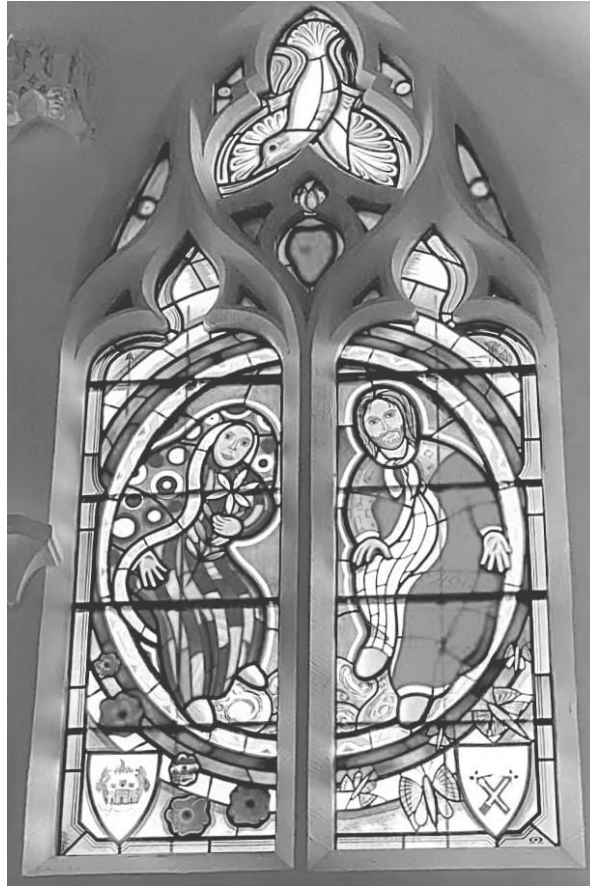




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**PAPERS FOR THE
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING**

together with

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

Sunday 29th May 2022

11.30am



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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 29th MAY 2022

11.30am

AGENDA

VESTRY MEETING

1. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. To ELECT Churchwardens
3. To APPOINT Deputy Churchwardens

(This agenda is in accordance with the Churchwardens Appointments and Registration Measure 2001)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Apologies for absence
2. To APPROVE the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
3. To DISCUSS any matters arising from the meeting
4. To ELECT (by ballot if necessary) members of the Parochial Church Council for a period of THREE YEARS
5. To APPOINT Sides-people for the coming year
6. To APPROVE the Electoral Roll
7. To RECEIVE the Annual Report of the proceedings of the Church Council for the past year
8. To RECEIVE the Accounts of the Council for the year ended December 31st 2021.
9. To APPOINT Independent Financial Examiner(s)
10. To RECEIVE a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
11. To RECIEVE Synodical Reports and other matters of parochial or general interest

(This agenda is in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and Synodical Government Measure 1969 – revised 2004)

NOTE: There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parochial Church Council immediately after the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of electing officers of the Council.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility, with the Incumbent, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and community hall at 426 High Road, Ilford.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The church and premises are at the heart of the community and serve as a focal point and a beacon of hope, stability and cohesion in an ever-changing community. Public services are held throughout the week and are open to all regardless of faith affiliation, and the church building is available to interfaith and secular groups. The Community Hall is used throughout the week by community groups and on a casual basis for other community activities. Church and hall are likewise available for appropriate functions such as concerts and recitals.

The church tower houses a ring of 8 bells. With the help of the St Margaret's Barking ringers, who ring in several towers in this part of Essex/east London, the bells are rung before Sunday Mass about twice per month in addition to Holy Days and other ad hoc celebrations.

As the Church of England is the *Church by law established* we are uniquely available for civic services and special services for local groups. The church building houses some items of religious art which are of particular note and features in the Barking Episcopal Area Art Trail.

The church is situated within a Victorian churchyard and cemetery and this has been designated as an *Area of Special Interest* by the Local Authority. As such we regularly and increasingly facilitate the locating of family graves and assist those researching their genealogy. The churchyard is home to 5 Commonwealth War Graves and in 2018 work was undertaken to clean these up and make them more accessible. The Commonwealth War Grave Commission installed a sign on our main gates indicating the presence of these important graves. Work to make the churchyard a more attractive and safer area continues in concert with the local authority.

ANNUAL REVIEW

The parish continues the process of reorientation and recovery after the challenges of the pandemic. At the time of writing most activities, including the weekly round of worship has been re-established. We have continued to live stream principal services, and this has been valued by those who, for reasons of access, sickness or frailty have felt unable to return to church in person. Sadly, a handful of members who were regular worshippers before the pandemic have not returned.

Our refugee engagement program has continued and developed, and we responded in August 2021 to the Afghan crisis by hosting an appeal on behalf of the Diocese which raised over £6000 for support services for Afghan refugees within Essex and East London. We continue to support the resettlement of refugees from the MENA regions, as well as asylum seekers in bridging accommodation within the parish, and now those fleeing the war in Ukraine. Often the work we do in these areas is necessarily low key due to matters of security and safeguarding.

We continue to respond to and meet pastoral need when it arises, both from within the established congregation and wider afield and we support the work of the various local agencies attending to the growing and ever-present problem of street homelessness and addiction.

We were delighted to welcome Fr Jacob Kyie-Baffour as our Assistant Priest, and he was Licensed in autumn of 2021.

We were likewise delighted to give our support to our Churchwarden, Marcel Firth who has begun the formal process of testing his vocation to the priesthood. If successful, Marcel will begin his formation in September 2022 whilst remaining at St Mary's, and when ordained, will serve at St Mary's as a Locally Ordained Minister (none-stipendiary).

The financial review will clearly show the fiscal challenges of maintaining mission and ministry in a sustainable way and the challenges of maintaining the church building, though this has not been significantly affected by the pandemic and has been a regular concern over the past years. We have invested significantly in improvements to the church building over the past 5 years, and as such, the site is sound and without any major defects.

The year ahead will see the beginning of serious listening, reflection, and action to ensure that the ministry offered through and from St Mary's reflects honestly the resources available and is sustainable in the years to come.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At a time when there is much discussion in the church of the cost of full-time ministry and the maintenance of the built heritage, we have been able to pay our assessed share of £61,672 to the diocese through the generosity of present and past members, and have spent £5,634 on maintenance, of which £4,458 was from General funds.

