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*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.*

*they will be like a tree planted by the water*

*that sends out its roots by the stream. Jeremiah 17:7-8*

# Vicar's Report 2023

Myself and Paul continue to feel greatly blessed to be part of the St Mary's family. It really is an incredible and exceptional church.

I feel very privileged to be called to lead the church at this point in time and I am very excited by the many ways we are seeing God at work in us and through us.

It feels to me that 2022 was a significant year in the life of the church as we emerged from the Covid pandemic and were able to meet, worship, minister to one another and engage in mission without restrictions. I encourage you to read summaries of the different ministries of the church in the following pages of this report. I reflect that it has been exciting to see our Sunday gatherings flourish with special times of worship and the wonderful experience of being in God's presence. It has been great to welcome new people into the family of St Mary's and see our homegroups meeting and new people joining these gatherings for fellowship and discipleship. I have watched in awe as God has guided us and enabled us to respond to the cost of living crisis by launching SCoFF. The community that has built up through this ministry is very special. I reflect that it was truly fantastic to return to a full range of Christmas services and activities; this was my fourth Christmas at St Mary's and only the second time without any cancellations or restrictions from the pandemic.

Alongside all this has been God's sustaining and blessing in all other aspects of church life: the pastoral care, prayer, work with the elderly, ministry in The Coppice School, and so much more.

Just as 2022 has felt significant for St Mary's, looking ahead into 2023 also feels a significant time for the church locally, nationally and globally. There are various challenges facing the church and as followers of Jesus we cry out for His guidance, wisdom and truth.

When we look into God's Word we see clear direction of who we are called to be and what we are called to do. This vision is seen when Jesus responds to a question about the greatest commandment, He replies:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.....Love your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22:37-38*

Then after the resurrection and before Jesus ascends into heaven he gives His disciples The Great Commission:

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

Matthew 28:19-20

From these words of Jesus we take forward our call to:

**Love God, Love others, Make Disciples and Grow as Disciples**

Jesus' final words at the end of Matthew's Gospel are:

*And surely I am with you to the very end of the age*      Matthew 28:20

With Jesus' words directing our vision and with Jesus' presence through the Holy Spirit to equip and guide us we go forward as a church and as individuals with great excitement and expectation into all that lies ahead.

Rev Manda Featherstone

March 2023

## 2022 Highlights

- SCoFF – St Mary's Church offers Fun and Food, responding to the cost of living and providing meals for families once a week.
- Barn Dance, a chance for church members to socialise together and have fun
- ECG events – blessing older members of the Community
- New Curate: Marcus Pagnam was ordained Deacon in June 2022
- Children, Families and Schools Worker – Gary Daniel, employed from Sept 2022
- The new Staff Team is working well
- Super Saturday events
- Grants for SCoFF and Super Saturday
- We ran the Alpha course for people to explore what the Christian faith is about.
- We ran the Bible Course, helping people grow in faith
- Easter and Christmas Community Trails with other local churches
- Spring Harvest trip – enabling people to receive teaching and engage in worship at a large conference
- Christmas services – with no COVID restrictions
- Visits of Bishop Walter from Bolivia and Caroline Bell from Uganda
- Ongoing, faithful, regular giving of church members that facilitates the mission of St Mary's in our community and supports other Christian organisations and missions
- We have met all Diocesan Safeguarding targets

## Churchwardens' Report

As I looked back over 2022 to prepare this report I looked at my notebooks and diary. Memory is not a gift I am blessed with and so I write lists and notes. I found that these notes were full to the brim with plans, ideas and exciting possibilities. Alongside them were bible verses and pictures that God has shown me throughout the year. God is faithful and always present. What a privilege and joy it has been to serve another year as warden! I can honestly say that the more I have asked God the more he has graciously shown me – a real encouragement to anyone considering serving in any way.

Initially I stood alone after the APCM as there was no other warden, but then Pam Miller and Paul Featherstone stepped forward to be Deputy and Duty Wardens. This was a new idea for St Mary's. We have worked together through the year, adventuring and learning. It has been great to share with them and learn from each other as we have seen God at work in our church. I was keen to review and update Health and Safety policies and streamline Risk Assessments and I am very grateful for their support and advice in the process. We have also worked together to review the church inventory, log and terrier, which will be available at the APCM for you to see.

New people have joined our congregation, new initiatives have started, new vision has been revealed, new words and pictures have been shared in our services. Some have described a 'fizzing'/'bubbling'

feeling and others have mentioned 'new shoots'. This is an exciting time; God is building His church and we are called to *hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful* (Hebrews 10:23)

**Ali Spencer (Church Warden) Pam Miller (Deputy Warden) Paul Featherstone (Duty Warden)**

## PCC Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is St Mary's executive and decision-making committee. Members are elected on to the PCC at the Annual General Meeting and each serves for a period of 3 years. During 2022 the PCC has met on five occasions and the key agenda items have included:

*Vision for St Mary's* – Manda expanded on the themes of Worship, Discipleship and Community. We spent time praying and discussing this vision and what it means for our church.

*St Mary's response to the cost of living crisis* – We discussed several ideas of response to the need in the community and agreed to prayerfully and financially support 'St Mary's Church offers Food and Fun' (SCoFF) – an exciting weekly provision to the community of Wythall and Hollywood.

*Oversight Ministry* – We spent time discussing and praying about this initiative from the Church of England; churches are gathered into oversight area groups by the Deanery, an oversight Minister is appointed from the group to oversee mission in that area group. PCC are asked to sign an agreement to proceed. This is an ongoing item at present.

*Church finances*: The PCC has received regular updates from the Treasurer regarding St Mary's financial situation and was happy to approve the accounts prior to the APCM in May. The PCC also agreed the proposals submitted from the Mission Committee regarding the allocation of the church tithe.

*Safeguarding*: The PCC, in line with our Safeguarding Policy, receives a report from the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator at each PCC meeting. During the year the PCC has reviewed and agreed our St Mary's Parish Safeguarding Policy and the St Mary's Safeguarding Action Plan generated from the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard.

