THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF AYLESBURY

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Activities

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

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, 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
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£369,250	£354,049	-	-
2023-12-31	£313,759	£313,140	-	-
2022-12-31	£321,872	£352,651	-	-
2021-12-31	£637,930	£539,712	£1,335,775	2
2020-12-31	£326,517	£382,124	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev DOUGLAS LEE ZIMMERMAN	Chair	2016-06-28
Alison Newitt		2026-05-10
Christine Hales		2024-05-19
DR Anthony Richard Divers		2016-08-20
Daberechi Ndubuisi Iwuoha KSC		2025-05-11
Donna Rose Riley		2024-05-19
Joanne Hodgson		2017-06-27
Joseph O'Neill		2024-05-19
KATHARINE LAWTON		2024-09-18
Lisa Davis		2024-05-19
Maame Esi Baffoe		2025-05-11
Matthew David Leyland Hagger		2020-12-03
Rainah Madzorera		2016-06-28
Rev Peter Wheeler		2016-09-30
Susan Carolyne Newling		2020-12-03

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Annual Report 2024

APCM 11th May 2025

Rector's Annual Report

It has been quite a year since our last APCM! In addition to our primary purpose of living into the Kingdom of God through our worship and work, we have seen the marvels of God in the Heavens and here in Aylesbury! In May of 2024, we began an "active" solar season, bringing rainbows in the night! How very much in keeping with the God, for whom "light shining in the darkness" is shining the Good News into the world we live in every day!

We have now celebrated the 1st Anniversary of our Messy Church here at St Mary's, as well as the 50th Anniversary of John and Shirly Bush, and the 60th Anniversary of John and Gwen Corbett! We baptized and married and buried. Mother Rainah completed her Curacy and is now our Associate Priest! Three others have been "placed" at St Mary's for a few weeks to experience our particular expression of the faith as Liturgical Anglicans.

I still marvel, ten years in, at the role I have been called to serve in the Civic capacity of this Major Parish Church. I regularly rub shoulders with the Mayor, MP and Lord Lieutenant. I also have the joy of assisting the dying, the disillusioned and those who are looking to come to or come back to faith in Jesus. We had a glorious Walk of Witness through the Town on Good Friday (Thank you to Catherine Mannion, Lisa Davis and Allison Newitt!).

Our PCC had an amazing Away Day with Revd. Asa Humphries who led us in our commonly discerned desire to rebuild our Pastoral Care work as a community. It was really a God-inspired day together! I am looking forward to working with the PCC and

larger congregation to make this a reality! We are also working diligently to pay our way with Parish Share, and to build our budget so we can meet all the expenses and investments involved with keeping our building in fit shape, well lit, warm and even, approaching, with God's blessing, "Net-Zero!" I have a dream of getting rid of our Gas Bill!

As a congregation, I continue to thank God for the amazing variety of people we are. Sunday by Sunday, indeed day by day I am able to see the face of God in such a variety of colours, accents and backgrounds. Thanks to our Altar Servers, Needleworkers, Flower Ladies, weekday greeters, Sunday Sides persons, Fundraisers, Bell Ringers, cooks, choristers and cleaner uppers! We are well placed to reach out to nearly anyone!

We have been blessed to have Rt Revd. Graham Tomlin with us for the past two Easter Vigils, and we look forward to welcoming our new Area Bishop, the Rt Revd. Dave Bull, our new Bishop of Buckinghamshire! Right up there with the bishop are our Church Wardens Sue and Donna! We have had Kim Hopping as our Bookkeeper for the past 15 years, who has now retired. Many thanks to our Personnel Team and Kate for bringing us up to speed for our next bookkeeper. Special thanks also to Karen, for all the work she does (mostly unseen!) to keep the services and admin running so smoothly!

Thank you to each one of you (especially if I have forgotten to mention you so far!) for being a member of the Body of Christ with us here! God Bless you!

Fr Doug+

Associate Priest's Report

My recollection and reflection on the events that occurred in 2024 makes me want to thank the Lord God Almighty as I remember a lot of things to be grateful of. The three years of Curacy from June 2021 to June 2024 were full of experiences that incorporated tight schedules and challenges peculiar to my type of Curacy. These included completion of academic work with its own deadlines, sandwiched by Ministerial work that stretches from Parish to Health Care Chaplaincy (OHFT) roles and Zimbabwe Anglican national Fellowship in UK (ZINAFE) chaplaincy role. However, I do not regret the intense programme as it all made a positive impact on my ministry formation and prepared me for my new role as an Associate Priest.

The 24th of November 2025 marked a new beginning and a new chapter in my ministerial role, which saw me being licensed as an Associate Priest at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury. Though I am five months now into the new role, I am still learning about what this role means for me. There are questions that automatically pop into my mind for example asking myself whether I still need to continue to certain things I used to do as a Curate.

The truth in all this is that, I am still in the learning process and working out with Father Doug Zimmerman on how best to support the work in the Parish of St Mary's and the wider Church which is vital especially as we look to the future, figuring out how best we can meet the spiritual needs of all in the Aylesbury community. However, so far, it is looking good, exciting and promising to be rewarding and fulfilling. Both Herbert and I, are

delighted to continue to be part of St Mary's community as I embark in my Associate Role in my Church Family.

All Glory be to God who calls.

Revd Mother Rainah Madzorera
Associate Priest

Churchwardens Report

Another busy year, our first year as an autonomous PCC. We attended the Archdeacon's visitation at The Church of the Holy Spirit Bedgrove in June and were pleased to be invited to a churchwardens retreat with High Wycombe deanery. The retreat was a peaceful, prayer morning along with the fellowship of other churchwardens.

A well-deserved thankyou to Catherin Mannion for her help with the Harves Supper and Epiphany king making supper.

Thanks also to Lynn Moulds for her help with PCC minute taking.

Sue Newling and Donna Riley Churchwardens.

Fabric: 2024-25

We are blessed to be in this Major Parish Church Building, and to also have the ability to network with other Major Parish Churches to see what other successes we can learn from! Along with the blessing of having space, Stained Glass, Musical Acoustics and the sheer glory of worshipping our Big God in this big

building, we also have some liabilities. Lighting, heating, windows, roofing and plumbing are the basics.

Gas Heating now has Thermostatic/scheduled controls. The boiler room pipes have been cladded (insulated). We have applied to the Diocese for a £3000 NET zero Feasibility Study via the Oxford Green Team. We have selected Mr. Contact David Gadsdon with Environmental Engineering Partnership to lead this feasibility study.

It is highly likely that we will need to get 3-phase electrical hookup to use solar and/or heat pump technologies. If we can get rid of gas bills, that would be amazing!

Our indoor lighting needs to be updated, as the halogen bulbs are no longer being manufactured, and will be more and more expensive to obtain. This also requires the hire of a scissor lift or scaffolding to change each year as they burn out. We need a different solution to this.

We have done some work with LED bulbs in the chancel, office spaces and on the tower lights. These ought to last significantly longer and are immensely more efficient! We hope to continue with LED bulbs wherever possible!

We need to have an **Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR)** performed. This will tell us what work is required to be done, and I expect there to be significant changes in our wiring upon completion. We should now be
looking at other similarly large church buildings that have a variety of lighting schemes. This will supplement our own historic photographs and log-book entries of what has been done here in the past (candles, gas and electric lights

are all in our history here! That raises the need for a **Fire Risk Assessment.**

If we need complete re-wiring, it would be worth looking into placing cables under the floor and making capacity for other wires/fibres to be placed in useful places.

Our CCTV has been very useful with Live streaming our services to those who cannot physically attend. It has also provided useful for security and well-being of our staff, visitors and the building. One contractor has been asked to refund
the invoice as the CCTV showed that he had not actually performed the job! It has been used to verify rough sleepers and provide footage of ne'er-do-wells for the police.

DBR (after 2 years) made good the damage and repainted south transept wall, east side!

Roofing Repairs needed:
The Steeple, especially windows to clock room are leaking. The four Clock faces are peeling and need redecorating. On the South End, the South Transept, Chapter House, South Porch and West end Nave roof over choir room all have leaks. The Lady Chapel roof draining to the Space roof is a source of interior damp, especially around the Space roof gutters. The chancel roof gutter fall (north exposure) need adjusting. This should be done by the Church Commissioners.

On a positive note, we have been blessed by the Community Christmas Lunch who have equipped our kitchen with top notch equipment (oven, dishwasher and fridge and freezer units that serve also as work surfaces. We are looking at various proposals begin using the kitchen and café again.

You will begin to see, very soon, work on the churchyard wall along Parsons Fee. Buckinghamshire Council are responsible for this closed churchyard, and they will be restoring the Grade 2-listed iron gates, and the pillars, including finials too!

We also now have bespoke "Fire/Emergency Grab bags" with a loud-hailer, hi-vis vests, and torch. We have our first aid kits and fire extinguishers inspected regularly.

We are getting there!

Fr Doug +

Deanery Synod Report

There were 3 meetings of Deanery Synod during 2024: March (St Mary's, Princes Risborough) / June (Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove) / November (St Mary's, Princes Risborough). At these meetings a variety of issues were presented / discussed. These included:

☐ A presentation given by Daniel Mbegbe from Compassion UK. The purpose of his presentation was to inform synod about the work of Compassion UK, with a view to potentially arranging follow-up meetings with individual parishes to discuss how they can support the charity.
☐ A presentation given in response to the Diocesan challenge to parishes and deaneries on the subject of developing our work with children and young people and possible ways forward (Bishop Steven wanted every deanery to have a plan of how to develop our work with children and young people by September 2024).

☐ A presentation given about the Aylesbury Deanery Children & Youth Plan. This plan is being formulated in response to the Diocesan challenge to parishes and deaneries on the subject of developing our work with children and young people.
☐ Updates were also provided on: Rural Affairs / the reorganisation of parish structures in North Aylesbury / Parish Share / Deanery Finance / Deanery Mission Grants / Parish Vacancies.

The Deanery Lay Chair and the Deanery Treasurer both gave notice of their intentions to step down from their roles in 2025 and volunteers to replace them have been sought. 2 volunteers were also sought to be Deanery Lay Representatives at Diocesan Synod.

Further meetings of the Deanery Synod were planned for 2025 in March, June and November.

Jeremy Sampson, Deanery Synod Representative

Parish Office

As I look back over the 2024 diary, I can see the ebb and flow of church life, new arrivals and departures, joyful events and the sad ones too. While all the time the day-to-day tasks are carried out by so many volunteers in their own quiet ways, whether that be in person welcoming our visitors during the week, polishing the brass or at home practising for the choir or making chutney for the next craft fair, to name but a few!

For my part, I answer the phone, reply to emails, arrange appointments for Fr Doug, produce the weekly service sheets

and large print booklets, sent out the emailed notices, fill in the registers, update our diary on 'A Church Near You', input the data given to me by the numerous people who produce rotas for the services onto iKnowChurch, plus a few other bit and pieces!

Thank you to all who assist me in getting everything together for each Sunday service and all the extra services throughout the year, plus all the information given to me regarding the various groups and fundraising events, it makes life so much easier.

May God continue to bless us all on our journey of faith.
Shalom.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Baptism Report

During 2024 we celebrated 18 baptisms and look forward to continuing to support them in their journey with Jesus. We hope to welcome many more new children, adults and their families into the family of God as they come forward for baptism.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Weekday Welcomers

I think we would all like to say a big thank you to our small, but dedicated, team of weekday welcomers. They ensure that the church doors remain open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12pm. This allows people a place for private prayer and

sanctuary with a friendly welcome and information for visitors from farther afield.

If you feel able to give one morning a week to help, please contact me in the parish office t: 01296 437641
e: enquiries.stmarysaylesbury@gmail.com

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Sides-people Report

Since being elected as Senior Sides-person at the AGM in 20211 have had the pleasure of getting to know the sides-people who have been doing this at St Mary's for a number of years and learn from their previous experience. I have also recruited some new to the role.

After many years of being part of the team, Christine Jennings has decided to step back. Thanks Christine for all you have done in this regard.

James Gray has also stepped away as he is invariably to be found up in the Choir loft filming the service. Another "thank you" is well deserved.

Alison Newitt and more recently Maame Esi have joined us but it would be good if we could further expand the team.

If you would like to join us, please talk to me and I will let you know what our duties are.

Thank you to all the team, from me and the congregation of St Mary's. I think we all agree that is a privilege to welcome people to the Services and particularly to help put new-comers at their ease in a building often new to them and to our "St Mary's ways".

May I ask that the following be elected as Sides-people:

Maame Esi Baffoe ,Terry Bloxham, Heather Cotman, Helen Mitman, Alison Newitt, Sue Newling, Margaret Nyambo, Jenny Parkinson, Wendy Prestage, Janet Sampson, Jeremy Sampson and Brigid Sargent.