Voluntary giving has remained relatively strong, as more members have moved to payment through the bank or to online giving, a drop of just under 5% on 2020; at the same time people have given generously in support of diverse causes: £6,123 for Afghanistan refugees, £623 for local Iraqi refugees, £609 for needy families at Christmas and £340 to the Vicar's discretionary fund.

Our income from the hire of the hall fell right away in 2020, but has grown back up to £6,535 in 2021, compared with £4,780 in 2019; £3,280 was earned in the last quarter of 2021, creating a strong expectation of further growth in 2022.

Our unrestricted income for 2021 was £57,635 and our expenditure £93,574, a shortfall of £35,939, which was made up by a transfer of £36,000 from memorial funds. Excluding endowment funds, total assets of the church at the end of 2021 were £175,060.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The bureaucratic business of the church is dealt with by the PCC, or the Standing Committee on their behalf, and the day-to-day business is addressed by the Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer.

During 2021 the PCC met at about quarterly intervals remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	Canon Gareth Jones	Chair (ex officio)
<i>Churchwardens:</i>	Miss Margaret Quinney Mr Marcel Firth	To APCM 2022 (from 2016) To APCM 2022 (from 2020)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Mrs Hilary Hardwick Mr David Hardwick Fr Gareth Jones	To APCM 2023 (from 2020) To APCM 2023 (from 2020) House of Clergy (ex officio)
<i>Elected/coopted members:</i>	Mrs Fay Chinweze Mr John Cox Mrs Emma Jeffery (Vice-Chair) Mr Michael Mann (Hon. Treasurer) Mr Alan Hardy Mr Robert Mason Mrs Clare Cox (PCC Secretary)	To APCM 2022 (from 2019) To APCM 2023 (from 2020) To APCM 2022 (from 2019) To APCM 2023 (from 2020) To APCM 2024 (from 2021) To APCM 2022 (from 2019) To APCM 2023 (from 2020)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Approved by the PCC on
and signed on its behalf by Fr Gareth Jones (chair)**

St Mary's Ilford PCC

Registered Charity No. 1132877

Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021

[See separate document]

Subject to examination and PCC approval

Churchwardens' Report April 2021 to April 2022

Although we still take care to keep everyone safe, this has been a year of slowly trying to achieve a 'new normal' after the lockdowns. It has been lovely to see things that we took for granted, such as singing in church and socialising, being gradually restored.

Services:

The church has been open for all services since Easter 2021 and livestreaming continued, initially for Sunday and Thursday services, but now only for the Sunday Parish Mass and Holy days. All weekday services are now held in the Resurrection Chapel with a small but regular attendance. Attendance at the Parish Mass has been variable.

The Patronal Festival:

At our Patronal Festival in September, we welcomed the Venerable Christopher Burke, Archdeacon of Barking as our preacher. After a lovely service with a full congregation, we celebrated with drinks and a light buffet.

Harvest:

We celebrated Harvest in October. The church looked good dressed in autumn shades and with the usual brilliant display of goods, showing the generosity of our church family. It was wonderful to see so many people in church to enjoy our lovely service and, after two long years approximately thirty people enjoyed a Harvest Lunch in the Community Hall. Archdeacon, Elwin Cockett was our preacher. We are very grateful to Fr Gareth and Diana for their hard work in preparing and serving the lunch.

Gifts of food were taken to the Welcome Centre and bathroom items to refugees housed locally, the following week.

St Monica's:

The following week, during the afternoon, Fr Jacob hosted a Special Thanksgiving Service as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of St. Monica's Senior High School Ghana. It was a joyous service with many photographs taken and food parcels handed out to take home.

All Souls:

On Tuesday 2nd November departed loved ones were remembered at our All-Souls' Service.

Remembrance Sunday:

This time we were able to join with the nation in commemorating the dead in our traditional way during our Parish Mass.

Christmas:

We looked forward to celebrating a Christmas in our usual style for the first time in two years. The trees arrived and were in place ready for our Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas. Our thanks to Arthur Dike for helping to get them in place and decorated. The Carol Service was another joyous occasion, with mince pies, sausage rolls and warmed seasonal juice, served in the naïve, after the service.

Midnight Mass, which started at 11pm, was a lovely, candlelit service and we welcomed the Baby Jesus as the bambino was placed in the crib at Midnight. Sadly, numbers were down as many of our church family had tested positive for covid. On Christmas morning we had to cancel our service as Fr Gareth had also tested positive. Consequently, few people got to enjoy our festive church before 12th night. Thankfully all those who tested positive experienced mild or no symptoms.

Lent & Easter 2022:

Lent started with our Ash Wednesday service.

On Mothering Sunday Milly and Nini distributed sixty small posies to members of the congregation. Unfortunately, some of our Lent services had to be cancelled as on medical advice, Fr Gareth reluctantly took some leave. It was lovely to have him back with us on Palm Sunday.

There was a full programme of services throughout Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday included the foot washing ceremony and a few people managed to stay for the watch until midnight.

Although attendances were low at the start of the week there was a good attendance on Good Friday. The first Mass of Easter was celebrated at 8pm on the Saturday evening again this year.

On Easter Sunday it was a joy to see a full church. After the beautiful service everyone went home with an Easter Egg.

We have been grateful to Fr Stephen, Father Tom, Rev. Bridgit and Rev. Janet for covering the occasional services during the year.

Fr John Barnes:

On Sunday 13th June several of us, together with the Deputy Mayor and other visitors celebrated Evening Prayer in South Park. During the service Fr Gareth blessed the Lebanon Cedar planted in memory of Fr Barnes.

The Faith Walk:

In September, on a rather wet afternoon, we welcomed sixty-five people from all different faiths to our church. We were the penultimate venue of the Faith walk.

Fr Gareth spoke about being an Eco-friendly church and Fr Martin spoke about the importance of water in the Christian Faith.

Climate Sunday:

In October our MMU, St Luke's, St Margaret's and St Mary's, met for an afternoon service in Valentines Park. Fr Gareth and Margaret were the only representatives from St Mary's.

Living Stones:

Many of our church family have, over the year tested positive for covid but, thanks to the rollout of the vaccines and the periodic boosters, symptoms, if any, have been mild.

Induction of Church Wardens:

For the second year running Fr Gareth was able to deputise for the Archdeacon and admit Marcel and Margaret as churchwardens during the Parish Mass. This year, however, covid restrictions did not prevent us from being soaked with Holy water.

Fr Gareth:

In April we congratulated Fr Gareth on his appointment as Canon to the Bishop of Cape Coast, Ghana and Honorary Canon of Cape Coast Cathedral.