### *Membership of PCC*

Rev Amanda Featherstone - Vicar

Secretary: Alison Spencer

PCC members for 2022 -2023: Rev A Featherstone, P Carter, P Miller, J Clark, J Emery, A Spencer, V Farmer, E Bridgens, L Rogers, R Watson, S Parker, E Croxford, S Underwood, R Mc Mahon

In attendance, non-voting- M Pagnam (Curate), Gary Daniel (Children, Families and Schools Worker)

**Ali Spencer (PCC Secretary)**

# Treasurer's Report

This year we took the decision to produce for the PCC a quarterly update on our income and expenditure. This enables us to keep a check on our spending and the income that covers it, and will help us towards setting a budget for future years, all of which is good financial practice. It looks as if 2022 will be another year with a healthy surplus in the General Fund, for which we give God the glory, for it is He who sparks the generosity of our congregation.

During the year we made the final payment of the mortgage on the curate's house, and with Gary and family settled in 5 The Willows, we have rental income from both. Inevitably, with a full-time Children's, Families and Schools Worker, and a second member of the clergy, staffing costs have risen but I think we would all agree they are worth it!

We paid our share of the Common Fund and tithed our received income, details of which can be found in the Mission Committee report. We were refunded just over £30,000 by HMRC for money given under Gift Aid. If you are a UK tax payer and have not already signed a Gift Aid form, please ask me for one.

Money was generously given in response to a request for support for SCoFF, our venture to help address the cost of living crisis for local families. We also received a grant from Spring Harvest towards Super Saturdays, our work with children and adults with additional needs.

I am grateful to Dave Walters, who continues to provide advice and support, and to Steve who helps me with computing problems. Dave is again preparing our Annual Financial Report (finding my mistakes and omissions in the process!), which will show our financial activity in detail. The table below shows our main 2022 income and expenditure in round numbers for those who can't wait for Dave's presentation at the AGM or, like me, struggle to understand all those figures!

## Pam Miller (Treasurer)

Income	£
Giving	140,800
Tax refund	30,400
Interest	880
Rental income	12,900
Fees (net)	1,676
SCoFF	4,000

Expenditure	£
Common Fund	55,000
Clergy expenses	1,500
Upkeep of services	5,960
Admin	3,660
Salaries	24,100
Charitable giving	22,300
Houses - mortgage, ins, repairs, decorating etc	36,000
Cleaning	1,160
Outreach	850
SCoFF	1,990

# Buildings and Facilities Report

All change at the church houses in 2022!

- 247 Alcester Road was privately let at the beginning of the year until we had the exciting news that St Mary's would have a Curate. The house was made ready for the arrival of the Pagnam family – new decoration, installation of an alarm, servicing of gas boiler and gardening was undertaken prior to them moving in June. Following the move there were issues with the washing machine and dishwasher, which were replaced, and also a bath leak which was repaired.
- 5 The Willows was also privately let and then St Mary's employed Gary Daniel as Children, Families and Schools Worker. The house was made ready for the Daniel family with little needed apart from gas boiler service and garden tidying. They moved in September.

As both houses are now let/used by St Mary's Church it has been necessary to put together Rental Agreements and Occupancy Agreements. I would like to thank Paul Featherstone for his help with these. Church maintenance has included kitchen dishwasher repair and the purchase of a new laptop used for worship on Sundays. Currently we are experiencing difficulties with the PA system and a working group is investigating solutions and will present a proposal to PCC in due course. The 5 year Electrical Inspection is due in the first few months of 2023

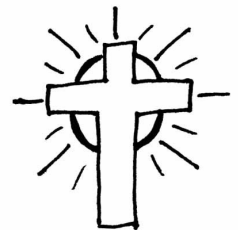
**Ali Spencer (Church Warden)**

## Worship

*Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

Psalm 95:1-2



I am so encouraged and excited that St Mary's is a church that loves to gather and worship together. There is a great atmosphere and we love to be in the presence of God and to exalt the name of Jesus.

Jesus states that part of the greatest commandment is to **Love God**. We embrace this as part of our vision for the church and for us as individuals. Our gathered worship is one aspect of expressing our love of God and as we do, by His graciousness and kindness, we receive from Him.

There are many spiritual and practical elements that enable our regular worship to take place and I want to express my thanks to everyone who fulfils roles within our weekly rota. We are blessed to have 3 licensed Readers alongside the clergy, we also have wonderful musicians who, more importantly, are worshippers, and help us engage with, worship and love God.

Whilst our gathered worship expresses our **Love of God** it is also a place where we **Grow as Disciples**. I am excited that St Mary's is a church that loves to hear God speak. The Bible is one key way in which God speaks to us and we are blessed with many great preachers at St Mary's.

We started the year with a sermon series in the Book of James covering many aspects including faith in action and the power of speech. During August we once again had one service at 10am which enabled the whole family of St Mary's to worship together, which is very special. During this month we looked at being Lifelong Disciples of Jesus exploring the delights and challenges at the different stages of life. The

testimonies that were shared were so encouraging and inspiring. In the autumn we had a series in the book of Colossians helping us look again at who Jesus is and how we put Him first in all things.

We continue to offer two services every Sunday, with a 9am Communion Service and a 10.30 service with children's groups where communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. On certain specific Sundays we have one service to bring both congregations together. This year this included Easter Sunday.

My prayer is that God gives us a greater hunger for both His presence and His Word. May He guide us and delight us as we gather to worship together.

**Rev Manda Featherstone**

## Children, Family and Schools Work

**Wow! What a great few months!**

My wife, Claire, and our two boys, Ewan (10) & Benji (8), and I moved from Water Orton here to Hollywood/Wythall, trusting and believing that this is where God wants us to be at this time. I have served God in full-time ministry for over 20 years and rely on Him to lead & guide us to the places where He wants us to be & serve.

Since taking up the role as Children, Families & Schools Worker at the beginning of September, alongside the fabulous staff team, I have taken on leading and developing church ministries and community outreach that happen regularly, aimed at engaging children, their families & the Coppice school.

I am enjoying the new challenges and opportunities the role has given me to use my skills and gifts, working as part of a great team and with the whole Church here at St Mary's.

At this point, I would like to give special thanks to the amazing and dedicated teams of volunteers who support all of the various ministries of St. Mary's. As a part of my role, I have the joy of working alongside and offering support and encouragement to many of these teams, and am amazed at the dedication and willingness of so many to serve the Lord as a volunteer.

