The Parochial Church Council and ecclesiastical parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

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Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY, THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL TEAM PARISH OF ST MARY KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY'S CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-01-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclestiastical parish the whole mission of the church,pastoral, evangelical social and ecumenical.

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£276,412	£290,298	-	-
2023-12-31	£188,634	£194,330	-	-
2022-12-31	£354,676	£166,405	-	-
2021-12-31	£166,573	£79,832	-	-
2020-12-31	£101,646	£185,964	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Adam Richard Hadley	Chair	2021-07-15
Christine Eileen Knight		2023-09-09
DEBORAH ANN FILGATE		2011-07-15
GEOFFREY NICHOLLS		2015-04-29
HELEN ELIZABETH JAYNE MOREN		2017-10-18
JEAN BLAKEMORE		
JENNIFER SHARON STEWART		2020-10-21
Jacob Charles Davey		2026-05-27
Jane Elizabeth Price		2025-05-28
Jayne Westwood		2021-04-07
KAREN WHITEHOUSE		2013-12-16
Mary Bligh Green		2022-06-22
NEIL TERENCE OLIVER		2017-10-18
Neil Charles Whitehouse		2022-06-01
ROBERT EDWARD GREEN		
Rebecca Jayne Ann Jones		2026-05-27
Rev Christopher William Smith		2024-06-30
Rev Sarah Louise Roberts-Malpass		2025-02-06
SHEILA MAIRI FREEMAN		

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Revd A Hadley	
	Revd C Smith	(Appointed 30 June 2024)
	Mrs J Nicholls	
	Miss C Knight	
	Mrs D Filgate	
	Mr R Green	
	Mrs J Blakemore	
	Mrs K Whitehouse	
	Mr N Whitehouse	
	Mr G Nicholls	
	Mrs H Moren	
	Mr N Oliver	
	Mrs J Stewart	
	Mrs J Westwood	
	Mrs M Green	
	Mrs S Freeman	(Appointed 29 May 2024)
Charity number	1133868	
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's and Church of the Ascension. The DCCs maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

By delegation from the PCC, the two District Church Councils each account to the PCC for their own income and expenditure and are responsible for their own part of the Ministry Share contribution to the Diocese of Worcester. This has been agreed as St Mary's Kingswinford paying 60% of the Ministry Share and Church of the Ascension paying 40% of the Ministry Share.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

Safeguarding
The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the house of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Since 2020 the PCC has used the "Safeguarding Toolkit" provided by the Diocese as a way of self-assessment to seek to ensure that it fulfils its duty. Safeguarding information is displayed in both churches and in their church halls. All who have regular contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must submit to a DBS check for criminal convictions, where indicated. Everyone in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults has undertaken a diocesan safeguarding training or refresher course, as appropriate. Safer Recruiting has been used throughout the year to fill all voluntary and paid posts and is now working on collating all the information for the whole parish in one place. In 2024 we have also taken on a new module of our parish dashboard which enables us to keep all the information on training and renewal dates safe and easy to see. It is hoped that this will be completed and ready for the new PCC meeting in the summer of 2024.

All forms have been redone to give the parish a uniform look, and this year, our hire agreements have all been updated to comply with our safeguarding responsibilities.

Safeguarding is a standing item on each PCC and DCC agenda.

There is now a single Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Sian Morgan and two Church Safeguarding Officers who work alongside her, Sheila Abrahams and Jean Blakemore.

All safeguarding policies are up to date, including additional policies relating to safeguarding, e.g., recruitment of ex-offenders. We are promoting and working in accordance with the Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Safer Environment and Activities, and Code of Safer Working Practice.

Employees
St Mary’s continues to employ a Director of Music.

During 2024 the parish has employed a Children, Families and Young People’s Minister, an Administrator and an Operations Manager. These are partly funded by a grant from the national Church of England.

Aims and purposes
The PCC of Kingswinford St Mary has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Each DCC has delegated maintenance responsibilities for their respective churches and centre complexes, which are each part of their church buildings.

St Mary's DCC also has maintenance responsibility for 4 The Village, Kingswinford.

Achievements and performance
Church Attendance
At the conclusion of 2024 the parish electoral roll was 184 of whom 124 were resident in the parish and 60 were non-resident in the parish.

St Mary's Church District Roll: 100 of whom 58 are resident in the Parish and 42 are non-resident.

Church of the Ascension District Roll: 84 of whom 66 are resident in the Parish and 18 are non-resident.

Report of the Priest-in-Charge
St Mary's Church Kingswinford

This is the report presented to the ADCM in 2025 but looking back at 2024.

One of the main things to reflect on as we look back at 2024 is the Renewal Project across our parish which is being funded by the national church. Many of the things which were just beginning in 2023 have come more to the fore and we have been richly blessed by the posts that have been funded through this national grant, including our Children, Families and Young People Minister, an Administrator and Operations Manager. Whilst the Renewal Project is a once in a generation opportunity the national funding will conclude, and we need to ensure that we are able to continue the work without national funding when the time comes. Therefore, whilst we give thanks to God for this opportunity, it is very important that we do not see this as a reason to reduce or stop our regular giving or our involvement in different aspects of church life. We will still need to pay Ministry Share and all the running costs for church and hopefully grow our giving so that we are able to continue to pay for employed posts in the future.

Our current performance around the renewal is good and we have been hitting the targets set for us by the national church but those targets become harder as we move forward and so we need to remain focussed on God, praying for growth and commitment to be disciples and evangelists in the communities we serve and come from.

In 2024 we saw long-standing members of our church family depart from this world and meet our Lord face-to-face. I know how much their deaths have been felt by us all and we continue to pray for one another in grief, but we honour their commitment and dedication to our Church by building on what they started and standing on their shoulders to continue building the kingdom of God here in Kingswinford.

Here some further highlights:

Morning Prayer
Morning prayer continues to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week where a regular small band of pray-ers come together to listen to scripture and pray for the needs of the church and the world. It a wonderful way to start the day and meet gently with God in the quietness of St Mary's and anyone is welcome to come along and join in with this.

Services and Liturgy
The shape of our services and liturgy on a Sunday continues as it has done over recent years with a mix of Sung Eucharists and Morning Prayer in the mornings and a mix of Evensong, Taizé with Benediction and Memorial Services in the evening.

This year I wanted to show our figures for the last few years on major festivals. These are the times during the church year where we are more deeply shaped and formed as disciples and I would encourage you all to engage fully with what is offered:

Ash Wednesday	2017 = 28	2024 = 51
Palm Sunday	2017 = 71	2024 = 54
Maundy Thursday	2017 = 32	2024 = 44
Good Friday	2018 = 25	2024 = 34
Easter Vigil	2022 = 21	2024 = 34
Easter Day	2017 = 102	2024 = 118
Lessons and carols	2017 = 28	2024 = 61
Crib	2017 = 200	2024 = 212
Community carols	2017 = 202	2024 = 102
1st Mass of Christmas	2017 = 92	2024 = 103
Christmas Day	2017 = 66	2024 = 52

In terms of new services we held a community nativity over Christmas and this was hugely popular with 74 people coming to take part in worship.

We have also launched a new worshipping community called Soul Food which meets every other week at 8.45am in the hall. It starts with breakfast and then leads into worship. I ask that you hold this in prayer – partly that it will grow and flourish but also that it brings new people into our family of faith.

We have also had another parish confirmation service where Bishop John led worship in our parish for the final time before his retirement.

The Servers Guild at St Mary's continue to support me at the altar for the majority of our services and we have recruited new servers and continue to look out for more as well. We also welcomed the Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary to St Mary's during the year for one of their regular Guild services.

I want to finish this part of my annual report by reminding us all that Mainly Music is now our second biggest service each week. It meets during term time and it has been a joy to see this grow and flourish under Sian's ministry and leadership. This is a reminder that discipleship is for all ages and should always involve a good amount of bubbles!

Music
The musical offering at St Mary's is a critical part of our mission with the choir supporting the vast majority of services and being available to sing at weddings and funerals when asked for by families.

Recruitment continues to be a priority both for adults and children but is a problem faced by so many church choirs around the country. In the coming year we will continue to look at different methods of recruitment. However, it has been a privilege to welcome new voices to our choir during 2024.

Our bell ringers continue to ring for services and continue to offer an audible presence of our church far and wide. So many people comment on the bells and how important it is that they are there and being rung and so in the coming years we need to ensure that we recruit new ringers who can continue this important ministry within Kingswinford.

Royal British Legion, ATC and Remembrance Sunday
I continue to be the Chaplain to the Kingswinford Royal British Legion and our Remembrance Day service was attended by so many in the local community as well as a deputy Lord Lieutenant and local councillors. I have also led a D-Day memorial service at the Legion to mark the 80th year of the D-Day landings.

I am also Padre to the Kingswinford Air Training Corps whose band came and played for our Christmas Tree Festival as well as asking us to host ATC Sunday for a number of local squadrons. Being padre involves regular 'padre's hour' at one of their meetings and we have done some great work around citizenship and taken part in some interesting debates. I also have the privilege of enrolling new cadets a couple of times each year. This is amazing work in our community and I continue to develop links between St Mary's and the local ATC.

We continue to look for funding to have a map produced for the churchyard showing the locations of all the Commonwealth War Graves.

Flower Guild
The flower guild continues to present wonderful floral arrangements throughout the year and especially at key points during the liturgical year. Flowers always add to the welcome received by visitors and regulars to our church, and we are blessed by having them as part of our worship to God.

Wedding couples are also now able to order flower arrangements from St Mary's and this has proven popular with them.

Christmas Tree Festival
The Christmas Tree festival was its usual great success both in terms of the number of Christmas trees being provided and the number of people coming to visit. This is a great method of reaching out to the local community and continues to allow us all a chance to make some really excellent links.

Mothers Union
The MU continues to thrive in Kingswinford with two groups and are a key part of ensuring the Biblical mandate to help the vulnerable in our world is kept by our church. I know how much the organisations which the MU supports appreciate the help given and demonstrates loving service in the world, a key part of all our discipleship.

Churchyard
The dedicated group of churchyard volunteers continue to meet and work week by week, cutting lawns, dismantling ivy, tidying up bushes and generally keeping the churchyard looking great and serene for the many visitors who attend day in and day out.

We need to think hard about future recruitment to this merry band of helpers of 'Bob's boys', as I like to call them.

Links with St Mary's Primary School
We are very blessed to have two dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. I continue in my ex officio role on the governing body and enjoy being able to lead school assemblies once each half term as well as welcoming children from school to church for tours, lessons and generally exploring and feeling that this is their church home. I also visit reception class once a month to read them a Bible story linked to the 'value' they are learning about.

We also held our annual 'Blessing of the bags' service before the start of the school year.

Sian also engages with our church school directly through a full suite of 'experience' events, by taking Mainly Music into Reception and supporting year 5 and year 6 in the Walk Through the Bible experience. The experience events are fantastic but do need volunteers and so if you're interested in joining in with this please speak to Sian.

School Christmas and Easter services also take place in church and it was a joy to be able to welcome pupils, their parents and staff into St Mary's.

Links with other schools
As well as our obvious link with St Mary's we also link up with Blanford Mere Primary School, Dawley Brook Primary School, the Kingswinford School and the Brier School with Blanford Mere, Dawley Brook and the Kingswinford holding Christmas services in St Mary's.

Open the Book operates across most schools in the parish and is resourced by Church of the Ascension. If anyone is interested in joining this group please speak to me as it is an important part of our ministry to schools.

Ministry Team and Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our retired clergy, Children, Families and Young People Minister, Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

Our ministry team continues to flourish and grow in 2024 and we were joined by Fr Chris Smith as an Assistant Curate and we have all been richly blessed by the many gifts he brings to ministry. Helen Moren completed her Worship Leader Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) and it has been wonderful to see her flourish in this new role.

Service attendance
The average Tuesday congregation number is 12 people.

The average Sunday morning congregation number is 55 people.

The average Sunday evensong congregation is 14 people and the average Benediction with Taizé service congregation is 19 people.

The average Mainly Music congregation is 35 people.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.
The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

In 2024 there were 7 weddings.

In 2024 there were 32 baptisms.

In 2024 there were 31 church funerals, 27 interment of ashes in the churchyard and 20 burials in the churchyard following a church service.

In 2024 there were 5 confirmations.

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles across our church and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

Finance
In 2024 we paid our full ministry share across the parish with St Mary's giving £33,803.40. This is an amazing achievement and one we should all be very proud of. However, our planned givers are at their lowest number ever and this is a cause for concern with all of us needing to promote regular giving whenever we can.
We have also been in the privileged position of receiving a bequests this year as follows:

Marion Jones

Legacies are such an important opportunity for parishes, and we give thanks for them.

During 2024 we faced the situation of not having a Treasurer and a decision was taken to pay our new accountants, Neal and Co, to put our accounts onto a system called Data Developments. Please now pray that someone comes forward to be our Treasurer moving forward**.**

Communication
Communication has continued through our regular news sheet, the Contact Magazine, our website and on social media. This year we have also produced a number of posters for key events.

As we look to the future, and after a bit of a set back, we continue to seek planning permission and church permissions for an additional noticeboard outside the church centre.

The future
2024 was full of hope and we saw the fruits of our work begin to grow. Sometimes we can forget that Rome wasn't built in a day and that we need to keep plugging away at what we do and rooting it all in prayer. God is in this and that will always be the single most important part of our ministry in our parish.

What we offer to our parish has grown and been welcomed by those who come to our menu of different services. We just need to keep on inviting people, sharing the good news and living out our discipleship as fully as we can.

In 2025 we will see new toilets installed in our church centre and through grants we are hoping to undertake restoration work to our stained glass windows and hopefully get double glazing put into the church centre and deal with our rendering issues. But above all else let's pray that our parish and its churches will flourish and grow and that we all deepen our relationship with God.

With thanks…..
After nearly four years with you there are more people to thank than a report like this can cope with. So thank you all for all that you give to the Kingdom of God.

With my continued love as we help build His kingdom in our part of the vineyard.

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Church of the Ascension

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In 2024 we saw long-standing members of our church family depart from this world and meet our Lord face-to-face. I know how much their deaths have been felt by us all and we continue to pray for one another in grief, but we honour their commitment and dedication to our Church by building on what they started and standing on their shoulders to continue building the kingdom of God here in Wall Heath.

Here some further highlights:

Evening Prayer
Evening prayer continues to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week where a regular small band of pray-ers come together to listen to scripture and pray for the needs of the church and the world. It a wonderful way to take stock of the day and meet gently with God in the quietness of Church of the Ascension and anyone is welcome to come along and join in with this. If you've not been along before then please drop by one evening as we listen to the hustle and bustle of the traffic outside and hold them all before God.

Services and Liturgy
The shape of our services and liturgy on a Sunday continues as it has done over recent years with a mix of Sung Eucharists and Morning Prayer week by week.

I wanted this year to show our figures for the last few years on major festivals. These are the times during the church year where we are more deeply shaped and formed as disciples and I would encourage you all to engage fully with what is offered:

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Good Friday	2018 = 17	2024 = 36
Easter Vigil	2022 = 21	2024 = 24
Easter Day	2017 = 50	2024 = 68
Christingle	2017 = 29	2024 = 37
Outdoor carols	2022 = 102	2024 = 155
Crib	2017 = 65	2024 = 90
Midnight Mass	2017 = 31	2024 = 53

We have also launched a new worshipping community called Soul Food which meets every other Tuesday at 5pm. It starts with a meal and then leads into worship. It has been really successful so far and I ask that you hold this in prayer – partly that it will continue to grow and flourish but also that it brings new people into our family of faith.

We have also had another parish confirmation service at St Mary's where Bishop John led worship in our parish for the final time before his retirement.

Music
Church of the Ascension continues to be a place that loves to sing, dance and clap its way through worship and this brings a great sense of joy to everyone who comes. We have learnt some new songs this year and I hope this continues in 2025.

Links with Church of the Ascension Primary School
We are very blessed to have three dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. Fr Chris now leads a whole school assembly once each half term as well as going into reception once each month to read them a Bible story. A number of classes have also been over to church for a tour.

Church Club runs every two weeks approximately 20 children attending each time to hear a Bible story, do a craft activity and pray. It's so wonderful to see this level of engagement and again, our prayers and thanks need to be with those who lead this.

Sian's ministry here continues and the worship leaders group has grown in confidence and we look forward to many of them completing their Archbishops Award in 2025.

Sian also engages with our church school directly through a full suite of 'experience' events and by taking Mainly Music into Reception as well as supporting Year 5 and Year 6 in their Walk Through the Bible experience. The experience events are fantastic but do need volunteers and so if you're interested in joining in with this please speak to Sian.

Links with other schools
Open the Book operates from Church of the Ascension across most schools in the parish. If anyone is interested in joining this group please speak to Sheila Freeman as it is an important part of our ministry to schools.

Our local schools also give out material informing people of our services at Christmas and Easter.

Mothers Union
We are blessed to have a MU group in Wall Heath and its members are a key part of ensuring the Biblical mandate to help the vulnerable in our world is kept by our church. I know how much the organisations which the MU supports appreciate the help given and demonstrates loving service in the world, a key part of all our discipleship.

Flowers in church
We continue to have wonderful floral arrangements throughout the year and especially at key points during the liturgical year. Flowers always add to the welcome received by visitors and regulars to our church, and we are blessed by having them as part of our worship to God.

Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our retired priests, Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

Our ministry team continues to flourish and grow in 2024 and we were joined by Fr Chris Smith as an Assistant Curate and we have all been richly blessed by the many gifts he brings to ministry. Helen Moren completed her Worship Leader Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) and it has been wonderful to see her flourish in this new role.

Fabric
During the year the choir stalls were removed which has given us a new larger space for smaller, more intimate services.

We look forward to significant fabric work in the church hall during 2025 with new bathrooms, kitchen and windows.

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles across our church and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

Finance
In 2024 we paid our full ministry share across the parish with Church of the Ascension giving £22,535.60. This is an amazing achievement and one we should all be very proud of. However, our planned givers are at their lowest number ever and this is a cause for concern with all of us needing to promote regular giving whenever we can.

Service attendance

The average Wednesday congregation number is 20 people.

The average Sunday 10am congregation number is 40 people.

The average Mainly Music number is 30 people.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

At Church of the Ascension:

In 2024 there were 6 baptisms.

In 2024 there were 3 church funerals.

Please think about attending one of our baptism services, seeing what goes on and meeting the families who come to them. They are always uplifting and energising and show how important our church is to families in the local community.

Inclusive Church
We continue to be members of the Inclusive Church Network which has opened up some excellent conversations with people about what this means as well as offering us challenges to ensure our inclusivity is as full as it should be.

Communication
Communication has continued through our regular news sheet, the Contact Magazine, our website and on social media.

We continue to benefit from a great number of colourful posters on the church gates throughout the year advertising what we do!

In conclusion
2024 was full of hope and we saw the fruits of our work begin to grow. Sometimes we can forget that Rome wasn't built in a day and that we need to keep plugging away at what we do and rooting it all in prayer. God is in this and that will always be the single most important part of our ministry in our parish.