Wendy Prestage
Senior Sides-person

Junior Worship Annual Report

It has been a good year for St. Mary's Junior Worship. There have been many new attendees to replace a few who have moved on to the choir or serving. On average there
about 6-8 children weekly. Ages have ranged from 2-14 years. Sermon Skippers has recently re-started to cater for the older children. The group name was changed from
Sunday School to Junior Worship as attending is a choice and it is our young people worshipping.

Activities have encompassed crafts, outdoor games, drama re-enactments, prayer and reflection on the Bible as it relates to children's everyday life. The children recount their learning during the session to the congregation. This has empowered the children and given them confidence. It has also helped to bring all ages together.

The Nativity in December 2024 was a success and very popular. Children were able to join in without rehearsals as the play was narrated with carols in between. Participants received a certificate at the end, signed by Father Doug. Kenton supplied the music and Junior Worship leaders (Jeremy, Janet and Nicolette) synchronised the running of the Nativity, the characters, props/scenery and costumes.

Junior Worship now runs every week except for the first Sunday of the month which is reserved for Family Worship. There are now 4-5 leaders who lead Junior Worship on
specific Sundays. As well as bringing more variety in skillsets, it has afforded more flexibility in the case of illness/necessary absence. They all have up-to-date Safeguarding certificates.

Nicolette Rushmere

Fundraising Report

This year the Fund-Raising Team have enjoyed running a programme of fund raising and social events that were new as well as the old favourites. Most have been well received
which has enabled us to exceed the budget expectation.
Social events have included a D-Day afternoon tea and Quiz night. Raffles, Smarties @ Lent, Craft Fair and Advent draw are among the other activities that have been carried out.

We would welcome anyone that would like to join the team or be a supporter for us to call on. If you have any ideas, connections or can volunteer please speak to one of the team.

Last of all we have been successful because of the continued support from St Mary's congregation and we thank you.

Jo Hodgson

Julian meetings Report

The Julian Meetings group numbers have remained about the same as when we began to meet in The Lady Chapel ten years ago, although some of our members have moved away or died. Two new members joined us this year from Princes Risborough and Berkhamsted and in March we celebrated our tenth anniversary with tea, sandwiches and cakes after our time of silence and enjoyed our friendship together. Although it is not easy for some people to be still and quiet for half an hour, for others there does seem to be a desire to have a time of contemplation in our evermore noisy world. It is so peaceful in the chapel and we leave feeling refreshed. Long may we continue to meet!

Heather Cotman

Bellringers Report

1st Jan 2024. Visiting band Hatfield
15th March 2024. Visiting band. East Anglia.
24th March 2024. Visiting band. Marlow.
27th April 2024. Tower outing. Pershore area.
2nd June 2024. Quarter Peal. Waddesdon.
22nd June 2024. Wedding. Waddesdon.
10th August 2024. Wedding. Aylesbury.
7th September 2024. Heritage Day. 40+ visitors.

16th September 2024. 5th wheel removed by Whites of Appleton for repair.
21st September 2024. Branch Outing. Oxford area.
9th October. 5th Wheel reinstalled.
12th October 2024. Orchard Cup. 7 teams entered. Aylesbury won.
4th December. Click service.
10th December 2024. Tower Christmas Dinner.

Grant Edney
Bell Tower Captain

St. Mary's Altar Servers



You may remember that in my last year's report, I was rejoicing that we had gained a record number of eleven new Servers during the year: well, during THIS year, we have welcomed three more: Joe O'Neill, Alex Williams and Ayden Kunaka [which has further helped reduce our age profile quite significantly], and it also means that during the rota period July - September 2024 we had a record 26 names on that particular rota – the highest number on any one Rota, than at any other time, in all the 50+ years I've been preparing the Rota! The only downside this presents, is that because we have more people, the frequency of times each person is called upon to serve is reduced, which makes it more difficult for new recruits to memorise the routines, than if they served more often!

We have been pleased to welcome back Lesley Divers to Administering the Sacrament, and Donna Riley to Serving and Administering the Sacrament. We are sorry to have lost Katy

Roberts, Shankar and Kim Walter. We thank them for their service and hope that we may see them able to return at some point in the future.

We have been very pleased to receive as a generous gift, five new cassock albs, donated with some of our younger servers in mind. This will help no-end in ensuring they have something to wear, and also, allow for there to be more available for them to grow into! Also, our grateful thanks to Charles Boot for crafting a new light-weight wooden processional cross, which has given wider scope for a greater number of people to lead our processions.

In recent times, our number of people with experience in the role of thurifer, has dwindled, so I am preparing to arrange a training session. We are not planning to use incense during our worship more frequently than in the past – just ensuring that our usual times are able to be maintained.

Our rotas during the year have included: John Bush*, Shirley Bush*, Norah and Tadiwanashe Chawarika, Alex Chichera, Humphrey and Lucia Chitsike, Lesley Divers*, Tony Divers*, Neil Esslemont*, Joy, Nyasha and Taffy Gombera, Ayden Kunaka, Herbert Madzorera*, Nathan Mathee, Beauty Mlizani*, Sophia Murove, Joe O'Neill*, Chris Parkinson*, Donna Riley*, Katy Roberts, Bev Russell*, Pam Russell*, Shankar*, Mike Sharp*, Kim Walter* and Alex Williams [*denotes those with permission to administer the sacraments].

Serving brings new friendships, new skills and insights into the Christian faith, as well as the ability to trust others and work as a team to the glory of God. People join us for different reasons and at different times of their faith journey. I hope this service will bless and encourage them on their way.

I am extremely grateful to my wife Shirley for assisting me in the training of our new servers, and to all our servers and administerers of the sacrament, for the time,
dedication and devotion, they give.

John Bush
April 2025

The Community Christmas Lunch held at St Marys, Aylesbury December 25th 2024

On the 25th December 60 dedicated volunteers met at St Marys Church to put on a special Christmas event. That event is the annual Community Christmas lunch. In reality the event planning and volunteer recruitment actually starts in September and goes on up to Christmas day. Christmas eve is a very busy day as this is when guests presents are wrapped, areas in the church are set up ready for the event, vegetables are prepared and turkeys are pre-cooked. In fact 60 kg of brussels and carrots were peeled and cut up and 26kg of high quality turkey was cooked. On Christmas day the chefs arrived at 8.00 to start the meal and at 11.00 the volunteers converted the Church into a Christmas venue with seating for 140 people. Guest also started coming in at 11.30 and headed for the welcoming tea and coffee area. Entertainment was provided by a local ukulele band and a ladies choir singing festive carols. The guest took their place at the festive tables and the meal was served at 13.00. Soup and roll, full Christmas turkey dinner or veggie / vegan and gluten free alternatives followed by traditional Christmas pudding with custard, mince pies or fresh fruit salad. After setting 140 places we actually served 148 meals by far the largest event we had ever put on – a sign of the difficult times maybe. Seconds were offered to guests along with meals in take away boxes for people to enjoy over the holidays so nothing

was wasted. After the lunch Father Christmas arrived and gave all the guests a small gift and then a free raffle was ran. At the end of the event we invited all guests to take a carrier bag and help themselves to donated goods that were arranged in a 'shop' The guests come from all walks of life and some come for the company, some because they can't cook for themselves, others for the warmth of the church and some due to their financial circumstances. Being an open door event we have no idea until the day who will arrive but we did (with the help of a local transport company TWK) transport 15 guests that physically could not make it to the church. The who event is free of charge for all guests thanks mainly to the generosity of some local businesses (in particular Waitrose and Helping Hands Community Fund) and individual donations along with fund raising events. Finally we must pay tribute to our team
of willing volunteers that give up their Christmas day to help others that are less fortunate than themselves in the community. These volunteers include meet and greeters, chef and cooks, hairdressers, servers, waiters and waitresses, clear up team, washing up team and many more. Without these amazing volunteers the event could not go ahead.

Paul Walter

St Mary's Bloomers

2024 was again a busy year for the Bloomers with the usual weekly arrangements, as well as wedding and celebrational flowers.

As usual at Easter we offered people the opportunity to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one. This helped to provide the Easter displays which seem to be appreciated by everyone.

The harvest festival displays In October were as usual enhanced by all those who supplied vegetables and props for the displays. Some of the contributions went towards making jars of chutney which were sold at the Christmas Fair, all the proceeds from which went towards St Mary's.

In November the Church was once again decorated for Remembrance Day with various handmade poppies courtesy of the Needlecraft Group.

The Bloomers were asked to help run a fund-raising event in December, in aid of the Christmas Lunch, by holding a Christmas wreath making class in St Mary's. Over 20 people attended, and we have been asked to repeat this event in 2025 plus the addition of a Spring wreath making class. A number of Christmas wreaths were also made, on request, for Members of the Congregation which together with the sponsor a rose opportunity, helped to pay for the Christmas flowers.

The Bloomers had a couple of 'days out' to visit garden centres and flower wholesalers, enjoying lunch on the way while making plans for future events.

I would like to thank my fellow Bloomers – Donna, Margaret, Andrea, and Kim for their unstinting dedication in giving their skills, time and money to make sure there are always flowers in the Church. Our thanks also to the members of our own congregation for all those generous donations towards the Easter Lilies, Harvest and Christmas arrangements - it is only with your support that we can make sure that there are always flowers in Church to be enjoyed by the congregation and visitors alike.

Bev Russell

Aylesbury Lunchtime Music

With the sad death of Janet Frost in March 2024, the Friends of St Mary's also lost a valuable trustee and champion of the concerts and the Friends. The two remaining trustees were unable to continue in the role. To preserve the lunchtime concerts, a meeting was held with the trustees, concert volunteers and representatives of St Mary's to agree a way forward. It was decided that the remaining trustees would wind up the Friends of St Mary's charity. The concerts were to continue as a not-for-profit community organisation with a small committee. The funds in the Friends of St Mary's accounts and investments to be placed in a restricted fund managed by the Church for the restoration of the reredos after money related to the concerts was moved to a new
account.

Aylesbury Lunchtime Music (ALM) was launched in September 2024 with a new committee and bank account. Ian Stewardson agreed to take on the role of treasurer, Lynda Stewardson, secretary, Trevor Dawe Chair, Jane Turner, programme planner supported by Caroline Turner, who manages the website and publicity. Trevor organises a rota for concert days. We meet the musicians at the station and offer them refreshment after the concert. Alan Frost provides a home-made cake. Dave Piggford volunteers to help on concert days. Linda Florentin helps with distribution of publicity flyers.

45 concerts were arranged during the year. There is a break in August and December. ALM continues to promote young and up coming musicians and has regular contributions from Royal

Academy of Music students as well as local talent. Musicians often return to play and the standard of music is magnificent. Over 70 musicians have played this year.

Now in the 44th year, the Thursday lunchtime concerts of live classical chamber music continue to attract a regular audience of 60 – 70 people. We are delighted to welcome several disabled people and their carers to the audience. Over 2000 people have attended concerts this year.

The popularity of the concerts has meant that the admission fee remains at £7 and still enables donation to the church and a moderate performance fee for the musicians.

Jane Turner

Choir Report

The past year has been a busy one for the choir, with many highlights and developments. As always, we have supported the regular mayoral services and annual events such as Remembrance Sunday. In addition, we were honoured to take part in a special civic service this year. It's heartening that we continue to play an active role in the Aylesbury community. Over the year, we have welcomed a few new members. However, despite receiving more applications than in previous years, we have struggled to retain newcomers, and our numbers have slightly declined. We currently have 13 regular attendees. Nevertheless, we are optimistic about the choir's future, with some exciting new initiatives already underway. You may have noticed that we've been fortunate to welcome visiting choirs to

join us on certain Sundays. This is part of a new outreach initiative aimed at boosting membership and inspiring greater involvement in the choir. While recruitment has been challenging in the past—particularly in connection with our affiliated school—we are seeing encouraging signs of progress.

In particular, Bedgrove School Choir, under the direction of long-time friend of the choir Kate Warner, joined us for a "Be a Chorister for a Morning" event, which was a great success. We have now also established links with another local school and hope they will participate in future services. Much of this progress is thanks to Tamara Zimmerman, whom we hope to appoint as a Youth Choir Coordinator. We are deeply grateful for her enthusiasm and the valuable support she has already provided.

Another area of growth has been our Evensong services, which have seen increased attendance—especially during festival days. A special highlight was the Evensong for Mthr Rainah's licensing service in November, which was warmly received. Now that the choir is becoming more familiar and confident with the format, we hope to develop these services further. We are exploring opportunities to collaborate with, or even host, other choirs for these occasions.

Building on her excellent work last year, we formally created the role of Choir Librarian to accelerate the cataloguing and digitisation of our music library. This role was taken up by long-standing chorister Libby Hough, who has done a tremendous job. We look forward to seeing the project completed by the end of the year. In addition, we've benefited from the help of her Dad, Jonathan Hough, who has been updating our database systems behind the scenes. Both have been invaluable—not only as singers, but as key contributors to the wider life of the church.