Fr Jacob:

During the Mass on Sunday 13th June, we welcomed Fr Jacob as our Assistant Priest and in our traditional style celebrated with drinks outside after the service.

Marcel:

Marcel has been working through the process of discernment for ordination and is looking forward to starting his training should he be accepted.

Baptisms:

In September we welcomed Joshua Lloyd, grandson of Clare and John Cox, and in November Jayce, who was less than one week old, and Princess with their families to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

It has been lovely to see Jayce and Princess, who live locally, at the 10am Mass on occasions.

Confirmations:

Allen Bennett, Amelia (Milly) Jones and Caleb Tann were confirmed by Bishop Guli in Chelmsford Cathedral. Although we were disappointed that it was not possible for the service to be at St Mary's as originally planned, we were able to watch the lovely service through live streaming. We celebrated the following Sunday when they were able to make communion for the first in their own church. Celebrations continued after the service with cake and drinks.

Wedding Vows:

In September Mark and Michelle Warwick were joined by their family and friends as they gave thanks for their marriage and renewed their wedding vows. Mark and his sons arrived at the church on Harley Davidsons. Fr Gareth couldn't resist trying one out for size but fortunately the ignition was not switched on!

Funerals:

The funeral service of Lynn Bezant took place at the end of April this year.

Church Bells:

In June it was a joy to welcome back the bellringers and hear the bells again after so many months. We are so grateful to the ringers who ring the bells before the Parish Mass on alternate Sundays.

Meetings:

Although staff meetings are now face to face meetings, all PCC meetings have been held on Zoom.

Social Activities:

In June we started serving tea and coffee outside after the Parish Mass each Sunday where we were able to socialise at a safe distance. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and so most weeks we were forced to move inside to

the north aisle and socialise in small groups around the church. We have now moved back to the Community Hall where refreshments are set up for everyone to serve themselves to tea or coffee and a small pack of biscuits.

The Garden Party:

The weather was also responsible for the long looked forward to Vicarage Garden Party being postponed twice and finally cancelled. We hope for better luck this year.

Birthdays:

Special refreshments were served to celebrate the birthdays of Colin Newman and Euan.

The Quinquennial:

Our architect, John Baily, carried out a full inspection in August. Although he highlighted some issues which will need attention, most of which were already in hand, there was thankfully nothing major causing concern.

Maintenance:

All the regular maintenance checks were completed at the appropriate time in the year.

Annually:

- The Fire Extinguishers
- The PAT testing (small electrical appliances)
- The Roof Alarm
- The Lightening Conductor
- The Boilers

The Lift has a maintenance check quarterly.

The organ and piano are tuned at regular intervals.

Repairs

• Boilers:

During the Quinquennial inspection a leak was found in the boiler room.

The faulty parts on the boiler were replaced within a few weeks.

When the Heating Boilers had their annual inspection, it was found that one needed to be closed down due to above normal emissions of carbon monoxide. New parts were fitted, and the Gas Safety Certificates were issued.

There was no problem with the kitchen boiler and the safety certificate was issued on the day of the inspection.

• Lighting:

The security light at the East End of the Church was replaced and suitable guards were installed to prevent further damage by pigeons.

A faulty security light on the South wall was replaced recently and also a small light near the North Porch.

• Guttering:

The blocked guttering and downpipes on the North side were cleared.

• Plumbing:

The seal round the kitchen sink was renewed.

The basin in the smaller ground floor toilet was secured to the wall and the wobbly toilet seat was replaced.

Technology:

There have been many improvements made during the year to enhance the sound and the livestreaming.

Flowers in Church:

Except for Advent and Lent, we have flowers in church each week. There are, however, fewer than we had before lockdown.

There is always an arrangement by the High Altar and there are smaller arrangements by Our Lady, in the Resurrection Chapel and on St Anne's Altar, currently dedicated to the people of Ukraine. There are more displays for Christmas, Easter, the Patronal Festival and Harvest. The cost of flowers, like everything else, has risen considerably and it is sometimes difficult to get exactly what we need. As for last year we had a Memory Tree at Easter rather than lilies, these were £3 per bloom this year.

We would welcome more help with the flowers, either by sparing a little time to try your hand at arranging, you do not need any previous experience, help is available, and you can learn on the job, or you could give a donation for flowers in thanksgiving, for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Please give it a little thought.

The Churchyard:

Maintaining the churchyard is an ongoing problem which has escalated over the last few weeks.

We are working very hard with Fr Gareth, the Council, and the Westerly Group to improve the situation but progress is slow.

Thanks:

There are many people to whom we owe our grateful thanks:

- Fr Gareth, our Deputy Wardens, the PCC and all members of the congregation for their continued support and encouragement throughout the year.
- John, the Choir, and the Servers for their hard work in helping to make all our services special. Thanks too to those who read the lessons, prepare the intercessions, and those who take up the Offertory.
- the small group of people who regularly come along to help when we have a big clean and help to make our church sparkle for special occasions. We would, however, welcome volunteers to help on a more regular basis.
- all those who quietly and diligently carry out the many tasks that need to be done, but often are only noticed when they are not done.

In addition, we offer our personal thanks to Fr Gareth for his hard work, commitment, and vision, and for his leadership throughout the year.

*.. Marcel Firth and Margaret Quinney
Churchwardens*

Planned Giving / Gift Aid

Over the last two years there have been many changes to the Planned Giving Scheme.

It was evident that the Blue Envelopes were already being used by fewer people but when we went into lockdown, they became redundant.

We are very grateful to all those who quickly found alternative methods of maintaining their commitment to making their regular, generous contributions.

The current methods of payment are:

- Monthly Bank Orders.
- Monthly/quarterly cheques.
- The new Parish Giving Scheme - more information coming soon.
- The Card Machine at the back of the church.
- Scanning the symbol on displays around the church.
- Online giving.
- Cash on the plate.

Some people use more than one of these options. All methods provide the option of adding Gift Aid.

People not originally on the Planned Giving Scheme have been making regular contributions using the above options.

Charity giving using the Yellow Envelopes has only been maintained by a few people but there have been many generous, charitable contributions to appeals made through the year.

Those who pay sufficient tax make their contribution under the Gift Aid (GA) Scheme which enables us to claim back an extra 25% on each amount given. Very simply if you give a total of £400 to charities during one tax year, they can claim a total of £100 back. Or looking at it another way for each £100 you pay in tax during one tax year you can give up to a total of £400 to charities.