What we offer to our parish has grown and been welcomed by those who come to our menu of different services. We just need to keep on inviting people, sharing the good news and living out our discipleship as fully as we can.

With thanks…..
After nearly four years with you there are more people to thank than a report like this can cope with. So thank you all for all that you give to the Kingdom of God.

With my continued love as we help build the kingdom in our part of the vineyard.
Fr Adam.

Financial review

Reserves Policy – Parish of Kingswinford St Mary

The reserves policy of the parish is based on the following:

- three months regular unrestricted expenditure
- the ongoing maintenance of No. 4 The Village and the duty to be a responsible landlord
- three months salary costs
- redundancy costs
- maintenance of the building

The information contained in the Church of England's 'Guide to Parish Reserves' has been acted upon especially around the definition of reserves normally excluding the following funds:

- Permanent endowment
- Expendable endowment
- Restricted
- Designated and
- Income funds, which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held by the PCC.

St Mary's Church, Kingswinford

No. 4 The Village

In order to be a responsible landlord £20,000 is reserved for any work needed on maintaining the property or if there are no general or designated funds to cover day-to-day expenses. This is invested in a CCLA Deposit Account (No 4 The Village Reserve Account).

Three months expenditure

Based on the regular outgoings for 2023 and 2024 and the indication that day-to-day costs will continue to rise during 2025 £15,000 will be invested in a CCLA deposit account (St Mary's Kingswinford Reserve Account) as a reserve for three month expenditure.

Three months salary costs

Currently, the majority of employee funding is paid for by a national Church of England grant and so there is only a need to hold £2,000 in reserves to cover the church responsibility for employee costs. This will need to be reviewed once decisions are made regarding employees once the national funding comes to a conclusion. This will be held in in a CCLA deposit account (St Mary's Kingswinford Reserve Account).

Redundancy costs

Currently, the majority of employee funding is paid for by a national Church of England grant and so there is only a need to hold £1000 in reserves to cover the church responsibility for redundancy costs. This will be held in a CCLA deposit account (St Mary's Kingswinford Reserve Account). This will need to be reviewed once decisions are made regarding employees once the national funding comes to a conclusion.

Maintenance of the building

St Mary's is a large, medieval building with significant ongoing maintenance. Based on maintenance costs for 2023 and 2024 £12,000 will be allocated for this purpose. This will represent three months reserves for building maintenance. This will be held in in a CCLA deposit account (St Mary's Kingswinford Reserve Account).

Conclusion – St Mary's Church, Kingswinford

Give the amounts indicated above £30,000 will be invested as reserves into a CCLA Deposit account (St Mary's Kingswinford Reserve Account).

At Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath:

Three months expenditure

Based on the regular outgoings for 2023 and 2024 and the indication that day-to-day costs will continue to rise during 2025 £9,000 will be kept in a CCLA deposit account as a reserve for three month expenditure.

Three months salary costs

Currently, the majority of employee funding is paid for by a national Church of England grant and so there is only a need to hold £1,250 in reserves to cover the church responsibility for employee costs. This will need to be reviewed once decisions are made regarding employees once the national funding comes to a conclusion.

Redundancy costs

Currently, the majority of employee funding is paid for by a national Church of England grant and so there is only a need to hold £500 in reserves to cover the church responsibility for employee costs. This will need to be reviewed once decisions are made regarding employees once the national funding comes to a conclusion.

Maintenance of the building
Based on maintenance costs for 2023 and 2024 £1250 will be allocated for this purpose. This will represent three months reserves for building maintenance.

Conclusion – Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath
Give the amounts indicated above £12,000 will be designated as reserves in the CCLA Deposit Account (General Fund).

Reserves policy review
This policy will next be reviewed in April 2026.

Structure, governance and management
The Kingswinford Ecclesiastical Parish comprises of two districts, each with their own church council, corresponding to St Mary's Parish Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, respectively. The parish is located within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley. The correspondence address is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer St, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 7AA.

The Kingswinford Parish is administered by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a registered charity number 1133868.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Revd A Hadley	
Revd C Smith	(Appointed 30 June 2024)
Mrs J Nicholls	
Miss C Knight	
Mrs D Filgate	
Mr R Green	
Mrs J Blakemore	
Mrs S Abrahams	(Retired 29 May 2024)
Mrs K Whitehouse	
Mr N Whitehouse	
Mr G Nicholls	
Mrs H Moren	
Mr N Oliver	
Mrs J Stewart	
Mrs M Knott	(Retired 29 May 2024)
Mrs J Westwood	
Mrs M Green	
Mr M Penn	(Retired 29 May 2024)
Mrs S Freeman	(Appointed 29 May 2024)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and in the CRR 18 Scheme, dated 1st October 2016. In 2024 there were two full stipendiary posts allocated to the parish. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll of their respective church and stand for election to a District Church Councils (DCCs) and to the PCC.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Adam R Hadley

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Revd A Hadley
Trustee

Date: 13/05/2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Robert Chance FCCA Robert Chance

Neal and Co Business Services Limited
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26 Cradley Road
Cradley Heath
West Midlands
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Dated: 20/05/2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	**2**	84,274	856	-	85,130	87,180	20,000	-	107,180
Other trading activities	**3**	176,723	1,098	-	177,821	56,362	-	-	56,362
Investments	**4**	5,028	3,425	856	9,309	5,695	3,249	-	8,944
Total income and endowments		266,025	5,379	856	272,260	149,237	23,249	-	172,486
Expenditure on:									
Charitable expenditure	**5**	263,879	26,419	-	290,298	174,981	19,349	-	194,330
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**8**	1,812	(212)	2,552	4,152	2,774	10,723	2,651	16,148
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		3,958	(21,252)	3,408	(13,886)	(22,970)	14,623	2,651	(5,696)
Gross transfers between funds		856	(80,660)	79,804	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,814	(101,912)	83,212	(13,886)	(22,970)	14,623	2,651	(5,696)
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		204,123	300,026	30,833	534,982	227,093	285,403	28,182	540,678
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		208,937	198,114	114,045	521,096	204,123	300,026	30,833	534,982

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWINFORD, ST MARY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	**9**		90,000		90,000
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	**10**	5,344		4,153	
Investments	**11**	189,824		183,591	
Cash at bank and in hand		244,581		264,772	
		439,749		452,516	
Current liabilities	**12**	(8,653)		(7,534)	
Net current assets			431,096		444,982
Total assets less current liabilities			521,096		534,982
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	**13**		114,045		30,833
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**14**		198,114		300,026
Unrestricted funds			208,937		204,123
			521,096		534,982

13/05/2025

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 65690000-9D4D-E660-7A71-08DDADB80B0D

Adam R Hadley

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Revd A Hadley

Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary is a public benefit and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principle office is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer Street, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 7AA..

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

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

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

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	NIL

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	2023	2023	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	61,235	-	61,235	66,050	-	66,050
Legacies receivable	1,012	-	1,012	3,000	20,000	23,000
Sundry donations	22,027	856	22,883	18,130	-	18,130
	84,274	856	85,130	87,180	20,000	107,180

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Donations and legacies **(Continued)**

Donations and gifts						
Planned Giving	50,125	-	50,125	53,196	-	53,196
Gift Aid	11,110	-	11,110	12,854	-	12,854
	61,235	-	61,235	66,050	-	66,050

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Funeral and wedding fees	59,290	-	59,290	40,604
Rent from No.4	8,400	-	8,400	8,400
Church centre hall hire	9,550	-	9,550	7,358
Crowdfunding	-	1,098	1,098	-
Other income	99,483	-	99,483	-
Other trading activities	176,723	1,098	177,821	56,362

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Endowment funds general**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	2023	2023	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	896	3,425	856	5,177	1,725	3,249	4,974
Interest receivable	4,132	-	-	4,132	3,970	-	3,970
	5,028	3,425	856	9,309	5,695	3,249	8,944

5 Charitable expenditure

	St Marys Church 2024 £	Church of the Ascension 2024 £	Total 2024 £	St Marys Church 2023 £	Church of the Ascension 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	52,774	-	52,774	5,729	5,000	10,729
Utilities	7,366	3,922	11,288	2,761	2,089	4,850
Repairs and renewals	28,890	6,567	35,457	60,891	4,617	65,508
Insurance	6,019	1,717	7,736	5,734	1,637	7,371
Church centre expenses	17,494	2,137	19,631	4,980	-	4,980
Donations	569	772	1,341	700	946	1,646
Legal and professional fees	8,136	2,228	10,364	1,632	1,630	3,262
Churchyard expenses	4,198	-	4,198	176	1,857	2,033
Printing and stationery	5,885	904	6,789	2,060	1,564	3,624
Fees to diocesan board	10,640	-	10,640	-	-	-
Church service and altar expenses	4,871	1,325	6,196	4,171	393	4,564
Ministry share	56,339	-	56,339	32,194	21,462	53,656
Clergy expenses	2,207	-	2,207	1,652	1,123	2,775
Amounts paid to other church	4,975	28,599	33,574	-	-	-
Wedding and funeral expenses	25,947	-	25,947	22,638	-	22,638
Mainly music expenses	582	521	1,103	-	-	-
Other charitable expenditure	4,194	520	4,714	3,940	2,754	6,694
	241,086	49,212	290,298	149,258	45,072	194,330
	241,086	49,212	290,298	149,258	45,072	194,330
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	215,607	48,272	263,879	129,909	45,072	174,981
Restricted funds	25,479	940	26,419	19,349	-	19,349
	241,086	49,212	290,298	149,258	45,072	194,330

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	4	2

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	50,844	10,729
Social security costs	1,930	-
	52,774	10,729

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Endowment funds general**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£	£
Revaluation of investments	1,812	(212)	2,552	4,152	2,774	10,723	2,651	16,148

9 Property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land and buildings
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	90,000
At 31 December 2024	90,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	90,000
At 31 December 2023	90,000

10 Trade and other receivables

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade receivables	(2)	-
Other receivables	5,346	4,109
Prepayments and accrued income	-	44
	5,344	4,153

11 Current asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment in CBF Church of England Investment Fund Inc	189,824	183,591

12 Current liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other payables	436	-
Accruals and deferred income	8,217	7,534
	8,653	7,534

13 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments					
Permanent Endowment Fund	30,833	856	(856)	706	31,539
Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund	-	-	80,660	1,845	82,505
	30,833	856	79,804	2,552	114,045

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Churchyard Upkeep Fund	173	-	-	-	-	173
Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund	82,890	2,381	(300)	(80,660)	-	4,311
Elisabeth Corfield Padded Seating and Church Fabric Fund	47,726	-	-	-	-	47,726
Marian Bennett Frontals and Vestments Fund	20,000	-	(19,463)	-	-	537
Property Fund No 4	90,000	-	-	-	-	90,000
Youth and Education Fund	20,559	-	(5,716)	-	-	14,843
Church Clock Maintenance & Repair	-	1,854	(940)	-	-	914
Education Fund	38,678	1,044	-	-	(212)	39,510
Mainly Music	-	100	-	-	-	100
	300,026	5,379	(26,419)	(80,660)	(212)	198,114

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	**Restricted funds 2024**	**Endowment funds 2024**	**Total 2024**	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Endowment funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:								
Property, plant and equipment	-	90,000	-	90,000	90,000	-	-	90,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	208,081	108,114	114,901	431,096	444,982	-	-	444,982
	208,081	198,114	114,901	521,096	534,982	-	-	534,982

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

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Accounts

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The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Unaudited Financial Statements

31st December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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Structure, governance and management

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The Kingswinford Parish is administered by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a registered charity number 1133868.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and in the CRR 18 Scheme, dated 1st October 2016. There is one full stipendiary post allocated to the parish. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll of their respective church and stand for election to the District Church Councils (DCCs) and to the PCC.

Aims and purposes

The PCC of Kingswinford St Mary has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Each DCC has delegated maintenance responsibilities for their respective churches and centre complexes, which are each part of their church buildings.

St Mary's DCC also has maintenance responsibility for 4 The Village, Kingswinford.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's and Church of the Ascension. The DCCs maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

By delegation from the PCC, the two District Church Councils each account to the PCC for their own income and expenditure and are responsible for their own part of the Ministry Share contribution to the Diocese of Worcester. This has been agreed as St Mary's Kingswinford paying 60% of the Ministry Share and Church of the Ascension paying 40% of the Ministry Share.

Public benefit

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

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Safeguarding
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The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the house of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

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Safeguarding is a standing item on each PCC agenda.

There is now a single Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Sian Morgan and two Church Safeguarding Officers who work alongside her, Sheila Abrahams and Jean Blakemore.

Employees

St Mary's continues to employ a Director of Music.

During 2023 the parish has employed a Children and Families Worker.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

At the conclusion of 2023 the parish electoral roll was 182 of whom 123 were resident in the parish and 59 were non-resident in the parish.

St Mary's Church District Roll: 102 of whom 61 are resident in the Parish and 41 are non-resident.

Church of the Ascension District Roll: 80 of whom 62 are resident in the Parish and 18 are non-resident.

Reports of the Priest in Charge

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St Mary's Church Kingswinford

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Services and Liturgy
I've continued to change our seasonal service booklets during the year which allows us both consistency and difference during the year.

During the year we have further embedded the new Mass setting (Mass of St Thomas) to use alongside our other settings.

I have continued to ensure that whenever there is a festival which falls on a Sundays a Eucharist is offered even when I am at Church of the Ascension. This has meant we have been privileged to experience the ministry of other priests most notably Fr Mel Smith and Revd Jane Freeman as well as others from around the Diocese.

Evensong and Benediction with music from Taize continue to be offered on Sunday evenings and whilst numbers are smaller compared to previous years, the intimacy is appreciated by those who come and we had a good turn out for the coronation evensong and 'Sing for the King'. I am hoping that during 2024 we will be able to review what else we can offer during a late afternoon/evening on a different Sunday a month.

Our quarterly memorial services are always well attended and appreciated by both families who we have had the honour of leading funerals for and for those we did not. This is an important part of our outreach to the community we serve. We also hold the Coop Funeralcare annual memorial service at Christmas which again allows us to offer an important ministry within our community.

This year we held our usual full suite of Christmas services which was an absolute joy and something we can continue to work on next year, particularly our relationship with Wordsley Amateur Dramatics Society (WADS) who, for the third year, supported our community carol service with gusto. Numbers were also up across the Christmas services compared to previous years.

In 2023 we built well on my second Holy Week and Easter with you and we ensured a full set of services took place including, Compline and reflection on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week; a Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the altar and the Watch on Maundy Thursday; children's activities, Stations of the Cross and the Last Hour by the Cross with Holy Communion on Good Friday; the Easter Vigil and the Eucharist of the Resurrection on Easter Eve and a popular Sung Eucharist on Easter Day.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The Servers Guild at St Mary's continue to support me at the altar for the majority of our services and we have recruited new servers and continue to look out for more as well. We also welcomed the Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary to St Mary's during the year for one of their regular Guild services.

The newest service introduced during 2023 was the blessing of the bags service where we invited any children about to start school in September to come and have their school bags blessed. This was a joyous service and we're hoping more will come when we run it again in 2024.

We have also run a Light Party as an alternative to Halloween and this was greatly appreciated by those who came.

Music
The musical offering at St Mary's is a critical part of our mission with the choir supporting the vast majority of services and being available to sing at weddings and funerals when asked for by families.

Recruitment continues to be a priority both for adults and children but is a problem faced by so many church choirs around the country. In the coming year we will continue to look at different methods of recruitment.

Our bell ringers continue to ring for services and continue to offer an audible presence of our church far and wide. So many people comment on the bells and how important it is that they are there and being rung and so in the coming years we need to ensure that we recruit new ringers who can continue this important ministry within Kingswinford.

Royal British Legion, ATC and Remembrance Sunday
I continue to be the Chaplain to the Kingswinford Royal British Legion and our remembrance day service was attended by so many in the local community as well as a deputy Lord Lieutenant, our MP and local councillors.

I am now Padre to the Kingswinford Air Training Corps whose band then came and played for our Christmas Tree Festival. This is amazing work within our community and I continue to develop links between St Mary's and the local ATC.

We continue to look for funding to have a map produced for the churchyard showing the locations of all the Commonwealth War Graves.

Flower Guild
The flower guild continues to present wonderful floral arrangements throughout the year and especially at key points during the liturgical year. Flowers always add to the welcome received by visitors and regulars to our church, and we are blessed by having them as part of our worship to God.

Wedding couples are also now able to order flower arrangements from St Mary's and this has proven popular with them.

Christmas Tree Festival
The Christmas Tree festival was its usual great success both in terms of the number of Christmas trees being provided and the number of people coming to visit. This is a great method of reaching out to the local community and offered me a chance to make some really excellent links.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Mothers Union
The MU continues to thrive in Kingswinford with two groups and are a key part of ensuring the Biblical mandate to help the vulnerable in our world is kept by our church. I know how much the organisations which the MU supports appreciate the help given and demonstrates loving service in the world, a key part of all our discipleship.

Churchyard
The dedicated group of churchyard volunteers continue to meet and work week by week, cutting lawns, dismantling ivy, tidying up bushes and generally keeping the churchyard looking great and serene for the many visitors who attend day in and day out and they have opened up the very bottom of the churchyard for the first time in many years.

As part of our ongoing maintenance of the churchyard the plan agreed by the DCC to manage our trees has continued and much of the big work is now complete.

We need to think hard about future recruitment to this merry band of helpers of 'Bob's boys', as I like to call them.

Links with St Mary's Primary School
We are very blessed to have two dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. I continue in my ex officio role on the governing body and enjoy being able to lead school assemblies once each half term as well as welcoming children from school to church for tours, lessons and generally exploring and feeling that this is their church home. I also visit reception class once a month to read them a Bible story linked to the 'value' they are learning about.

We had another great harvest festival in church with children attending with their families and teachers to come and take part in the service.

School Christmas and Easter services also take place in church and it was a joy to be able to welcome pupils, their parents and staff into St Mary's.

Having trialled 'Gather' as a replacement for Sticky Church we concluded that this wasn't working in the way we hoped and so have now moved to offering Messy Church to any families from across the parish.

Links with other schools
As well as our obvious link with St Mary's we also link up with Blanford Mere Primary School, Dawley Brook Primary School, the Kingswinford School and the Brier School with Blanford Mere, Dawley Brook and the Kingswinford holding Christmas services in St Mary's.

The Brier School have had a tour of St Mary's and have been helping out in the churchyard as part of their curriculum.

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Ministry Team and Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

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As we look forward to 2024 we do so in prayerful expectation as Chris Smith joins us as our curate in July as well as for the appointment of a pioneer priest.

Service attendance
The average Tuesday congregation number is 12 people.

The average Sunday morning congregation number is 52 people.

The average Sunday evensong congregation is 21 people and the average Benediction with Taizé service congregation is 22.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

In 2023 there were 6 weddings; 2 blessings following a civil marriage and 2 renewal of wedding vows.

In 2023 there were 23 baptisms (1 adult and 22 children).

In 2023 there were 15 church funerals, 16 interment of ashes in the churchyard and 6 burials in the churchyard following a church service.