**What does the role of Children, Families & Schools Worker involve?**

1. **School** - It has been great to build relationships with The Coppice primary school. We have welcomed classes into church for visits, taken whole school (600+ pupils) assemblies and arranged for me to lead R.E lessons in all classes in school throughout the academic year (which is very exciting!). Volunteers from St Mary's and myself also go into school every Tuesday lunchtime to support staff in running 'Board Games Club', the aim of which is to engage with children who sometimes struggle to engage socially with others.
2. **Sundays** - My role on Sunday mornings is to oversee and run the children's ministry team & children's groups and also to plan and deliver our monthly all-together services. There is a fabulous team who lead and run our Sunday morning children's groups: Seeds (ages 4-7) and Shoots (ages 7-12). These groups are often quite small in number but have plenty of regular attendees. Teaching has been following the sermon series/readings in Church, but in the new year will be following series that I put together with the children's faith development in mind. For example, between Christmas & Easter our topic will be the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18).



All-together services, on the 4th Sunday of every month, are where all ages worship together. The aim is that everyone who attends, from the youngest through to the oldest, leaves having worshipped God and been given the opportunity to listen to what God is saying to them, and been given a chance to respond to the message too. I am passionate about doing all-together services and believe they play an important part in the Church, as all ages come together to worship God & learn more of Him together as family.

3. **Little Lights** - Little Lights is St Mary's toddler group - a 'stay & play' group for parents or carers with babies, toddlers & children who don't yet go to school. It runs between 10am & 11.30am every Friday morning during term-time in the big (school) hall at Church.



We have seen good, growing numbers of attendees. In December we saw 25 or so children coming along weekly (with their parents/carers!), with a good group of regular attendees coming most weeks. At Little Lights, I am supported by a fabulous team of volunteers, to provide a place for babies and toddlers to play and for parents/carers to find a warm welcome, space to chat, build relationships and enjoy refreshments.

Since coming on-board in September, I have introduced some 'toddler praise' songs that encourage the children to get up and have a dance, do some actions and have fun praising and thanking Jesus. 'The Wiggle Song' is a firm favourite that encourages the children to get their wiggles out before sitting down to listen to the story and a few parents have said how they have had to find the song on YouTube as their toddler keeps asking for it to be played!

4. **SCoFF** - SCoFF is an amazing community outreach that is providing us with fabulous opportunities to share the love and gospel of Jesus and also to build relationships with families in our community. Some of those who attend are starting to talk about it as their church, which is really great! I feel privileged to help lead SCoFF and work with such a fabulous team. Please see the separate report for further details about SCoFF!
5. **Church Invites & Outreach Events** - Advent & Christmas presented us with many opportunities to invite people into our Church for services and also to be out in the community sharing Jesus at different outreach events. This included an interactive advent trail around Wythall Park, working ecumenically with other churches in Hollywood & Wythall, and singing carols at the Wythall Christmas lights switch-on. We had a fabulous Christingle Service in early December and immersive, dress-up nativity service on Christmas Eve, both with families from SCoFF, Little Lights and the school in attendance.
6. **Super Saturday** - I am involved as a team member in helping plan and lead at our Super Saturday events for those with additional needs. Please see the separate report for further information on Super Saturdays!
7. **Looking ahead to 2023** - There will definitely be plenty more action as I continue in daily ministry (expect an even longer report from me next year!), but I also hope to be able to start a Children's Discipleship group where 7-11 year olds can find out more about Jesus and grow in relationship with Him.

I am also hoping that we are able to have a big celebration at Pentecost where we can invite the

community to come and join us in celebrating the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church. A chance for the whole church to be involved in outreach activities!

We hope to have some sort of outreach to children and families throughout the school summer holidays where we can share Jesus in our community.

Alongside the things mentioned above, there are also other, different parts to my role that keep me busy from one day to the next! Please do talk to me if you ever want to know more or, if you feel you would maybe like to help in some way by volunteering in any of the ministries I have mentioned, please do not hesitate to seek me out or contact me!

**Gary Daniel.**

## Sunday Night Youth

On Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we launched a new youth group meeting weekly at 247 Alcester Road, called Sunday Night Youth.

The vision for this group is to create a space where secondary school aged young people can meet to grow friendships, have fun, study the bible, and pray together, a place where they can be encouraged in their faith and grow as disciples of Jesus as they navigate the teenage years.

At our first meeting we had 6 young people, however it has now settled down to a regular 3 young people, who are at the younger end of secondary school age. These 3 are enjoying Sunday evenings and we hope and pray that their faith is growing as a result of meeting.

We are looking at creative ways of connecting with the older young people, including jewellery making in the near future. In this way we hope to develop good relationships from which faith conversations and discipleship can take place.

This group is still in relatively early days. Of course we would love to grow in number but more important is that we grow disciples who are ready to live in obedience to Christ. We would greatly value your prayers for the leaders: Marcus and Nic Pagnam, Claire Daniel, and Robert and Jan Watson.

**Marcus Pagnam**

## SCoFF

In the Spring of 2022, as the impending 'cost of living crisis' was being increasingly talked about, St Mary's leadership, under Rev Manda's guidance, started to ask the question, 'how might St Mary's Church respond? Months of prayer, consideration and discussion took place, resulting in the formation of an idea of a regular event where families from the Coppice school could gather in the church hall after school, for fun and food, hence Scoff was born. (**St Mary's Church Offers Food and Fun.**)

With Manda, Gary, and Marcus committed and on board, various exploratory planning meetings ensued, resulting in the formation of a basic team consisting of people to oversee the kitchen, the crafts, and the bookings. And then the team grew. We invited 2 staff members from the Coppice, one of whom has become a core team member. Then we spoke to staff at Woodrush school, who asked if a small team of



pupils who would benefit from being involved in such a venture could join the team, bringing two members of staff and approx. 8 regular students to the team. And then the team grew even more to cover crafts, games, kitchen duties and set up/clear up more adequately.