Plate Collections:

We can claim GA on all amounts given in Plate collections, provided that no more than £20 is given by any one person, under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. Also providing there are eleven or more in the congregation.

The following table shows the GA claimed for 2021.

CLAIMS 2021							
Month	Church	Sacristy	Charity	Vicar's Fund	Refugee Fund	Needy	Total
January	£236.25			£75.00			£311.25
Candlemas		£63.75					£63.75
February	£198.75		£6.25				£205.00
March	£340.00						£340.00
GASDs Jan - Apr	£44.08						£44.08
New Tax Year:							
April	£301.25		£18.75				£320.00
May	£238.75		£6.25				£245.00
June	£371.25						£371.25
July	£208.75		£6.25				£215.00
August	£208.75		£6.25		£67.50		£282.50
September	£219.38		£6.25	£2.50	£3.75		£231.88
October	£252.50		£6.25	£3.75	£25.00		£287.50
November	£190.00			£1.25			£191.25
December	£273.75		£6.25	£3.75			£283.75
GASDs Ap -Dec	£439.99						£439.99
Back claims	£107.50						£107.50
Needy						£102.50	£102.50
Afghan Appeal					£417.50		£417.50
	£3,630.95	£63.75	£62.50	£86.25	£513.75	£102.50	£4,459.70

If anyone would like to join the GA scheme or would like more information about making regular contributions, please talk to me after Mass. All such conversations are strictly confidential.

*Margaret Quinney
Planned Giving & Gift Aid Secretary*

Guild of Altar Servers

We continue to be grateful for the loyalty of our regular Servers, Arthur Dyke, and Alan Hardy, and we are pleased that Marcel Firth has joined us as part of his training. Robert Mason left us on Palm Sunday to join one of the London churches.

We are delighted that Euan has joined us and comes every week, progressing from Boat to Acolyte duties.

It's lovely that Milly, Nathan, and Caleb will be with us on a regular basis now that pandemic restrictions have been lifted.

Duties of MC, Acolyte, Thurifer and Crucifer are shared on a rota basis according to experience.

As always, we are indebted to the team who faithfully attend each Sunday, funerals, and major festivals.

*David Hardwick
Head Server*

Music

Since May 2021 we at St Mary's have been fortunate to have had a sung mass every Sunday except for two: one when I had been 'pinged' late on Saturday evening and so had to get myself tested and self-isolate; another when, despite my best efforts, a deputy could not be found. Now, with the recent installation of a digital hymn player (already used during the first part of the Good Friday *Tre Ore*) such emergencies are well covered.

Throughout all this time, the choir – much diminished in size through covid precautions – has continued to function well. Regular practices have ceased since my 'retirement' in February 2019. Nevertheless, *private* practice has continued on an almost weekly basis. Thanks to the internet, I have been able to email to choir members printed music and midi files (mainly of psalms but occasionally other pieces) for them to familiarise themselves with before the following Sunday.

But no amount of support, technological or otherwise (for bigger events such as the Carol Service there have been normal practices) would have any effect

were it not for sheer competence of the choir members themselves. I'm sure I speak for all when I say how grateful I am for their lovely singing and great commitment to the music at St Mary's.

Sadly, Michael has been unable to sing with us for a while for health reasons, but we hope he will be able to re-join us soon. Also, Caroline has decided to leave the choir after 40 years of service. We thank her for her valuable contribution to the soprano line during that time. We shall miss her, but it is good that she will continue to support the singing from her place in the congregation.

The choir is now very small – sufficiently so for me to be able to thank them all – Emma, Jean, Clare, Colin and Michael – by name, for their unfailing support during this unusual time.

*John Cox
Director of Music Emeritus*

The Walsingham Cell of S Mary and S Francis

Residential Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2021

It was a lovely that a group of eight of us were able to make our pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham once again in September.

There were slightly fewer pilgrims in residence but the full Shrine programme was again in place.

We arrived around 3.30pm, and after dropping off our cases made our First Visit to the Holy House at 4.30pm. Some of us attended Evening Prayer at 5.30 followed by Shrine Prayers (the Rosary) before Supper.

At 11am on Tuesday morning we celebrated Holy Cross day in the Shrine Church and the relic was venerated,

It was a very wet day, but some brave souls were undaunted and went trekking through the undergrowth in the Priory grounds which houses the Priory ruins, whilst others visited the Shrine Shop for religious (or otherwise) artifacts. During our time there some went to the Farm Shop for local produce, and one pilgrim purchased enough lamb and pork chops to last her a year!

In the evening we had the first of the main services which was the Sprinkling, Healing Ministries and Benediction, during which Fr Gareth gave the Sacramental blessing.

Fr Ben Bradshaw, the Shrine Priest, gave a homily using the Transfiguration as his theme.

On Wednesday we gathered for the Pilgrim Mass when visiting pilgrims took an active part in the service, and as the weather was much better, we were able to have our Stations of the Cross using the lovely Stations situated in the grounds. At 4pm we visited the Holy House again to pray for our parish and others in need and to lay them at the feet of Our Lady to intercede for us. The Shrine has been refurbished during lockdown and looks even more glorious.

In the evening we had the Procession of Our Lady when, following a homily on the Marriage at Cana from Fr Ben we were able to walk with the image of Mary in a candlelit procession through the shrine grounds, followed by Benediction back in church.

The next day Fr Gareth celebrated Mass for us in the Holy House after which he blessed various icons, rosaries, and candles that we'd bought, and after lunch we made our final visit to the Holy House to say farewell to Our Lady.

It was really good to be able to be back at the Shrine again, and we are so grateful to Fr Kevin Smith, the Shrine Administrator, Fr Ben the Shrine Priest, Fr Andrew Greaney the Chantry Priest, the Hospitality team, the Hospitality team, housekeeping staff, cleaners and refectory staff in making us safe and possible to happen.

*Hilary Hardwick
Walsingham Cell Secretary*

The Additional Curates Society

Fr Darren, the General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society, writes in his Lent article that over 180 years ago Joshua Watson identified a genuine need to work in some of the poorest and most populous parishes in England and Wales. He and others formed the ACS and since then the work of resourcing the Church's ministry has continued unabatedly. The ACS commits itself to ensuring that every penny donated is used solely for the purpose for which it was given, and the work of the Society covers two main areas.

Resourcing Ministry for the Future, which is done through vocational work including conferences and parish placements, and Stipend and Clergy Support done through making grants to parishes to cover the working expenses of clergy.

Over the years we have benefited from the assistance of ACS when we had our own Curates.