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles across our church and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

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We have also been in the privileged position of receiving a number of bequests this year as follows:

Jennifer Gough
Marian Bennett

Legacies are such an important opportunity for parishes, and we give thanks for them.

After many years of faithful service as our Treasurer Mike Penn decided to retire from this important ministry and this report notes and gives great thanks for this dedication to this role over many years.

Communication
Communication has continued through our regular news sheet, the Contact Magazine, our website and on social media. This year we have also produced a number of posters for key events.

As we look to the future, we have agreed to seek planning permission and church permissions for an additional noticeboard outside the church centre.

Mission accompanier
During the year we have continued to be richly blessed by Paul Wilcox as our Mission Accompanier and we continue to work on our health and sustainability plan with key actions for us to work on. These areas are:

1. The employment of a children and families worker
2. To improve and ensure a wide variety of communication
3. To introduce a welcome journey for new people attending our services
4. To ensure our financial sustainability through regular giving
5. To ensure succession planning for roles across our church

Paul has been a joy to work with alongside a core group from the parish (3 from St Mary's Church and 3 from Church of the Ascension).

The future
2023 was full of hope and seeds starting to shoot. Sometimes we can forget that Rome wasn't built in a day and that we need to keep plugging away at what we do and rooting it all in prayer. God is in this and that will always be the single most important part of our ministry in our parish.

What we offer to our parish has grown and been welcomed by those who come to our array of different services. We just need to keep on inviting people, sharing the good news and living out our discipleship as fully as we can.

2024 will be very different as we welcome new ministers, grow our team and continue to offer different types of worship all rooted in our deep desire for people to meet with God in sacrament and word.

With thanks.....
There are too many people to thank individually for the work done at St Mary's but you all contribute in your own significant way to the building of the kingdom and that is our calling as Christians. It is a privilege to walk with you all on this journey.

With my continued love as we help build the kingdom in our part of the vineyard.

Fr Adam.

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Continuing the pattern set in 2022 a full set of services were offered during Holy Week 2023 with Evening Prayer and Holy Week reflections being offered by me on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Fr Mel running a Triduum and Revd Jane leading our Easter Day service. The feedback from this was extremely positive and people felt moved by walking the Holy Week journey together. 2023 also saw a joint Palm Sunday service with St Andrew's URC where we started at St Andrew's and then processed down to Church of the Ascension with our palms held high.

The Patronal Festival for Ascension Day was another highlight of our year with the Bishop of Dudley presiding and preaching and a chance to celebrate our church in the heart of Wall Heath.

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Christmas was great fun with our Christmas services offering us yet another bumper year in terms of people attending and our second year with an outdoor carol service brought 187 people together to sing carols, share fellowship and celebrate Christmas. We will certainly continue with this.

Remembrance Sunday was also a service which brought together a great number from the community in Wall Heath and is an opportunity to remember those who lost their lives in so many conflicts.

Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Church of the Ascension in February 2023 and this was greatly appreciated by the many churches represented.

Music
Church of the Ascension continues to be a place that loves to sing, dance and clap its way through worship and this brings a great sense of joy to everyone who comes. We haven't used our band as much as I'd hoped but maybe 2024 is the year where this could happen more!

Links with Church of the Ascension Primary School
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Church Club runs every two weeks approximately 20 children attending each time to hear a Bible story, do a craft activity and pray. It's so wonderful to see this level of engagement and again, our prayers and thanks need to be with those who lead this.

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Fabric
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Service attendance

The average Wednesday congregation number is 19 people.

The average Sunday 10am congregation number is 37 people.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

At Church of the Ascension:

In 2023 there were 8 baptisms.

In 2023 there were 6 church funerals.

Please think about attending one of our baptism services, seeing what goes on and meeting the families who come to them. They are always uplifting and energising and show how important our church is to families in the local community.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Inclusive Church
We continue to be members of the Inclusive Church Network which has opened up some excellent conversations with people about what this means as well as offering us challenges to ensure our inclusivity is as full as it should be.

Mission accompanier
During the year we have continued to be richly blessed by Paul Wilcox as our Mission Accompanier and we continue to work on our health and sustainability plan with key actions for us to work on. These areas are:

1. The employment of a children and families worker
2. To improve and ensure a wide variety of communication
3. To introduce a welcome journey for new people attending our services
4. To ensure our financial sustainability through regular giving
5. To ensure succession planning for roles across our church

Paul has been a joy to work with alongside a core group from the parish (3 from St Mary's Church and 3 from Church of the Ascension).

Communication
Communication has continued through our regular news sheet, the Contact Magazine, our website and on social media.

We continue to benefit from a great number of colourful posters on the church gates throughout the year advertising what we do!

In conclusion
2023 was full of hope and seeds starting to shoot. Sometimes we can forget that Rome wasn't built in a day and that we need to keep plugging away at what we do and rooting it all in prayer. God is in this and that will always be the single most important part of our ministry in our parish.

What we offer to our parish has grown and been welcomed by those who come to our array of different services. We just need to keep on inviting people, sharing the good news and living out our discipleship as fully as we can.

2024 will be very different as we welcome new ministers, grow our team and continue to offer different types of worship all rooted in our deep desire for people to meet with God in sacrament and word.

With thanks.....
There are too many people to thank individually for the work done at Church of the Ascension but you all contribute in your own significant way to the building of the kingdom and that is our calling as Christians. It is a privilege to walk with you all on this journey.

With my continued love as we help build the kingdom in our part of the vineyard.

Fr Adam.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

Financial review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £152,011 and are detailed in the financial statements. The freehold house at 4 The Village, Kingswinford continues to be let temporarily, which provided a gross income of £8,400.

£174,981 was spent to provide Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share, which largely provides the stipend and housing for the clergy in the Diocese of Worcester.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £5,696. After reconciliation, the balances carried forward at 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £201,139.

Reserves Policy

The PCC retains certain funds for restricted use of the two churches in the parish.

At St Mary, Kingswinford: The "Betty Magson Legacy Fund" is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs or improvements to the building. The balance for this fund was £53,678 at 31st December 2023.

A restricted fund "Saint Mary's Youth and Education Fund" was established "for the education of young people in the Kingswinford District of the Parish of St Mary, Kingswinford". The balance in this was £20,559 at 31st December 2023.

There is also a restricted "property fund" with a balance of £90,000 at 31st December 2023, represented in the church's tangible fixed assets.

These three funds are represented within the church's combined bank balances.

During the previous year two new restricted funds were set up from the legacy received from the Estate of Elisabeth Corfield. The balances for the "Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund" and the "Elisabeth Corfield St Mary's Padded Seating and Church Building Fabric Fund" were £82,873 and £47,726 respectively at 31st December 2023. Two separate CCLA investment accounts are held to contain these funds. During the year £3,000 was transferred to a new designated fund named the "Incumbents Board Fund".

In addition, there is a CCLA investment relating to a bequest dating back to 1969 and shown as endowment funds. This bequest was for the purposes of the church and parish room fabric maintenance and for churchyard maintenance. This endowment fund had a balance of £30,833 at 31st December 2023.

At Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath:
Funds are retained for various purposes, including repair or improvement of the fabric of the church:

Included within investments are two CCLA investments - "General" £32,263 and "Education" £37,605. All revaluations and income derived from the "Education" investment are treated as part of the restricted "Education" fund.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees' annual report was approved on 15th May 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Revd Adam R Hadley
Trustee

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Year ended 31st December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

MR A A B GRAINGER FCA OF
Independent Examiner

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The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	4	87,180	20,000	–	**107,180**	315,116
Fees and lettings	5	56,362	–	–	**56,362**	48,508
Investment income	6	5,695	3,249	–	**8,944**	3,332
Other income	7	2,774	10,723	2,651	**16,148**	(12,280)
Total income		152,011	33,972	2,651	**188,634**	354,676
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	174,981	19,349	–	**194,330**	166,405
Total expenditure		174,981	19,349	–	**194,330**	166,405
Net losses on investments	10	–	–	–	–	(138)
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		(22,970)	14,623	2,651	**(5,696)**	188,133
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		224,109	288,385	28,182	**540,676**	352,543
Total funds carried forward		201,139	303,008	30,833	**534,980**	540,676

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Statement of Financial Position

31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	14		90,000		90,000
Investments	15		183,589		165,220
			273,589		255,220
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	4,153		5,638	
Cash at bank and in hand		264,772		286,990	
		268,925		292,628	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	17	(7,534)		(7,172)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			261,391		285,456
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			534,980		540,676
NET ASSETS			534,980		540,676
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			30,833		28,182
Restricted funds			300,008		288,385
Unrestricted funds - Designated			69,678		58,278
Unrestricted funds – General			134,461		165,831
Total charity funds	18		534,980		540,676

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 6th May 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Revd Adam R Hadley
Trustee

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer Street, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 7AA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

(a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments *(continued)*

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	53,196	–	**53,196**
Gift aid	12,854	–	**12,854**
Collections open plate all services	5,106	–	**5,106**
Sundry donations	12,890	–	**12,890**
LEGACIES			
Legacies	3,000	20,000	**23,000**
GRANTS			
Grants receivable	–	–	–
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	134	–	**134**
	87,180	20,000	**107,180**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	51,621	–	51,621
Gift aid	12,809	–	12,809
Collections open plate all services	7,610	–	7,610
Sundry donations	8,070	–	8,070
LEGACIES			
Legacies	82,561	146,358	228,919
GRANTS			
Grants receivable	5,861	–	5,861
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	226	–	226
	168,758	146,358	315,116

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

5. Fees and lettings

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Funeral fees	31,837	**31,837**	28,943	28,943
Wedding fees	8,767	**8,767**	7,553	7,553
Rent No 4	8,400	**8,400**	8,165	8,165
Church Hall lettings	7,358	**7,358**	3,847	3,847
	56,362	**56,362**	48,508	48,508

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Bank interest	3,970	–	**3,970**
Dividend income	1,725	3,249	**4,974**
	5,695	3,249	**8,944**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest	579	–	579
Dividend income	1,731	1,022	2,753
	2,310	1,022	3,332

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Unrealised gains on investments	2,774	10,723	2,651	**16,148**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Unrealised gains on investments	(3,934)	(4,586)	(3,760)	(12,280)

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	43,442	–	**43,442**
St. Marys, Kingswinford	128,277	19,349	**147,626**
Support costs	3,262	–	**3,262**
	174,981	19,349	**194,330**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	36,747	–	36,747
St. Marys, Kingswinford	120,985	5,222	126,207
Support costs	3,451	–	3,451
	161,183	5,222	166,405

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total fund 2022 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	43,442	–	**43,442**	37,947
St. Marys, Kingswinford	147,626	–	**147,626**	128,207
Governance costs	–	3,262	**3,262**	251
	191,068	3,262	**194,330**	166,405

10. Net losses on investments

	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	–	–	(138)	(138)

11. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,000**	3,200

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12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**10,729**	1,710

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023	**90,000**
Depreciation	
At 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023	**–**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2023	**90,000**
At 31st December 2022	90,000

15. Investments

	Other investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1st January 2023	**165,220**
Additions	**2,221**
Fair value movements	**16,148**
At 31st December 2023	**183,589**
Impairment	
At 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023	**–**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2023	**183,589**
At 31st December 2022	165,220

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

16. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,585	3,148
Other debtors	2,568	2,490
	4,153	5,638

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	7,534	7,172

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Year ended 31st December 2023

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2023 £**
General funds	101,742	143,611	(131,785)	–	–	**113,568**
Yvonne Bayton unrestricted general fund	64,089	–	(43,196)	–	–	**20,893**
Betty Magson Legacy Fund	53,678	–	–	–	–	**53,678**
No 4 The Village Refurbishment Fund	4,600	8,400	–	–	–	**13,000**
Incumbents board fund	–	–	–	3,000	–	**3,000**
	224,109	152,011	(174,981)	3,000	–	**204,139**

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
General funds	84,568	128,481	(111,307)	–	–	101,742
Yvonne Bayton unrestricted general fund	–	82,561	(18,472)	–	–	64,089
Betty Magson Legacy Fund	85,082	–	(31,404)	–	–	53,678
No 4 The Village Refurbishment Fund	–	4,600	–	–	–	4,600
Incumbents board fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
	169,650	215,642	(161,183)	–	–	224,109

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2023 £**
Education Fund	34,415	4,262	–	–	–	**38,677**
Youth and Education Fund	20,559	–	–	–	–	**20,559**
Property Fund: No 4 The Village	90,000	–	–	–	–	**90,000**
Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund	73,179	9,694	–	–	–	**82,873**
Elisabeth Corfield St Mary's Padded Seating and Church Building Fabric Fund	70,059	16	(19,349)	(3,000)	–	**47,726**
Churchyard Upkeep Fund	173	–	–	–	–	**173**
Marian Bennett fund for frontals and vestments	–	20,000	–	–	–	**20,000**
	288,385	33,972	(19,349)	(3,000)	–	**300,008**

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Education Fund	37,979	(3,564)	–	–	–	34,415
Youth and Education Fund	20,559	–	–	–	–	20,559
Property Fund: No 4 The Village	90,000	–	–	–	–	90,000
Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund	–	73,179	–	–	–	73,179
Elisabeth Corfield St Mary's Padded Seating and Church Building Fabric Fund	–	73,179	(3,120)	–	–	70,059
Churchyard Upkeep Fund	–	–	(2,102)	2,275	–	173
Marian Bennett fund for frontals and vestments	–	–	–	–	–	–
	148,538	142,794	(5,222)	2,275	–	288,385

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2023 £**
Permanent Endowment Fund	28,182	2,651	–	–	–	**30,833**

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Permanent Endowment Fund	34,355	(3,760)	–	(2,275)	(138)	28,182

The above Permanent Endowment Fund comprises:-

	2023 £	2022 £
CCLA Investment - Kingswinford Trust Account	**30,833**	28,182

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	**90,000**
Investments	32,263	120,493	30,833	**183,589**
Current assets	179,410	89,515	–	**268,925**
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,534)	–	–	**(7,534)**
Net assets	204,139	300,008	30,833	**534,980**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	90,000
Investments	29,489	107,549	28,182	165,220
Current assets	201,792	90,836	–	292,628
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,172)	–	–	(7,172)
Net assets	224,109	288,385	28,182	540,676

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Management Information

Year ended 31st December 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Planned Giving	**53,196**	51,621
Gift aid	**12,854**	12,809
Collections open plate all services	**5,106**	7,610
Sundry donations	**12,890**	8,070
Legacies	**23,000**	228,919
Grants receivable	**–**	5,861
Fund raising	**134**	226
	107,180	315,116
Fees and lettings		
Funeral fees	**31,837**	28,943
Wedding fees	**8,767**	7,553
Rent No 4	**8,400**	8,165
Church Hall lettings	**7,358**	7,111
	56,362	48,508
Investment income		
Bank interest	**3,970**	579
Dividend income	**4,974**	2,753
	8,944	3,332
Other income		
Unrealised gains on investments	**16,148**	12,280
Total income	**188,634**	354,676

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	**10,729**	1,710
Utilities – Gas	**1,534**	3,039
Utilities – Electricity	**2,392**	2.262
Utilities – Water	**388**	322
Utilities – Waste	**543**	512
Utilities – Wifi	**(7)**	348
Utilities – Heating allowance	**-**	(2,520)
Repairs and maintenance	**65,508**	60,549
Insurance	**7,371**	6,792
Sundries	**6,694**	2,994
Donations	**1,646**	1,505
Legal and professional fees	**3,132**	3,320
Churchyard expenses	**176**	2,102
Printing and stationery	**3,624**	4,264
Bank charges	**130**	131
Church Centre expenses	**4,980**	3,264
Ministry share	**53,656**	52,605
Clergy expenses	**2,775**	1,941
Caretaker costs	**1,857**	1,411
Wedding and funeral expenses	**22,638**	21,413
Church services and altar expenses	**4,564**	2,179
	194,330	166,405
Total expenditure	**194,330**	166,405
Net losses on investments		
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	**–**	138
Net (expenditure)/income	**(5,696)**	188,133

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath		
Activities undertaken directly		
Salaries	**5,000**	–
Utilities – Gas	**908**	1,995
Utilities – Electricity	**905**	634
Utilities – Water	**276**	187
Utilities – Heating allowance	**-**	(1,008)
Repairs and renewals	**4,617**	6,722
Insurance	**1,637**	1,536
Sundries	**2,754**	1,208
Donations	**946**	180
Printing and stationery	**1,564**	1,756
Ministry Share	**21,462**	21,042
Clergy expenses	**1,123**	859
Caretaker costs	**1,857**	1,411
Church services and altar expenses	**393**	225
	43,442	36,747
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**1,500**	1,200
St. Marys, Kingswinford		
Activities undertaken directly		
Salaries	**5,729**	1,710
Utilities – Gas	**626**	1,044
Utilities – Electricity	**1,487**	1,628
Utilities – Water	**112**	135
Utilities – Waste	**543**	512
Utilities – Wifi	**(7)**	348
Utilities – Heating allowance	**-**	(1,512)
Repairs and renewals	**60,891**	53,827
Insurance	**5,734**	5,256
Sundry expenses	**3,940**	1,786
Donations	**700**	1,325
Churchyard expenses	**176**	2,102
Printing and stationery	**2,060**	2,508
Church centre expenses	**4,980**	3,264
Ministry share	**32,194**	31,563
Clergy expenses	**1,652**	1,082
Wedding and funeral expenses	**22,638**	21,413
Church services and altar expenses	**4,171**	1,954
	147,626	129,471
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**1,500**	2,000
Governance costs		
Legal and other professional fees	**132**	120
Governance costs - other finance costs	**130**	131
	262	251

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Year ended 31st December 2023

Expenditure on charitable activities	194,330	166,405

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England & Wales - Charity number 1133868

Accounts

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The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Unaudited Financial Statements

31st December 2022

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st December 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary
Charity registration number	1133868
Principal office	The Eco Vicarage 15 Penzer Street Kingswinford West Midlands DY6 7AA

The trustees

Revd Adam R Hadley	
Mrs Jill Nicholls	
Mrs Debbie Filgate	
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Mrs Jean Blakemore	
Mrs Sheila Freeman	
Mrs Sheila Abrahams	
Mrs Sara Horton	(term of office concluded 25th May 2022)
Mrs Jane Lamb	(term of office concluded 25th May 2022)
Mr Michael Penn	
Mrs Karen Whitehouse	
Mr Neil Whitehouse	
Mr Geoffrey Nicholls	
Mrs Helen Moren	
Mr Neil Oliver	
Mr David Cousins	(Resigned 17th July 2022)
Mrs Jennifer Stewart	
Mrs Jayne Westwood	(Appointed 25th May 2022)
Mrs Mary Green	(Appointed 25th May 2022)
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Structure, governance and management

The Kingswinford Ecclesiastical Parish comprises of two districts, each with their own church council, corresponding to St Mary's Parish Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, respectively. The parish is located within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley. The correspondence address is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer St, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 7AA.

The Kingswinford Parish is administered by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a registered charity number 1133868.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and in the CRR 18 Scheme, dated 1st October 2016. There is one full stipendiary post allocated to the parish. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll of their respective church and stand for election to the District Church Councils (DCCs) and to the PCC.

