cost of this. The house was rented out commercially from August 2020.

Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of

its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and resource rooms and St Thomas' Hall. Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2020 the unrestricted cash reserves represented 10.9 months (2019: 9.9 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and also the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds.

The total Income for 2020 was £595,268 (2019: £635,202) – almost all of which was unrestricted income. The St Thomas' Café income is designated income & Bulrushes restricted income. Legacies of £56,000 were recognised in the year. In 2019 St Mary's received a large legacy and recognised £20,000 of this income in the same year. The remainder remains held on the balance sheet for future use and none was recognised in 2020. Regular Giving increased to 59% of unrestricted incoming resources due mainly to the substantial drop in hall lettings (£80,000) during 2020 (2019: 50%).

The total Expenditure for 2020 was £607,249, lower than in 2019 (£674,940). More than half of this saving comprised Church Maintenance and Repairs. Fewer church services and reduced hall bookings resulted in further savings in running costs. Excluding depreciation, unrestricted expenses were £575,201. Unrestricted expenses for the PCC stood at £65 per hour in 2020 (£73 per hour in 2019). In 2020 there was an unrealised gain on Investment Income of £5,716 (2019: £12,886) and Dividends of £2,484 (2019: £2,411). The total deficit for the year was £6,266

(2019: £26,852) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a surplus of £4,152 (2019: £1,269)

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020 were £1,473,243 (2019: £1,479,509) of which £5,522 was Restricted and £723,351 was Designated. Unrestricted funds stood at £744,370.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2020 was £469,930 (2019: £449,337).

Going Concern Note: April 2020

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, each of the churches within the Team assessed their financial stability and produced individual Notes for their own accounts indicating how the pandemic was likely to affect their own finances.

With all the churches and public buildings in lockdown for several months of 2020 and subject to restrictions on gathering for the remaining part of the year, there was clearly an impact on the finances of all our three churches and this is set out in the Financial Statements.

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 PCC will continue in operation.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2015 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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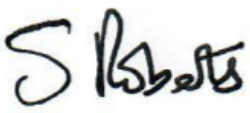

CHAIR

Independent Auditors Report to the Parochial Church Council of Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Beaconsfield Team Ministry for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise of a Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cashflow and notes numbered 1 to 11 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 PCC's affairs as at the 31 December 2020, and of its incoming resources, for the year 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 the International Standards of 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 PCC 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 responsibility in accordance with these requirements and believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Members of the PCC's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of the PCC have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the PCC's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorise for issue.

Other information

The Members of the PCC are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the member's annual report, other than the financial statements and out auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 in inconsistent in any material respect with the PCC annual 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 the Members of the PCC

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Members of the PCC, the members are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the members 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 Members of the PCC are responsible for assessing the PCC'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 Members of the PCC either intend to liquidate the PCC 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 regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Parochial Church Council of Beaconsfield Team Ministry (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The

risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the PCC's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Members of the PCC.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Members of the PCC use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the PCC to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Members of the PCC, 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 Members of the PCC 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 PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Date:

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Cansdales Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Cansdales Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Consolidated End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2020

Prepared by:
Gillian McAlister (FCMA)
McAlister & Co Ltd

BEACONSFIELD PCC

Registered charity no : 1132259

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	**2.1**	456,533	4,000	-	**460,533**	424,942	2,160	-	**427,102**
Activities for generating funds	**2.2**	52,097	17,494	135	**69,726**	134,411	1,258	450	**136,119**
Investment income	**2.3**	3,036	-	-	**3,036**	4,830	-	-	**4,830**
Income from charitable activities	**2.4**	61,973	-	-	**61,973**	67,092	-	59	**67,151**
Total Income		573,638	21,494	135	**595,268**	631,275	3,418	509	**635,202**
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	**3.1**	48,893	2,566	-	**51,459**	63,868	-	-	**63,868**
Charitable activities	**3.2**	519,709	29,482	-	**549,191**	572,887	32,048	-	**604,935**
Management costs	**3.3**	6,600	-	-	**6,600**	6,137	-	-	**6,137**
Total Expenditure		575,201	32,048	-	**607,249**	642,892	32,048	-	**674,940**
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		**(1,563)**	**(10,553)**	**135**	**(11,981)**	**(11,617)**	**(28,630)**	**509**	**(39,738)**
Transfers between funds									-
Other recognised gains / losses									-
Gains/losses on investments	**6**	5,716	-	-	**5,716**	12,886	-	-	**12,886**
Net movement in funds		**4,152**	**(10,553)**	**135**	**(6,266)**	**1,269**	**(28,630)**	**509**	**(26,852)**
Total funds bought forward		**740,218**	**733,904**	**5,387**	**1,479,509**	**738,949**	**762,534**	**4,878**	**1,506,361**
Total funds carried forward		**744,370**	**723,351**	**5,522**	**1,473,243**	**740,218**	**733,904**	**5,387**	**1,479,509**