We were once again able to hold our usual annual raffle in church on the feast of Christ the King when Archdeacon Elwin Cockett was present, which raised £131. Donations have also been made through our usual Lent Box appeal.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the ACS.

*Hilary Hardwick
ACS Parish Secretary*

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is of paramount importance in our parish. The issue is highlighted at every PCC meeting and the whole community is encouraged to be vigilant and share any concerns about the wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults with Fr Gareth or with myself as Parish Safeguarding Representative.

When any concerns about a vulnerable member of the congregation are shared with Fr Gareth or myself these are duly noted, discussed and referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer whose advice will be acted upon and if necessary contact will be made with outside agencies eg Social Services. Any concerns

and subsequent actions will be discussed, noted, logged and updated as appropriate.

As Parish Safeguarding Representative and together with Fr Gareth, we maintain an up to date overview of current DBS checks and any Safeguarding training undertaken by any whose roles require this and whether delivered online or face to face.

At St Marys we take Safeguarding very seriously. It has a prominent place on our website and is included as an agenda point at every PCC meeting.

*Clare Cox
(Parish Safeguarding Representative)*

Prayer Ministry

In addition to prayers offered during our Masses the prayer life of St Mary's is upheld through the regular offering of Morning and Evening prayer said daily either in church or within the parish in communion with that of the wider Church.

It's lovely that we are able to meet for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament using the Jesus Prayer, before Mass on Thursday mornings.

We pray for the sick and distressed as well as the departed during each Mass and names are printed in

the service booklet for private prayer. If you would like a name included, please speak to me or Fr Gareth.

Sometimes there is a need for urgent or confidential prayer. In these situations, a small group of people are committed to praying in their homes for those known to them to be in particular need or distress, please let me or Fr Gareth know if you have a prayer request.

*Hilary Hardwick
Prayer Ministry Co-ordinator*

Deanery Synod

Meetings were held on 20th May 2021 via Zoom, 22nd Sept at Christ Church Wanstead, 23rd Nov at St Francis Barkingside and 23rd Feb 2022 at St Margaret's Ilford.

The first meeting was led by Philip Carnelley who has taken over from Gillian Leonard as Lay Chair.

Topics that have been discussed over the meetings include.

The new Treasurer Daniel Jebanesan, encouraging parishes to adopt the Generous God Generous Disciple stewardship scheme. He also spoke about proposed changes to the current parish share model, looking at a possible hybrid model from 2024.

A presentation from the Revd James Gilder, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, during which he explained that the main threat to the environment was due to the emission of CO2 gases. The diocese is responsible for 20,000 tonnes of CO2 output from churches, schools etc. and suggestions were made about how we could reduce this.

As St Mary's is already an Echo church, we are already playing our part.

A presentation on the Church of England's initiative Living in Love and Faith was given by the Revd Chris Wragg and we were asked to look at resources on the website prior to the meeting.

LLF is a five-session course which churches and interested groups are encouraged to participate in to listen to and understand conflicting views around questions of sexuality, relationships, and marriage within the Church.

A presentation was given by the Revd Samuel Maginnis from St John's Loughton, as the new

representative at General Synod. Fr Sam gave an outline of how General Synod works including the fact that it consisted of 483 members, two thirds of whom are first time members. He thinks this reflected the current interest in the Living in Love and Faith initiative. Topics discussed at GS included safeguarding and the national safeguarding teams; modern slavery; the persecuted Church; faculty jurisdiction and eco heating and racial justice and institutional racism.

The Revd Martyn Hawkes proposed bringing a motion to Diocesan Synod to instruct the investment managers to adopt a policy of divestment from all companies engaged in the extraction and production of fossil fuels, and a policy of non-investment in companies with significant revenues arising from fossil fuels in the future.

Diocesan Synod had its first meeting of the new triennium. The main item was a presentation of the Racial Justice Task and Finnish Group, set up by Bishop Peter in 2020 and led by Bishop Roger Morris.

The new Mothers Union president, Maxine Paul, spoke about how the MU is open to all baptised people irrespective of marital status or gender. Current projects include English for Women, and AFIA, a holiday scheme for those in need, contact centres for separated families and a domestic abuse pilot project.

Fr Gareth gave a report on the situation regarding refugees and asylum seekers and encouraged Deanery Synod members to be more proactive in walking alongside refugees in their parishes.

*Hilary Hardwick
Deanery Synod Representative*



ST MARY THE VIRGIN, GREAT ILFORD
DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD
CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Registered Charity No 1132877

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 23rd May 2021

Item	Name	Item	Action	By
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1		Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting held on 18.10 20 The minutes were accepted, all were in favour with no abstentions.		
2		Election of Churchwardens There were two nominations. Margaret Quinney who is to stand again. Nominated by Pamela Reeve and seconded by Robert Mason all were in favour. Marcel Firth proposed by Hilary Hardwick and seconded by Fay Chinweze all were in favour. Fr Gareth offered thanks for their continued service.		
3		Appointment of Deputy Churchwarden Fr Gareth offered thanks to Arthur Dike for all his work behind the scenes. Arthur has agreed to stand as Deputy Churchwarden again. Robert Mason is to continue as Deputy Churchwarden with Arthur to work alongside the Churchwardens and Fr Gareth. Thanks to him. The meeting closed and the Annual General Meeting was then held.		



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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 23rd May 2021

Item	Name	Item	Action	By
1		Apologies for Absence Robert Mason		
2		Minutes Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 18 th October 2020 were accepted as an accurate record, proposed by Alan Hardy and seconded by Hilary Hardwick and agreed with no abstentions.		
3		Matters Arising There were no matters arising.		
4		Election of members of the Parochial Church Council There was one nomination for re-election Alan Hardy – nominate by Arthur Dike; seconded by Colin Newman (approved by all) Fr Gareth explained that there were two vacancies on the PCC which could be filled by co-option. To discuss with PCC secretary.		
5		Appointment of Sidespeople for the coming year The following persons were nominated by the Churchwardens to serve as Sides-people for the year: Judy Dash, Mandy Goodwin, Barbara Iggulden, Richard Wright The Meeting unanimously approved the election of all the nominated candidates. Fr Gareth offered thanks to the sidespeople for agreeing to stand again.		