Aims and purposes

The PCC of Kingswinford St Mary has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Each DCC has delegated maintenance responsibilities for their respective churches and centre complexes, which are each part of their church buildings.

St Mary's DCC also has maintenance responsibility for 4 The Village, Kingswinford.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's and Church of the Ascension. The DCCs maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

By delegation from the PCC, the two District Church Councils each account to the PCC for their own income and expenditure and are responsible for their own part of the Ministry Share contribution to the Diocese of Worcester. This has been agreed as St Mary's Kingswinford paying 60% of the Ministry Share and Church of the Ascension paying 40% of the Ministry Share.

Public benefit

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

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Safeguarding
The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the house of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In 2022 the PCC has used the "Safeguarding Toolkit" provided by the Diocese as a way of self-assessment to seek to ensure that it fulfils its duty. Safeguarding information is displayed in both churches and in their church halls. All who have regular contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must submit to a DBS check for criminal convictions, where indicated. Everyone in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults has undertaken a diocesan safeguarding training or refresher course, as appropriate. Safer Recruiting has been used throughout the year to fill all voluntary and paid posts.

Safeguarding is a standing item on each PCC agenda.

As from 4th January 2022 the requirement for DBS renewals is every 3 years, and not 5 as formerly, to bring it in line with other organisations nationally.

There is now a single Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Jenny Stewart and two Church Safeguarding Officers who work alongside her, Sheila Abrahams and Jean Blakemore.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

At the conclusion of 2022 the parish electoral roll was 186 of whom 132 were resident in the parish and 54 were non-resident in the parish.

St Mary's Church District Roll: 103 of whom 65 are resident in the Parish and 38 are non-resident.

Church of the Ascension District Roll: 83 of whom 67 are resident in the Parish and 16 are non-resident.

Report of the Priest-in-Charge
St Mary's Church Kingswinford

As always, it is a privilege to be able to write the 2022 annual report for St Mary's.

Looking back over the year has been a really energising exercise for me as it shows how well we have come out of the pandemic. Our numbers may not be where there were five years ago, but we must look at our sustainability in terms of a post pandemic world and I think we have much to be pleased with and it is a joy to welcome new people to our worshipping communities and watch as their relationship with God develops and grows and it was a great occasion to welcome Bishop John to lead a confirmation service at the start of 2022 as well as being able to take candidates to be confirmed at Worcester Cathedral later during the year.

We have also seen long-standing members of our church family depart from this world and meet our Lord face-to-face. I know how much their deaths have been felt by us all and we continue to pray for one another in grief, but we honour their commitment and dedication to our Church by building on what they started and standing on their shoulders to continue building the kingdom of God here in Kingswinford.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

2022 also saw the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II and as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England we all must give thanks for her leadership which she gave to the church for 70 years. Her own faith in God, and in the resurrection, was an inspiration to so many of us and it was an honour to mark her life by opening our church and churchyard to so many who wanted to come and pay their respects, both in private prayer, and through attending dedicated church services - a requiem and choral evensong on 11 September 2022.

The work in the last year continues on that of 2021 and here are some highlights:

Morning Prayer
Morning prayer continues to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week where a regular small band of pray-ers come together to listen to scripture and pray for the needs of the church and the world. It a wonderful way to start the day and meet gently with God in the quietness of St Mary's and anyone is welcome to come along and join in with this.

Services and Liturgy
All the different liturgical seasons now have their own service booklet which allows us both consistency and difference during the year. I've also introduced worship on different liturgical days such as for Corpus Christi and these are a chance for additional celebrations to mark the rhythm of the Christian year.

During the year we have also introduced a new Mass setting (Mass of St Thomas) to use alongside our other settings.

I have ensured that whenever there is a festival which falls on a Sundays a Eucharist is offered even when I am at Church of the Ascension. This has meant we have been privileged to experience the ministry of other priests most notably Fr Mel Smith and Revd Jane Freeman as well as others from around the Diocese.

A highlight of the year was being able to start a new worshipping community called 'Mainly Music'. Mainly Music is a worship for pre-school children and their adults. It contains singing, dancing, bubbles, food, chatting and playing. This was achieved through support from our Diocese who asked Sian Morgan, one of their Children and Families workers, to come and establish this service alongside a dedicated band of volunteers from our church. This has flourished at St Mary's, and we hope it will be a a key way of engaging with our baptism families and others in the years to come.

Evensong and Benediction with music from Taize continue to be offered on Sunday evenings and whilst numbers are smaller, the intimacy is appreciated by those who come. Interestingly, our Evensong congregations are greatly increased when there is something specific for them such as the Platinum Jubilee, the death of HM the Queen or Advent Sunday. Maybe themed evensongs are the way forward.

Our quarterly memorial services are always well attended and appreciated by both families who we have had the honour of leading funerals for and for those we did not. This is an important part of our outreach to the community we serve. We also hold the Coop Funeralcare annual memorial service at Christmas which again allows us to offer an important ministry within our community.

This year we held our usual full suite of Christmas services which was an absolute joy and something we can continue to work on next year, particularly our relationship with Wordsley Amateur Dramatics Society (WADS) who, for the second year, supported our community carol service with gusto.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

2022 saw my first Holy Week and Easter with you and we ensured a full set of service with Compline and reflection on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week; a Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the altar and the Watch on Maundy Thursday; children's activities, Stations of the Cross and the Last Hour by the Cross with Holy Communion on Good Friday; the Easter Vigil and the Eucharist of the Resurrection on Easter Eve and a popular Sung Eucharist on Easter Day.

The Servers Guild at St Mary's continue to support me at the altar for the majority of our services and we have recruited new servers and continue to look out for more as well. We also welcomed the Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary to St Mary's during the year for one of their regular Guild services.

During the year we have returned to using the high altar to receive Holy Communion and we have restored the option of sharing the Peace with a handshake, something stopped during Covid restrictions. As our numbers grow we will also look to re start using the Lady Chapel as a distribution point for Holy Communion.

During 2022 I also started to utilise Jill Nicholls and Chris Knight as liturgical Deacons in the Eucharist.

Music
The musical offering at St Mary's is a critical part of our mission with the choir supporting the vast majority of services and being available to sing at weddings and funerals when asked for by families.

Recruitment continues to be a priority both for adults and children but is a problem faced by so many church choirs around the country. In the coming year we will look at different methods of recruitment such as being a chorister for a day and a children's choir.

On a personal note it was fantastic to have nearly 40 people in the choir for my 40th birthday Choral Evensong.

During the year we purchased new hymn books (Ancient and Modern: hymns and songs for refreshing worship) to allow us to have a wider number of more modern hymns as well as the old favourites. Over half of the cost of these was given through donations with people purchasing hymn books as a memorial for a key event.

Our bell ringers continue to ring for services and continue to offer an audible presence of our church far and wide. So many people comment on the bells and how important it is that they are there and being rung and so in the coming years we need to ensure that we recruit new ringers who can continue this important ministry within Kingswinford.

Royal British Legion and Remembrance Sunday
I continue to be the Chaplain to the Kingswinford Royal British Legion and our remembrance day service was attended by so many in the local community as well as a deputy Lord Lieutenant, our MP and local councillors.

On Remembrance Sunday I was asked to become Padre to the Kingswinford Air Training Corps whose band then came and played for our Christmas Tree Festival. I am very much looking forward to this work and to develop strong links between St Mary's and the local ATC.

We continue to look for funding to have a map produced for the churchyard showing the locations of all the Commonwealth War Graves.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Flower Guild
The flower guild continues to present wonderful floral arrangements throughout the year and especially at key points during the liturgical year. Flowers always add to the welcome received by visitors and regulars to our church, and we are blessed by having them as part of our worship to God. I can guarantee the largest number of 'likes' on Facebook is when I post pictures of our flowers!

Wedding couples are also now able to order flower arrangements from St Mary's and this has proven popular with them.

Christmas Tree Festival
The Christmas Tree festival was its usual great success both in terms of the number of Christmas trees being provided and the number of people coming to visit. This is a great method of reaching out to the local community and offered me a chance to make some really excellent links.

Mothers Union
It was a personal joy to be admitted into the MU this year and our group continues to thrive and to be able to have two groups (daytime and evening) going is a testament to the dedication of those who lead it. I know how much the organisations which the MU supports appreciate the help given and demonstrates loving service in the world, a key part of all our discipleship.

Churchyard
During 2022 our 'Policy for burials and for reserving grave space in the Kingswinford St Mary's churchyard' was updated to reflect how much grave space we have.

The dedicated group of churchyard volunteers continue to meet and work week by week, cutting lawns, dismantling ivy, tidying up bushes and generally keeping the churchyard looking great and serene for the many visitors who attend day in and day out and they have opened up the very bottom of the churchyard for the first time in many years.

As part of our ongoing maintenance of the churchyard the plan agreed by the DCC to manage our trees has continued and much of the big work is now complete.

Links with St Mary's Primary School
We are very blessed to have three dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. I continue in my ex officio role on the governing body and enjoy being able to lead school assemblies once each half term as well as welcoming children from school to church for tours, lessons and generally exploring and feeling that this is their church home. I also visit reception class once a month to read them a Bible story linked to the 'value' they are learning about.

We had another great harvest festival in church with so many children attending with their families and teachers to come and take part in the service.

Christmas and Easter services resumed for school in church and it was a joy to be able to welcome pupils, their parents and staff into St Mary's.

We agreed not to resume Sticky Church with St Mary's school but instead implement a new diocesan initiative called 'Gather' which will be reported on in the 2023 annual report.

Looking forward we anticipate the arrival of a new headteacher and forming a good relationship with them.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2022

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Links with other schools
As well as our obvious link with St Mary's we also link up with Blanford Mere Primary School and the Brier School. Blanford Mere asking me into school to lead a session on baptism and having their carol service at St Mary's.

The Brier School have had a tour of St Mary's and have been helping out in the churchyard as part of their curriculum.

Open the Book operates across most schools in the parish and is resourced by Church of the Ascension. If anyone is interested in joining this group please speak to me as it is an important part of our ministry to schools.

Ministry Team and Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

During the year we were blessed by two placement students, an Ordinand and a Reader in training, from the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. After the placement Chris Knight requested that she transfer to the parish and at the agreement of the PCC she became a Reader in training here and we have already benefitted from the fruits of her ministry amongst us.

Neil Oliver and Karen Whitehouse also commenced their Worship Leader Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) training in 2022 and we look forward to them joining the ministry team when they conclude this later in 2023.

Service attendance
The average Tuesday congregation number is 11 people.

The average Sunday morning congregation number is 53 people.

The average Sunday evensong congregation is 34 people and the average Benediction with Taizé service congregation is 29.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

In 2022 there were 7 weddings.

In 2022 there were 36 baptisms.

In 2022 there were 14 church funerals, 24 interment of ashes in the churchyard, 7 burials in the churchyard following a church service and 1 burial in the churchyard following a service elsewhere.

There were six people confirmed at St Mary's Church from across the parish.

There were two people confirmed from St Mary's at Worcester Cathedral.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles across our church and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

Finance
In 2022 we paid our full ministry share across the parish with St Mary's giving £31,562.40. This is an amazing achievement and one we should all be very proud of. However, our planned givers are at their lowest number ever and this is a cause for concern with all of us needing to promote regular giving whenever we can.

We have also been in the privileged position of receiving a number of substantial bequests this year as follows:

Elisabeth Corfield
Yvonne Bayton

Legacies are such an important opportunity for parishes, and we give thanks for them.

Communication
Communication has continued through our regular pewsheet, our website and on social media. This year we have also produced a number of posters for key events.

As we look to the future, we have agreed to seek planning permission and church permissions for an additional noticeboard outside the church centre.

Mission accompanier
During the year Paul Wilcox became our Mission Accompanier and we have produced a health and sustainability plan with key actions for us to work on. These areas are:

1. The employment of a children and families worker
2. To improve and ensure a wide variety of communication
3. To introduce a welcome journey for new people attending our services
4. To ensure our financial sustainability through regular giving
5. To ensure succession planning for roles across our church

Paul has been a joy to work with alongside a core group from the parish (3 from St Mary's Church and 3 from Church of the Ascension) and whilst some work has been delayed, we will ensure its continued roll out in 2023.

The future
There is much to give thanks for during 2022 and many seeds have been planted and we look forward to seeing what takes root and flourishes. At the heart of this is prayer. Never stop praying for St Mary's, for our regulars, for our irregulars and for those who never step through the front door. As the Church of England we are here for every single person in the parish and our mission is to proclaim the Kingdom of God wherever we go. Pray for continued growth, in number and in discipleship and pray for your priest, your archdeacons and your bishops.

2023 will be an important year for the parish. Very significant funding from the national church will allow us to employ a number of people to support our ministry as well as being able to have a second stipendiary priest for five years. There may well be some sacrifices along the way but the important thing is that we trust in God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we build ready for the future.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The posts which will be funded for our parish for five years are:

1. A ploneer stipendiary priest
2. A full time children and families worker
3. A part time operations manager
4. A part time administrator

A key part of this work will be enhancing what we already do but critically growing new worshipping congregations like we have done with Mainly Music. These congregations could meet on any day, at any time and be somewhat different to the traditional Sunday morning worship. This may feel scary but mission has always been about meeting people where they are rather than expecting people to come to us and this will be a chance to live out this in practice.

With thanks.....
There are too many people to thank individually for the work done at St Mary's but you all contribute in your own significant way to the building of the kingdom and that is our calling as Christians. It is a privilege to walk with you all on this journey.

With grateful thanks, Fr Adam.

Report of the Priest-in-Charge
Church of the Ascension

As always, it is a privilege to be able to write the 2022 annual report for Church of the Ascension.

Looking back over the year has been a really energising exercise for me as it shows how well we have come out of the pandemic. Our numbers have recovered really well, and I think we have much to be pleased with and it is a joy to welcome new people to our worshipping communities and watch as their relationship with God develops and grows and it was a great occasion to welcome Bishop John to lead a confirmation service at the start of 2022 at St Mary's which included two candidates from Church of the Ascension.

We have also seen long-standing members of our church family depart from this world and meet our Lord face-to-face. I know how much their deaths have been felt by us all and we continue to pray for one another in grief, but we honour their commitment and dedication to our Church by building on what they started and standing on their shoulders to continue building the kingdom of God here in Kingswinford.

2022 also saw the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II and as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England we all must give thanks for her leadership which she gave to the church for 70 years. Her own faith in God, and in the resurrection, was an inspiration to so many of us and it was an honour to mark her life by opening our church to so many who wanted to come and pay their respects, both in private prayer, and through attending a dedicated church service on 18 September 2022.

The work in the last year continues on that of 2021 and here are some highlights:

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2022

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Evening Prayer
Evening prayer continues to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week where a regular small band of pray-ers come together to listen to scripture and pray for the needs of the church and the world. It a wonderful way to take stock of the day and meet gently with God in the quietness of Church of the Ascension and anyone is welcome to come along and join in with this. If you've not been along before then please drop by one evening as we listen to the hustle and bustle of the traffic outside and hold them all before God.

Services and Liturgy
All the different liturgical seasons now have their own service booklet which allows us both consistency and difference during the year.

I have ensured that whenever there is a festival which falls on a Sundays a Eucharist is offered even when I am at St Mary's. This has meant we have been privileged to experience the ministry of other priests most notably Fr Mel Smith and Revd Jane Freeman as well as others from around the Diocese.

For the first time in a number of years a full set of services were offered during Holy Week 2021 with Evening Prayer and Holy Week reflections being offered by me on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Fr Mel running a Trlduum and Revd Jane leading our Easter Day service. The feedback from this was extremely positive and people felt moved by walking the Holy Week journey together.

The Patronal Festival for Ascension Day was another highlight of our year and a chance to celebrate our church in the heart of Wall Heath.

A highlight of the year was being able to start a new worshipping community called 'Mainly Music'. Mainly Music is a worship for pre-school children and their adults. It contains singing, dancing, bubbles, food, chatting and playing. This was achieved through support from our Diocese who asked Sian Morgan, one of their Children and Families workers, to come and establish this service alongside a dedicated band of volunteers from our church and we hope it will be a key way of engaging with our baptism families and others in the years to come.

For the platinum jubilee celebrations we held a 'pimms and hymns' evening where people came together to pick their favourite hymns and have fellowship together. We enjoyed this so much we repeated it later in July and we look forward to more of these in the future.

During 2022 Jigsaw, our informal worship, has tried to meet quarterly and continues to have a very active whatsapp group for supporting and praying for one another. As a group we are aware of the need to reboot Jigsaw and bring in new people and with this in mind it will have a refresh in 2023, moving to a monthly 4pm slot with food afterwards.

Due to the number of services being led by me each Sunday and due to low numbers it was agreed during the year to stop the monthly 8am Eucharist. Those who had attended it were pointed in the direction of neighbouring churches who hold 8am services and some have joined the quiet Tuesday 10am Eucharist at St Mary's Church.

Christmas was great fun and although the Blue Christmas service was disappointing in numbers it was much appreciated by those who attended. Our other Christmas services offered us a bumper year in terms of people attending and our new initiative of replacing the traditional Nine lessons and carols with an outdoor carol service brought 102 people together to sing carols, share fellowship and celebrate Christmas. We will certainly be doing this again!!!

Remembrance Sunday was also a service which brought together a great number from the community in Wall Heath and is an opportunity to remember those who lost their lives in so many conflicts.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Music
Church of the Ascension continues to be a place that loves to sing, dance and clap its way through worship and this brings a great sense of joy to everyone who comes. We haven't used our band as much as I'd hoped but maybe 2023 is the year where this could happen more!

Links with Church of the Ascension Primary School
We are very blessed to have three dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. I lead a whole school assembly once each half term as well as going into reception once each month to read them a Bible story. A number of classes have also been over to church for a tour.

Church Club runs every two weeks approximately 25 children attending each time to hear a Bible story, do a craft activity and pray. It's so wonderful to see this level of engagement and again, our prayers and thanks need to be with those who lead this.

We also had a great mothering Sunday service, harvest festival service and Christingle service with children from school helping lead those and we look forward to building on this into the future.

Links with other schools
Open the Book operates from Church of the Ascension across most schools in the parish. If anyone is interested in joining this group please speak to Sheila Freeman as it is an important part of our ministry to schools.

Our local schools also give out material informing people of our services at Christmas and Easter.

Mothers Union
Our Mothers Union group continues to meet on a monthly basis and has welcomed some new members. It's support of vulnerable people within our community lives is a key part of our biblical mandate to engage in social justice.

Flowers in church
We continue to have wonderful floral arrangements throughout the year and especially at key points during the liturgical year. Flowers always add to the welcome received by visitors and regulars to our church, and we are blessed by having them as part of our worship to God. I can guarantee the largest number of 'likes' on Facebook is when I post pictures of our flowers!

Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

During the year we were blessed by two placement students, an Ordinand and a Reader in training, from the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham. After the placement Chris Knight requested that she transfer to the parish and at the agreement of the PCC she became a Reader in training here and we have already benefitted from the fruits of her ministry amongst us.