Libby, especially, will be greatly missed when she heads off to university in Birmingham this autumn.

Finally, following approval from the PCC, we have begun preliminary investigations into the Hill, Norman & Beard organ located at the back of the church. A visual inspection of the instrument—both inside and out—has been completed, and we have contacted several experts to gather further information and discuss a potential way forward. Our aim is to assess whether this historic organ can be restored and brought back into regular use, potentially becoming the only fully functioning pipe organ in a church in Aylesbury. We hope this will lead to new connections with local organists and music groups who may wish to play the instrument or feature it in concerts. In the longer term, we are exploring the possibility of securing funding to restore and improve the organ(s) to full working order.

We feel incredibly fortunate this year to have so many new opportunities for the choir and for the wider musical life of St Mary's. As always, thank you to everyone who continues to support the choir in its ministry. This includes, but is by no means limited to: Fr Doug, Karen, Sue, Catherine, Charles, Mike, Kim, and Wendy. Your encouragement, time, and contributions make a real difference and enable the choir to do what it does best. Please know how deeply appreciated your support is by all of us.

Kenton Brigden
Director of Music

Space (Aylesbury) - Trustees Annual Report

Charity number: 1177979

Trustees

Hafeezah Ameen
Kate Lawton
Malcolm Abbott
Mark Bateman (Chair)
Christine Frost
Robert Taylor

Structure & Governance

In response to our growth and to make our structure more robust, Space, became registered with the Charity Commission on 17 April 2018, registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Our Trustees are listed above.

Our constitution is in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Kate Lawton (Project Manager) and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives are:

To promote and protect good physical and mental health of people in Buckinghamshire who are experiencing relationship breakdowns, loneliness, bereavement, homelessness,

unemployment, ill health, isolation or other mental or emotional stress but not exclusively by:

• Providing weekly drop-in groups offering a listening service
• Providing a safe place and opportunity to meet with others going through difficulties
• Providing an affordable one to one counselling service
• Providing signposting to other relevant organisations for specialist support.

We mainly achieved these objectives through this weekly schedule of activities:

• Monday – short walks, starting 11am
• Monday – Art Group, at St. Mary's 1.30 to 3pm
• Tuesdays – drop-in & food distribution at St. Mary's, 10.30 to 12 noon
• Wednesday – Mindfulness Colouring at Queens Park Arts Centre, 2 to 3.30pm
• Thursday – Southcourt drop-in, 10.30am to 12 noon
• Fridays – drop-in & food distribution at St. Mary's, 10.30am to 12 noon
• Saturdays – quarterly self-help webinars
• Sundays – drop-in at St. Mary's at 1.30pm
• 22 hours of affordable one to one counselling – in-person & virtually
• Staffing an office for 30 hours a week to manage & administer the above

During 2023/24 we have also provided the following:

• Weekly mindfulness sessions

• Taster sessions with Bucks Adult Learning – crafts, budgeting, cooking on a budget
• An occasional barber
• Information and awareness sessions
All our services and activities are planned to be for public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities

We continue to be grateful to all those who help to fund our activities with grants, including the following:

• Buckinghamshire Council
• Thomas Hickman's Charity
• Aylesbury Town Council
• Rothschild Foundation
• Heart of Bucks
• Fairhive
• Lotto Community Fund
• Garfield Weston
• Kop Hill Challenge
• Localgiving (Magic Little Grants, Peoples' Postcode Lottery)

We are also grateful to all those kind individuals that donate generously, regularly & on an ad hoc basis towards the ongoing cost of our services.

We are thankful to St. Mary's Church, Queens Park Arts Centre, Church of the Good Shepherd & Holy Trinity Church & their staff for the continued use of their spaces at preferential or no cost. Thank you for allowing our groups & sometimes chaos into your buildings.

We have worked hard to increase our internal income by contributions from service users at drop-ins and counselling and with our own internal fundraising, overseen by the Management Committee. This year, bake sales, Rock Choir fundraisers, a craft stall and sale of Space art group calendars. We have continued to engage with online income generation platforms such as Localgiving, Give as You Live & Amazon Smile.

During the last year our project has had 2 part-time employees, 5 sessional workers and over 40 volunteers. It is the volunteers that make our project tick, staffing groups, counselling, helping in the office, accountancy, bookkeeping, fundraising, making endless hot drinks, giving a warm welcome and much more. Huge thanks to them all.

Between them these volunteers give 300 hours of their free time per month to the project. This is a powerful resource.

Main achievements and significant events during the last 12 months

• During 2024/2025 we had 3199 interactions with 346 beneficiaries with 55 unique clients
• Our monitoring for the first 9 months of 2024/25 indicates we experienced a similar level of interactions to the previous year and have identified different client groups approaching us, for example, those who may be seeking asylum or who are experiencing financial hardship.
• We are pleased to see a continued increase in the number of different faces we are supporting & also the rise in new service-users.
• We have continued to consolidate our regular programme of services.

• We continue to develop inter-agency working with partners from the Oasis Partnership, Buckinghamshire Council Adult Education and the Wildlife Trust.
• The redistribution of surplus food at our Tuesdays & Friday drop-ins remains a popular addition to our schedule & we are looking at ways to develop this.
• Our greatest challenge is to effectively address our increased footfall & demand with a limited increase in resources.
• The cost-of-living crisis has affected our service-users disproportionately.
• Receiving confirmation of the King's Award for Voluntary Service was a huge honour and a reflection of all the hard work and dedication shown by all those who have given so much of their time to Space over the years.

Financial review

We are fortunate to have received grant funding, a legacy & fundraising income during the year. We are encouraged by our success at recent internal fundraising activities. However, we currently have financial resources to keep our project running for seven months at current levels of activity. The current economic situation makes us cautious about future funding and we are constantly looking for future
funding opportunities.

Conclusion

There is a clear demand for our services and feedback shows we are making a difference to client's overall mental wellbeing. We have responded well overall to the cost-of-living crisis. We need to keep on keeping on & work to secure more resources to

continue to provide support and care for those in our community who are finding life difficult.

Claire Paine
Project Manager Space (Aylesbury)

Readers and Intercessors

Our worship is enhanced by the number and variety of readers and intercessors, who regularly take part in our Sunday service. Readers also take part in services at Christmas time and Easter time. The service of nine lessons and carols at Christmas time and at easter time there is the Easter Vigil and the dramatic reading of the passion narrative.

We also welcome new readers and intercessors and there is help available if you are nervous about putting intercessions together help is available.

A huge thankyou to all who have taken part in this ministry over the past year .

Sue Newling

Messy Church

Messy Church has been running for a year now. We had our first birthday party in April 2025. We are slowly building up the numbers of children and families attending. Some families are returning regularly. We have a good structure to the sessions, starting with prayer and lighting a candle. A video clip of a bible story is shown, followed by working together to create

something to illustrate the story that we have heard. We then have tea and fellowship together around the table, ending with the Lord's prayer, the grace and blowing out our candle.

On average we have 2-3 families, some include grandparents and other relatives. There are usually 5-7 volunteers from St Marys.

Messy Church is usually the last Saturday of the month. Sometimes this is changed to the 3rd Saturday if there is an event on the last Saturday.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that make Messy Church work. Your ministry is much appreciated. Thank you all for a very good year. If you would like to be a part of Messy Church ministry, please contact me.

Catherine Mannion

Good News Breakfast

Good news breakfast continues on the last Saturday of the month, 9.30 – 11.30am. A wide selection of food is given to cater for most people's idea of 'breakfast or brunch'.

It runs on a 'bring and share' or donation basis. It continues to meet the needs of different groups of people, those who just 'drop in', some from the congregation and some from
Space. We have helpers from the congregation and Space who turn up to set up, serve and clear away. Thank you to all who make this important, much needed ministry work.

Catherine Mannion

‘New Horizons’ Bereavement Cafe

New Horizons is a small group open to anyone who has been bereaved recently or a while ago. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month between 10 and 12noon, for coffee, tea, cake and cookies, to chat or listen in a quiet space. It is an easy-going informal atmosphere of likeminded people. At the moment we have just been chatting but there is scope to play games, have quizzes, crosswords or to share poems photos etc if the participants would like to do this. There are usually 6 or 7 of us meeting regularly at the moment. Come and join us!

Catherine Mannion

Pioneer Youth Ministry Report

Homegroups

The 5:00-6:30 and the 6:30-8:30 Thursday Discipleship Homegroups at The Rectory continue to do well. We are adding young people to each group, and the first one is at capacity, and the second one has room for one or two more (by invitation).

We have 10-12 young people at the first one, Years 7-9, and are working our way through the brand new Alpha Youth teaching series. We have begun to start with worship, and always make sure to leave plenty of time for group building games, and small group prayers.

The later group has 6-10 young people from Years 8-12 and continues to be a safe and successful time. We are currently looking at a chapter of Acts every week and enjoy games and small group prayer.

Amelia Godden, Oaks Youth Minister, is our second DBS checked adult, with Katie Fallows, St Peter's parent and volunteer, as our substitute as and when needed.

Second Sunday Sermon Skippers

I have offered to start leading a youth Sermon Skippers session on Second Sundays in the Lady Chapel, for years 7-13, with year 6 leavers being invited to join from half way through the school year. This was going to start in March, but due to illness in our family, this has been postponed until this month. Naomi Rushmere will join this session on alternate months, enabling her to continue to help Nicolette for half of these months.

Pop-Up Cafés

These are continuing to be a successful monthly second Sunday cross-parish offering where young people from Aylesbury are gathering to enjoy group games, worship, food, a 5 minute Pinpoint teaching and prayer. We have 60 children registered, with 30 present at the March one at The Church on Fairford Leys. A reliable and very supportive cross-parish volunteer team has grown around this event, which makes it even more safe for the young people to attend. Out of this event a Youth Band has been formed, who now lead the worship segment before the Pinpoint talk. This talk is either given by a youth minister/ minister from the host church or by me.

This year, 2025, so far Pop-Up Cafes are hosted by:

January StPA
February St. Mary's
March The Church on Fairford Leys
April StPA
May Oaks Coffee Shop
June Holy Trinity
July St. Mary's

Amplify Adventure July 11-13th 2025

We have a group of 30 young people from this cross-parish youth community registered to go to this Diocesan Youth Festival in Clanfield, and I have had to close bookings for Aylesbury, to hold space for other churches to participate. This is a weekend filled with fun, mainly outdoor activities, including zorbing, plus three main talks about Christianity and worship sessions.

Aylesbury Youth Choir Network

Working with Kate Warner at Bedgrove Elementary School and Kenton, we are continuing to build an emerging Aylesbury Youth Choir Network, which will bring youth choirs to St. Mary's periodically, and offer a range of social events for these children to engage with. We have two more primary schools who are interested in engaging with this new network and will be meeting with their head teachers in the coming weeks. From this community, we hope to in time, over the next three years, reintroduce
the Voice for Life program and add this youth presence element back to our main choir. These children will be invited to join in with the Pop-Up Cafes and signposted to youth opportunities.

We had our first Youth Choir Network event in December with 16 children attending, and another one on March 16. After the Gospel and until The Lord's Prayer, these visiting young people go to the Lady Chapel for a Sermon Skippers session, at which their safeguarding chaperone joins with us for this. We have had very good feedback from the young people who attended. We are in the planning stages for a July Youth Choir visit and are hoping to include them in the November 11th service in Market Square. Building upon this foundation, we are now able to let other schools know about this already existing opportunity, and hopefully they will be interested in joining the network, and it will build over time.

Tamara Zimmerman
Pioneer Youth Minister

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Financial Statements
Of St Mary's District Church Council
(now known as St Mary's Parochial Church Council)

Year ending 31/12/24

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2024

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005 & 2008), using Financial Coordinator Software designed specifically for this purpose.

Accounting Policies
Funds
Unrestricted funds are general funds available for the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the DCC/PCC for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given, within the objectives of the PCC.

Endowment funds are restricted funds, which are held permanently, and the capital maintained while the income is restricted.

Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the church becomes legally entitled to the income.