6		Approval of Revised Electoral Roll There is a new Electoral Roll this year The figures for the Electoral Roll are as follows: 2020 71 on roll 2021 72 on roll Of this number 36 reside within the parish and 36 without. There were no questions and the roll was received and approved. Fr Gareth offered thanks to Emma Jeffrey for her work on the Electoral Roll. Emma is to continue as Electoral Roll Officer and commented that it was good for the increase in numbers.		
7		Annual Report of the proceedings of the Church Council for the past year Pages 1-3 of booklet. There were no questions on the Trustees Annual Report. It was moved that the report be received Proposed by Keith Jeffrey seconded by Fay Chinweze, all were in favour.		
8		Independently Examined Accounts of the Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2019 Pages 5-9 of booklet. Fr Gareth remarked that it was good to see Michael Mann and to welcome him back after the difficult times of lockdown The accounts are not yet examined and are in draft form. These will be resubmitted to the PCC and then to the External Examiner. We have managed over the last year by drawing on bequests where appropriate, approximately £35,000 of lost income from the hire of the hall over lockdowns but voluntary income has filled some of the gaps. We face the future with renewed confidence. There were no questions. Fr Gareth: Amazed at the continued generosity of the people of the parish and those who have moved away, Voluntary giving only dropped by 2% which is remarkable considering the effect of the pandemic. Many have increased giving. £35,000 is not nearly as bad as it might have been and is similar to previous years. Thanks come from the PCC for those who continue to give generously and support our church. Fr Gareth recommended that we receive the accounts for the year ended 31.12.2020 which will be finalised, firstly by the PCC and then by the External Examiner Proposed by Michael Mann; seconded by Emma Jeffrey All were in favour.		

9		To appoint Independent Financial Examiner Fr Gareth proposed that our current Independent Financial Examiner, Emmanuel Osuji, continued in this role and that he was happy to do so. This was approved by all		
10		Fr Gareth offered formal thanks to Michael for his immensely hard work in maintaining the accounts to a professional standard. This was followed by a round of applause. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church/ Fr Gareth: Much has gone on including installation of the stained glass window from a bequest. Installation of camera system for live streaming to ensure a stable output for those not able to get to church. Keith Jeffrey operates this system as technician during services. Receive the Fabric, goods and ornaments report Proposed by Judy Dash; seconded by Judy Sender		
11		Synodical and General Reports Included in the Annual Report were the following reports: 1. Churchwardens' report – Fabric and Living Stones (Margaret Quinney. Hilary Hardwick) 2. Planned Giving /Gift Aid (Margaret Quinney) 3. Choir and Music (John Cox) 4. Servers (David Hardwick) 5. The Walsingham Cell (Hilary Hardwick) 6. The Additional Curates Society (Hilary Hardwick) 7. Community Hall (Margaret Quinney) 8. Safeguarding (Clare Cox) 9. Flower Team (Margaret Quinney) 10. St Mary's Junior Church (Tina Kew) 11. 9th Ilford (St Mary's) Rainbow Unit (Penny Wallace) 12. 9th Ilford (St Mary's) Brownie Pack (Penny Wallace) 13. Guides (Tina Kew) 14. Prayer Ministry (Hilary Hardwick) 15. Deanery Synod (Hilary Hardwick) There were no questions on any of the reports. Fr Gareth offered thanks to all those who had provided reports, especially to Deanery Synod reps as there were a lot of meetings over zoom. Thanks t the servers team after a difficult year with lock downs and closures. They have adapted to new ways remarkably which is a tribute to David Hardwick and the team. Formal thanks to John Cox and the choir adapting to the new environment, without the cantors and the organ music our		

		worship would have been diminished especially today on Pentecost. Special thanks to the choir and to John Cox as he has retired. There were no questions. Motion to receive the reports: - Proposed by Jean Ayres; seconded by John Cox		
12		Chair's report Over the past year, as a team, PCC and congregation have done their utmost during the past year. It was important that we kept connected. The Pastoral contact team led by Hilary Hardwick kept regular contact. This was an experiment and it worked remarkably well. Thanks to Hilary and to all the team callers. Thanks also to the Covid Task Group, a small group who worked out what to do at the beginning of the pandemic using guidance and talking to other churches. Thanks to the churchwardens whose ministry is often hidden, with massive amounts of work to do especially over the last year, sanitising surfaces, ensuring churchyard is kept beautiful, Formal thanks and a show of appreciation. Thanks to PCC, thrown into the unknown, zoom meetings to ensure business of church continues. Patience in the face of difficult decisions. Appreciation shown.		
13		Any Other Business A vote of thanks was offered to Fr Gareth from Margaret Quinney for all that he had done over the last year and especially during the pandemic providing services when the church has been closed. Fr Gareth ended the meeting in prayer and thanked everyone for attending.		

St Mary's Ilford PCC – 1132877
Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2021
Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	29,793.90	-	9,902.03	-	39,695.93	41,231.79
Income from charitable activities	3,171.60	-	-	-	3,171.60	184.05
Other trading activities	6,999.63	-	250.00	-	7,249.63	2,106.92
Investments	17,570.29	57.81	42.27	-	17,670.37	18,590.39
Total income	57,535.42	57.81	10,194.30	-	67,787.53	62,113.15
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	2,774.44	-	-	-	2,774.44	294.00
Expenditure on charitable activities	90,608.04	556.85	17,726.00	-	108,890.89	158,897.11
Other expenditure	191.76	-	-	-	191.76	102.07
Total expenditure	93,574.24	556.85	17,726.00	-	111,857.09	159,293.18
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(36,038.82)	(499.04)	(7,531.70)	-	(44,069.56)	(97,180.03)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	37,700.00	10,211.10	10,200.00	-	58,111.10	69,593.71
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(47,900.00)	(10,211.10)	-	(58,111.10)	(69,593.71)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	9,749.68	9,749.68	(19,880.44)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,661.18	(38,187.94)	(7,542.80)	9,749.68	(34,319.88)	(117,060.47)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	6,349.75	146,438.56	66,241.66	208,405.09	427,435.06	544,495.53
Total funds carried forward	8,010.93	108,250.62	58,698.86	218,154.77	393,115.18	427,435.06

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2021 £	At 31/12/2020 £
Fixed assets						
Investments	-	-	-	218,154.77	218,154.77	208,405.09
	-	-	-	218,154.77	218,154.77	208,405.09
Current assets						
Debtors	927.53	-	173.78	-	1,101.31	762.67
Cash At Bank And In Hand	10,853.55	108,250.62	59,615.08	-	178,719.25	250,468.25
	11,781.08	108,250.62	59,788.86	-	179,820.56	251,230.92
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	3,770.15	-	1,090.00	-	4,860.15	32,200.95
	3,770.15	-	1,090.00	-	4,860.15	32,200.95
Net current assets less current liabilities	8,010.93	108,250.62	58,698.86	-	174,960.41	219,029.97
Total assets less current liabilities	8,010.93	108,250.62	58,698.86	218,154.77	393,115.18	427,435.06