Neil Oliver and Karen Whitehouse from St Mary's also commenced their Worship Leader Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) training in 2022 and we look forward to them joining the ministry team when they conclude this later in 2023.

Fabric
We have had an energy audit undertaken which will support us in making our building more energy efficient and able to meet the Church of England's net zero target.

During the year Church of the Ascension DCC consulted on, and after no objections, subsequently agreed to submit a faculty to remove the choir stalls and pulpit and move the altar to the top of the first chancel step. We await the outcome of this.

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We were blessed by Jenny Stewart volunteering to be a second district churchwarden alongside Jean Blakemore. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles, especially the role of Treasurer and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

Finance
A stewardship campaign was run during 2022 and we have seen the fruits of this with many people deciding to give to the church through regular giving and increasing what they give.

This led to paying our full ministry share across the parish with Church of the Ascension giving £21,042. This is an amazing achievement and one we should all be very proud of.

We were also the recipient of a grant for £1,000 from the Diocese of Worcester which helped pay for our new notice board.

We also received a grant of £4,883.44 from Dudley MBC to replace our tables and chairs in the hall as well as a hot drink water boiler after the old one stopped working. So as to be environmentally aware our old tables and chairs were recycled by giving them to another organisation who could make use of them.

Service attendance

The average Wednesday congregation number is 16 people.

The average Sunday 10am congregation number is 34 people.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

At Church of the Ascension:

In 2022 there was one wedding.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

In 2022 there were 20 baptisms. This is a huge number compared to recent years and something to heartily celebrate!

In 2022 two people were confirmed.

In 2022 there were four church funerals.

Please think about attending one of our baptism services, seeing what goes on and meeting the families who come to them. They are always uplifting and energising and show how important our church is to families in the local community.

Inclusive Church
Joyfully, the DCC agreed to become a member of the Inclusive Church Network during 2022, and this is a cause of great celebration. We are listed on their website as being a member and we have a poster on our church gate advertising this.

Warm Spaces
As a result of the massive increase in energy prices the DCC agreed to open up the church hall three times a week during the winter months as a warm space for anyone who needed it. Whilst it wasn't utilised as much as we thought it might be, this was a wonderful demonstration of living out God's love in our local community. We may well look to see how this could be developed into a Place of Welcome in the future.

Mission accompanier
During the year Paul Wilcox became our Mission Accompanier and we have produced a health and sustainability plan with key actions for us to work on. These areas are:

1. The employment of a children and families worker
2. To improve and ensure a wide variety of communication
3. To introduce a welcome journey for new people attending our services
4. To ensure our financial sustainability through regular giving
5. To ensure succession planning for roles across our church

Paul has been a joy to work with alongside a core group from the parish (3 from St Mary's Church and 3 from Church of the Ascension) and whilst some work has been delayed, we will ensure its continued roll out in 2023.

Communication
Our new noticeboard was installed in 2022 and lets people know that we busy and active in the heart of Wall Heath building God's kingdom.

We've had a new logo designed and agreed by the DCC and this depicts us being at the crossroads of Wall Heath directing people to God.

The postcards telling people about our seasonal services are also a great way of letting people know what we are up to and inviting them to 'come and see'.

We continue to benefit from a great number of colourful posters on the church gates throughout the year advertising what we do!

In conclusion
2023 will be an important year for the parish. Very significant funding from the national church will allow us to employ a number of people to support our ministry as well as being able to have a second stipendiary priest for five years. There may well be some sacrifices along the way but the important

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

thing is that we trust in God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we build ready for the future.

The posts which will be funded for our parish for five years are:
1. A pioneer stipendiary priest
2. A full time children and families worker
3. A part time operations manager
4. A part time administrator

A key part of this work will be enhancing what we already do but critically growing new worshipping congregations like we have done with Mainly Music. These congregations could meet on any day, at any time and be somewhat different to the traditional Sunday morning worship. This may feel scary but mission has always been about meeting people where they are rather than expecting people to come to us and this will be a chance to live out this in practice.

With thanks.....
There are too many people to thank individually for the work done at Church of the Ascension but you all contribute in your own significant way to the building of the kingdom and that is our calling as Christians. It is a privilege to walk with you all on this journey.

With grateful thanks, Fr Adam.

Financial review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £215,642 and are detailed in the financial statements. The freehold house at 4 The Village, Kingswinford continues to be let temporarily, which provided a gross income of £8,165.

£161,183 was spent to provide Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, including the contribution to the Diocesan Ministry Share, which largely provides the stipend and housing for the clergy in the Diocese of Worcester.

The net result for the year was a total excess of receipts over payments of £188,133. After reconciliation, the balances carried forward at 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £224,109.

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Financial review *(continued)*

Reserves Policy

The PCC retains certain funds for restricted use of the two churches in the parish.

At St Mary, Kingswinford: A designated fund is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs or improvements to the building. During the year the decision was taken to rename this "Restoration Fund" the "Betty Magson Legacy Fund". The balance for this fund was £53,677 at 31st December 2022.

A restricted fund "Youth and Education Fund" is established "for the education of young people in the Kingswinford District of the Parish of St Mary, Kingswinford". The balance for this fund was £20,559 at 31st December 2022.

These funds are represented within the church's combined bank balances.

There is also a restricted "Property Fund: No 4 The Village" with a balance of £90,000 at 31st December 2022, represented in the church's tangible fixed assets.

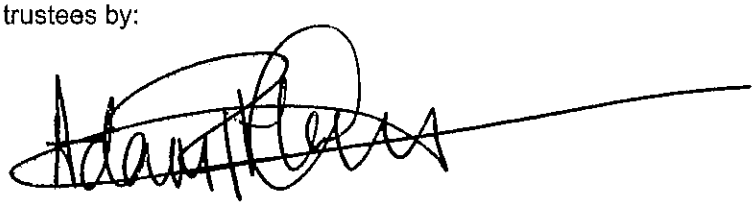
During the year two new restricted funds were created from the legacy received from the Estate of Elisabeth Corfield. The balances for the "Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund" and the "Ellsabeth Corfield St Mary's Padded Seating and Church Building Fabric Fund" were £73,179 and £70,059 respectively at 31st December 2022. A new CCLA investment account was set up during the year in relation to the "Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund."

Two other CCLA investments were held at the beginning of 2022 relating to bequests dating back to 1951 and 1969. These were shown as endowment funds for the purposes of the church and parish room fabric maintenance and for churchyard maintenance. During the year the elder of these investments was encashed and the balance transferred to a restricted fund entitled the "Churchyard Upkeep Fund". The balance on this fund was £173 at 31st December 2022. The remaining endowment fund had a balance of £28,182 at 31st December 2022.

At Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath:
Funds are retained for various purposes, including repair or improvement of the fabric of the church:

Included within investments are two CCLA investments - "General" £29,489 and "Education" £34,371. All revaluations and income derived from the "Education" investment are treated as part of the restricted "Education" fund.

The trustees' annual report was approved on May 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Revd Adam R Hadley
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Year ended 31st December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

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

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

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

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Independent Examiner
MRS R E CLARKE FCCA OF
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The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2022 **Total funds** £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	**4**	168,758	146,358	–	**315,116**	98,095
Fees and lettings	**5**	48,508	–	–	**48,508**	35,645
Investment income	**6**	2,310	1,022	–	**3,332**	2,727
Other income/(loss)	**7**	(3,934)	(4,586)	(3,760)	**(12,280)**	30,106
Total Income		215,642	142,794	(3,760)	**354,676**	166,573
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	161,183	5,222	–	**166,405**	79,832
Total expenditure		161,183	5,222	–	**166,405**	79,832
Net (losses) on Investments	**10**	–	–	(138)	**(138)**	–
Net Income and net movement in funds		54,459	137,572	(3,898)	**188,133**	86,741
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		169,650	148,538	34,355	**352,543**	265,802
Transfers		-	2,275	(2,275)	**-**	-
Total funds carried forward		224,109	288,385	28,182	**540,676**	352,543

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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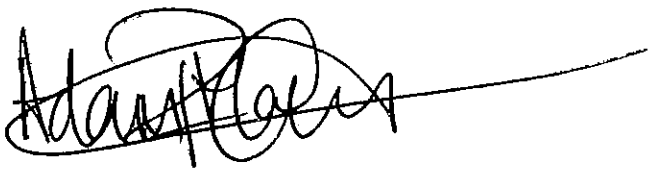
Statement of Financial Position

31st December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	14		**90,000**		90,000
Investments	15		**165,220**		106,734
			255,220		196,734
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	**5,638**		5,195	
Cash at bank and in hand		**286,990**		161,508	
		292,628		166,703	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(7,172)**		(10,894)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**285,456**		155,809
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**540,676**		352,543
NET ASSETS			**540,676**		352,543
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			**28,182**		34,355
Restricted funds			**288,385**		148,538
Unrestricted funds - Designated			**58,278**		85,081
Unrestricted funds - General			**165,831**		84,569
Total charity funds	18		**540,676**		352,543

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on May 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Revd Adam R Hadley
Trustee

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer Street, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 7AA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

(a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments *(continued)*

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	51,621	–	**51,621**
Gift aid	12,809	–	**12,809**
Collections open plate all services	7,610	–	**7,610**
Sundry donations	8,070	–	**8,070**
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	–	–	**–**
LEGACIES			
Legacies	82,561	146,358	**228,919**
GRANTS			
Grants receivable	5,861	–	**5,861**
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	226	–	**226**
	168,758	146,358	**315,116**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	48,736	–	48,736
Gift aid	11,877	–	11,877
Collections open plate all services	6,287	–	6,287
Sundry donations	6,908	–	6,908
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	–	1,661	1,661
LEGACIES			
Legacies	22,000	–	22,000
GRANTS			
Grants receivable	–	–	–
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	626	–	626
	96,434	1,661	98,095

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5. Fees and lettings

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Funeral fees	28,943	**28,943**	25,847	25,847
Wedding fees	7,553	**7,553**	1,947	1,947
Rent No 4	8,165	**8,165**	6,774	6,774
Church Hall lettings	3,847	**3,847**	1,077	1,077
	48,508	**48,508**	35,645	35,645

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Bank interest	579	–	**579**
Dividend income	1,731	1,022	**2,753**
	2,310	1,022	**3,332**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest	18	–	18
Dividend income	1,720	989	2,709
	1,738	989	2,727

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Unrealised gains on investments	(3,934)	(4,586)	(3,760)	**(12,280)**
Furlough receipts	–	–	–	–
Other income	–	–	–	–
	(3,934)	(4,586)	(3,760)	**(12,280)**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Unrealised gains on investments	4,183	4,875	4,300	13,358
Furlough receipts	983	–	–	983
Other income	15,765	–	–	15,765
	20,931	4,875	4,300	30,106

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	36,747	–	**36,747**
St. Marys, Kingswinford	120,985	5,222	**126,207**
Support costs	3,451	–	**3,451**
	161,183	5,222	**166,405**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	(2,024)	–	(2,024)
St. Marys, Kingswinford	78,204	–	78,204
Support costs	3,652	–	3,652
	79,832	–	79,832

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2022 £**	Total fund 2021 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	36,747	1,200	**37,947**	(824)
St. Marys, Kingswinford	126,207	2,000	**128,207**	79,404
Governance costs	–	251	**251**	1,252
	162,954	3,451	**166,405**	79,832

10. Net losses on investments

	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	(138)	**(138)**	–	–

11. Independent examination fees

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,200**	2,400

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12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**1,710**	1,709

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings
	£
Cost	
At 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	**90,000**
Depreciation	
At 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	**–**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2022	**90,000**
At 31st December 2021	90,000

15. Investments

	Other investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1st January 2022	**106,734**
Additions	**73,179**
Disposals	**(2,413)**
Fair value movements	**(12,280)**
At 31st December 2022	**165,220**
Impairment	
At 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	**–**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2022	**165,220**
At 31st December 2021	106,734

All investments above are shown at valuation.

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16. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	**3,148**	2,770
Other debtors	**2,490**	2,425
	5,638	5,195

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	**7,172**	10,894

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	84,569	215,642	(129,779)	–	–	**170,432**
Betty Magson Legacy Fund (Formerly Designated Restoration Fund)	85,081	–	(31,404)	–	–	**53,677**
	169,650	215,642	(161,183)	–	–	**224,109**

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	(7,912)	132,748	(40,267)	–	–	84,569
Betty Magson Legacy Fund (Formerly Designated Restoration Fund)	102,646	22,000	(39,565)	–	–	85,081
	94,734	154,748	(79,832)	–	–	169,650

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2022 £**
Education Fund	37,979	(3,564)	–	–	–	**34,415**
Youth and Education Fund	20,559	–	–	–	–	**20,559**
Property Fund: No 4 The Village	90,000	–	–	–	–	**90,000**
Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund	–	73,179	–	–	–	**73,179**
Elisabeth Corfield St Mary's Padded Seating and Church Building Fabric Fund	–	73,179	(3,120)	–	–	**70,059**
Churchyard Upkeep Fund	–	–	(2,102)	2,275	–	**173**
	148,538	142,794	(5,222)	2,275	–	**288,385**

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
Education Fund	32,115	5,864	–	–	–	37,979
Youth and Education Fund	18,898	1,661	–	–	–	20,559
Property Fund: No 4 The Village	90,000	–	–	–	–	90,000
Elisabeth Corfield Gravestone Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
Elisabeth Corfield St Mary's Padded Seating and Church Building Fabric Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
Churchyard Upkeep Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
	141,013	7,525	–	–	–	148,538

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Year ended 31st December 2022

18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2022 £**
Permanent Endowment Fund	34,355	(3,760)	–	(2,275)	(138)	**28,182**

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
Permanent Endowment Fund	30,055	4,300	–	–	–	34,355

The above Permanent Endowment Fund comprises:-

	2022 £	2021 £
CCLA Investment - Kingswinford Trust Account	**28,182**	31,942
CCLA Investment - Kingswinford Trust (Watson) Account	-	2,413
	28,182	34,355

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	**90,000**
Investments	29,489	107,549	28,182	**165,220**
Current assets	201,792	90,836	–	**292,628**
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,172)	–	–	**(7,172)**
Net assets	224,109	288,385	28,182	**540,676**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	90,000
Investments	33,423	38,956	34,355	106,734
Current assets	147,121	19,582	–	166,703
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,894)	–	–	(10,894)
Net assets	169,650	148,538	34,355	352,543

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Management Information

Year ended 31st December 2022

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Planned Giving	**51,621**	48,736
Gift aid	**12,809**	11,877
Collections open plate all services	**7,610**	6,287
Sundry donations	**8,070**	6,908
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	**–**	1,661
Legacies	**228,919**	22,000
Grants receivable	**5,861**	–
Fund raising	**226**	626
	315,116	98,095
Fees and lettings		
Funeral fees	**28,943**	25,847
Wedding fees	**7,553**	1,947
Rent No 4	**8,165**	6,774
Church Hall lettings	**3,847**	1,077
	48,508	35,645
Investment Income		
Bank interest	**579**	18
Dividend income	**2,753**	2,709
	3,332	2,727
Other income		
Unrealised gains on investments	**12,280**	13,358
Furlough receipts	**–**	983
Other income	**–**	15,765
	12,280	30,106
Total Income	**354,676**	166,573

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	**1,710**	1,709
Education expenses	**–**	311
Utilities – Gas	**3,039**	3,986
Utilities - Electricity	**2,262**	2,623
Utilities – Water	**322**	276
Utilities – Waste	**512**	499
Utilities – Wifi	**348**	301
Utilities – Heating allowance	**(2,520)**	-
Repairs and maintenance	**60,549**	57,311
Insurance	**6,792**	6,506
Sundries	**2,994**	2,168
Donations	**1,505**	2,042
Legal and professional fees	**3,320**	3,558
Churchyard expenses	**2,102**	171
Printing and stationery	**4,264**	2,839
Bank charges	**131**	94
Ministry share – paid/due	**52,605**	50,000
Ministry share – provision written off	**-**	(75,927)
Clergy expenses	**1,941**	1,013
Caretaker costs	**1,411**	992
Wedding and funeral expenses	**21,413**	16,722
Church services and altar expenses	**2,179**	2,638
	166,405	79,832
Total expenditure	**166,405**	79,832
Net losses on investments		
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	**138**	–
Net Income	**188,133**	86,741

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath		
Activities undertaken directly		
Education expenses	-	311
Utilities – Gas	**1,995**	2,607
Utilities – Electricity	**634**	657
Utilities – Water	**187**	139
Utilities – Heating allowance	**(1,008)**	-
Repairs and renewals	**6,722**	3,935
Insurance	**1,536**	1,476
Sundries	**1,208**	719
Donations	**180**	180
Printing and stationery	**1,756**	1,889
Ministry Share – paid/due	**21,042**	24,000
Ministry Share – provision written off	-	(39,046)
Clergy expenses	**859**	117
Caretaker costs	**1,411**	992
Church services and altar expenses	**225**	-
	36,747	(2,024)
St. Marys, Kingswinford		
Activities undertaken directly		
Salaries	**1,710**	1,709
Utilities – Gas	**1,044**	1,379
Utilities – Electricity	**1,628**	1,966
Utilities – Water	**135**	137
Utilities – Waste	**512**	499
Utilities – Wifi	**348**	301
Utilities – Heating allowance	**(1,512)**	-
Repairs and renewals	**53,827**	53,376
Insurance	**5,256**	5,030
Sundry expenses	**1,786**	1,449
Donations	**1,325**	1,862
Churchyard expenses	**2,102**	171
Printing and stationery	**2,508**	950
Ministry share – paid/due	**31,563**	26,000
Ministry share – provision written off	-	(36,881)
Clergy expenses	**1,082**	896
Wedding and funeral expenses	**21,413**	16,722
Church services and altar expenses	**1,954**	2,638
	126,207	78,204
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**3,200**	2,400
Governance costs		
Legal and other professional fees	**120**	1,158
Governance costs - other finance costs	**131**	94
	251	1,252
Expenditure on charitable activities	**166,405**	79,832

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England & Wales - Charity number 1133868

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1133868

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Unaudited Financial Statements

31st December 2021

Griffiths & Pegg Limited
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DY5 1XE

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

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The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st December 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary	
Charity registration number	1133868	
Principal office	The Eco Vicarage 15 Penzer Street Kingswinford West Midlands DY6 7AA	
The trustees	Revd Adam R Hadley	(Appointed 15th July 2021)
	Mrs Jill Nicholls	
	Mrs Debbie Filgate	
	Mr Robert Green	
	Mrs Mary Thompson	
	Mrs Margaret Penn	
	Mrs Jean Blakemore	
	Mrs Sheila Freeman	
	Mrs Sheila Abrahams	
	Mrs Sara Horton	
	Mrs Jane Lamb	
	Mr Michael Penn	
	Mrs Karen Whitehouse	
	Mr Neil Whitehouse	
	Mr Geoffrey Nicholls	
	Mrs Helen Moren	
	Mr Neil Oliver	
	Mr David Cousins	
	Mrs Jennifer Stewart	
Independent examiner	MRS R E CLARKE FCCA OF Griffiths & Pegg Limited 3 Hagley Court South Waterfront East Level Street Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 1XE	

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Structure, governance and management

The Kingswinford Ecclesiastical Parish comprises of two districts, each with their own church council, corresponding to St Mary's Parish Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, respectively. The parish is located within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley. The correspondence address is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer St, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 7AA.