Collections are recognized when received by, or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is accounted for when the tax refund is claimed.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Endowment and Income Funds held at CCLA are held in the name of 'Aylesbury St Mary Rector and Churchwardens' and include the following funds listed in these Accounts
Income Funds – Dixey Bequest, Woodward Bequest, PCC1, Millennium Appeal
Endowment Funds – Bequests, Dixey Investment, Grinnell Bequest, Roscoe, Tuffney Bequest

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	66,356.70	—	—	66,356.70	62,377.23
Activities for generating funds	34,565.89	1,041.10	—	35,606.99	29,011.95
Investment income	2,270.70	21,664.56	—	23,935.26	23,215.75
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2,250.81	—	—	2,250.81	3,577.96
Other incoming resources	31,251.01	—	—	31,251.01	59,362.27
Total income	**136,695.11**	**22,705.66**	**—**	**159,400.77**	**177,545.16**
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	4,482.37	—	—	4,482.37	3,774.25
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	5,616.98	—	—	5,616.98	8,425.49
Investment management costs	466.03	—	—	466.03	381.77
Charitable activities	117,361.59	11,242.43	—	128,604.02	157,707.50
Governance costs	514.50	—	—	514.50	489.50
Other resources used	15,257.49	374.18	—	15,631.67	18,326.95
Total expenditure	**143,698.96**	**11,616.61**	**—**	**155,315.57**	**189,105.46**
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	18,802.05	18,802.05	70,626.45
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(7,003.85)**	**11,089.05**	**18,802.05**	**22,887.25**	**59,066.15**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	10,600.00	450.00	—	11,050.00	38,050.53
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,550.00)	(8,500.00)	—	(11,050.00)	(38,050.53)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**1,046.15**	**3,039.05**	**18,802.05**	**22,887.25**	**59,066.15**
Total funds brought forward	**15,054.88**	**46,555.93**	**821,718.57**	**883,329.38**	**824,263.23**
Total funds carried forward	**16,101.03**	**49,594.98**	**840,520.62**	**906,216.63**	**883,329.38**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	8,583.58	—	—	8,583.58	7,889.87
WoodwardBequest-CB3040833-001-Income-CB3031062-001	1,325.15	—	—	1,325.15	1,725.60
Designated					
Memorial Garden	1,914.99	—	—	1,914.99	1,914.99
Messy Church	1,095.41	—	—	1,095.41	—
Mission Partner Support Fund	1,470.43	—	—	1,470.43	1,362.95
Small Gifts Skipton Account	1,711.47	—	—	1,711.47	2,161.47
Video Equiptment	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Dixey Bequest-CB3040834-001-Income-CB3012053-001	—	7,427.80	—	7,427.80	5,134.93
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	—	143.83	—	143.83	143.83
Milennium - CB3031061-001	—	0.99	—	0.99	0.98
PCC1 - CB3031060-001- Income-CB3011579-001	—	468.80	—	468.80	767.65
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	—	266.18	—	266.18	266.18
Restoration Project	—	19,547.90	—	19,547.90	18,772.48
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	21,739.48	—	21,739.48	21,469.88

Endowment					
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	—	—	60,865.19	60,865.19	59,503.25
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	—	—	358,310.75	358,310.75	350,293.09
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	—	—	22,151.55	22,151.55	21,655.88
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	—	—	19,887.43	19,887.43	19,448.10
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	—	—	379,305.70	379,305.70	370,818.25

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	840,520.62	821,718.57
	840,520.62	**821,718.57**
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	65,696.01	61,610.81
	65,696.01	**61,610.81**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**65,696.01**	**61,610.81**
Total assets less current liabilities	**906,216.63**	**883,329.38**
Total net assets less liabilities	**906,216.63**	**883,329.38**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	8,583.58	7,889.87
WoodwardBequest-CB3040833-001-Income-CB3031062-001	1,325.15	1,725.60
Johnson Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	—
Designated		
Small Gifts Skipton Account	1,711.47	2,161.47
Memorial Garden	1,914.99	1,914.99
Messy Church	1,095.41	—
Mission Partner Support Fund	1,470.43	1,362.95
Video Equipment	—	—
Restricted		
Restoration Project	19,547.90	18,772.48
Dixey Bequest-CB3040834-001-Income-CB3012053-001	7,427.80	5,134.93
PCC1 - CB3031060-001- Income-CB3011579-001	468.80	767.65
Millennium - CB3031061-001	0.99	0.98
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	21,739.48	21,469.88
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	266.18	266.18
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	143.83	143.83
Endowment		
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	22,151.55	21,655.88
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	379,305.70	370,818.25
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	358,310.75	350,293.09
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	60,865.19	59,503.25
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	19,887.43	19,448.10
Funds of the church	**906,216.63**	**883,329.38**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA Endowment Investments -	—	—	—	840,520.62	840,520.62	821,718.57
Totals	—	—	—	**840,520.62**	**840,520.62**	**821,718.57**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank CCLA -	1,325.15	—	7,896.92	—	9,222.07	7,628.49
Skipton Building Society -	—	5,621.71	33,553.96	—	39,175.67	36,840.68
Bank PCC -	9,082.04	(393.82)	3,392.99	—	12,081.21	15,918.85
Bank Holding -	(499.59)	964.41	4,751.11	—	5,215.93	1,221.66
Bank Covenant -	1.00	—	—	—	1.00	1.00
Bank Petty Cash -	0.13	—	—	—	0.13	0.13
Totals	**9,908.73**	**6,192.30**	**49,594.98**	—	**65,696.01**	**61,610.81**
Grand total	**9,908.73**	**6,192.30**	**49,594.98**	**840,520.62**	**906,216.63**	**883,329.38**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Giftskp - Small Gifts Skipton						
Designated	2,161.47	—	—	(450.00)	—	1,711.47
Sub-total for Giftskp	**2,161.47**	**—**	**—**	**(450.00)**	**—**	**1,711.47**
MemorSkip - Memorial Garden						
Designated	1,914.99	—	—	—	—	1,914.99
Sub-total for MemorSkip	**1,914.99**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,914.99**
Messy - Messy Church						
Designated	—	1,267.00	171.59	—	—	1,095.41
Sub-total for Messy	**—**	**1,267.00**	**171.59**	**—**	**—**	**1,095.41**
Mission - Mission Partner Supp						
Designated	1,362.95	6,985.48	6,878.00	—	—	1,470.43
Sub-total for Mission	**1,362.95**	**6,985.48**	**6,878.00**	**—**	**—**	**1,470.43**
RESTRSKIP - Restoration Project						
Restricted	18,772.48	1,479.60	1,154.18	450.00	—	19,547.90
Sub-total for RESTRSKIP	**18,772.48**	**1,479.60**	**1,154.18**	**450.00**	**—**	**19,547.90**
VIDEO - Video Equiptment						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VIDEO	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Woodward - WoodwardBequest-CB30						
Unrestricted	1,725.60	1,699.55	—	(2,100.00)	—	1,325.15
Sub-total for Woodward	**1,725.60**	**1,699.55**	**—**	**(2,100.00)**	**—**	**1,325.15**
Dixey - Dixey Bequest-CB3040						
Restricted	5,134.93	9,892.87	—	(7,600.00)	—	7,427.80
Sub-total for Dixey	**5,134.93**	**9,892.87**	**—**	**(7,600.00)**	**—**	**7,427.80**
PCC - PCC1 - CB3031060-001						
Restricted	767.65	601.15	—	(900.00)	—	468.80
Sub-total for PCC	**767.65**	**601.15**	**—**	**(900.00)**	**—**	**468.80**
Milennium - Milennium - CB303106						
Restricted	0.98	0.01	—	—	—	0.99
Sub-total for Milennium	**0.98**	**0.01**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**0.99**
TuffneySkp - Tuffney Skipton Admi						
Restricted	21,469.88	10,732.03	10,462.43	—	—	21,739.48
Sub-total for TuffneySkp	**21,469.88**	**10,732.03**	**10,462.43**	**—**	**—**	**21,739.48**
ReliefSkp - Relief of the Poor S						
Restricted	266.18	—	—	—	—	266.18
Sub-total for ReliefSkp	**266.18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**266.18**
FlwPedsSkp - Flower Pedestals Ski						
Restricted	143.83	—	—	—	—	143.83
Sub-total for FlwPedsSkp	**143.83**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**143.83**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	7,889.87	126,743.08	136,649.37	10,600.00	—	8,583.58
Sub-total for General	**7,889.87**	**126,743.08**	**136,649.37**	**10,600.00**	**—**	**8,583.58**
Grinnell - Grinnell Bequest - 1						
Endowment	21,655.88	—	—	—	495.67	22,151.55
Sub-total for Grinnell	**21,655.88**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**495.67**	**22,151.55**
Tuffneybeq - Tuffney Bequest - 12						
Endowment	370,818.25	—	—	—	8,487.45	379,305.70
Sub-total for Tuffneybeq	**370,818.25**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8,487.45**	**379,305.70**
Dixey2 - Dixey Invest - 12700						
Endowment	350,293.09	—	—	—	8,017.66	358,310.75
Sub-total for Dixey2	**350,293.09**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8,017.66**	**358,310.75**

Bequests - Bequests - 627154002						
Endowment	59,503.25	—	—	—	1,361.94	60,865.19
Sub-total for Bequests	**59,503.25**	—	—	—	**1,361.94**	**60,865.19**
Roscoe - Roscoe -273740001T R						
Endowment	19,448.10	—	—	—	439.33	19,887.43
Sub-total for Roscoe	**19,448.10**	—	—	—	**439.33**	**19,887.43**
Grand total	**883,329.38**	**159,400.77**	**155,315.57**	—	**18,802.05**	**906,216.63**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
1000 - Pledges Yellow Envelopes	1,747.50	—	—	—	1,747.50	1,020.00
1001 - Planned Gift Aid Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - Other Gift Aid Envelopes	471.00	—	—	—	471.00	865.32
1003 - Cash Offerings Sunday Plate	5,890.30	—	—	—	5,890.30	5,031.97
1003A - Cash Offerings Mission Partners Fund	—	1,985.48	—	—	1,985.48	1,542.13
1004 - Offerings Charitable Collections	1,761.85	—	—	—	1,761.85	1,344.81
1005 - Donations General	13,903.38	—	—	—	13,903.38	7,562.35
1005A - Donations Messy Church	14.60	1,267.00	—	—	1,281.60	—
1006 - Pledges Standing Orders	25,905.56	—	—	—	25,905.56	25,582.71
1007 - Cash Offerings Other Services Plate	1,801.78	—	—	—	1,801.78	1,461.07
1008 - Gift Aid refunds	11,423.34	—	—	—	11,423.34	6,836.95
1009 - Payment for Training/Workshops/Seminars	184.91	—	—	—	184.91	100.00
1012 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	11,029.92
1013 - New Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	63,104.22	3,252.48	—	—	66,356.70	62,377.23
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
4001 - Sunday Tea & Coffee Donations	632.02	—	—	—	632.02	569.29
4001A - Good News Activities	611.88	—	—	—	611.88	546.04
4002 - Fundraising Activities	3,983.60	—	—	—	3,983.60	3,182.19
4003 - Magazine Adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
4005 - Refectory Income	—	—	—	—	—	197.29
4005A - Refectory Events Income	9,785.99	—	—	—	9,785.99	10,639.76
4005B - Bookshop/Cafe	1,168.60	—	—	—	1,168.60	973.81
4006 - Community Centre Concerts	5,850.00	—	1,041.10	—	6,891.10	4,680.30
4007 - Community Centre Building Hire	12,253.30	—	—	—	12,253.30	8,082.82
4008 - Photocopying	2.00	—	—	—	2.00	—
4009 - Organists Fees	240.00	—	—	—	240.00	120.00
4013 - Merchandise Sales	38.50	—	—	—	38.50	20.45
4014 - South Porch Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	34,565.89	—	1,041.10	—	35,606.99	29,011.95
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
2002 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
2006 - Income from Trusts & Bequests	2,270.70	—	21,664.56	—	23,935.26	23,215.75
2007 - Gain to Endowment Investment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,270.70	—	21,664.56	—	23,935.26	23,215.75
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
3001 - Flowers	770.81	—	—	—	770.81	1,506.96
3002 - Fees	1,480.00	—	—	—	1,480.00	2,071.00
3004 - Magazine Sales & Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—

3005 - Community Centre St Mary's Tots	—	—	—	—	—	—
3007 - PCC & other churches	—	—	—	—	—	—
3008 - ODBF Refunds of Ministry Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,250.81	—	—	—	2,250.81	3,577.96
Other incoming resources						
1012A - Loans	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008 - Cubb Field Rent	5,897.65	5,000.00	—	—	10,897.65	6,324.21
3001A - Flowers - Special/private orders	100.00	—	—	—	100.00	—
3006 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Payroll	9,762.78	—	—	—	9,762.78	9,462.78
3009 - Church of Good Shepherd Payroll	2,272.24	—	—	—	2,272.24	3,186.22
3010 - St Peter's Payroll	—	—	—	—	—	—
4015 - Christmas Hampers Donations	—	—	—	—	—	—
5001 - Sundry	1,049.89	—	—	—	1,049.89	12,279.29
5002 - Cash for Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
5003 - General Refunds	6,474.29	—	—	—	6,474.29	28,109.77
5004 - Payment for Trips/Outings	694.16	—	—	—	694.16	—
Total	26,251.01	5,000.00	—	—	31,251.01	59,362.27
INCOME TOTAL	128,442.63	8,252.48	22,705.66	—	159,400.77	177,545.16