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
Signed for the PCC:

Fr Gareth Jones
Chair

Margaret Quinney
Churchwarden

Michael Mann
Treasurer

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Analysis of income (§2) and expenditure (§3)

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0104 - Pg bank GA	8,560.00	-	-	8,560.00	8,250.00
0105 - Pg bank nonGA	2,144.00	-	-	2,144.00	2,194.00
0107 - Payroll giving	2,577.00	-	-	2,577.00	2,362.25
0113 - Pg envelopes GA	1,925.00	-	300.00	2,225.00	3,536.95
0114 - Pg envelopes non-GA	3,494.89	-	-	3,494.89	2,134.33
0116 - Gift Aid - periodic	950.00	-	-	950.00	420.00
0121 - Card donation GA	1,338.00	-	1,425.00	2,763.00	3,816.00
0122 - Card donation non-GA	700.00	-	842.75	1,542.75	1,126.00
0301 - Collections	1,491.27	-	-	1,491.27	1,877.13
0412 - Votive candles	44.22	-	-	44.22	41.85
0501 - Gift Aid - occasional	10.00	-	-	10.00	11.95
0550 - Donations & appeals - recurrent	1,075.00	-	947.00	2,022.00	1,120.00
0551 - Candlemas gifts	535.00	-	-	535.00	971.00
0560 - Donations & appeals - one-off	1,087.20	-	4,833.50	5,920.70	1,243.50
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	3,422.31	-	553.78	3,976.09	4,092.65
0605 - GASDS	440.01	-	-	440.01	478.18
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	7,556.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Donations and legacies Totals	29,793.90	-	9,902.03	39,695.93	41,231.79
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	920.00	-	-	920.00	91.00
1105 - Heating charge - weddings & funerals	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
1205 - Refreshments	-	-	-	-	70.25
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	50.10	-	-	50.10	3.00
1280 - Pilgrimages & outings	2,101.50	-	-	2,101.50	19.80
Income from charitable activities Totals	3,171.60	-	-	3,171.60	184.05
Other trading activities					
0910 - Fundraising	455.00	-	-	455.00	340.00
1240 - Hall lettings - fundraising	6,544.63	-	-	6,544.63	1,766.92
1245 - Hall letting deposits	-	-	250.00	250.00	-
Other trading activities Totals	6,999.63	-	250.00	7,249.63	2,106.92
Investments					
1001 - Dividends - investments	7,570.29	-	-	7,570.29	7,487.15
1020 - Bank interest	-	57.81	42.27	100.08	1,103.24
1030 - Rent from telecomms	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Investments Totals	17,570.29	57.81	42.27	17,670.37	18,590.39
Income and endowments Grand totals	57,535.42	57.81	10,194.30	67,787.53	62,113.15

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	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
1730 - Fundraising costs	184.73	-	-	184.73	214.00
1735 - Pilgrimage & outing costs	2,526.00	-	-	2,526.00	80.00
1738 - Catering expenses	63.71	-	-	63.71	-
Raising funds Totals	2,774.44	-	-	2,774.44	294.00
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	574.00
1850 - Giving - UK-based church societies	227.50	-	433.75	661.25	87.50
1870 - Giving - secular charities	-	-	140.00	140.00	-
1880 - Subscriptions	142.00	-	-	142.00	112.00
1910 - Diocesan parish share	61,672.00	-	-	61,672.00	60,772.27
2001 - Assistant staff costs	52.40	-	11.23	63.63	-
2005 - Presentations from PCC funds	230.00	-	-	230.00	300.00
2010 - Organist's honorarium	300.00	-	-	300.00	450.00
2020 - Cleaner (Hall)	701.25	-	-	701.25	918.00
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	-	-	5,931.00	5,931.00	6,372.00
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	1,105.82	-	-	1,105.82	1,159.65
2130 - Vicarage maintenance/security	524.99	-	-	524.99	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	1,244.35	-	-	1,244.35	1,300.94
2160 - Vicar's discretionary fund	1,369.50	-	-	1,369.50	3,437.50
2210 - Promotion & website	2,229.84	399.24	-	2,629.08	4,682.55
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,990.24	-	-	2,990.24	2,953.76
2305 - Church security	894.79	-	-	894.79	884.40
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	580.40	-	-	580.40	676.80
2330 - Church maintenance	4,457.55	157.61	1,018.39	5,633.55	7,594.34
2331 - Cleaning	-	-	-	-	4.13
2332 - Cleaning & janitorial supplies	283.97	-	-	283.97	1,054.12
2335 - Hall cleaning	211.72	-	-	211.72	222.57
2341 - Sacristy consumables & maintenance	1,463.78	-	-	1,463.78	1,093.27
2342 - Sacristy acquisitions	69.57	-	321.61	391.18	2,878.88
2343 - Service books	69.50	-	-	69.50	68.00
2345 - Music	255.00	-	-	255.00	749.32
2347 - Junior Church expenses	-	-	-	-	53.50
2349 - Flower costs	180.00	-	555.51	735.51	352.15
2360 - Church office	1,861.61	-	-	1,861.61	1,536.18
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	580.70	-	-	580.70	53.85
2380 - Public catering	200.09	-	-	200.09	317.52
2401 - Church running - electric	829.89	-	-	829.89	901.48
2410 - Church running - gas	4,734.34	-	-	4,734.34	2,546.62
2420 - Church running - water	131.88	-	-	131.88	128.58
2425 - Refuse collection	151.47	-	-	151.47	148.50
2460 - Refugee Welcome housing	-	-	-	-	(1,657.23)
2470 - Refugee Welcome support	-	-	3,314.51	3,314.51	4,302.86
2502 - Printing & stationery	241.66	-	-	241.66	152.85
2530 - Hall running - electricity	102.60	-	-	102.60	93.11
2540 - Hall running - gas	402.73	-	-	402.73	227.09
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	69.90	-	-	69.90	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	45.00	-	-	45.00	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	8,688.00
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	25,418.40
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	16,030.80
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	1,256.85
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	90,608.04	556.85	17,726.00	108,890.89	158,897.11
Other expenditure					
2620 - Bank charges	191.76	-	-	191.76	102.07
Other expenditure Totals	191.76	-	-	191.76	102.07
Expenditure Grand totals	93,574.24	556.85	17,726.00	111,857.09	159,293.18

§4. Staff costs

Fees are paid to our self-employed cleaner, parish administrator and, until his retirement in March 2021, to our Director of Music, who is also a trustee. No Trustee is paid for their services as a trustee.