The Kingswinford Parish is administered by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a registered charity number 1133868.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and in the CRR 18 Scheme, dated 1st October 2016. There is one full stipendiary post allocated to the parish. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll of their respective church and stand for election to a District Church Councils (DCCs) and to the PCC.

Aims and purposes

The PCC of Kingswinford St Mary has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Each DCC has delegated maintenance responsibilities for their respective churches and centre complexes, which are each part of their church buildings.

St Mary's DCC also has maintenance responsibility for 4 The Village, Kingswinford.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's and Church of the Ascension. The DCCs maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

By delegation from the PCC, the two District Church Councils each account to the PCC for their own income and expenditure and are responsible for their own part of the Ministry Share contribution to the Diocese of Worcester. This has been agreed as St Mary's Kingswinford paying 60% of the Ministry Share and Church of the Ascension paying 40% of the Ministry Share.

Public benefit

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

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Safeguarding

The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to the house of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In 2020 the PCC has used the "Safeguarding Toolkit" provided by the Diocese as a way of self-assessment to seek to ensure that it fulfils its duty. Safeguarding information is displayed in both churches and in their church halls. All who have regular contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must submit to a DBS check for criminal convictions, where indicated. Everyone in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults has undertaken a diocesan safeguarding training or refresher course, as appropriate. Safer Recruiting has been used throughout the year to fill all voluntary and paid posts.

Safeguarding is a standing item on each PCC agenda.

5 DBS renewals, plus one new, have been completed and safer recruitment carried out.

Also, the new Leadership Training has been completed by 3 people In Leadership roles, and 2 bellringers have done online CO/C1 training.

As from 4th January 2022 the requirement for DBS renewals is every 3 years, and not 5 as formerly, to bring it in line with other organisations nationally.

Upon the retirement of the previous Incumbent who was also the PSO in December 2020 a PSO was appointed by each church. It is the intention in 2022 to have a single PSO (who is not an ordained person) working across the two churches and two CSOs, one for each church and reporting to the PSO.

During 2021 the PCC agreed or reviewed:

- A Social Media Policy
- How storage and use of safeguarding records would be managed
- Promoting a Safe Church (safeguarding policy for adults) 2006
- Protecting All God's Children (safeguarding policy for children and young people, 4th edition, 2010)
- Responding Well to Domestic Abuse: Policy and Practice Guidance (2017) – to be adopted
- Responding Well to those who have been sexually abused (policy and guidance for the church of England, 2011)
- Safer Recrulting 2016
- Updated Safeguarding for the Parish February 2018
- Parish Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in the Church 2017
- Policy for handling of disclosure information
- Policy in respect of disclosures from the DBS
- Policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders
- Central Council of Church Bell Ringers General Statement on Safeguarding Children in Towers (2015)
- Responding to, assessing and managing safeguarding concerns or allegations against church officers (2017)
- Training and Development (2017)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Achievements and performance

Church attendance

At the conclusion of 2021 the parish electoral roll was 184 of whom 132 were resident In the parish and 52 were non-resident in the parish.

St Mary's Church District Roll: 99 of whom 61 are resident In the Parish and 38 are non-resident.

Church of the Ascension District Roll: 85 of whom 71 are resident in the Parish and 14 are non-resident.

Report of the Priest-In-Charge
Church of the Ascension

It is a privilege to be able to write my first report to the 2022 annual meeting of Church of the Ascension.

As you will recall I was licensed on 15 July 2021 at St Mary's Kingswinford under ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and so the number of people able to attend was limited. However, it was a wonderful service and one I will never forget, and it has been a joy in the subsequent months to get to know you all and to worship alongside you and I very much look forward to the years ahead.

Covid-19 and the global pandemic has continued to affect how we worship and how comfortable people feel in attending church. We particularly saw this over the Christmas period where yet again virus numbers began to rise again and so people stayed away from large communal worship. Since then, we have seen our worship return to a sense of normality, which I hope will continue, although the pandemic is certainly not over and could yet cause further disruption to our lives.

We have also seen long-standing members of our church family depart from this world and meet our Lord face-to-face. I know how much their deaths have been felt by you all and we continue to pray for one another in grief but we honour their commitment and dedication to our Church by building on what they started and standing on their shoulders to continue building the kingdom of God here in Wall Heath.

Since I arrived, I have been working closely with the DCC to plan out our immediate future together, as well as thinking about some long-term plans and we have a lot to be excited about. Here are some headlines:

Evening Prayer
As soon as I arrived, I began by opening our Church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5pm for a short service of Evening Prayer and we now have a small but dedicated number of people who come to this as well as occasional visitors who come for a whole host of reasons but know we are there praying for our community. If you've not been along before then please drop by one evening as we listen to the hustle and bustle of the traffic outside and hold them all before God.

Liturgy
I have been working on refreshing our liturgical offering for Holy Communion with printed booklets for each season so that we aren't reliant on the red common worship prayer books which can often confuse visitors (as well as those of us who are regulars). This has also allowed us to introduce singing parts of our service such as the Gloria and the Sanctus and Benedictus. If you have any liturgical ideas then come and speak to me!

Even though Christmas was disappointing numerically we tried out a new service called 'Blue

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Year ended 31st December 2021

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Christmas' which is aimed at those people who are struggling with the joy of Christmas and still want the mark it but in a quieter, more reflective way. I very much hope to run this again in 2022. We are also wondering about whether to hold an outdoor candle lit carol service in the church gardens next year (possibly with a brass band!).

Music
I have been beautifully overwhelmed by the love of music and dancing at Church of the Ascension - it is a delight to be hold and a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit. To encourage this, after a very generous donation, we have brought new hymn books (Singing the Faith) to modernise our worship and we have also brought a new electric piano which is greatly supporting our musical offering.

So that we aren't constrained by the 'hurdy gurdy' keyboard we have brought a set of CDs for the Wednesday congregation and this has greatly expanded our worship.

We have also been blessed by having a worship band support some of our services and it's my firm hope and prayer that we can continue to build this up so if you know of any musicians who would like to come and join in, let me know.

Links with Church of the Ascension Primary School
We are very blessed to have three dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. I lead a whole school assembly once each half term as well as going into reception once each month to read them a Bible story. A number of classes have also been over to church for a tour, to learn about a war memorial and for their own Christmas service.

Church Club runs every two weeks and has had a massive revival with nearly 30 children attending each time to hear a Bible story, do a craft activity and pray. It's so wonderful to see this level of engagement and again, our prayers and thanks need to be with those who lead this.

We also had a great harvest festival service and Christingle service with children attending from school and we look forward to building on this into the future.

Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium, but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

In 2021 there were three weddings.

In 2021 there were four baptisms (from when baptisms recommenced in October 2021)

In 2021 there were three church funerals.

Please think about attending one of our baptism services, seeing what goes on and meeting the families who come to them. They are always uplifting and energising and show how important our church is to families in the local community.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Service attendance
The average Wednesday congregation number is 15 people although this service has seen growth in 2022 already.

The average Sunday congregation number is 26 people although once again figures are affected by Covid levels and they have increased since summer 2021.

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles and we really do need to two District Churchwardens and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

Finance
Our finances are steady but as is so often the case, they could always do with being greater and both churches intend to hold stewardship campaigns during 2022. The amount paid each year to the Diocese is now called 'Ministry Share' and it was agreed this year that St Mary's would pay 60% of the total and Church of the Ascension would pay 40% of it.

Due to its own financial pressures the Diocese is no longer able to afford ministry share not being paid by parishes and so where parishes are unable to pay the stipend allocated to them will be split across more churches until it is paid. Therefore, it's important that we work hard to ensure we meet this figure so that my ministry to you doesn't get split to more and more churches.

Jigsaw
Jigsaw has been a core part of our church family for many years now but as its children grew we have decided to change how it operates in order to best meet the needs of the families involved. Therefore, Jigsaw will now meet quarterly to worship, have some face-to-face fellowship and to eat together and anyone is welcome to come and join in with this! Alongside this we will operate a Sunday School model for the time being during the 10am service.

Children and community worker
A number of years ago the DCC explored employing a children and families worker and for various reasons this didn't happen but now feels a good time to explore this again. Therefore, both DCCs and the PCC have agreed for our two churches to work together and employ a Children and Community Worker. A small group has been set up to work on this and we are hoping for someone to be appointed during 2022. This won't be a forever role but will be about trying new things and building capacity so that once their contract ends the work they've begun can continue into the future.

Communication
The work of the communication group continues and continues to reach out to people far and wide. The posters about 'our new priest' have had a great impact and so many people have spoken to me about them. I've even had relatives driving by telling me they'd seen them. We've also ordered a new shiny notice board to replace the wooden one and this will hopefully be in situ very soon. The cards telling people about our seasonal services are also a great way of letting people know what we are up to and inviting them to 'come and see'.

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Inclusive Church
One of the things that has impressed me immensely is how welcoming Church of the Ascension is. It truly has an inclusive heart and we should celebrate this and tell people this is what we believe - that everyone is welcome before God and everyone is welcome into his church. Therefore, we've decided to explore formally becoming an inclusive church and registering with the Inclusive Church network. We are hoping to have a speaker about this at one of our services in 2022 and see if this is the direction our church wants to go. For more information on Inclusive Church please head to its website:

https:www.inclusive-church.org

Mission accompanier
Everything I have talked about above relates to our joining in with God's mission in the world but one particular thing we are going to be engaging with in 2022 is a mission accompanier. This will be someone who will journey with us over a couple of years as someone who can gently challenge to think about our mission, our objectives and what we do and why we do it! I'm really looking forward to this and I hope you will be too.

In conclusion
At the Church of the Ascension, we have a lot to look forward to. We have some strong foundations for the future to be built on and now we need to have the confidence to try them. It'll need people and resources to do it but I'm sure that with God guiding us and prompting us we can do this together as a church family - welcoming others to come and join us.

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St Mary's Church Kingswinford

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Covid-19 and the global pandemic has continued to affect how we worship and how comfortable people feel in attending church. I know that attendance numbers are down on what they were before the pandemic, and this is something we can work on together as we think about our missional focus for the future. However, in recent months we have seen our worship return to a sense of normality, which I hope will continue, although the pandemic is certainly not over and could yet cause further disruption to our lives.

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Morning Prayer
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Services and Liturgy
I have been working on refreshing our liturgical offering for Holy Communion with printed booklets for each season so that we aren't reliant on the red common worship prayer books which can often confuse visitors (as well as those of us who are regulars). If you have any liturgical ideas, then come and speak to me!

The thurible has been reintroduced for certain services during the liturgical year and we are grateful for the gift of one from the Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones.

Our patronal festival in September was a good occasion to thank God for the life of the church and we can look forward to trying new things out for this day in the future.

Since my arrival evening services have resumed which have included Evensong, Benediction with Taize music and Memorial Services for the departed. Benediction has been particularly popular and has grown service on service and has featured in the Diocesan Open Conversations.

This year we held the full suite of Christmas services which was an absolute joy and something we can continue to work on next year, particularly our relationship with Wordsley Amateur Dramatics Society (WADS) who supported our community carol service with gusto. Hopefully next Christmas we will see even more people attend the services.

The Servers Guild at St Mary's continue to support me at the altar for the majority of our services and we look forward to recruiting new servers in the future.

Music
The musical offering at St Mary's is a critical part of our mission with the choir supporting the vast majority of services and being available to sing at weddings and funerals when asked for by families. We will need to ensure future recruitment in the coming years so that we can continue the long-standing choral tradition of our church. The choir are also kind at being able to put up with a tone-deaf priest who likes to throw musical curve balls now and again. Their patience is a true Christian virtue.

As part of having the sound system updated, we are now better able to provide pre-recorded music at weddings and funerals and so meet the pastoral needs of families.

Alongside the Director of Music, I have spent time thinking about a future hymn book which can allow us to sing a greater amount of more recent hymns and songs whilst retaining the old favourites.

Our bell ringers continue to ring for services and continue to offer an audible presence of our church far and wide. So many people comment on the bells and how important it is that they are there and being rung and so in the coming years we need to ensure that we recruit new ringers who can continue this important ministry within Kingswinford.

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Royal British Legion and Remembrance Sunday
After my licensing I accepted an invitation to become the chaplain to the Kingswinford branch of the Royal British Legion and since then it has been an honour to lead a number of funerals of people linked to the RBL and form links with the community that comes together there.

2021 saw the large Remembrance Day parade resume with a service at the war memorial outside church before a smaller than usual service in church (in order to comply with social distancing). After the much smaller event in 2020 it was a privilege to be able to join together in larger numbers again to remember those who offered the ultimate sacrifice for our us and our country.

Work has been undertaken with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and we have now located all of our war graves and in 2022 will hopefully be having a dedicated sign at both main entrances to the churchyard advertising their presence.

Flower Guild
The flower guild continues to present wonderful floral arrangements throughout the year and especially at key points during the liturgical year. Flowers always add to the welcome received by visitors and regulars to our church and we are blessed by having them as part of our worship to God. Wedding couples are also now able to order flower arrangements from St Mary's and this has proven popular with them.

Christmas Tree Festival
The Christmas Tree festival was its usual great success both in terms of the number of Christmas trees being provided and the number of people coming to visit. This is a great method of reaching out to the local community and offered me a chance to make some really excellent links.

Mothers Union
The MU at St Mary's worked tirelessly during the various lockdowns to ensure its members were in touch with one another and those who were lonely had someone to chat to. In more recent months face-to-face meetings have started up again and it is very encouraging to see a younger persons branch of the MU developing and flourishing. They even let the priest join in!

The MU also diligently support a great number of organisations which work with some of the most vulnerable people in our society and this work is so important and will no doubt remain so for years to come as the costs of living become ever more onerous.

A key part of the MU year was the festival in August which was attended by many in our community and opened our door wide for the first time since the pandemic struck.

Churchyard
During 2021 our churchyard memorial policy has been updated and this has been issued to all local stone masons.

The dedicated group of churchyard volunteers continue to meet and work week by week, cutting lawns, dismantling ivy, tidying up bushes and generally keeping the churchyard looking great and serene for the many visitors who attend day in and day out.

As part of our ongoing maintenance of the churchyard the DCC agreed a plan to ensure that the trees in the churchyard are maintained and safe and those that are not safe are removed. This has all been done in partnership with Dudley MBC and their tree experts.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Links with St Mary's Primary School
We are very blessed to have three dedicated school governors from our Church community and I ask that you continue to pray for them and their work. I have also taken up my ex officio role on the governing body and enjoy being able to lead school assemblies once each half term as well as welcoming children from school to church for tours, lessons and generally exploring and feeling that this is their church home.

The harvest festival service in St Mary's needs a particular note in this report with so many children attending with their families and teachers to come and take part in the service.

Sticky Church hasn't resumed since the national lockdowns were in force and this is something we can review during 2022 as restrictions are lifted.

Worship Pattern
Our worship pattern has remained the same since I arrived which would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Readers and ALMs and my grateful thanks goes out to each one of them as well as being personally blessed by their ministry.

Occasional offices
Across the parish there are a good number of occasional offices.

The majority of funerals are direct to the Crematorium but we continue to offer our church for funeral services for those who want it.

In 2021 there were six weddings.

In 2021 there were 20 baptisms (from when baptisms recommenced in October 2021)

In 2021 there were 20 church funerals, 17 interments of ashes in the churchyard, six burials in the churchyard following a church service and two burials in the churchyard following a service elsewhere.

There were three people confirmed from St Mary's at Worcester Cathedral.

Please think about attending one of our baptism services, seeing what goes on and meeting the families who come to them. They are always uplifting and energising and show how important our church is to families in the local community.

Service attendance
The average Tuesday congregation number is 10 people.

The average Sunday morning congregation number is 51 people although once again figures are affected by Covid levels.

The average Sunday evensong congregation is 19 people and the average Benediction with Taize service congregation is 31.

Governance
Our DCC continues to meet regularly and plan for the future. We do, however, need people to think about picking up different roles across our church and so please think and pray about whether this is something you could do or whether there is someone you could ask.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Finance
Our finances are steady but as is so often the case, they could always do with being greater. The amount paid each year to the Diocese is now called 'Ministry Share' and it was agreed this year that St Mary's would pay 60% of it and Church of the Ascension would pay 40% of it.

Due to its own financial pressures the Diocese is no longer able to afford ministry share not being paid by parishes and so where parishes are unable to pay the stipend allocated to them will be split across more churches until it is paid. Therefore, it's important that we work hard to ensure we meet this figure so that my ministry to you doesn't get split to more and more churches.

Children and community worker
Both DCCs and the PCC have agreed for our two churches to work together and employ a Children and Community Worker. A small group has been set up to work on this and we are hoping for someone to be appointed during 2022. This won't be a forever role but will be about trying new things and building capacity so that once their contract ends the work they've begun can continue into the future.

Communication
Our new website is excellent and a key tool in reaching people in our community. If you've not been on it please go and have a look.

I'm also a regular user of Facebook and have had some great interactions with people all over our local community about St Mary's.

Mission accompanier
Everything I have talked about above relates to our joining in with God's mission in the world but one particular thing we are going to be engaging with in 2022 is a mission accompanier. This will be someone who will journey with us over a couple of years as someone who can gently challenge to think about our mission, our objectives and what we do and why we do it! I'm really looking forward to this and I hope you will be too.

In conclusion
St Mary's has a very long history of standing at the heart of Kingswinford and it has much to look forward to. The foundations for emerging from the pandemic are there and we now need to walk boldly out into the future growing the kingdom and bringing people to God.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Buildings and Facilities

Policies relating to food hygiene, health and safety and church hall hire were reviewed during the year and amendments made as required, according to guidance from the Diocese of Worcester. Reviewed and approved:

- Food and Hygiene policy
- Health and Safety policy
- Fire Report - the fire alarm system in the church centre has been put on annual inspection by the contractors, Kingswinford Fire Protection. They have also inspected the fire extinguishers. There have been no incidents of any fires in 2021.
- Health and Safety Report – accident books are available in both churches and church halls.
- Risk Assessments, Disability Access, Fire Assessment for both Churches & their grounds were adopted.
- Appointment of Fire Officer - Robert Green
- Appointment of Health and Safety Officer - Robert Green.

Faculties and Building Work:

At St Mary's the tower clock was repaired, the Sacristy was decorated and thoroughly cleaned and a five-year tree plan agreed for the churchyard with the first round of tree maintenance taking place.

At the Church of the Ascension the quinquennial inspection was undertaken which said the church building was well maintained and made recommendations for next twelve months.

Financial review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £154,748 and are detailed in the financial statements. Included within 'other income', is £15,765 which represents transfers into the church funds from previously excluded bank accounts. These accounts were separated before on the basis that they represented activities which were running 'independently' from the church. The decision was made to bring these accounts under the control of the church, mainly due to the bank's decision to start charging prohibitive bank fees. The total transferred in comprised: Church Centre £12,404, choir £2,025, magazine account £889 and flower account £447.