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

6001 - Fundraisers expenses	450.69	—	—	—	450.69	341.00
6002 - Community Centre Events	4,031.68	—	—	—	4,031.68	3,433.25
6004 - Community Centre Tots	—	—	—	—	—	—
6006 - Cost of giving materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4,482.37	—	—	—	4,482.37	3,774.25

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

9001 - Refectory	118.98	—	—	—	118.98	1,511.15
9001A - Refectory Events Costs	5,498.00	—	—	—	5,498.00	4,728.59
9001B - Bookshop-Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	2,185.75
9003A - Merchandise Invoices	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	5,616.98	—	—	—	5,616.98	8,425.49

Cost of generating funds - Investment management costs

8001 - Bank Charges	466.03	—	—	—	466.03	381.77
Total	466.03	—	—	—	466.03	381.77

Charitable activities

7001 - Payments to Mission Partners	—	6,878.00	—	—	6,878.00	4,750.00
7001A - Charity Collections Not Kept By STM	1,553.73	—	—	—	1,553.73	941.57
7002 - Gas	17,863.14	—	—	—	17,863.14	38,830.13
7003 - Electricity	8,594.32	—	—	—	8,594.32	6,707.29
7004 - Water	652.22	—	—	—	652.22	709.30
7005 - Repairs - Minor	1,268.20	—	—	—	1,268.20	2,332.16
7006 - Cleaning-Maintenance	5,590.74	—	—	—	5,590.74	6,998.10
7007 - Insurance	7,519.36	—	—	—	7,519.36	6,947.11
7008 - Caretaker	6,552.00	—	—	—	6,552.00	6,552.00
7009 - Administrator	8,454.75	—	—	—	8,454.75	8,009.64
7010 - Organist	—	—	5,374.50	—	5,374.50	5,273.00
7011 - Music	17.99	—	1,017.43	—	1,035.42	1,110.73
7011A - Choir Leader	—	—	3,795.50	—	3,795.50	3,703.00
7012 - Organ-Piano	—	—	275.00	—	275.00	1,225.00
7013 - Upkeep of Services	1,164.11	—	—	—	1,164.11	770.01
7014 - Flower expenses	1,226.73	—	—	—	1,226.73	1,370.98
7014A - Flowers - Special Orders	98.05	—	—	—	98.05	—
7015 - Office Supplies, Equipment, Software	503.17	—	—	—	503.17	1,095.39
7015A - IT Hardware	530.93	—	—	—	530.93	12,568.42
7016 - Office Telephone/Postage	1,024.59	—	—	—	1,024.59	981.75
7017 - Photocopying	1,958.22	—	—	—	1,958.22	1,864.93
7018 - Clergy & Staff Expenses	222.40	—	—	—	222.40	211.49
7018A - Supply Clergy Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018B - Ministry - Youth & Children	194.89	—	—	—	194.89	—
7018C - Ministry - Communications	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018D - Ministry - Small Groups & Discipleship	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018E - Ministry - Pastoral Care	17.60	—	—	—	17.60	3.50
7018F - Other Ministry Related Costs	319.06	—	—	—	319.06	314.65
7018G - Ministry - Messy Church	—	171.59	—	—	171.59	—
7019 - Parish Share	35,850.00	—	—	—	35,850.00	17,750.66
7020 - Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
7021 - PCC & other churches	—	—	—	—	—	—
7023 - Magazine Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7025 - Training-Seminars-Workshops	220.90	—	—	—	220.90	—
7026 - Grants made	—	—	—	—	—	—
7027 - Annual Non Music Subscriptions-Licenses	808.88	—	—	—	808.88	1,251.68

7028 - Operations Manager		8,106.02	—	—	—	8,106.02	7,937.20
7032 - Repairs - major		—	—	—	—	—	—
7034 - Restoration Costs		—	—	780.00	—	780.00	17,497.81
	Total	110,312.00	7,049.59	11,242.43	—	128,604.02	157,707.50
Governance costs							
8003 - Auditing Costs		514.50	—	—	—	514.50	489.50
	Total	514.50	—	—	—	514.50	489.50
Other resources used							
7026A - Loans Repaid		—	—	—	—	—	—
7030 - Church of The Good Shepherd Salaries & T		2,593.68	—	—	—	2,593.68	3,314.96
7031 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Tax & NIC		9,751.74	—	—	—	9,751.74	9,840.60
7031A - St Peter's Salary & Tax		—	—	—	—	—	—
9004 - Sundry Expenses		2,182.07	—	374.18	—	2,556.25	5,171.39
9005 - Church Trips/Outings		730.00	—	—	—	730.00	—
9006 - Christmas Hamper Invoices		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	15,257.49	—	374.18	—	15,631.67	18,326.95
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		136,649.37	7,049.59	11,616.61	—	155,315.57	189,105.46
GRAND TOTAL		(8,206.74)	1,202.89	11,089.05	—	4,085.20	(11,560.30)

Notes to the accounts

Berryfields Church

Whilst Berryfields Church now have their own bank account, they are not currently able to administer their own Gift Aid Claims, so this is still being administered by St Mary's.

Income & Expenditure relating to Church of the Good Shepherd

Since 2014, the payroll for CGS has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping, Payroll Administrator from St Mary's Parish Office. Salaries and payments to HMRC are made by St Mary's and CGS reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. *Income line 3009/expenditure line 7030.*

Income & Expenditure relating to Aylesbury Foodbank

Since 2015, the payroll for Aylesbury Foodbank, has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping, Payroll Administrator from St Mary's Parish Office. Payments to HMRC and Nest are made by St Mary's and the Foodbank reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. The Foodbank will be taking over its own payroll from April 2025 *Income line 3006/expenditure line 7031*

Endowment Funds

All the endowment funds recorded gains during 2024.

No shares were sold in 2024.

In addition to the Endowments listed in these accounts, St Mary's is the beneficiary of the Clock & Chimes Charity. The income from the charity is used for the upkeep and repair of the clock and bells at St Mary's and in certain circumstances, can be used towards the upkeep and repair of the fabric of St Mary's or for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Aylesbury.

Legacies

There were no new legacies in 2024.

4 Cubb Field

St Mary's has a 47.64% interest in 4 Cubb Field, HP19 7SH. Using the value as provided by the Oxford Diocese of £406,319.00, St Mary's share is valued at £193,570.37 (Information provided by the Oxford Diocese on 07/02/25)

During 2021 it was agreed that £1,250 from each rent payment would be sent to the North Aylesbury Team as part of our Mission Giving. *Income Line 2008/Expenditure Line 7001*

St Mary's Bookshop

For four months in 2023 (July-October), St Mary's agreed to sell books and other items on behalf of St Andrew's Bookshop, Princes Risborough. This allowed us to reopen the café to sell drinks, cakes, and our own merchandise. It was agreed that St Mary's would pay the salary of the person running the Bookshop/Café; that it would get 20% commission on all sales of St Andrew's stock and that St Andrew's would underwrite the salary of employee. The Bookshop did not operate in 2024, however the money due from St Andrews did not arrive until 2024. *Income Line 4005B/Expenditure Line 9001B*

Debit Card

In June 2024, one of the Church debit cards was stolen. It was reported immediately but because it happened at the weekend, we didn't know until the Monday that the card had been used five times to make purchase under £100 each. The transactions amounted to £155.28. This was repaid to us by the bank. *Income Line 5003/Expenditure Line 9004*

Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Income Line 1012 – No grants were received in 2024

Income Line 1004 – Charity Collections are classed as Restricted income.

Income line 1008 – Gift Aid refunds are now being claimed on all qualifying donations.

Income Line 2006 – Income from Trusts and Bequests. No shares were sold in 2024

Income Line 4005A - Refectory Events refers to Bar takings from Jazz Nights, etc., and payment for refreshments provided for other events and church hirers.

Income Line 4006 – Community Centre Concerts. As well as payments from Aylesbury Lunchtime Music for each lunchtime concert, a memorial concert was held for Janet Frost. The income received from this was in respect of the Reredos Fund. Funds received have been allocated to the Restoration Fund and ring fenced for the Reredos.

Income Line 5001 – Sundry income is made up of a card payment made in respect of Fees, which was transferred to the Fees Account (see Sundry Expenditure)

Income Line 5003 – Two General Refunds for VAT £6,064.52 and £155.28 refunded by the bank for fraudulent transactions.

Income Line 5004 – Trips /Outings. Payments towards the Parish visit to Walsingham.

Expenditure Line 6002 – Community Centre Events. This is PPLPRS Fees for all concerts and Jazz events held at St Mary's. Fees are recovered from outside hirers and shown under Income Heading 4007. Fees for Friends Concerts are taken from the money paid to us under Income Heading 4006

Expenditure Line 7002 – Gas. Our gas bill rose by 36.2% in 2023.
As a result of the dispute and poor service received, our Gas and Electricity accounts were moved in September 2023, which reduced our bills by just over £2,000.

Expenditure Line 7005 – Minor Repairs - this covers the cost of repairs to the plumbing, boiler, drains, toilets, locks and to put in a new electrical socket.

Expenditure Line 7011 – Music – this heading includes the cost of music licenses and new books for the choir.

Expenditure Line 7006 – Cleaning & Maintenance includes payments for Roof Alarms, PAT Testing, Fire Safety Check and the cost of changing light bulbs.

Expenditure Line 7015A - IT Hardware refers to spending on a new iPad and sum up machine.

Expenditure Line 7019 – Parish Share. We paid £35,850.00 towards out Parish Share in 2024. In addition, Fairford Leys Church contributed £3,000 towards our share, bringing the total to £38,850.00 or 73.93%

Expenditure Line 7034 – Restoration Costs

RWA Consulting Engineers	£780.00

Expenditure Line 9001A - Refectory Events refers to the cost of bar stock for Jazz Nights etc. and for refreshments provided for other events and church hirers.

Expenditure Line 9004 – Sundry expenditure includes the Fees payment transferred to the Fees Accounts, the fraudulent transactions made when a Debit Card was stolen (£155.28). A payment transferred to the Christmas Lunch Fund (balance of the grant they obtained from Aylesbury Town Council in 2016 to refurbish the kitchen. This heading also covers new tables we bought for the Christmas Lunch Fund. They will repay us in 2025.

Expenditure line 9005 – Church Trips/Outings. The amount her is the cost of the coach for the Parish trip to Walsingham.

This report dated: 7th March 2025

Agreed on _____

Signed by ---------- Rev Doug Zimmerman

---------- Donna Riley, Churchwarden

---------- Sue Newling, Churchwarden

---------- Kate Lawton, Treasurer

Signed Accounts available on request

Church on Berryfields

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ending

31 December 2024

Vicar: Revd Gareth Lane

Treasurer: Chris Farrant

Treasurer's Statement And Declaration – Year Ending 2024

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 are attached and include details of Receipts and Payments for the year, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2024 and Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts.

The church continued to grow which resulted in the brilliant outcome of approximately 20% higher income in 2024 than 2023. Expenditure rose approximately 8% and there was a small surplus at the end of the year.

2025 will see a large increase in parish share, the church's largest single expense, presenting the challenge of income needing to continue to increase.

Name: Chris Farrant
Treasurer

Signature: 

Date: 22/04/2025

Independent Examiner's Report – Year Ending 2024

I report on the financial statements of Church on Berryfields for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out overleaf.

Respective Responsibilities

The Church Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is considered that an audit under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a)) of the Act and to state, based on procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(1)(a) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the Church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the Church and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name: Jane Darbon
Independent Examiner

Signature: 

Date: 23/04/2025

Income – Current Account Receipts 2024

Category Group	Category Detail	Actual Income
Church Giving	Donations at Gatherings	2,118.82
	November Gift Day	2,087.00
	Grants	0.00
	One Off Gifts	6,140.88
	Regular Donations	38,634.79
	Total	**48,981.49**
Gift Aid	Gift Aid	7,011.75
	Total	**7,011.75**
Other Income	Bank Interest	1,059.02
	Church Activities	400.00
	Fundraising Events	0.00
	Total	**1459.02**
TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS		**£57,452.26**

Expenditure – Current Account Payments 2024

Category Group	Category Detail	Actual Expenditure
Admin	Finance Software	420.79
	Fundraising Fees for Card MC.	47.36
	Online Marketing/Advertising	83.99
	Print Promotion	0.00
	Recruitment costs	0.00
	Safeguarding DBS and Training	87.95
	Song Licensing	296.00
	Stationary	631.34
	Website/Email/Domain	40.34
	Total	**1,607.77**
Church Activities	Capital Expenditure	407.45
	CAP LifeSkills	774.00
	Children's Ministry Expenses	349.71
	CoB Core Leadership Training	146.48
	Discipleship Training/Books/Courses	665.56
	Discretionary Fund	385.00
	Events Costs (Christmas/Light Party)	2,249.77
	Gifts for guests/people	350.59
	Hospitality (for church gatherings)	546.83
	Sunday Gatherings	564.55
	Worship Team	741.01
	Youth Work Expenses	381.02
	Total	**7,561.97**
Church Giving	Mission Giving	2,674.00
	Total	**2,674.00**
Fixed Costs	Insurance	490.67
	Parish Share Contribution	20,000.04
	Rent	5,025.75
	Total	**25,516.46**

Expenditure continued overleaf....