Since our first session on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2022, we have had a fairly steady number attend. We capped bookings at 50 and allowed for approx. 10 team members to eat with guests. A typical SCoFF looks like:

- 1.30pm: the kitchen team arrive
- 2pm onwards: set up team arrive
- 3pm onwards: doors open, with a warm welcome, drinks, biscuits, crafts and games
- 4.15pm: a short presentation with Christian content (currently about prayer), followed by sung grace
- 4.30pm: a meal served to tables seating up to 8 people. Families and groups eat together and chat. Typical meals incl spaghetti Bolognese, sausage casserole, and fish fingers, mash and peas
- 5pm: Guests leave, and the team tidy up

In late November we were able to source some dry food goods to offer to families who would benefit. Our supplies have currently run out and we are considering if we should continue this and if so how. We are able to signpost families to the local foodbank at HCLC.

We invited SCoFF families to Christmas services and were delighted to see some attend Christingle and the Nativity service in particular and get to experience St Mary's Church gathered in worship.

It is hard to list all those involved as the number is many, including from beyond the community of St Mary's Church, however grateful thanks must be expressed to Katie Servante who worked hard to ensure that SCoFF is health and safety compliant, as well as St Mary's team members: Julie Croxford, John Derry, Robert and Jan Watson, Rachel McMahon, Chris Turner, Dave D'Arcy, Mel Matthews, Richard Parsons, Jean Masters, Liz Bridgens, Paul and Ros Harrison, and Son Parker.

**Marcus Pagnam**

## Safeguarding Report

The year 2022 has been an exciting year for St Mary's and the safeguarding team. Following on from the pandemic, when all of our face-to-face activities for children, young people and our elderly members were stopped, we have over the past 18 months seen many new activities burst into life. The church now has a portfolio of activities which includes:

- **Sunday Kids:** held most Sundays during our 10.30am church service
- **Sunday Night Youth:** held most Sunday evenings in the curate's house
- **Little Lights:** St Mary's Mother and Toddler Group held every Friday morning during term time
- **Super Saturday:** an event held 5 times a year for children and adults with additional needs and their families
- **Youth involvement in the St Mary's Band** occasionally in our All -Age services
- **Hillside:** A team from St Mary's regularly visits a care home for adults with additional needs

- **Authorised Drivers:** a team of drivers confirmed by the church to give lifts to elderly or vulnerable adults to attend church services
- **SCoFF:** held in the early evening of Wednesdays during term time, providing fun activities and a hot meal to families in the community who are in need.

For each of the above activities, which include children, young people or vulnerable adults, the church has a safeguarding responsibility to ensure a risk assessment is done and reviewed annually. Each activity has a team of volunteers with a nominated team leader. For each volunteer the safeguarding team is required to ensure that they have been safely recruited and have received the required training appropriate for their role. Guidelines are clearly laid down by the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team and on-going adherence is monitored on the Church of England Safeguarding Dashboard. Each of our volunteers when commencing their involvement with an activity is provided with a role description and a pack of essential / helpful information specific to their role.

In July we welcomed our volunteers to our in-house Safeguarding Training Session, which was well attended, and the safeguarding team was able to update the attendees with the salient aspects of St Mary's Parish Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and to hold an open session of questions and answers. The Parish Safeguarding Policy Issue 4 has undergone its required annual review and the revised policy was agreed by the PCC at its meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. The Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinator gives a monthly safeguarding report to the PCC.

In September the safeguarding team was delighted to welcome Mr Gary Daniels as St Mary's Children, Family and School's Worker and we look forward to working with him.

I am also happy to report that **the PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the Church of England House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults (as required by Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016)**

Your current St Mary's Safeguarding Team is as follows:

Rev Amanda Featherstone (Incumbent)

Miss Jenny Clark (Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator)

Mrs Nicola Clarkson (Parish Safeguarding Verifier)

Mr Gary Daniels (Safeguarding Advocate Children)

Mrs Linda Yates (Safeguarding Advocate Vulnerable Adults)

**Jenny Clark**

## Prayer

St Mary's Church has for many years given high priority to prayer in all of its forms because it is our belief that communication with our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our Lord is essential to ensure that we move forward in ministry by his direction and thus are able to worship joyfully in all that our Church does for our members and for the good of our community.

There are two weekly **Prayer Groups** open to all: one in a church member's house and the other in our building. In addition, the many house groups which meet regularly devote time



to pray over personal and church issues as we know them.

The **Prayer Chain** has increased in both membership and requests for prayer over the last year. Often when feedback is given, [although not asked for], the common response is the sense of comfort and support from the prayers of others during troubled times. Currently the Prayer Chain consists of 33 people who commit to pray for a 48 hour period over urgent issues which the leader passes through the chain by email. This is available to all who ask and can be confidential or anonymous as required. Long term issues are passed on to relevant House Group leaders. During the last year there have been close to 300 requests.

St Mary's conducts two **24/7 Prayer Events** each year which are always well attended and prove to be a precious time to pray, reflect and to listen to God. Answers are shared, prayed over and collected so that His direction can be used in our church and community.

There are several **Prayer Partnerships** among our congregation which are private by nature but always bless the people involved. More are encouraged.

**Prayer Ministry** remains to be impeded by lack of quiet space but goes ahead regardless. There are always suggestions of new ideas to improve this situation; however, in the warm and loving atmosphere after our services, it is common to see members praying for each other.

There are 11 men and women in our PM team who operate under guidelines and are ready and available at all services to pray when asked. Several of the ministry team have training in Prayer Ministry and we are all aware, due to safeguarding training, how to deal with any disclosure above and beyond our responsibility.

Our congregation was encouraged last Pentecost under the 'Thy Kingdom Come' banner, to choose 5 people who they wanted to pray for to come to know Jesus as Saviour, to wear a bracelet with 5 knots as a reminder, and to spend 10 days doing just that. This idea was received well.

Over all St Mary's is a prayerful church.

**Jude Emery**

## Super Saturday - Provision for People with Additional Needs

### Super Saturday – A vision that has come to fruition

Super Saturday is a new initiative St. Mary's has been running since December 2021. It is something that was started after prompts from God, specifically for families with children or adults with additional needs in our area.



Since starting, we have learnt that actually there are very few such activities available, especially at the weekend and particularly that provide not only for the person with needs but also for the carers and/or their wider family.