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	**5**	266,460	698,438	-	**964,899**	1,024,298
Investments	**6**	88,486	-	-	**88,486**	82,770
		354,946	698,438	-	**1,053,385**	1,107,068
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	**7**	21,454	-	-	**21,454**	17,352
Cash in hand and at bank		351,610	24,912	5,522	**382,044**	328,065
Short term deposits		118,320	-	-	**118,320**	130,077
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		491,384	24,912	5,522	**521,818**	475,494
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(101,960)	-	-	**(101,960)**	(103,053)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		389,424	24,912	5,522	**419,858**	372,441
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		744,370	723,351	5,522	**1,473,243**	1,479,509
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	**-**	**-**
NET ASSETS		**744,370**	**723,351**	**5,522**	**1,473,243**	**1,479,509**
FUNDS	**9**					
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds		744,370	-	-	**744,370**	740,218
Designated funds	**9.1**	-	723,351	-	**723,351**	733,904
		744,370	723,351	-	**1,467,721**	1,474,122
Restricted funds	**9.2**	-	-	5,522	**5,522**	5,387
		744,370	**723,351**	**5,522**	**1,473,243**	**1,479,509**

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 14th APRIL 2021 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :

_____ **Rev. Sharon Roberts (Chairman)**

_____ **Harriet Baldwin (PCC Secretary)**

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Net movement in funds		**(11,981)**	**(39,738)**
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	**5**	59,398	59,394
Investment income	**2.3**	(3,036)	(4,830)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		(4,102)	5,207
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(1,093)	28,043
Net cash from operating activities		**39,186**	**48,076**
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	**5**	-	-
Other recognised gains/losses		-	-
Investment income	**2.3**	3,036	4,830
Cash flow from investing activities		**3,036**	**4,830**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		**42,222**	**52,906**
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		**458,142**	**405,236**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**500,364**	**458,142**

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	**2020**	**2019**
Cash at bank and in hand	382,044	328,065
Short Term Deposits	118,320	130,077
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**500,364**	**458,142**

BEACONSFIELD PCC

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels.The consolidated figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. The financial statements of all three DCCs are subject to separate independent examination prior to inclusion in the consolidated figures. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are show at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) as amended by the Update Bulletin 1 for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Grants

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.
Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.
Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME		**Unrestricted Funds**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		239,749	-	-	**239,749**	220,660
Tax recoverable		61,768	-	-	**61,768**	54,772
Other planned giving		50,885	-	-	**50,885**	41,760
Collections at services		1,243	-	-	**1,243**	1,826
Sundry donations		-	-	-	**-**	10,741
		353,645	-	-	**353,645**	329,759
Other voluntary income						
BCET	**11.1**	39,500	-	-	**39,500**	47,900
HMRC furlogh grant		5,774	-	-	**5,774**	-
Donations, appeals etc		1,613	4,000	-	**5,613**	29,442
Legacies		56,000	-	-	**56,000**	20,000
		102,888	4,000	-	106,888	97,342
		456,533	4,000	-	**460,533**	427,102
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land letttings		20,049	-	-	**20,049**	15,192
Church hall lettings		-	-	-	**-**	83,517
Beaconsfield Community Mag		18,613	-	-	**18,613**	22,061
Social activities		9,393	-	135	**9,528**	14,188
Other fundraising		4,042	17,494	-	**21,536**	1,161
		52,097	17,494	135	**69,726**	136,119
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		552	-	-	**552**	2,419
Dividends		2,484	-	-	**2,484**	2,411
Realised gain/(loss) on investment		-	-	-	**-**	-
		3,036	-	-	**3,036**	4,830
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		24,271	-	-	**24,271**	32,567
Church hall lettings		37,702	-	-	**37,702**	34,574
Bookstall / Children		-	-	-	**-**	10
		61,973	-	-	**61,973**	67,151
Total Income		**573,638**	**21,494**	**135**	**595,268**	**635,202**

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	8,738	2,566	-	**11,304**	20,335
Community magazine	19,573	-	-	**19,573**	20,813
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	13,694	-	-	**13,694**	16,803
Social activities	6,887	-	-	**6,887**	5,917
	48,893	2,566	**-**	**51,459**	63,868
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	236,307	-	-	**236,307**	227,465
Clergy					
Expenses	6,592	-	-	**6,592**	7,640
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	22,218	-	-	**22,218**	44,079
	28,810	-	-	**28,810**	51,719
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	47,733	-	-	**47,733**	17,934
Church running expenses	31,268	-	-	**31,268**	35,379
Church maintenance	10,921	-	-	**10,921**	44,065
Church improvements & major repairs	-	-	-	**-**	4,254
Depreciation furniture & fittings	24,350	14,557	-	**38,907**	38,905
Depreciation freehold property				**-**	2,566
Training	37	-	-	**37**	75
Team expenses	(807)	-	-	**(807)**	1,671
	113,501	14,557	-	**128,058**	144,849
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	38,459	-	-	**38,459**	53,575
Depreciation	3,001	14,924	-	**17,925**	17,924
	41,459	14,924	-	**56,384**	71,499
Youth work					
Cost of youth activities	-	-	-	**-**	428
	-	**-**	**-**	**-**	428
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	41,547	-	-	**41,547**	39,359
Printing, stationery & telephone	9,968	-	-	**9,968**	17,027
Bank charges	927	-	-	**927**	1,207
Sundry costs				**-**	220
	52,442	-	-	**52,442**	57,813
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**472,520**	**29,482**	**-**	**502,001**	**553,773**