Expenditure continued

Staffing	Books	65.64
	Expenses - Communications	349.91
	Expenses - Travel	534.10
	Hospitality (for staff)	66.89
	Salaries: Youth & Childrens & Families	15,884.30
	Staff tax	267.64
	Training	530.00
	Total	17,698.48
Total Expenditure/Payments		**£55,058.68**

Current Account Summary

Balance brought forward 1st January 2024	Current Account	20,879.31
	Fixed Term Deposit	20,000.00
	Petty Cash	44.60
	Total	**40,923.91**

Total Income 2024	**£57,452.26**
Total Expenditure 2024	**£55,058.68**

Account Balance 31st December 2024	Current Account	7,852.14
	Fixed Term Deposit	0.00
	Notice Savings Accounts	35437.32
	Petty Cash	28.03
	Total	**43,317.49**
Balance Carried Forward to 2025		**£43,317.49**

Fairford Leys L.E.P

The Church on Fairford Leys, Hampden Square, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 7HT

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ending 31st December 2024

Adrian Lloyd Church Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 are attached and include details of Receipts and Payments for the year, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2024, Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts and a Statement of funds held centrally by the United Reformed Church (URC).

Name: Adrian Lloyd Signature:  Date: 5 April 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Fairford Leys L.E.P for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities

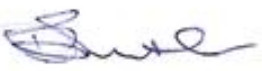
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Name: Debbie Smith Signature:  Date: 5 April 2025

CURRENT ACCOUNT RECIEPTS

Name	Details	2023	2024
	Standing Order	16,643.05	16,627.00
	Easyfundraising	224.19	168.66
	Donation Box	1,830.15	968.70
	Parish Giving Scheme	4,293.56	4,672.20
	Card Reader	676.45	635.13
	Cheques	476.93	0.00
	Gift Aid	6,340.34	6,024.42
	URC Drawdown	3,000.00	6,000.00
	Total	33,484.67	35,096.11
Property	Disraeli Square Rent	6,500.00	12,500.00
	Woodmans Croft Rent	9,943.08	9,891.84
	Church Buildings Lettings	17,486.75	16,577.00
	Solar Panels	2,270.69	2,302.55
	Total	36,200.52	41,271.39
Donations	Donations for Storehouse	427.00	585.00
	Other Donations	0.00	1,411.05
	Total	427.00	1,996.05
Other	Minister Refunds	1,080.00	1,080.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	0.00	829.00
	Lunch Club	0.00	0.00
	Books	104.26	0.00
	Youth Work	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	316.43	3,478.00
	Total	743.44	5,387.00
Total Receipts		**71,612.89**	**83,750.55**

CURRENT ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Payee	Details	2023	2024
Ministry	URC M&M Fund	18,465.00	18,465.00
	Ministers Travel Expenses (including Car Allow)	1,380.60	1,380.60
	Ministers Phone / Internet	1,111.61	1,183.56
	Ministers Books / Courses	120.00	300.00
	Youth Work	867.45	1,904.82
	Hospitality	0.00	755.62
	Older People	0.00	0.00
	Lunch Club	0.00	0.00
	Total	21,944.66	23,989.60
Admin	Photocopier	1,252.33	0.00
	Stationary/Printing	0.00	76.86
	Copyright	214.00	229.00
	TV Licence	0.00	238.50
	Treasurer Expenses	179.22	0.00
	Office Equipment	291.52	63.23
	Bank Charges	126.22	112.85
	Digital Costs	327.00	3,791.92
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	0.00	978.94
	Total	2,390.29	5,165.07
Property	Farmhouse Council Tax	3,179.00	3,337.31
	Farmhouse Oil	2,507.02	1,069.87
	Farmhouse Electricity	2,919.07	2,988.12
	Farmhouse Water	424.00	505.00
	Farmhouse Rent	5,076.00	5,076.00
	Farmhouse Maintenance/Garden	0.00	538.34
	Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	604.87	673.00
	Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	628.25	0.00
	Church Insurance	3,677.36	4,942.49
	Church Gas	2,831.51	5,588.13
	Church Electricity	1,748.97	1,033.75
	Church Water	692.12	5,299.74
	Church Phone	977.35	726.27
	Church Repairs, Maintenance & Security	5,826.08	2,485.43
	Church Furniture	0.00	0.00
	Church Garden	0.00	0.00
	Church Security	360.00	360.00
	Church Cleaning	4,999.45	6,938.78
	Village Square Fees	1,311.74	1,289.70
	Total	37,762.79	42,852.72

Other	Catering	919.17	0.00
	Communion Wine & Candles	125.99	70.75
	Books	443.81	0.00
	Church Flowers	192.66	300.67
	Miscellaneous	625.00	218.00
	Total	2,306.68	589.42
Donations	Storehouse/Water Aid	1,124.00	969.00
	M&M Anglican	1,950.00	2,000.00
	M&M Methodist	1,950.00	2,000.00
	Other Donations	0.00	0.00
	Total	5,024.00	4,696.00

Total Payments		**69,803.37**	**77,891.25**

CURRENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Balance Brought forward 1 January 2024	6,823.84	8,683.36
Total Receipts 2024	71,612.89	83,750.55
Total	**76,436.73**	**92,433.91**

Expenditure in 2024	69,803.37	77,891.24
Bank Account Balance 31 December 2024	8,633.36	14,542.66
Total	**76,436.73**	**92,433.91**

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY URC

Payee	**31/12/2023**	**31/12/2024**
Current Account	84,856.45	90,724.31
Withdrawals	3,000.00	6,000.00
Total	81,856.45	84,724.31
Investment Account	170,537.51	175,217.31
Balance carried forward	**252,393.96**	**253,941.62**

TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Accounting policies**
   The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 144 (2), receipts and payments to small charities. They follow the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP) 2005 and the guidance notes as issued by the United Reformed Church, November 2006.

2. **Church Assets - approximate total £1,034,433**

20 Woodmans Croft, Fairford Leys	£340,000 (approx. valuation)
3 Disraeli Square, Fairford Leys	£420,000 (approx. valuation)
URC held funds	£259,900 as at 31/12/2024
Lloyds Bank Current Account	£14,553

   - Property values are estimations only based on Zoopla valuations.
   - URC funds are subject to investment performance fluctuations which can go up and down are not guaranteed

3. **Church Giving - total £29,096.11**

Standing Order	£16,627.00
Parish Giving Scheme	£4,672.20
Donation Box	£968.70
Easyfundraising	£168.66
Card Reader	£635.13
Gift Aid	£6024.42

   Gift Aid is from the annual Gift Aid from donations made in financial year 2023/2004 from donations made direct to Church or collected via the Parish Giving Scheme.

4. **URC Drawdown - total £6,000**
   The Church Council has taken the decision to drawdown the income element of our URC centrally held funds to bridge the gap between income and expenditure. The plan was to drawdown £3,000 from Quarter 3 of 2023 and quarterly throughout 2024. However, this source of income will cease by the end of Quarter 1 of 2025, as the income element of the investments is likely to be exhausted. However, this plan changed at end of Quarter 2 in 2024 as it was not actually needed.

5. **Property Income - total £41,271.39**

Woodmans Croft Rent	£9,891.84
Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	(£673.00)
Disraeli Square Rent	£12,500.00
Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	(£0.00)
Solar Panels	£2,302.55
Church Lettings	£16,577.00
Church Maintenance, Fees, Security & Insurance	(2,485.43)

   Our premises are hired to various health and wellbeing groups serving the local community, several music groups and choirs and our community choir. We also support the AA Group to provide a Friday safe space on their Aylesbury circuit.

6. **Farmhouse Utility Bills and Rent Costs – total £12,976.30**

Farmhouse Rent	£5,076.00
Farmhouse Utility Bills	£7,900.30
Farmhouse Maintenance	£0.00
Ministers Refund	(£1,080.00)

7. **Church Utility Bills, Maintenance - total £27,374.59**

Church Gas	£5,588.13
Church Electric	£1,033.75
Church Insurance	£4,942.49
Church Cleaning	£6,938.78
Church Maintenance	£2,485.43
Church Broadband/phone	£726.27
Church Security	£360.00
Church Water	£5,299.74
Church Insurance claim re Water Leak/High Water Bill	(£3,045.00)

8. **Donations to Outside Causes - total £969.00**

Storehouse	£384.00
WaterAid	585.00

9. **M&M Donations - total £22,465**

Donations made as part of our Ecumenical Partnership were as follows:

URC	£18,465.00
Anglican Church	£2,000.00
Methodist Church	£2,000.00

The Church Council agreed not to increase the donations to the both the Anglican and Methodist Church to stabilise our own Church finances and will look to restore MM obligations in 2025.

10. **Signatories**

Church Bank Account - Adrian Lloyd, Alan Lambourne and Roy Rogers.
Cheques - all cheques written by the Treasurer and counter signed by second signatory.
Online payments – all payments made by the Treasurer and authorised online by a second approver.
Debit Card – The Treasurer is authorised by the Church Council to use the Church Debit Card for when payments cannot be made by the above payment methods

11. **Debtors** – N/A

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AND DECLARATION 2024

Church Finances have remained stable in 2024 despite the Cost of Living and Energy Crisis. This is mainly due to the generosity of Church members, rental income from our two properties and increases in demand for Church Lettings.

The challenge to the Church Council is to think about our continued commitment to Church Giving. Overall there is a continual decline in Church Giving over recent years. We also need to consider if we continue our full commitment to MM donations.

That being said we are truly a financially fruitful Church where reserves are available for the benefit of the Church family and the Church community. We have focused on general maintenance costs this year following the recent Quinquennial Review and building survey including staining exterior windows and the ceremonial doors. We have also changed our Fire Safety compliance company and renewed all fire safety equipment where required.

We have had several successful musical concerts at Church over the year and have received interest in more events going forward. This is due to the desired acoustic space the main Church offers and the availability of a grand piano.

Thank you all for your continued financial support throughout these unprecedented times. I would also like to thank Alan Lambourne and Deborah Smith for their assistance with Church finances.

Adrian Lloyd, Church Treasurer, 5 April 2025



StPA ACCOUNTS 2024

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Receipts

	2023 £	Code		£	2024 £	Restricted £
	35,086.00	101	Covenants and Gift Aid	34,173.00		
	8,057.89	102	Income tax recovered	8,828.05		
	0.00	103	Uncovenanted giving	1,740.00		
	378.38	104	Loose collections	385.93	45,126.98	
		100R	Restricted Income			
R	387.50		Special Projects			7,106.00
R			Building Project			120.00
	200.00	105	Donations		0.00	
		201	Grants & Legacies (part restricted)			
R	8,500.00		Mid Bucks. Assoc. : Building	0.00		
R	4,838.60		Mid Bucks. Assoc. : Garden	0.00		
	0.00		Legacies	100.00		
R	3,250.00		Mid Bucks. Assoc. : Wes salary	3,413.80		
R	0.00		Bucks nCouncil meals project	3,500.00		
R	0.00		Thomas Hickman security cameras	1,000.00		
	0.00		Aylesbury Deanery	5,000.00		
R	74.90		Aylesbury Food Bank	0.00	13,013.80	
		203	Fund Raising			
	0.00		Misc. Sales of Items			
	79.63		Bank Interest	216.20		
	2,439.48	402	Hall letting	1,291.00		
	1,309.00		Statutory Fees	1,772.00	3,279.20	
	64,601.38		Total Receipts to December 31st 2024		**68,645.98**	

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Payments

2023 £	Code		£	,2024 £	Restricted £
13,272.93	2001	Diocesan Parish share	17,519.04		
2,250.00		Mission Partnerships	2,026.00		
953.60		Outreach Activities	872.97		
214.63		Revelation Wellness	317.86		
78.48		Pastoral Care	37.19		
324.04		Youth & Children	782.63		
0.00		Gro outdoors	318.85		
0.00		Play & Gro	250.94		
0.98		Brownies/Cubs	6.00		
254.70		Other Ministry Related expenses	566.99		
245.65		Discretionary Poverty Fund	58.80		
1,190.00		Diocesan Fees/Costs	1,036.00		
1,213.87	2004	Clergy & Staff Exp.:travel	1,418.75		
355.82	2002	Clergy & Staff Exp.:other	172.97	25,384.99	
	2005	Church Running Expenses			
1,083.99		Insurance	1,110.34		
6,797.15		Heating/Lighting	2,929.54		
44.39		PA system/Lighting/AV	432.13	4,472.01	
	2006	Church Maintenance			
222.31		Minor Fabric repairs	935.05		
543.18		Maintenance Contracts	476.83	1,411.88	
	2007	Upkeep of services			
717.83		Copyright licence/Subscriptions	941.98		
2,720.15		Miscellaneous	2,922.53	3,864.51	
32,483.70		c/f		35,133.39	0.00
				£	£
32,483.70		b/f		35,133.39	0.00
	2010	Hall running costs			
393.79		Water	398.18		
3,770.08		Lay Worker-Community Café	3,841.36		
1,323.03		Cleaner & Cleaning Materials	1,521.73	5,761.27	
		Major Works			
2,721.34		Community Garden Project/Facilitator	4,389.84		
2,260.04		Planned ongoing Bldng. & Devlpmnt. Costs	8,763.39	13,153.23	
	4000	Church administration			
586.58		Office Administration Costs	380.76		
1,219.72		Office Telephone/Internet	1,250.50		
766.54		Communications	776.53		
160.00		PCC/Staff Training/Conferences/Retreats	92.60		
7,756.32		Administrator	8,719.56		
392.16		Office Furniture/Items	163.95		
0.00		Petty cash	34.74		
387.97		Special Projects	309.95		
10.35		Bank Charges	6.47	11,735.06	
				65,782.95	0.00
54,231.62		Total payments to 31st December 2024		**65,782.95**	

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Note to Accounts.