We felt very strongly that we wanted these events to be completely free and somewhere that we could bless these special people abundantly with God's love.

At each session we provide a combination of crafts, games, a sensory space, singing, food, time to learn

something of God's love and a warm friendly, accepting atmosphere for those with needs and their carers and families.

Super Saturday is run once a school term and follows a different theme each session;

- 'December Fun' a Christmas party with bacon butties, carols and a chocolate advent calendar
- 'Pancake Party' in February with pancakes to decorate and pancake games and songs
- 'Easter Fun' at the beginning of April with an Easter Egg Hunt and lots of chocolate
- 'Summer Party' in June with a picnic lunch, ice cream and a mini beach
- 'Hurray for Harvest' with hotdogs and scarecrow and autumn leaves crafts.

The team that run Super Saturday are fantastic, all with a real heart for those with additional needs and their carers. We have such fun and are truly blessed every single Saturday spent with these amazing people.

If you feel this is something God would want you to be involved in or if you know anyone you might like to invite along, please speak to Rev Manda or me, Claire Emery.

**Claire Emery**

## Small Groups / Homegroups

I highlighted in my Vicar's report that our vision as a church includes:

### **Making disciples and Growing as Disciples**

In terms of **Growing as Disciples** I feel that the small groups within the church are of vital importance. They are places in which the Bible can be studied together and people can encourage and gently challenge one another. The Bible says that:

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another* Proverbs 27:17

Small groups are also places of deep fellowship and the place from which pastoral care is often provided.

It has been wonderful in 2022 to see groups meeting face to face and to see new people joining groups. Throughout 2022 they have been 7 homegroups running. We have had approximately 60 people in small groups throughout the year. The groups meet on different days and some are in the daytime and some in the evenings.

I once again extend my thanks to those that take the role of 'small group leaders' and also thank those who host and everyone who goes along to make them such special places. I am aware that often the leading of the studies is shared amongst members of the group who are willing to do so.

I would like to encourage anyone who is not currently part of a group to consider joining one. Please contact me for more information.

The area of church life directed towards **Making Disciples** is one that excites me greatly. In January 2022 we offered the Alpha course. The new year is a great time to launch Alpha as we can use the Christmas services to advertise it. It was great to see people come along who had heard about it from the front of church and people who were invited by friends. The participants were very enthusiastic and the Alpha was extended to include all the available sessions. Then following Alpha the group met weekly to study Mark's Gospel.

In the autumn we offered The Bible Course (produced by The Bible Society), which is excellent, and it was good to see the Alpha group joined by members of the church congregation.

One of the disappointments from the Alpha course has been not seeing members of that group join Sunday worship. The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 outlines making disciples and baptising them. I invite you to join me in praying that we will see salvations, that is, seeing people come to a living faith in Jesus, and that in declaration and celebration of that we will be baptising people.

**Rev Manda Featherstone**

## Elderly Care Group

We held 4 events last year. A charity coffee morning in January where we sold unwanted Christmas presents. Does that sound ungrateful? I hope not!

Holiday at Home was again hosted by Phoenix Assurance and was a very enjoyable day with lunch, games, a guest speaker and music.

Our harvest lunch was a first for us and went really well. Homemade soup and apple cake went down really well and we enjoyed the craft and a chance to reminisce about harvest festivals from the past, and finally finishing with a quiz from Mel.

Our showing of Fisherman's Friends with a fish finger lunch at October half term was well supported, as are all events by people from church and people from the local community.

This year I have decided to stand down as chair of the ECG and we have no one on the committee who wants to take over. If you feel drawn to planning activities for older people in church and the wider locality, please speak to Rev Manda or Chris Turner. There is a very supportive team and I'm sure you would enjoy working with them.

**Chris Turner**



## Dennis Potter Court

We have continued holding Easter, Remembrance, Harvest Festival and Christmas Services at Dennis Potter Court in 2022. Whilst numbers have fallen, as sadly some who came have passed away, we still have a loyal number who look forward to the services. Once a month we offer a hymns, Bible study and cake session. This has been an informal way to explore faith and the word of God, and has allowed us to get to know the ladies who come on a deeper level.

**Chris Turner**

## Hillside

For the last eighteen months we have been visiting Hillside Residential Home in Wythall to deliver a worship service to the residents and staff.

The unit supports adults with a range of needs, and the residents have always enthusiastically joined in the services, with the added benefit of members of staff (including some Christians) engaging in worship too.

Many encouraging conversations have taken place, and one of the residents now visits church every week.

The monthly services consist of a short talk, sung worship and prayer, and gifts for the residents and staff.

Many thanks to Rev Manda, Amanda Dauncey, Deborah Brockbank, Rob Watson and Karen Walker for helping to make the services a success every month.

We are always happy to welcome any new members to the team, so please let us know if you would like to join in future services.

**Dave D'Arcy**

## Mission Committee Report

The Mission Committee was pleased to welcome Rob Watson as a new member in 2022, joining Jenny Clark and Pam Miller in seeking to keep the church informed about the work of our mission partners, in bringing new causes to the attention of the church, and ensuring that mission matters are included in the weekly intercessions on a regular basis.



We also recommend to the PCC how the tithe of the church's income should be distributed, and the following gifts were agreed in 2022:

CMS £1000 to support 'Joshua' working in the Middle East and

£2000 for Bolivia

Birmingham City Mission £1000

Tearfund £2000, half of which for relief work in Afghanistan

Just Caring £1000

Teso Development Trust £1000 for an incinerator at Ngora Hospital

Christian Aid £500

Tools With A Mission £1000

Railway Mission £500 - to support chaplains

Betel £1000 - suggested by our young people

Scripture Union £500

WEC mission partners £1000

Sat 7 £1000

Amigos £500 to sponsor a student at Kira Farm in 2023

Caroline Bell £1000

£2000 was allocated to help with the costs of SCoFF, and £5400 remains to be distributed early in 2023 - some suggestions for this have been received and will be prayerfully considered.

We were also able to send £1900 to charities working in Ukraine at the start of the war - who knew it would still be raging in 2023? Donations at our Christmas services raised just over £60 each for The Children's Society and Mercy Ships. £239 was raised for the Children's Society from collection boxes.