carried forward

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	**472,520**	**29,482**	**-**	**502,001**	**553,773**
Brought forward					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	6,225	-	-	**6,225**	6,800
Relief and development agencies	12,450	-	-	**12,450**	13,600
Home missions & Church societies	7,825	-	-	**7,825**	7,400
DCC Outside Giving	20,689	-	-	**20,689**	23,362
	47,189	-	-	**47,189**	51,162
Total Charitable activities	**519,709**	**29,482**	**-**	**549,191**	**604,935**
3.3 Expenditure on management costs					
Audit	6,600	-	-	**6,600**	6,137
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**575,201**	**32,048**	**-**	**607,249**	**674,940**

4. STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	**111,381**	109,256
Employers NIC	**4,180**	4,189
Pension	**1,168**	1,043
	116,729	**114,488**

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCC's or PCC
None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were reimbursed travelling and other expenses totalling £6,592 (2019: £7,640)

	2020	2019
St Mary's Clergy	**3,854**	6,000
St Michael's Clergy	**31**	253
St Thomas' Clergy	**423**	1,387
Youth work	**2,284**	
	6,592	**7,640**

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 7 (2019 : 10)
The year ended with 3 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 1 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 6 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.
Gareth Morley completed his studies and left St Mary's in May 2020.
There are also number of other posts e.g. Organist, Choir Director, Community Magazine Editor, Hall Booking administrator who receive payments / honoraria.

5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2020	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Addition	-	-	**-**
Cost as at 31 December 2020	976,975	436,379	**1,413,354**
Depreciation as at 1 January 2020	308,262	80,796	**389,058**
Charge for the year	17,490	41,907	**59,398**
Depreciation as at 31 December 2020	325,752	122,704	**448,456**
Net book value at 1 January 2020	668,714	355,583	1,024,296
Net book value at 31 December 2020	**651,223**	**313,675**	**964,899**

Freehold property

Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £291,155 in 2020. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The Fitzwillams Centre is vested in Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited on behalf of the PCC. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £1,726,203. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Hall which is over 50 years old and the Community and Resource Centre (CCRC) plus contents are insured for £2,900,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC only at 2% p.a.

		2020	2019
		£	£
6	**INVESTMENTS**		
	St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	**88,486**	**82,770**

We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 profit. Since selling, the value of the remaining investment has dropped and we have an unrealised loss of £13,951 in the year. The Fund invests in shares which are now valued at £69,885 and cost £55,120 when purchased in 2014.

Investment value at 1 January 2020	**82,770**
Sale	
Realised Gain	
Unrealised gain / (loss)	5,716
Investment at 31 December 2020	**88,486**

Initial Investment at July 2014	**100,000**
Sale	(60,000)
Realised Gain	15,120
Unrealised Gain	33,366
Investment at 31 December 2020	**88,486**

7	**DEBTORS**		
	Sundry debtors	7,201	(4,585)
	Income tax recoverable	11,303	19,707
	Prepayments	2,949	2,230
		21,454	**17,352**
8	**LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year**		
	Sundry creditors and accruals	92,652	73,861
	Community magazine	-	7,275
	Audit and accountancy	-	5,800
	Outside giving	9,308	16,117
		101,960	**103,053**

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9.1 Designated funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2020 £**
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	347,000	-	(11,000)	-	**336,000**
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	150,773	-	(2,566)	-	**148,207**
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	232,713	-	(18,482)	-	**214,231**
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	730,486	-	(32,048)	-	**698,438**
St Thomas' Café Fund	3,418	21,494	-	-	**24,912**
	733,904	**21,494**	**(32,048)**	**-**	**723,351**

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	**Purpose**
St. Michael's	
Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work
Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep

Restricted funds Fund name	Balance b/forward 01/01/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	**Balance c/forward 31/12/2020 £**
St . Michael's					
Bulrushes	3,018	135	-	-	**3,153**
Garden of Remembrance	2,369	-	-	-	**2,369**
	5,388	**135**	**-**	**-**	**5,522**

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2019: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

11.1 The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £39,500 (2019: £47,900) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.

11.2 The Friends of St.Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St.Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

11.3 Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £40,187 (2019: £34,515). There are no conditions attached to these donations.