Bank balances reconciliation	£	£
Opening balances as @ 1.1.2024		
Main Account	35,208.33	
Building/development Account	7,147.66	
Reserve Account	8,061.86	
Other	757.80	51,175.65
Add: 2024 total receipts	68,645.98	
Less: 2024 total payments	65,782.95	2,863.03
Closing Balace		**54,038.68**
Represented by:		
Closing Balances as @ 31.12 2024		
Main Account	40,463.36	
Building/development Account	4,714.60	
Reserve Account	8,157.88	
Other	702.84	**54,038.68**

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the above accounts and, in my opinion, they represent a true and fair view of the income received and expenditure incurred by St. Peter's Church, Quarrendon, Aylesbury for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

P.F.Phillips FCMA/CGMA

A signed copy of these accounts is available on request.

To the Church Wardens of St Mary the Virgin Church Council.

Examiner's Report

This report is regarding the Financial Statements for yearend 31st December 2024, which are attached,

Responsibility of the Independent Examiner

The District Church Council (DCC) has agreed that that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to-

a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the relevant Acts,

b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Acts are followed,

and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the DCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

Examiners Statement

I am pleased to report that there are no major matters of concern that have been identified during this review and can confirm records comply with the 2011 Act. Therefore there are, in my opinion no matters which need to be raised from these Accounts.

Follow up Items

No follow up items.

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S. Marks, FMAAT. 22nd April 2025

File Ref St Mary Cert2024.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF AYLESBURY

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Accounts

ST MARY'S

AYLESBURY



Annual Report 2023

APCM 19th May 2024

The Parochial Church Council

St. Mary's PCC has responsibility for co-operation with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical Parish of Aylesbury the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Rector's Report

As I approach my 10th anniversary here at St Mary's, I am delighted to see God at work in many ways. Our Choir is growing; Children's Ministry is developing beautifully; Pastoral Care is spreading out in lovely directions.
We are blessed to be in the County Town, as the Parish and Civic Church. People are drawn to this magnificent structure. The fabric of the building is being tended to and restored. Keep watch over the coming months to see further works being undertaken.

Another exciting development: with the growth of Aylesbury and the development of St Peter's in Quarrendon, and the Church on Berryfields, things around here have developed too! For many years, our Parochial Church Council (PCC)has included St Mary's, Church on Fairford Leys, St Peter's and Church on Berryfields – all of us being Districts/District Church Councils (DCCs) within the Aylesbury PCC. At the direction of Archdeacon Guy Elsmore, St Mary's, and Church on Fairford Leys have become the new PCC!

Quarrendon and Berryfields are taking steps to becoming PCCs as well.

Do we have work to do? Yes – and that means drawing more and more faithfully, into the provision of God. I see servers, live stream operators, flower arrangers and fundraisers offering themselves. Readers and cooks, sides persons, singers and keepers of the books are all playing their part. Is there a part for you?
If you have gifts of time, talent and/or treasure, the work to be done in building the Kingdom of God here, as it is in Heaven, is truly rewarding! I look forward to building with you!

Doug+



Churchwardens Report

2023 was a busy year. We attended the Archdeacon's visitation at St Mary's Princes Risborough. We meet with Father Doug fortnightly after the Operations meeting.
We are looking forward to the development of more groups in 2024. New Horizons, the bereavement group and Messy Church for families.
We feel blessed to have the experience of Mike Sharp Churchwarden emeritus to draw on.

Lent 2023 started with soup and bread before a discussion session, the Harvest Supper and the Epiphany supper.

There have been a few changes with the DCC becoming a PCC. Pam Russell has retired from her role as PCC secretary, after many years of faithful service our grateful thanks go to her for her dedicated work. We are looking forward to meeting the challenges that being an autonomous PCC will bring.

Sue Newling and Donna Riley - Churchwardens

Fabric Report

St Mary's Church is listed in the Domesday Book:

> This manor lies with the (lands of) Aylesbury Church.

18 smallholders who pay 20s a year.
Total value £20; when acquired £12; before 1066 £18.
Bishop Wulfwy held this manor with the church before 1066.
From the eight hundreds which lie in the circuit of Aylesbury, each Freeman who has 1 hide or more pays one load of corn to this church. Furthermore from each Freeman 1 acre of corn or 4d was paid over to this church before 1066, but after the coming of King William it was not paid.

We've come a long way since then Documentary evidence suggests that St Mary's was the site of a late Saxon minster. There is also discussion of what it might mean for the Church to have an Aylesbury Minster again!

In 2023, a new Chancel Roof was installed, and stones were restored on the east face of the tower. Soon, the final corrections and inspections will be completed. Coming next, we will see the Boundary Wall along Parsons Fee, along with the Grade II Listed Gates and Piers on Church Street being restored to glory! Keep an eye on the Urns!

The PCC installed a Building Management System (BMS) which turns the heat on and off. The new thermostats keep the building at a set temperature – this is expected to reduce our heating expenses!

The Community Christmas Lunch has provided a top-quality oven and has upgraded the overall kitchen equipment and procedures in our kitchen that allow for catering to large groups. We are in discussion with a

chef who might enable us to use the building as a much more hospitable venue for events!

+ Doug





Right: 1949 Photo of the Pier Urn courtesy of Karl Vaughn

Treasurers Report

It was with great sadness that we lost our Treasurer, David Hunt, at the start of 2024. I worked with David for some years, and he was always a tremendous support for me. The PCC has asked that I write this short report on their behalf.

Our biggest challenge last year was dealing with the huge increase in our energy bills and the ensuing complaints against the Total Gas & Power company, which escalated all the way to the Ombudsman. As a result, we were unable to pay all of our Parish Share last year. We have

now changed supplier for a less expensive tariff, but our bills are still twice what they were in 2022.

On the plus side, higher interest rates generally did result in all of our investments making a gain this year.

David used to do the Gift Aid Claims, but due to his illness, no claims were made in the second half of the year. However, this has now been resolved and I thank Donna Riley for agreeing to learn the system and take this job on. I also need to thank Wendy Prestage for taking on the job of claiming VAT back for us under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme last year.

We received many wonderful donations from you last year and it is only through your generosity that we can keep the Church open as a place of worship and sanctuary.

Many thanks

Kim Hopping – Ops Manager

The Covenant Giving Co-Ordinator

Christian Giving Report

Giving is not just about money but being generous in all spheres of life. It involves offering hospitality, time, skills and resources in the service of others. This would not

just be done in church but at home, workplace and in the community notably in the Parish of Aylesbury.

Christian Giving at St Mary's has continued to grow over the past financial period with the congregation and persons who have an attachment to the church giving generously in different forms, in cash and in kind.

Reference is made here to the Financial Report Forms of Christian Giving.

Different forms of giving are available and come in the following forms:

The Parish Giving scheme.
Direct debits
Yellow Envelopes
White Gift aid Envelopes
Offerings Sunday plate
Offerings during other services
Lent, Harvest and Christmas Gift aid envelopes
Donations
The Church makes use of the Card Reader and cash drop in box.

Promoting Christian Giving:

The Christian Giving Coordinator has continued to promote Christian Giving at Str Marys by:

-Making available to the congregation, means of Christian Giving such as, Gift Aid Envelopes, Standing Orders/Parish Giving Forms.
-Speaking to the congregation on one-to-one basis about Christian Giving and giving assurance that Information regarding individual members is kept confidentially according to GDPR requirements.
Attending Finance Meetings and providing information on Christian Giving and about ways to promote it.
Providing members of the congregation with correct information about Christian giving, motivating people to continue to give generously throughout the year.

Thanks go to all who help to ensure that St Mary's continues to meet the daily expenses and financial obligations.

Herbert Madzorera - Christian Giving Co-ordinator

Parish Office Report

As I sit eating ice cream on a chilly May evening in 2024, the deadline to finish my report looming, I wonder how 2023 could already have been, and gone!

It was a busy year, with plenty of extra services, lots of baptisms, plenty of banns to be read, a few weddings and sadly quite a few funerals, including a couple of our own church family.

Kenton has been, as always, a joy to work with. He has

put in so much extra work with service booklets, while Fr Doug and I try to give him information well ahead of time to help with this. It makes all of our lives easier and has helped me to not have the last-minute rush at the busiest times, most of the time!

It has been good to see lots of new activities starting up, especially for families and children. The Christingle service was a fantastic success, the first one that has taken place in all my 21 years here. It's also great to see lots of new people stepping into roles and teams being built up.

Thank you to everyone who provides me with the information to go onto the service sheets and emailed notices. Big thanks to Sue and Donna for their hard work and support of us all, to everyone else who assists during the week and weekends and of course to Fr Doug, Rev Rainah and Rev Rob.

Karen Baker – Parish Administrator

Safeguarding Report

We are compliant with our Safeguarding duties in St Marys. Plans are to run some face-to-face foundation courses in St Marys in 2024.

Please Do Contact me if you have any safeguarding concerns, safeguarding@aylesburystmarys.church.

Sue Newling - Parish Safeguarding Officer

Baptisms Report

During 2023 we celebrated 20 baptisms (3 adults and 17 children) and look forward to continuing to support them in their journey with Jesus. We hope to welcome many more new children and their families into the family of God as they come forward for baptism.

Karen Baker - Parish Administrator

Choir Report

This year, the choir has been back and busy as ever! We have taken on new members and, once again, new challenges as the choir transforms itself. Our efforts have been fruitful, with our new initiatives successfully adding to our numbers.

As usual, the choir has been actively participating in numerous community events. We collaborated with esteemed organisations such as Bucks Fire and Rescue Service, the Town mayor, and even Ubiquitous Theatre. We are excited about our upcoming collaboration with Ubiquitous in fundraising efforts for the church. We were also honoured to be invited to perform at the Bucks County Museum and Taylor Wimpey Homes and to produce our services and evensongs throughout the year.

This Easter, we invited local musicians to play with us for the Hallelujah chorus and were lucky enough to have the town mayor visit us that morning, too. It was a lovely opportunity to show them what St Mary's offers, especially musically.

Over the last academic year, we had the pleasure of hosting a work placement for one of our choir members, Libby. Her dedication and hard work, contributing a few hours a week to help catalogue the library and ensure the smooth running of the choir, have been invaluable. Her goal to enhance our centralised database is a significant undertaking, and we are truly grateful for her efforts. Thank you, Libby, for your exceptional work!

The choir has risen to 19 permanently enrolled members this year as we experience a steady rise. We are thankful for those returning to sing with us during festival times and those currently trying out. At Easter this year, our choir was 20 strong, which we love to see! I would also like to celebrate a member's achievements, namely John Law (Bass singer), for celebrating 30 years of continued choir membership! We celebrated this on Easter day with an RSCM-recognised award and medal for Loyalty and appreciate his commitment over the years!

This year, we said a sad final goodbye to David Hunt, a loyal choir member whose tenor voice we still miss. The choir was pleased to be a part of his funeral service and wished his family well. We will never forget His gentle support of the choir.

Our goals for the coming year are to continue building membership and investigate ways to support newer members with their learning. As a choir, we work very fast, and taking on the challenge of learning an anthem each week is rare in almost every other context. So, finding ways to encourage new members without feeling overwhelmed is a challenge we wish to tackle. In recent months, there has been a feeling that the choir is nothing but the furniture in St Mary's, which is a blessing that we have been able to make the choir such a fixture here. Still, to move forward, we must tackle the challenge of making the choir feel valued by the congregation and visitors.