We were pleased to welcome and provide afternoon tea in the summer for the visit of Bishop Walter and his wife from Bolivia, and to hear about the Bolivian church from them afterwards. Our mission partner in Uganda, Caroline Bell, came to an evening service on Remembrance Sunday to update us about her life and work



in Moroto with Africa Inland Mission. Seeds were sown of a plan for a team to visit her in 2024 as part of the church building's 10th anniversary celebrations.

Our Kira Farm student, Cavine, corresponded regularly by email with Pam, and some of her letters were printed in the news sheet. Like all our other students, she really enjoyed her year, gained a much more positive outlook on life and left with new skills to help her lift her family out of poverty in the future.

If you would like to know anything more about topics mentioned above, please speak to any one of us.

**Pam Miller**

## Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley has met on three occasions during 2022 and the main agenda items have included the following:

**Sports Ministry:**

The Rev Natalie Andrews: National Lead for the Church of England Sport and Wellbeing Project addressed the synod at its February meeting. Rev Andrews shared her passion for sport and mission and was keen to emphasise that one way to reach people for Christ could be through sport and wellbeing which enables us to connect with people who wouldn't normally be in church. She introduced the Synod to the Church of England Sport and Wellbeing Project, which has been launched across seven pilot dioceses of which Birmingham is one. The vision for the project is to use sport as a core evangelism and discipleship vehicle to engage with churches and to reach communities. The project is a vital part of the Church of England's evangelism strategy to be a church for "All people in every place" and over the next 10 years there is a desire for the Church of England to form a younger more diverse church, and sport is a really good way of engaging with those whom the church has struggled to connect with missionally in the past. More detail of this project can be found at [www.churchofengland.org/resources/national-sport-and-wellness-project](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/national-sport-and-wellness-project)

**Learning for Discipleship and Mission**

Guy Donegan-Cross Diocesan Director of Learning for Discipleship and Mission addressed the Synod at its meeting in June. Guy began by asking the question: "Why make disciples?" and he answered that question by reminding us of the Great Commission given by Jesus to go and make disciples of all men, and therefore making disciples must be the central task of the church. Guy suggested that every church should ask themselves two questions "What is our plan for discipleship?" and "Are our plans working?" Guy introduced the Synod to a new diocesan initiative entitled "The Way of Discipleship". This is for both churches and individuals to use, and contains comprehensive resources (including a course) relating to growing and being disciples. It replaces the previous Diocesan 3D Course and more information regarding this can be found at [wayofdiscipleship.org](http://wayofdiscipleship.org)

**People and Places and Oversight Areas**

At its meeting in November the synod addressed the issue of oversight areas and interesting presentations regarding how oversight areas might work were shared.

Presentations were received from seven parishes within the KMNS Deanery most of which outlined the discussions being held between churches linked within their own oversight area. Key factors arising from across the presentations were as follows:

Resources which had the potential be shared across an oversight area.

The potential difficulties that would need to be overcome.

Successful initiatives already existing within the oversight area that could be extended further

St Mary's Deanery Synod representatives for 2022 were: Jenny Clark, Pam Carter, Lynda Rogers and Clergy

**Jenny Clark**



**Picture from bike ride that took place 29th June 2022**



# Charitable Objectives and Activities

## **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:**

Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:**

### **1. Regular Public Worship open to all**

Details of our worship services have been given in this report. We also upload an audio of the sermon from the Sunday service each week to our website and also send this out to people who have requested it and are unable to attend church on a Sunday.

### **2. Teaching of Christianity**

This is done through sermons at our services and sometimes through small groups and occasional courses on mid-week evenings. Children and Young people are taught about Christianity through our young people's groups.

### **3. Taking of Religious Assemblies in Schools**

During 2022 we continued termly assemblies for the Coppice Primary School and these are now all in person.

### **4. The provision of a youth group with a Christian Ethos**

This began on Sunday evenings in 2022.

## **Activities 1-4 above are public benefits relating to the advancement of religion**

### **5. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved**

Clergy and Licensed Readers take funerals and are in contact with the bereaved. Contact with those who are housebound was made by written letters and phone calls.

### **6. Promoting the whole mission of the church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers, children and those with additional needs.**

More information about these activities is given on pages 8, 10, 13 and 15.

**Items 5 and 6 help 'the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age or ill health or other disadvantage'**

### **7. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas**

In 2022 we supported the organisations listed on page 16.

**We have considered the guidance given by the Charity Commission about public benefit of our charity's activities.**

# Charitable information and Trustees

**Full Charity name:** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Wythall

**Other names the charity is known by:** St Mary's Wythall PCC

**Registered charity number:** 1132792

**Charity's principal address:** St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood, Birmingham B47 5JN

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:**

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
REV AMANDA FEATHERSTONE	Vicar		N/A
ALISON SPENCER	Church Warden PCC Secretary		Those on the Electoral Roll of St. Mary's Wythall
ANDREW HARRIS	Church Warden	Until 15th May 2022	as above
JENNIFER CLARK	Deanery Synod rep		as above
JUDITH EMERY	Reader		as above
PAMELA MILLER	Treasurer		as above
LYNDA ROGERS	Deanery Synod Rep		as above
ELIZABETH BRIDGENS			as above
LLINOS COTTERELL		Until 15th May 2022	as above
VALERIE FARMER			as above
PAM CARTER	Deanery Synod Rep		as above
SONYANETTE PARKER			as above
ROBERT WATSON			as above
STEPHEN UNDERWOOD		From 15th May 2022	as above
RACHEL MCMAHON		From 15th May 2022	as above
JULIE CROXFORD		From 15th May 2022	as above

**Structure, governance and management**

Type of governing document - EXCEPTED

How the charity is constituted - The PCC is a body corporate

Trustee selection methods - Trustees are PCC members – these are the current Vicar, Curate, the Readers, and other members elected by those on the Electoral Roll of St. Mary's Wythall at the Annual Meeting. Additional members may also be co-opted to join the PCC.