§5. Investments

	<i>Charibond</i>	<i>Charifund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Market value 31 December 2019	£106,613.25	£121,672.28	£228,285.53
Revaluation gain/loss 2020	£1,228.99	(£21,109.43)	(£19,880.44)
Market value 31 December 2020	£107,842.24	£100,562.85	£208,405.09
Revaluation gain/loss 2021	(£3,704.17)	£13,453.85	£9,749.68
Market value 31 December 2021	£104,138.07	£114,016.70	£218,154.77
Percentage gain/loss 2020	1.2%	-17.3%	-8.7%
Percentage gain/loss 2021	-3.4%	13.4%	4.7%

Income from investment 2021	£2,148.60	£5,421.69	£7,570.29
2020	£2,578.32	£4,908.83	£7,487.15

M & G Charibond and Charifund represent investments made from the proceeds received from the sale of the Assistant Clergy house at 2 Elizabeth Avenue, and are held for the long-term benefit of the church and the General Fund. The investments are administered for the PCC by the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance. The Charibond has the higher rate of return, but the Charifund has the potential for capital growth (or decline).

§6. Debtors

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	Total	<i>2020</i>
Tax receivable	£927.53	—	£423.78	£1,351.31	£787.77
Submetered electricity	£895.81	—	—	£895.81	397.24
Total	£1,823.34	—	£423.78	£2,247.12	£11,185.01

§7. Creditors

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	Total	<i>2020</i>
Utilities	£3,811.41	—	—	£3,811.41	£584.85
Outstanding Parish Share	—	—	—	—	£22,789.62
Outstanding Agency payments	—	—	—	—	£199.00
Other creditors	£853.53	—	£705.00	£1,558.53	£8,925.71
Total	£4,664.94	—	£705.00	£5,369.94	£32,499.18

§8. Fund movements and analysis

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Closing
General fund (unrestricted)	£6,349.75	£57,635.42	£93,574.24	£43,400.00	£13,810.93
Auxiliary funds (restricted)					
Bell fund	£161.00	£12.00	—	—	£173.00
Choir fund	£671.21	£167.00	—	—	£836.21
Fabric fund	£1,018.39	—	£1,018.39	—	—
Flower fund	£278.55	£585.00	£555.51	—	£308.04
Trust fund (hirer deposits)	£725.00	£250.00	—	—	£975.00
Total auxiliary funds	£2,854.15	£914.00	£1,573.90	—	£2,282.25
Support funds (restricted)					
Charity distribution fund (Yellow envelopes)	£573.75	£362.50	£573.75	—	£362.50
Emergency fund	—	£6,777.53	£6,302.47	—	£475.06
RWD – Refugee Welcome Dagenham	£3,683.96	£1,998.00	£3,012.04	—	£2,669.92
Total support funds	£4,257.71	£9,138.03	£9,888.26	—	£3,506.98
Memorial funds (designated except as indicated)					
Barnes memorial (restricted)	£59,129.80	£29.40	£6,263.84	—	£52,895.36
Bonner memorial	£20,171.44	£13.39	—	—	20,184.83
Gorman memorial	£876.36	£0.43	—	—	£786.79
Horne memorial	£351.51	—	—	—	£351.51
Martin memorial	£70,481.60	£33.83	—	(£24,100.00)	£46,415.43
Row memorial	£51,295.51	£23.03	£157.61	(£19,300.00)	£31,860.93
Wagg memorial	£3,140.99	—	£399.24	—	£2,741.75
Williams memorial	£121.15	—	—	—	£121.15
Total memorial funds	£205,568.36	£100.08	£6,820.69	(£43,400.00)	£155,357.75

§8a Auxiliary funds

The **Bell Fund** is held on behalf of St Mary's bellringers; income comes mostly from donations by visiting ringers, and pays for the replacement of worn ropes and broken stays.

The **Choir Fund** buys music and robes etc for the choir; it received a boost of £167 from the congregation who were asked to sponsor their favourite hymns.

The **Fabric Fund** saves for the expensive repairs that come round about once every 5 years when the architect presents his Quinquennial Report. The remaining balance of £1,018 was used towards roofing repairs.

Flowers are arranged by a team led by Margaret Quinney, who administers donations and costs through a Flower Float; the **Flower Fund** embraces both the flower float and other funds held in the bank account.

The **Trust Fund** holds deposits made by hirers of the hall against lost keys and accidental damage.

§8b Support funds

Members who support the church through planned giving (through blue envelopes or otherwise) often add an additional sum to be distributed to other charities at the discretion of the PCC (yellow envelopes). This is known as the **Charity Distribution Fund**. £574 collected in 2020 was distributed in 2021 to Redbridge Samaritans, the Ilford Welcome Centre, St Francis Hospice Havering and the Mothers Union international; £362 collected in 2021 remains to be distributed.

The **Emergency Fund** is a channel for external emergencies. In 2021 it was used for the Afghan Refugee Appeal, the proceeds of which were passed to the Diocese to administer.

The **Refugee Welcome Dagenham fund** was set up in 2018 to support a sponsored family from Syria who were housed in a church property in Dagenham; our formal commitment to this family has ended, but we have continued occasional support mainly for college fees (£816 in 2021). The fund is now used more widely to support refugees settled locally, especially from Iraq. We have received donations of £623 from the public and £350 from other PCCs, and have spent £1,196 in support of Iraqi families; in addition £1,000 was received from the Diocese of Chelmsford, which was used to distribute 100 Tesco vouchers to refugees housed in a hotel in the parish.

§8c Memorial funds

The **Barnes Memorial** has continued to support our Parish Administrator (£5,142) and purchased a chasuble (£322).

The **Martin Memorial** and the **Row Memorial** contributed £24,100 and £19,300 respectively to our General fund and support our deficit. The **Row Memorial** also paid £158 towards roof repairs.

The **Wagg Memorial** paid £399 for a streaming camera for use in the online sharing of our worship.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
St Mary's Ilford PCC

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1132877

Set out on pages

1-10 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: oeosuji

Date: 02/09/2022

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Not Applicable.