The freehold house at 4 The Village, Kingswinford continues to be let and this provided a gross income of £6,774.

£79,832 was spent to provide Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share, which largely provides the stipend and housing for the clergy in the Diocese of Worcester. Confirmation has been obtained that any remaining unpaid Parish Share is not considered due and should not be provided for in the accounts as a liability. Therefore, the balances brought forward of £36,881 for St Mary's and £39,046 for Church of Ascension, have been credited back in these accounts, with no provision for unpaid Parish Share in 2021.

The net result for the year was a total excess of receipts over payments of £86,741. The balances carried forward at 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £169,650.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

Financial review *(continued)*

Reserves Policy

The PCC retains certain funds for restricted use of the two churches in the parish.

At St Mary, Kingswinford: A designated "Restoration Fund" is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs or improvements to the building. The balance for this fund was £85,081 at 31st December 2021. This fund was previously treated as a restricted fund but should have been shown as designated. The required disclosure has now been corrected within these accounts.

A restricted fund "Saint Mary's Youth and Education Fund" was established "for the education of young people in the Kingswinford District of the Parish of St Mary, Kingswinford". The balance in this was £20,559 at 31st December 2021.

These funds are represented within the church's combined bank balances.

There is also a restricted "Property Fund: No 4 The Village" with a balance of £90,000 at 31st December 2021, represented in the church's tangible fixed assets.

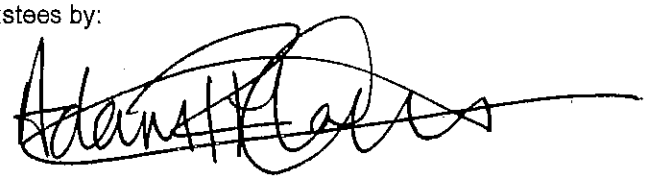
Two CCLA investments are held which have a total value of £34,355 at 31st December 2021. These two investments relating to bequests dating back to 1951 and 1969 have been shown as endowment funds and are for the purposes of the church and parish room fabric maintenance and for churchyard maintenance.

An "Investment Fund" totalling £17,277 which was previously shown as a separate restricted fund, has been identified as being part of the CCLA investment endowment funds that were restated last year. The restatement of the endowment funds meant that £30,055 was moved from general funds to endowment funds. The £17,277 investment fund should have been part of, and netted off, this restatement and so a further adjustment has been made in these accounts to correctly reflect the treatment of the investments held.

At Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath:
Funds are retained for various purposes, including repair or improvement of the fabric of the church.

Included within investments are two CCLA investments - "General" £33,423 and "Education" £38,956. All revaluations and income derived from the "Education" investment are treated as part of the restricted "Education" fund.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 11th May 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Revd Adam Hadley
Priest in Charge and Chair of the PCC

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Year ended 31st December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Independent Examiner
MRS R E CLARKE FCCA OF
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11th May 2022

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2021 **Total funds** £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	**4**	96,434	1,661	–	**98,095**	64,643
Fees and lettings	**5**	35,645	–	–	**35,645**	27,278
Investment income	**6**	1,738	989	–	**2,727**	2,847
Other income	**7**	20,931	4,875	4,300	**30,106**	6,878
Total Income		154,748	7,525	4,300	**166,573**	101,646
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	79,832	–	–	**79,832**	185,964
Total expenditure		79,832	–	–	**79,832**	185,964
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		74,916	7,525	4,300	**86,741**	(84,318)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		94,734	141,013	30,055	**265,802**	350,120
Total funds carried forward		169,650	148,538	34,355	**352,543**	265,802

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

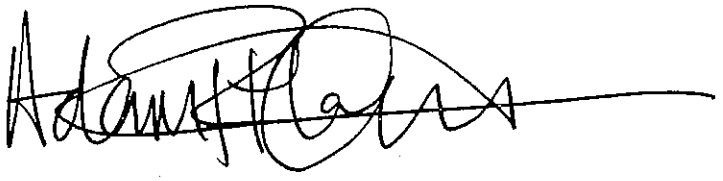
The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Statement of Financial Position

31st December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		90,000		90,000
Investments	14		106,734		93,873
			196,734		183,873
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	5,195		9,852	
Cash at bank and in hand		161,508		152,931	
		166,703		162,783	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(10,894)		(80,854)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			155,809		81,929
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			352,543		265,802
NET ASSETS			352,543		265,802
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			34,355		30,055
Restricted funds			148,538		141,013
Unrestricted funds – Designated			85,081		102,646
Unrestricted funds – General			84,569		(7,912)
Total charity funds	17		352,543		265,802

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11th May 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Revd Adam Hadley
Priest in Charge and Chair of the PCC

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2021

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer Street, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 7AA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

(a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments *(continued)*

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	48,736	–	**48,736**
Gift aid	11,877	–	**11,877**
Collections open plate all services	6,287	–	**6,287**
Sundry donations	6,908	–	**6,908**
Donations to Church Restoration Fund	–	–	–
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	–	1,661	**1,661**
LEGACIES			
Legacies	22,000	–	**22,000**
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	626	–	**626**
	96,434	1,661	**98,095**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	39,032	–	39,032
Gift aid	10,164	–	10,164
Collections open plate all services	3,309	–	3,309
Sundry donations	3,774	–	3,774
Donations to Church Restoration Fund	3,000	–	3,000
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	–	4,922	4,922
LEGACIES			
Legacies	–	–	–
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	442	–	442
	59,721	4,922	64,643

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

5. Fees and lettings

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Funeral fees	25,847	**25,847**	19,057	19,057
Wedding fees	1,947	**1,947**	291	291
Rent No 4	6,774	**6,774**	6,693	6,693
Church Hall lettings	1,077	**1,077**	1,237	1,237
	35,645	**35,645**	27,278	27,278

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Bank interest	18	–	**18**
Dividend income	1,720	989	**2,709**
	1,738	989	**2,727**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest	228	–	228
Dividend income	1,664	955	2,619
	1,892	955	2,847

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Unrealised gains on investments	4,183	4,875	4,300	**13,358**
Furlough receipts	983	–	–	**983**
Other income	15,765	–	–	**15,765**
	20,931	4,875	4,300	**30,106**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Unrealised gains on investments	1,881	2,193	1,934	6,008
Furlough receipts	870	–	–	870
Other income	–	–	–	–
	2,751	2,193	1,934	6,878

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	(2,024)	**(2,024)**	50,714	50,714
St. Marys, Kingswinford	78,204	**78,204**	134,020	134,020
Support costs	3,652	**3,652**	1,230	1,230
	79,832	**79,832**	185,964	185,964

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2021 £**	Total fund 2020 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	(2,024)	–	**(2,024)**	51,914
St. Marys, Kingswinford	78,204	–	**78,204**	135,220
Governance costs	–	3,652	**3,652**	(1,170)
	76,180	3,652	**79,832**	185,964

10. Independent examination fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**2,400**	2,400

11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2020: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021	**90,000**
Depreciation	
At 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021	**–**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2021	**90,000**
At 31st December 2020	90,000

14. Investments

	Other investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1st January 2021	**93,873**
Additions	**–**
Disposals	**(497)**
Fair value movements	**13,358**
At 31st December 2021	**106,734**
Impairment	
At 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021	**–**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2021	**106,734**
At 31st December 2020	93,873

All investments held above are shown at valuation.

15. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	**2,770**	7,786
Other debtors	**2,425**	2,066
	5,195	9,852

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	**10,894**	80,854

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1st January 2021	Income	Expenditure	**At 31st December 2021**
	£	£	£	**£**
General funds	(7,912)	132,748	(40,267)	**84,569**
Designated Restoration Fund	102,646	22,000	(39,565)	**85,081**
	94,734	154,748	(79,832)	**169,650**

	At 1st January 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31st December 2020
	£	£	£	£
General funds	39,157	88,642	(135,711)	(7,912)
Designated Restoration Fund	149,899	3,000	(50,253)	102,646
	189,056	91,642	(185,964)	94,734

Restricted funds

	At 1st January 2021	Income	Expenditure	**At 31st December 2021**
	£	£	£	**£**
Education Fund	32,115	5,864	–	**37,979**
Youth and Education Fund	18,898	1,661	–	**20,559**
Property Fund: No 4 The Village	90,000	–	–	**90,000**
	141,013	7,525	–	**148,538**

	At 1st January 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31st December 2020
	£	£	£	£
Education Fund	28,967	3,148	–	32,115
Youth and Education Fund	13,976	4,922	–	18,898
Property Fund: No 4 The Village	90,000	–	–	90,000
	132,943	8,070	–	141,013

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

17. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1st January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	**At 31st December 2021 £**
Permanent Endowment Fund	30,055	4,300	–	**34,355**

	At 1st January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31st December 2020 £
Permanent Endowment Fund	28,121	1,934	–	30,055

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	**90,000**
Investments	33,423	38,956	34,355	**106,734**
Current assets	147,121	19,582	–	**166,703**
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,894)	–	–	**(10,894)**
Net assets	169,650	148,538	34,355	**352,543**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	90,000
Investments	29,737	34,081	30,055	93,873
Current assets	145,851	16,932	–	162,783
Creditors less than 1 year	(80,854)	–	–	(80,854)
Net assets	94,734	141,013	30,055	265,802

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Management Information

Year ended 31st December 2021

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Planned Giving	**48,736**	39,032
Gift aid	**11,877**	10,164
Collections open plate all services	**6,287**	3,309
Sundry donations	**6,908**	3,774
Donations to Church Restoration Fund	**–**	3,000
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	**1,661**	4,922
Legacies	**22,000**	–
Fund raising	**626**	442
	98,095	64,643
Fees and lettings		
Funeral fees	**25,847**	19,057
Wedding fees	**1,947**	291
Rent No 4	**6,774**	6,693
Church Hall lettings	**1,077**	1,237
	35,645	27,278
Investment income		
Bank interest	**18**	228
Dividend income	**2,709**	2,619
	2,727	2,847
Other Income		
Unrealised gains on investments	**13,358**	6,008
Furlough receipts	**983**	870
Other income	**15,765**	–
	30,106	6,878
Total income	**166,573**	101,646

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	**1,709**	1,795
Education expenses	**311**	243
Organ and music	**-**	46
Utilities – Gas	**3,986**	3,959
Utilities – Electricity	**2,623**	1,845
Utilities – Water	**276**	264
Utilities – Waste	**499**	490
Utilities – Wifi	**301**	53
Repairs and maintenance	**57,311**	74,427
Insurance	**6,506**	6,706
Sundries	**2,168**	3,388
Donations	**2,042**	2,095
Legal and professional fees	**3,558**	1,230
Churchyard expenses	**171**	292
Printing and stationery	**2,839**	2,828
Bank charges	**94**	–
Parish share – paid/due	**50,000**	69,848
Parish share - provision written off	**(75,927)**	-
Clergy expenses	**1,013**	2,724
Caretaker costs	**992**	833
Wedding and funeral expenses	**16,722**	12,307
Church services and altar expenses	**2,638**	591
	79,832	185,964
Total expenditure	**(79,832)**	(185,964)
Net income/(expenditure)	**86,741**	(84,318)

The Parochial Church Council and Ecclesiastical Parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath		
Activities undertaken directly		
Education expenses	**311**	243
Utilities – Gas	**2,607**	2,818
Utilities – Electricity	**657**	393
Utilities – Water	**139**	131
Repairs and renewals	**3,935**	11,930
Insurance	**1,476**	1,481
Sundries	**719**	675
Donations	**180**	493
Printing and stationery	**1,889**	2,034
Parish Share – paid/due	**24,000**	27,649
Parsh Share – provision written off	**(39,046)**	-
Clergy expenses	**117**	2,034
Caretaker costs	**992**	833
	(2,024)	50,714
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**1,200**	1,200
St. Marys, Kingswinford		
Activities undertaken directly		
Salaries	**1,709**	1,795
Organ and music	**–**	46
Utilities – Gas	**1,379**	1,141
Utilities – Electricity	**1,966**	1,452
Utilities – Water	**137**	133
Utilities – Waste	**499**	490
Utilities – Wifi	**301**	53
Repairs and renewals	**53,376**	62,497
Insurance	**5,030**	5,225
Sundry expenses	**1,449**	2,713
Donations	**1,862**	1,602
Churchyard expenses	**171**	292
Printing and stationery	**950**	794
Parish share – paid/due	**26,000**	42,199
Parish share – provision written off	**(36,881)**	-
Clergy expenses	**896**	690
Wedding and funeral expenses	**16,722**	12,307
Church services and altar expenses	**2,638**	591
	78,204	134,020
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**1,200**	1,200
Accountancy fees - overprovision and timing	**-**	(1,250)
Legal and other professional fees	**1,158**	80
Governance costs - other finance costs	**94**	–
	2,452	30
Expenditure on charitable activities	**79,832**	185,964

The Parochial Church Council and ecclesiastical parish of Kingswinford, St Mary

England & Wales - Charity number 1133868

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1133868

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Unaudited Financial Statements

31st December 2020

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2020

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st December 2020

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford	
Charity registration number	1133868	
Principal office	The Eco Vicarage 15 Penzer Street Kingswinford West Midlands DY6 7AA	
The trustees	Revd Dr Giles Kendall	(Resigned 31st December 2020)
	Revd Adam Hadley	(Appointed 15th July 2021)
	Mrs Jill Nicholls	
	Mrs Debbie Filgate	
	Mr Robert Green	
	Mrs Mary Thompson	
	Mrs Margaret Penn	
	Mrs Jean Blakemore	
	Mrs Sheila Freeman	
	Mrs Sheila Abrahams	
	Mrs Sara Horton	
	Mrs Jane Lamb	
	Mr Michael Penn	
	Mrs Karen Whitehouse	
	Mr Neil Whitehouse	
	Mr Geoffrey Nicholls	
	Mrs Helen Moren	
	Mr Neil Oliver	
	Mr David Cousins	
	Mrs Jennifer Stewart	(Appointed 21st October 2020)
Independent examiner	MRS R E CLARKE FCCA OF Griffiths & Pegg Limited 3 Hagley Court South Waterfront East Level Street Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 1XE	

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

Structure, governance and management

The Kingswinford Ecclesiastical Parish comprises of two districts, each with their own church council, corresponding to St Mary's Parish Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, respectively. The parish is located within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley. The correspondence address is The Eco Vicarage, 15 Penzer St, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 7AA.

The Kingswinford Parish is administered by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a registered charity number 1133868.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and in the CRR 18 Scheme, dated 1st October 2016. There is one full stipendiary post allocated to the parish. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll of their respective church and stand for election to a District Church Councils (DCCs) and to the PCC.

Safeguarding

The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. In 2020 the PCC has used the "Safeguarding Toolkit" provided by the Diocese as a way of self-assessment to seek to ensure that it fulfils its duty. Safeguarding information is displayed in both churches and in their church halls. All who have regular contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must submit to a DBS check for criminal convictions, where indicated. Everyone in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults has undertaken a diocesan safeguarding training or refresher course, as appropriate. Safer Recruiting has been used throughout the year to fill all voluntary and paid posts.

Objectives and activities

The Kingswinford PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, who, until 31st December 2020, was the Revd Dr Giles Kendall, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. By delegation from the PCC, the two District Church Councils each account to the PCC for their own income and expenditure and are responsible for their own part of the Parish Share contribution to the Diocese of Worcester. They also have delegated maintenance responsibilities for their respective churches and centre complexes, which are each part of their church buildings.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

The electoral roll for the parish was updated during March 2020. This revealed that the total size of the roll stood at 188 people of whom 52 were not resident in the parish.

St Mary's Church District Roll: 103 of whom 65 are resident in the Parish and 38 are non-resident.

Church of the Ascension District Roll: 85 of whom 71 are resident in the Parish and 14 are non-resident.

Review of the year

The overwhelming factor which affected the practical and financial operation of the parish was the coronavirus pandemic, which meant that both churches were closed for considerable periods of time, and this affected the number of times when it was necessary for PCC to meet. Meetings in January and March 2020 were attended meetings, as was the PCC in November 2020, but consequently the PCC met only four times during the year.

Main issues of the year

Consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic
- the closure of both churches for significant periods of time led to a significant reduction in income and receipts from hall hire and occasional offices.
- worship was significantly curtailed initially but once online worship and communication developed, both began to flourish and were very influential in bringing the two congregations together in a new way.
- telephone pastoral ministry and pastoral and worship material and newsletters, sent by post and by email, ensured that both congregations continued to engage in church life.
- an extended pastoral ministry was developed to ensure that vulnerable and potentially isolated parishioners were supported appropriately.
- both congregations showed extra support for our local food bank and other local resources for those in need.
- the periodic opening of both churches initially for private prayer and then for worship necessitated the constant revision of a succession of risk assessments to ensure compliance with Government guidelines/restrictions and ensure the safety of all involved.

Finance
Parish Share:
Both churches were unable to meet their Parish Share, following the 3 year 'fairer share' review for 2019 - 21 and met the Diocese Stewardship Officer and requested a reassessment of our Parish share.

St Mary's Church had paid their Parish Share in full for 2016-18 but the new share assessment for 2019 was increased from £34,463 to £41,372 (an increase of 20% on 2018). Both DCC's were very disappointed with the large increases and did review their income and expenditure but were only able to pay £30,000 because of reduced income and a loss of church members. The share for 2020 was increased to £42,199, an increase of 2%. However, with income further reduced due to the pandemic only £26,000 could be paid. Although there was no increase for 2021 unless circumstances change it's unlikely DCC will be able to pay any more than £26,000 and income has been affected by the closure of both churches again due to the pandemic.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Church of the Ascension: The new 'fairer share' assessment for 2019 was £27,107 (an increase of 61% on 2018) and the DCC were only able to pay £17,000 because they had similar financial issues to St. Marys. Their 2020 Share was also increased by 2% to £27,649 but could only afford to pay £16,000. Unfortunately, income is now completely out of step with the share assessment from the diocese.

The PCC Treasurer had been promised a reassessment by the diocese during 2020 but this did not occur. The PCC was offered repayable loans from the diocese but both churches felt that they would never be able to pay the loans back, so these were declined.

The PCC have met with New Diocese Stewardship Officer regarding the Parish share for both Churches and this will be reviewed in 2021 and likely to be reduced for 2022 based on the current average income of our benefice.

GDPR
The General Data Protection Regulation is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union and the European Economic Area. This came into force in 2018 and all members of the Church Electoral Roll, or people who use the church for occasional offices, were asked to sign to permit their data to be held by the Vicar. Both churches have files in secure locked cabinets/ safes, that contain any personal data.

Children and Young People
As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the activities of both churches were significantly limited and reduced. Schoolchildren would normally have been invited from both church schools to lead family services in their respective churches, during the year, at Mothering Sunday, Harvest and Christingle. However, due to a succession of COVID restrictions, these planned events did not happen.

Consequently, after-school clubs such as monthly 'Sticky Church' at St Mary's and fortnightly 'Church Club' at the Ascension Primary School were discontinued, and Saint Mary's and Church of the Ascension primary schools were unable to use their respective churches for special services throughout the year.