**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves - We have a designated reserves fund. Some is invested with the CBF Church of England Funds and most is now represented by the 50 year lease on our new building and our Youth, Children and Family Minister's and Curate's houses. At 31/12/22 the total of the reserves fund was £ 812,380

Details of any funds materially in deficit - None

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on 17th March 2022

Alison Spencer, Church Wardens

# Accounts

## Wythall Parochial Church Council

### Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

#### Statement of Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities FRSSE SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of certain investment assets, which are shown at market value.

#### Funds

The general funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the application of the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted funds are only available for use for the purpose for which the funds have been raised. During 2015, the PCC decided that the Building Fund be renamed the Reserve fund and balances therein are available as reserves. The remaining balance on the Restoration fund was also transferred into the Reserve fund. The Restoration fund is restricted and the balances therein are reported within these financial statements.

#### Incoming resources

##### Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is also recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable and the ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

##### Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for when they accrue.

##### Gains and losses on investments

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

#### Resources used

##### Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share ("quota" or "common fund") is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as a constructive (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

##### Fixed assets

###### *Property*

Freehold land is not depreciated. Freehold property is depreciated over an estimated useful life of 50 years. The church building is depreciated over 50 years to nil residual value.

###### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used by the church for services and office equipment is capitalised and depreciated to its residual value (usually nil) over its estimated useful life from the date of commissioning. Estimated useful lives range from 3 years (for computers and software), 8 years for furniture and 15 years for the sound / vision equipment in the Church.

##### *Investments*

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

##### Current assets / liabilities

Current assets, including estimated income tax recoverable, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers and recorded at transaction price.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds.

#### Mortgage debt

Mortgage debt is initially recorded at proceeds less transaction costs. Interest is charged based on contractual interest arrangements. At the period end, the mortgage is shown at its settlement value.

## Incoming and Outgoing Resources - General Fund

	2022 £	2021 £
Income given under gift aid	129,308	114,544
Income tax recovered / recoverable (Note 2)	34,460	29,311
Non-gift aid giving	8,774	4,207
Collections	3,711	2,884
Donations	1,732	1,850
Deposit interest	241	3
Income from investments	967	934
Fees to PCC and Diocese	4,227	3,442
Children's society	239	285
Sundry Income (Note 4)	9,616	2,469
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>193,275</b>	<b>159,928</b>
Maintenance of the ministry (clergy expenses)	1,502	1,079
Upkeep of services (hall rental, church repairs)	4,635	4,121
Sunday school and youth	323	767
Administration expenses (church office)	3,775	2,803
Parish quota to Diocese (Common Fund)	55,000	60,000
Diocese share of wedding & funeral fees	3,321	2,654
Missionary and charitable (Note 5)	21,996	15,335
Children's society	239	285
Salaries of church staff (administrator, children, fami-	24,135	29,951
Depreciation (Note 6)	718	556
Growth	742	758
Sundry expenses (Note 4)	10,178	5,706
<b>Total outgoing resources</b>	<b>126,562</b>	<b>124,015</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	<b>66,713</b>	<b>35,913</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources (Note 3)</b>	<b>66,713</b>	<b>35,913</b>
<b>(Losses) / Gains on investments</b>	<b>-3,876</b>	<b>4,127</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>62,837</b>	<b>40,076</b>

# Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

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	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets (including 5, The Willows and 247 Alcester Road)	6	811,568	842,409
Investments	7	117,710	131,602
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors - principally amounts due from Inland Revenue	2	34,719	29,457
CBF deposits		42,147	21,701
Cash at bank and in hand		53,262	22,929
		<b>130,128</b>	<b>73,522</b>
Current liabilities			
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	8	-3,116	-2,192
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>127,012</b>	<b>81,964</b>
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due after one year</b>	9	<b>0</b>	<b>-30,621</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,056,290</b>	<b>1,025,355</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
General		238,910	176,073
Designated		812,380	844,282
Restricted	10	5,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,056,290</b>	<b>1,025,355</b>

## Analysis of assets and liabilities by fund at 31 December 2022

	General £	Designated Reserve £	Restricted £	Total £
Represented by:				
Fixed assets	13,265	798,303	-	811,568
Debtors	33,568	-	-	34,719
Liabilities due within 1 year	-3,116	-	-	-3,116
Bank account	139,065	-90,803	5,000	53,262
CBF Deposits	26,377	15,770	-	42,147
CBF Investment Fund	29,751	41,213	-	70,963
CBF Fixed Interest	-	46,746	-	46,746
Mortgage	-	0	-	0
	<b>238,910</b>	<b>812,380</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,056,290</b>

The total market of value of all bank balances, deposits and investments at 31 December 2022 was £210,699 (2021 £186,648)



## Analysis of funds movements for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>General Fund</b>		
Brought forward	176,073	135,998
<b>Net incoming / (Outgoing) resources</b>	<b>66,713</b>	<b>35,913</b>
(Losses) / gains on investments	-3,876	4,163
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>238,910</b>	<b>176,073</b>
<b>Reserve Fund (previously Building Fund)</b>		
Brought forward	844,282	866,208
Dividends/Interest	2,735	2,599
Income from hiring accommodation	12,924	10,516
Income from church facilities hiring	1,151	470
Other income	0	0
Mortgage Interest	-368	-1,489
Other expenses	0	0
Repairs / maintenance	-5,044	-12,937
Depreciation	-30,753	-24,440
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>	<b>-19,355</b>	<b>-23,889</b>
<b>Transfers from restoration fund / general fund</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>	<b>-19,355</b>	<b>-23,889</b>
(Losses) / Gains on investments	-12,547	1,964
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>812,380</b>	<b>844,282</b>
<b>Restricted fund</b>		
Brought forward	5,000	0
Donation	0	5,000
<b>Net incoming / outgoing resources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>Brought forward - 1 January</b>	<b>1,025,355</b>	<b>1,002,205</b>
<b>Carried forward - 31 December</b>	<b>1,056,290</b>	<b>1,025,355</b>