Both churches continued to support their local Voluntary Controlled primary schools by reappointing governors, so that our full complement was maintained. Weddings and baptisms were discontinued during the year, most being deferred.

Communication Group
During the pandemic the communication groups operating in both churches became of great significance. In an endeavour to maintain a thriving church community, Rev Dr Giles Kendall offered joint Zoom services attended online by the congregations of both churches, which enabled a pattern of worship to continue. Weekly emails containing news and worship materials were sent to those who wished to receive them and were able to do so. The profile of the congregations means that several people were unable to receive emails and a system of posting a letter and materials to them monthly at least was set up. Pastoral telephone ministry was expanded in both churches, and extra efforts were made to provide outreach to those known to the congregation who were vulnerable, shielding, or self-isolating.

Reporting serious safeguarding incidents and serious incidents to the Charity Commissioners
The PCC adopted policies, as directed by the Charity Commissioners, and delegated reporting to groups of trustees. Safeguarding is a standing item on each PCC agenda.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Bishop's Mission Order
This came into force across Dudley during the year. The 'Leader' of the "resourcing church" in Dudley will be able to minister across the borough, after consultation, and overseen by the Visitor who will be the Bishop of Dudley. This should allow more dynamic mission and evangelism within the borough. Although the PCC continue to be aware of this initiative and its aims, their involvement was affected by COVID restrictions.

Restructuring of Ministry Group
Discussion at deanery synod and an exercise that representatives carried out to define the character of each church in the deanery, would be fed into the 'Open Conversations' planned around the diocese in 2020. The major reason for this was the diocesan budget deficit of £1 million. It was suggested that 15 clergy posts may need to be lost by 2025 and possibly as many as 30, depending on future share collection. The parish continues to be aware of the need for change, the importance of effective and proper funded ministry, and will participate in any relevant initiatives.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Report

Safeguarding: Fit and proper persons: all trustees comply with requirements, and all have either completed C1 or C0 safeguarding training. A noticeboard has been maintained in each church building and Hall to bring together all of the safeguarding materials and policies, as recommended in the Bishops' Safeguarding audit 'toolkit'. Safeguarding was on every PCC and DCC agenda, for discussion. The following policies were reviewed and approved, or new policies adopted, on 5th June 2019 and amendments made, as required, according to guidance from the Diocese of Worcester. A policy folder was placed in each church containing the various policies relating to safeguarding and other issues around health and safety.

- Church Hall Hire Policy
- Promoting a Safer Church; House of Bishops policy statement (2017)
- Promoting a Safe Church (safeguarding policy for adults) 2006
- Protecting All God's Children (safeguarding policy for children and young people, 4th edition, 2010)
- Responding Well to Domestic Abuse: Policy and Practice Guidance (2017)
- Responding Well to those who have been sexually abused (policy and guidance for the church of England, 2011)
- Safer Recruiting 2016
- Updated Safeguarding for the Parish May 2019
- Parish Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in the Church 2017
- Policy for handling of disclosure information
- Policy in respect of disclosures from the DBS
- Policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders
- Central Council of Church Bell Ringers General Statement on Safeguarding Children in Towers (2015)
- Responding to, assessing and managing safeguarding concerns or allegations against church officers (2017)
- Training and Development (2017)
- Representative for Vulnerable People for the Parish: *Mary Thompson*
- Nominated person for Safeguarding in the Parish: *Mary Thompson*
  (Advice from the diocese recommended retaining these posts if the person was willing to serve.)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

- The Vicar became the PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Jean Blakemore CSA (Church Safeguarding Adviser) at the Ascension and Sheila Abrahams CSA at St Mary's. This was agreed with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Special CSA Job Descriptions were drafted. Details for reporting are in the updated 2019 Parish Safeguarding Policy which allow the PSO to be bypassed if there is a complaint against the incumbent. These were adopted by the PCC.
- DBSs (Disclosure and Barring Service) were processed at St Mary's and at Church of the Ascension, as they reached the five-year mark, or required to be newly completed. None required referral to DSA/ADSA (Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser/Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser).
- C1/C5 Safeguarding Training courses were attended by 11 people. C3 was attended by 5, as people's three-year certificates expired.
- No advice sought from DSA/ADSA this year. No issues of concern have been reported during the year.
- No safeguarding agreements are in place in the parish.
- No serious incident reports made to the Charity Commission
- The Safeguarding noticeboards in both churches and their church halls have been updated during the year and reflect the current advised content. Websites and Facebook pages contain the required information and links on their front pages relating to safeguarding policies and giving telephone numbers to contact in case of concerns. Safeguarding notices have been placed in the toilets (so that people can read them discreetly, without being observed) as well as on noticeboards. Women's aid posters were displayed in both churches as information points for survivors of domestic abuse.
- Information from the S1 & E-Bulk training as well as the Network Meetings was passed back to the parish and appropriate action taken. No-one had been available to attend due to illness and lack of people available to travel.
- Copies of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook 2019 were purchased and placed in each church.
- Sarah Daniel was safer recruited as a volunteer organist at St Mary's.
- The Policy and Practice Guidance, from the Church of England website, was circulated to all people who work with children and vulnerable adults.
- Policies adopted or amended during the year:
    - Safeguarding Policy Promoted A Safe Church (2019)
    - Identifying and Reporting Safeguarding Serious Incidents to the Charity Commission; Guidance for DBF's, PCC's and Religious Communities (2019)
    - Practical Guidance; how to make a Safeguarding Serious Incident Report to the Charity Commission (2019)
    - Key roles and responsibilities of Church Office Holders and Bodies Practice Guidance (2017)
    - Safeguarding Records: Joint Practice Guidance for the Church of England and the Methodist Church (2015)

- The 'Diocesan Toolkit' has been completed for 2020. Dashboard option will not be taken up due to lack of administrative resources.
- Highlights of Parish action plan: search for a PSO, examine Dashboard, attend S1 & Network meetings.
- 12 children's & 6 regular adult activities are taking place in the parish. No new ones planned, at present.
- Role descriptions are available for every post.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Buildings and Facilities

Policies relating to food hygiene, health and safety and church hall hire were reviewed on 05/06/2019 and amendments made as required, according to guidance from the Diocese of Worcester. Reviewed and approved:

- Food and Hygiene policy
- Health and Safety policy
- Fire Report - the fire alarm system in the church centre has been put on annual inspection by the contractors, Kingswinford Fire Protection. They have also inspected the fire extinguishers. There have been no incidents of any fires in 2020.
- Health and Safety Report – accident books are available in both churches and church halls.
- Risk Assessments, Disability Access, Fire Assessment for both Churches & their grounds were adopted.
- Appointment of Fire Officer - Robert Green
- Appointment of Health and Safety Officer - Robert Green.

Faculties and Building Work: Significant electrical upgrading and maintenance work was completed at St Mary's during 2020. Work began to repair the leaks in the Church Hall roof at Saint Mary's. The church council were hugely grateful to Nell Whitehouse and Bob Green for their work on these and other issues.

At the Church of the Ascension the pathway from the gate to the church hall had lifted and was becoming dangerous in places. The path was re-laid in February 2020.

Spiritual Life

Eco-church: both churches committed to engaging with this initiative, now that the diocese has become an eco-diocese. St Mary's planted a wildflower garden. The intention is to develop policies for both churches that make them more environmentally friendly to run. This is part of our response to God's commandment to humans to be good stewards of the world.

Special Services: Remembrance - Simple acts of remembrance were conducted at both churches under very limited civic restrictions applicable at the time.

Financial review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £88,642 and are detailed in the financial statements. The freehold house at 4 The Village, Kingswinford continues to be let temporarily, which provided a gross income of £6,693.

£135,711 was spent to provide Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, Kingswinford and Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath, including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share, which largely provides the stipend and housing for the clergy in the Diocese of Worcester. The sum that the churches in the deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to the Malvern Formula, approved by the Diocese. This produces a Fairer Share, based upon an income survey conducted by each church congregation.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £84,318. After reconciliation, the balances carried forward at 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled a deficit of £25,189.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

Reserves and Funds Policy

The PCC retains certain funds for restricted use of the two churches in the parish.

At St Mary, Kingswinford:
A restricted "Restoration Fund" is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs or improvements to the building. The balance for this fund was £102,646 at 31st December 2020.

A restricted "Saint Mary's Youth and Education Fund" was established "for the education of young people in the Kingswinford District of the Parish of St Mary, Kingswinford". The balance for this fund was £18,898 at 31st December 2020.

The church also has a restricted "Investment Fund" with a balance of £17,277 at 31st December 2020.

These three restricted funds are represented within the church's combined bank balances.

There is also a restricted "property fund" with a balance of £90,000 at 31st December 2020, represented in the church's tangible fixed assets.

Included within the general funds is a CCLA investment valued at £497 at 31st December 2020. Additionally, two other CCLA investments are held which have a total value of £30,055 at 31st December 2020. These two investments relating to bequests dating back to 1951 and 1969, have been shown previously within general funds, but it has recently come to light that they should have been included as endowment funds. These bequests were for the purposes of the church and parish room fabric maintenance and for churchyard maintenance. The required disclosure has now been corrected within the figures for this period.

At Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath:
Funds are retained for various purposes, including repair or improvement of the fabric of the church.

A restricted "Education Fund" has a balance of £32,115 at 31st December 2020.

Included within investments are two CCLA investments – "General" £29,240 and "Education" £34,081. All revaluations and income derived from the "Education" investment are treated as part of the restricted "Education" fund.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 25th October 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mrs Helen Moren
Lay Vice Chairperson

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Year ended 31st December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

MRS R E CLARKE FCCA OF
Independent Examiner

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25th October 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2020

	Note	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2020 **Total funds** £	2019 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	**4**	56,721	7,922	–	**64,643**	71,767
Fees and lettings	**5**	27,278	–	–	**27,278**	32,600
Investment income	**6**	1,892	955	–	**2,847**	2,967
Other income	**7**	2,751	2,193	1,934	**6,878**	13,767
Total income		88,642	11,070	1,934	**101,646**	121,101
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	**8,9**	135,711	50,253	–	**185,964**	122,481
Total expenditure		135,711	50,253	–	**185,964**	122,481
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(47,069)	(39,183)	1,934	**(84,318)**	(1,380)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		21,880	300,119	28,121	**350,120**	351,500
Total funds carried forward		(25,189)	260,936	30,055	**265,802**	350,120

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Statement of Financial Position

31st December 2020

	Note	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		**90,000**		90,000
Investments	14		**93,873**		87,865
			183,873		177,865
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	**9,852**		7,248	
Cash at bank and in hand		**152,931**		216,034	
		162,783		223,282	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	**(80,854)**		(51,027)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**81,929**		172,255
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**265,802**		350,120
NET ASSETS			**265,802**		350,120
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds			**30,055**		28,121
Restricted funds			**260,936**		300,119
Unrestricted funds			**(25,189)**		21,880
Total charity funds	17		**265,802**		350,120

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25th October 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs Helen Moren
Lay Vice Chairperson

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Team Parish of St Mary Kingswinford

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2020

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, 15 Penzer Street, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 7AA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

(a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments *(continued)*

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	39,032	–	**39,032**
Gift aid	10,164	–	**10,164**
Collections open plate all services	3,309	–	**3,309**
Sundry donations	3,774	–	**3,774**
Donations to Church Restoration Fund	–	3,000	**3,000**
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	–	4,922	**4,922**
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	442	–	**442**
	56,721	7,922	**64,643**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
DONATIONS			
Planned Giving	42,109	–	42,109
Gift aid	9,536	–	9,536
Collections open plate all services	11,553	–	11,553
Sundry donations	6,611	–	6,611
Donations to Church Restoration Fund	–	–	–
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	–	1,479	1,479
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Fund raising	479	–	479
	70,288	1,479	71,767

5. Fees and lettings

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Funeral fees	19,057	**19,057**	19,238	19,238
Wedding fees	291	**291**	3,637	3,637
Rent No 4	6,693	**6,693**	6,117	6,117
Church Hall lettings	1,237	**1,237**	3,608	3,608
	27,278	**27,278**	32,600	32,600

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Bank interest	228	–	**228**
Dividend income	1,664	955	**2,619**
	1,892	955	**2,847**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Bank interest	424	–	424
Dividend income	1,616	927	2,543
	2,040	927	2,967

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Unrealised gains on investments	1,881	2,193	1,934	**6,008**
Furlough receipts	870	–	–	**870**
	2,751	2,193	1,934	**6,878**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Unrealised gains on investments	4,311	5,025	4,431	13,767
Furlough receipts	–	–	–	–
	4,311	5,025	4,431	13,767

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	50,714	–	**50,714**
St. Marys, Kingswinford	83,767	50,253	**134,020**
Support costs	1,230	–	**1,230**
	135,711	50,253	**185,964**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	40,526	–	40,526
St. Marys, Kingswinford	77,280	–	77,280
Support costs	4,675	–	4,675
	122,481	–	122,481

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2020 £**	Total fund 2019 £
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath	50,714	1,200	**51,914**	41,726
St. Marys, Kingswinford	134,020	30	**134,050**	80,755
	184,734	1,230	**185,964**	122,481

10. Independent examination fees

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees payable to the Independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**2,400**	2,400

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	**1,795**	1,282

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2019: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

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12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020	**90,000**
Depreciation	
At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020	**-**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2020	**90,000**
At 31st December 2019	90,000

14. Investments

	Other Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1st January 2020	**87,865**
Additions	**-**
Fair value movements	**6,008**
At 31st December 2020	**93,873**
Impairment	
At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020	**-**
Carrying amount	
At 31st December 2020	**93,873**
At 31st December 2019	87,865

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

15. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	**7,786**	5,299
Other debtors	**2,066**	1,949
	9,852	7,248

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16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	**80,854**	51,027

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1st January 2020	Income	Expenditure	**At 31st December 2020**
	£	£	£	**£**
General funds	21,880	88,642	(135,711)	**(25,189)**

	At 1st January 2019	Income	Expenditure	At 31st December 2019
	£	£	£	£
General funds	35,122	109,239	(122,481)	21,880

Restricted funds

	At 1st January 2020	Income	Expenditure	**At 31st December 2020**
	£	£	£	**£**
Education Fund	28,967	3,148	–	**32,115**
Restoration Fund	149,899	3,000	(50,253)	**102,646**
Youth and Education Fund	13,976	4,922	–	**18,898**
Property Fund	90,000	–	–	**90,000**
Investment Fund	17,277	–	–	**17,277**
	300,119	11,070	(50,253)	**260,936**

	At 1st January 2019	Income	Expenditure	At 31st December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Education Fund	23,015	5,952	–	28,967
Restoration Fund	149,899	–	–	149,899
Youth and Education Fund	12,497	1,479	–	13,976
Property Fund	90,000	–	–	90,000
Investment Fund	17,277	–	–	17,277
	292,688	7,431	–	300,119

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17. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1st January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	**At 31st December 2020 £**
Permanent Endowment Fund	28,121	1,934	–	**30,055**

	At 1st January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31st December 2019 £
Permanent Endowment Fund	23,690	4,431	–	28,121

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	**90,000**
Investments	29,737	34,081	30,055	**93,873**
Current assets	25,928	136,855	–	**162,783**
Creditors less than 1 year	(80,854)	–	–	**(80,854)**
Net assets	(25,189)	260,936	30,055	**265,802**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	90,000	–	90,000
Investments	27,855	31,889	28,121	87,865
Current assets	45,051	178,229	–	223,280
Creditors less than 1 year	(51,025)	–	–	(51,025)
Net assets	21,881	300,118	28,121	350,120

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Management Information

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Planned Giving	**39,032**	42,109
Gift aid	**10,164**	9,536
Collections open plate all services	**3,309**	11,553
Sundry donations	**3,774**	6,611
Donations to Church Restoration Fund	**3,000**	–
Donations to Youth & Education Fund	**4,922**	1,479
Fund raising	**442**	479
	64,643	71,767
Fees and lettings		
Funeral fees	**19,057**	19,238
Wedding fees	**291**	3,637
Rent No 4	**6,693**	6,117
Church Hall lettings	**1,237**	3,608
	27,278	32,600
Investment Income		
Bank interest	**228**	424
Dividend income	**2,619**	2,543
	2,847	2,967
Other income		
Unrealised gains on investments	**6,008**	13,767
Furlough receipts	**870**	–
	6,878	13,767
Total income	**101,646**	121,101

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	**1,795**	1,282
Education expenses	**243**	952
Organ and music	**46**	450
Utilities – Gas	**3,959**	3,887
Utilities – Electricity	**1,845**	1,842
Utilities – Water	**264**	203
Utilities – Waste	**490**	477
Utilities – Wifi	**53**	-
Repairs and maintenance	**74,427**	3,177
Insurance	**6,706**	6,578
Sundries	**3,388**	2,472
Donations	**2,095**	5,913
Legal and professional fees	**1,230**	4,675
Churchyard expenses	**292**	311
Printing and stationery	**2,828**	2,105
Parish share	**69,848**	68,479
Clergy expenses	**2,724**	4,477
Caretaker costs	**833**	1,485
Wedding and funeral expenses - Weddings	**-**	1,180
Wedding and funeral expenses - Funerals/memorials	**12,307**	11,448
Church services and altar expenses	**591**	1,088
	185,964	122,481
Total expenditure	**(185,964)**	(122,481)
Net expenditure	**(84,318)**	(1,380)

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
The Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath		
Activities undertaken directly		
Education expenses	**243**	952
Utilities – Gas	**2,818**	2,244
Utilities – Electricity	**393**	664
Utilities – Water	**131**	110
Repairs and renewals	**11,930**	1,925
Insurance	**1,481**	1,454
Sundries	**675**	977
Donations	**493**	819
Printing and stationery	**2,034**	627
Parish Share	**27,649**	27,107
Clergy expenses	**2,034**	2,162
Caretaker costs	**833**	1,485
	50,714	40,526
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**1,200**	1,200
St. Marys, Kingswinford		
Activities undertaken directly		
Salaries	**1,795**	1,282
Organ and music	**46**	450
Utilities – Gas	**1,141**	1,643
Utilities – Electricity	**1,452**	1,178
Utilities – Water	**133**	93
Utilities – Waste	**490**	477
Utilities – Wifi	**53**	-
Repairs and renewals	**62,497**	1,252
Insurance	**5,225**	5,124
Sundry expenses	**2,713**	1,495
Donations	**1,602**	5,094
Churchyard expenses	**292**	311
Printing and stationery	**794**	1,478
Parish share	**42,199**	41,372
Clergy expenses	**690**	2,315
Wedding and funeral expenses – Weddings	**-**	1,180
Wedding and funeral expenses – Funerals/memorials	**12,307**	11,448
Church services and altar expenses	**591**	1,088
	134,020	77,280
Support costs		
Accountancy fees	**1,200**	1,200
Accountancy fees – overprovision prior year	**(1,250)**	1,250
Legal and other professional fees	**80**	1,025
	30	3,475
Expenditure on charitable activities	**185,964**	122,481