## Notes to the accounts

1. The accounting policies adopted in these accounts are shown in the statement of Accounting Policies.
2. Income tax of £33,568 is yet to be recovered on income received under gift aid (2021 £29,457) and is included within debtors.
3. The general fund surplus for 2022 is £62,837. In 2021, the general fund surplus was £40,076. The reserve fund balance includes £976 which is held in the restoration fund.
4. Sundry Income and Expenses may be analysed as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Coffee	18	-	-	95
Spring Harvest	710	410	-	-
Socials	265	162	-	718
Outreach	-	851	-	-
Scoff	2,264	1,897	-	-
Course books / visiting speakers	107	146	-	46
Repairs	233	729	-	833
Youth related income	-	-	223	-
Sundry	39	87	1	480
Super Saturday	520	686	-	-
Discretionary income / expense	450	904	-	-
JAM	-	-	15	-
Advent	1,372	-	-	-
Elderly	5	324	-	50
Gifts	320	380	282	2,264
Kitchen	-	945	-	-
Recycling / Easy fundraising / Amazon	103	-	89	-
Unclaimed cheques released	1,457	-	-	-
Cleaning	-	1,296	-	1,107
Specific charity collections	1,015	-	1,726	-
Little Lights / Noahs Ark	740	1,360	133	112
	<b>9,616</b>	<b>10,178</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>5,706</b>

5. The PCC has a target to give 10% of income to charity.

## Notes to the accounts, continued

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6. Fixed assets for use by the PCC	New building	Church equipment	5, The Willows	Curate's House	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost brought forward at 1/1/2022	482,631	34,799	253,765	292,351	1,063,545
Additions	-	631	-	-	631
<b>Cost carried forward at 31/12/2022</b>	<b>482,631</b>	<b>35,429</b>	<b>253,765</b>	<b>292,351</b>	<b>1,064,176</b>
Depreciation brought forward at 1/1/2022	139,994	21,445	39,947	19,750	221,137
Charge for the year	25,051	718	2,702	3,000	31,470
<b>Depreciation carried forward at 31/12/2022</b>	<b>165,045</b>	<b>22,163</b>	<b>42,651</b>	<b>22,750</b>	<b>252,607</b>
<b>Net book value at 31/12/2022</b>	<b>317,587</b>	<b>13,265</b>	<b>211,115</b>	<b>269,601</b>	<b>811,568</b>
<b>Net book value at 31/12/2021</b>	<b>342,636</b>	<b>13,353</b>	<b>213,817</b>	<b>272,601</b>	<b>842,409</b>

No fixed assets are carried at a valuation.

The new building has been accounted for within the building fund with the exception of the stained glass window, which cost £15,000 where funds were raised from the congregation within the general fund. The Curate's House is within the Reserve Fund.

### 7. Investment fixed assets

Movements during the year	2022 £	2021 £
Net book value brought forward - 1 January	131,602	122,886
Additions	2,530	2,592
Disposals	-	-
Net (loss) / gain on revaluation	-16,423	6,126
<b>Net book value carried forward at 31 December</b>	<b>117,710</b>	<b>131,602</b>

Holdings at 31/12/2022 included £46,746 (market value) in the Church of England fixed interest fund and £70,964 (market value) in the Church of England Investment fund.

### 8. Liabilities due within one year comprise:

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	3,115	2,192
Deferred income	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>2,192</b>

### 9. Liabilities due after one year comprises:

	2022 £	2021 £
Mortgage secured on the Curates House	-	30,621

Interest was charged on the debt at 2.90%. The term of the mortgage was 25 years. There was no minimum payment and the PCC repaid the mortgage when cash flow allowed. The mortgage was fully repaid in August 2022.

### 10. Restricted Funds

During 2021, the church received a £5,000 donation arising from the proceeds of the sale of Cornerstone Quest in Wales. The donor requested that the funds are used for the benefit of the young people of Wythall and Hollywood. At the year end, none of the donation had been spent on qualifying expenditure.

## Statement of Financial Activities

	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Restricted Fund	2022 Total	2021 Total
Income given under gift aid	129,308	-	-	129,308	114,544
Income tax recovered (Note 2)	34,460	-	-	34,460	29,311
Non-gift aid giving	8,774	-	-	8,774	4,207
Collections	3,711	-	-	3,711	2,884
Donations	1,731	-	-	1,731	6,850
Interest	241	2,735	-	2,975	2,602
Income from investments	967	-	-	967	934
PCC Property	-	1,151	-	1,151	744
Rental income on PCC property	-	12,924	-	12,924	11,634
Fees to PCC and Diocese	4,227	-	-	4,227	3,442
Children's society	239	-	-	239	285
Sundry Income (Note 4)	9,616	-	-	9,616	2,469
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>193,275</b>	<b>16,810</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210,085</b>	<b>179,904</b>
Maintenance of the ministry (clergy expenses)	1,502	-	-	1,502	1,079
Upkeep of services (hall rental)	4,635	-	-	4,635	4,121
PCC property	-	5,044	-	5,044	12,937
Sunday school and youth	323	-	-	323	767
General Parish expenses (church office and repairs)	3,775	-	-	3,775	2,803
Quota	55,000	-	-	55,000	60,000
Diocese share of wedding and funeral fees	3,321	-	-	3,321	2,654
Missionary and charitable (Note 5)	21,996	-	-	21,996	15,335
Children's society	239	-	-	239	285
Salaries of church staff (administrator, children, fami-	24,135	-	-	24,135	29,951
Depreciation (Note 6)	718	30,753	-	31,470	24,996
Growth	742	-	-	742	758
Mortgage interest	-	368	-	368	1,489
Sundry expenses (Note 4)	10,178	-	-	10,178	5,706
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>126,562</b>	<b>36,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,727</b>	<b>162,881</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	<b>66,713</b>	<b>-19,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,358</b>	<b>17,024</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>66,713</b>	<b>-19,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,358</b>	<b>17,024</b>
<b>(Losses) / gains on investments (Note 7)</b>	<b>-3,876</b>	<b>-12,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-16,423</b>	<b>6,126</b>
<b>Fund brought forward</b>	<b>176,073</b>	<b>844,282</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,025,355</b>	<b>1,002,205</b>
<b>Fund carried forward</b>	<b>238,910</b>	<b>812,380</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,056,290</b>	<b>1,025,355</b>

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## Services

All are welcome at our regular Sunday services, which are:

**9am Communion Service**

**10.30am Informal Service with children's groups**

On the 4th Sunday of the month children and adults worship together at 10.30am in church.

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