Thanks as ever to all who have supported the choir in its ministry, including, but not limited to, Chris Beattie, Fr Doug, Karen, Sue, Catherine, Charles, Mike, Kim Shankar, and Wendy. The choir and I thank you for your support and help so we can do what we do. Please know that your support means so much to us all.

Kenton Brigden

Sunday School Annual Report

With extra people becoming leaders, Sunday School changed in 2024 four of the five Sundays a month and the name changed to Junior Worship.. Children between the ages of two and thirteen attended, the children below four accompanied by a parent or guardian. The average

weekly attendance was six to eight children. Signing in and out by parents ran smoothly. New children joined and parents completed a personal details form which included information on allergies and conditions.

The content corresponded to the Sunday's gospel reading with an emphasis on discussion to link it to the children's experience. Crafts and practical activities included making grape vines and grape tasting (John 15:18) and exploring the gospel reading via games, song, prayer or exploring outdoors. Activities were adaptable for the children according to their individual needs. The children also took part in Stir Up Sunday, making Christmas puddings for the Church's Christmas dinner event.

Children were encouraged and enabled to present and share their Sunday School creations and knowledge with the rest of the congregation. They enjoyed this and often asked to take part. They also made their own prayers and re-enacted Bible events. There was an Easter Egg hunt, and the children took up baskets of donations for Harvest Festival.

The Nativity, a success with full attendance, followed the usual format which did not require character speech, just narrators. This allowed any children who came on the afternoon of Christmas Eve to join in easily. As is custom, outfits were provided by the church or children had the option to come ready in costume. Carols were interspersed to help tell the story. Most families who attended this event annually came, alongside new families

and the regular congregation. Children received personalised certificates signed by Father Doug at the end as a thank you for contributing.

Sunday school has changed the name to Junior Worship

Nicolette Rushmere, Jeremy Sampson, Katy Roberts & Ellanor Mott

St Mary's Bloomers

2023 was a busy year for the Bloomers with the usual weekly arrangements, and special displays plus one wedding.

At Easter as usual we offered people the opportunity to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one. This helped to provide the Easter displays which seem to be appreciated by everyone. To all who contributed a big thank you.

In May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a special Flower Festival. This was only made possible by the generous sponsorship of local businesses and organisations and of course donations from St Mary's congregation.

As our contribution to the Heritage Day in early September the Bloomers did some demonstrations which were much appreciated by our visitors, who showed a keen interest and asked lots of questions about the flowers and arrangements. The harvest festival

displays also took place In September and as usual we were grateful for all who supplied vegetables and props for the displays. Some of the contributions went towards making jars of chutney which were sold at the Autumn Fair and all the proceeds went towards St Mary's.

In November the Church was once again decorated for Remembrance Day with various handmade poppies courtesy of the Needlecraft Group.

The Bloomers were asked to help run a fund-raising event in December in aid of the Christmas Lunch, by holding a Christmas wreath making class at St Mary's. Over 20 people attended, and we have been asked to repeat this event in 2024. We also made Christmas wreaths, on request, for Members of the Congregation which together with the sponsor a rose opportunity, helped to pay for the Christmas flowers.

The Bloomers had several 'days out' to visit garden centres and flower wholesalers, enjoying lunch on the way, and making plans for future events.

I would like to thank my fellow Bloomers – Donna, Margaret, Andrea, Kim and Joy for their unstinting dedication in giving their skills, time and money to make sure there are always flowers in the Church. Our thanks also to the members of our own congregation for all those generous donations towards the Easter Lilies, the Coronation, Harvest and Christmas arrangements - it is only with your support that we can make sure that there

are always flowers in Church to be enjoyed by the congregation and visitors alike.

Bev Russell

Kitchen Development Team Report

The kitchen at St Mary's has now been upgraded with new stainless-steel equipment, fridge, freezer and cooker. The upgrade and the purchase of new equipment will benefit all the users of the kitchen. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Community Christmas Lunch who funded these improvements.

Donna Riley

The Free Community Christmas Lunch Report held at St Marys Aylesbury December 25th 2023

Preparation and leading up to Christmas Day…

A lot of preparation and planning goes into making the Community Christmas lunch a success and much of that starts in September. Fund raising is one area that is done throughout the year with sponsored walks and other events but in the months leading up to December the effort increases as further money is needed to be raised to cover the cost of food and other items. Luckily, we are very well supported by local businesses and

individuals and the money is normally found to cover these costs.

The lunch was once again held in St Mary's Church and this year the big challenge was to cook all of the food on-site in the newly refurbished kitchens. 62 volunteers were recruited and a number of us met on the 23rd December to wrap up 120 presents and do as much prep work as we could. In the kitchens the 50 kg of veg was peeled and sliced and a Cordon Bleu chef was on hand to start the cooking. High quality turkey had been provided by Starveall Turkeys of Upton and this was pre-cooked before the day ready to be steamed on Christmas Day. So all was set for the 25th!

Christmas Day 25th December 2023!

On Christmas day the doors opened at 11.15 and the Church was quickly transformed into a large full-service restaurant. It is an open-door event, and we have no idea how many people will turn up but shortly after opening lots of guests started arriving on foot and by mini bus (kindly arranged and run by TWK Transport services). Christmas Entertainment provided by an amazing Ukulele band and a local Ladies Choir soon got us all in the festive mood and in addition to the food and entertainment free haircuts and nail painting was available and was much appreciated. In all 132 guests were served a three course Christmas meal – numbers were 20% higher than last year and a record for this event. All were accommodated including those that wanted seconds and any remaining food was distributed in take away boxes.

Apart from the meal the guests really appreciated the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with others instead of spending the day on their own.

After the meal Father Christmas gave everyone a gift and guests were entered into a free raffle. At the end of the event all were invited to take a carrier bag and help themselves to any goods that they wanted from our 'free shop' which was filled with donated goods to help them over the holiday period. Everyone went away happy, and the Chef and his helpers had done an amazing job in producing such a great meal for everyone to enjoy. Our team of volunteers then put the Church back to how it was before, and we all departed to enjoy the rest of the day.

We would like to thank our amazing group of volunteers that made the whole event possible, and we would like to give particular thanks to our sponsors that gave generous donations which allowed us to offer the whole day free of charge to anyone who turned up.

If you would like to volunteer or sponsor the event in 2024 then please take a look at our website www.freechristmasdinner.com

We will post volunteer meetings on the site from September onwards.

Kim & Paul Walter

St. Mary's Altar Servers Report



Since I last wrote my annual report in February 2023, a lot has happened with our Serving team. Firstly, some incredibly good news: during the year, we have gained 11 [yes, eleven] new Servers [Praise God]! This according to my records is the largest growth in a single year since 2007 [and surpasses that year by one]. We are pleased too, that we have two new young people serving with us: Alex Chikanya and Nathan Mathee. We are sorry that Lesley Divers and Donna Riley are currently unable to Serve or Administer, but we look forward to welcoming them back [just as we have Tony Divers] when they recover from their operations. So, whereas there were 15 names on our Rota in February 2023, on our current rota, there are 24 names. This means we are better able to share out the duties, and [in theory] have more people available to serve each Sunday. We have also, during the year, welcomed four new people to Administer the Sacrament: [Neil Esslemont, Herbert Madzorera, Beauty Mlizani and Chris Parkinson] all of whom have been approved by the PCC.

It has been a great blessing that with all these new people there have been enough servers albs to go round. This has been helped by some servers, generously purchasing their own, for which St Mary's is very grateful.

Our full list now comprises of John Bush*, Shirley Bush*, Norah and Tadiwanashe Chawarika, Alex Chikanya, Humphrey and Lucia Chitsike, Lesley Divers*, Tony

Divers*, Neil Esslemont*, Joy, Nyasha and Taffy Gombera, Herbert Madzorera*, Nathan Mathee, Beauty Mlizani*, Sophia Murove, Joe O'Neill, Chris Parkinson*, Donna Riley*, Katy Roberts, Bev Russell*, Pam Russell*, Shankar*, Mike Sharp*, and Kim Walter* [*denotes those with permission to administer the sacraments].
Serving brings new friendships, new skills and insights into the Christian faith, as well as the ability to trust others and work as a team to the glory of God. People join us for different reasons and at different times of their faith journey. I hope this service will bless and encourage them on their way.

I feel incredibly grateful to Donna Riley and my wife Shirley for assisting me in the training of new servers, and to all our servers and administerers of the sacrament, for the time, dedication and devotion, they give.

John Bush

Fundraising Team Report

Team organise social events e.g., quiz night and activities e.g. Smarties at Lent & raffles to enhance St Mary's budget so that alongside your giving, bills can be paid and the mission work of this church can continue. 2023 was particularly difficult year with high inflation and the rising cost of living. Despite this the congregation supported our events, some more successfully than others and about £3000 was raised.

In September we organised a Church Open Day where all aspects of the church were put on display and celebrated. It was a great day, shame it wasn't too well attended.

The Team is small, always looking to expand and heavily rely on volunteers who support by serving, baking, crafting, donating etc. New team members and volunteers are always welcome.

Jo Hodgson

St Mary's Aylesbury ZMU Report

The Zimbabwe Mothers' Union (UK) continues to thrive at St Mary Church, thanks to the warm atmosphere that prevails at this Church. This is evidenced by the increase in members' participation in Church activities, for example singing in the service every first Sunday of the month, nourishing the congregation spiritually; serving in the sanctuary, reading Scripture during the main services as well as leading Church intercessions. The numbers vary from Sunday to Sunday, but their presence is clearly visible. Every third Sunday of the Month the members travel to St Mary's Church in Luton where they join other members from the surrounding areas, in the Eucharist celebrated in Shona. This also offers members time to catch up, social networking and supporting each other. Members continue to support each other in times of happiness and sorrow in the community in their cultural way.

Group members participate in the Zimbabwe National Anglican Fellowship (ZINAFE) activities that run throughout the Christian calendar, namely Lady Day (The Annunciation), Easter, Pentecost, Bernard Mzeki Festival and ZMU Annual Conference. This keeps the group richly nourished spiritually. It was lovely and a great honour for the ZMU local group to host the Lady Day celebrations this year in Aylesbury, at the Fairford Leys Church with the support of St Mary's Church. The event was very successful with an attendance of nearly 300 people. We hope and pray that the group continues to grow in numbers as the number has remained static for a couple of years.

Revd Rainah Madzorera

Deanery Synod Report

There were 3 meetings of Deanery Synod during 2023: March (St Mary's Centre, Haddenham) / June (All Sants, Brill) / November (Holy Trinity, Aylesbury). At these meetings a variety of issues were presented / discussed. These included:

- A presentation given by Kaye Bradbury on her work as an 'Anna Chaplain' in the Lenborough Benefice.
- A presentation given by James Wood (Discipleship Enabler for Buckinghamshire and School's Mission Advisor). The subject of his presentation was what the church nationally and the Diocese locally are

doing to make children and families the centre of church activities.

- A presentation given by Hannah Mann entitled an 'Eco Friendly Life'. She outlined a number of ways that parishes could reduce their environmental impact / contribute to the Diocesan goal of achieving 'net zero' by 2035 / save money by saving energy.
- Updates were also given on: Rural Affairs / the reorganisation of parish structures in north Aylesbury / Parish Share / Deanery Finance / NARNIA / Parish Vacancies.

Revd David Williams stepped down Co-Area Dean at Easter 2023. The Revd Johnathan Hawkins continued as Co-Area Dean and he has been joined by the Revd Tim Harper. Synod were also reminded that 2023 was to be Ann Beaton's last year as Deanery Secretary (she was presented with a gift at the November Synod to say thank you for her many years of service).

Further meetings of the Deanery Synod are planned for 2024 in March, June and November.

Jeremy Sampson, Deanery Synod Representative

Bellringers Report

May 3rd ODG Ringers Open Day - Visitors from the Oxford area.

May 7th QP for HRH King Charles' Coronation.

July 22nd Wedding at St Mary's.

September 9th Heritage Day - 40+ visitors to the ringing chamber.

October 21st Orchard Cup Cheddington - 2 teams entered. Finished 3rd and 7th of 10 teams.

October 21st Two new members elected, Tabitha Goffey and Ben Mroz.

December 5th Ringer's Christmas Dinner.

Grant Edney – Bell Tower Captain

St Mary's Weekday Welcomers Report

I think we would all like to say a big thank you to our small, but dedicated, team of weekday welcomers. They ensure that the church doors remain open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12pm. This allows people a place for private prayer and sanctuary with a friendly welcome and information for visitors from farther afield.

If you feel able to give one morning a week to help, please contact me in the parish office t: 01296 437641
e: administrator@aylesburystmarys.church

Karen Baker - Parish Administrator

Friends of St Mary's
Aylesbury Lunchtime Music Report

2023 was the 42nd year of Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's with a full programme of 44 concerts featuring a range of music and musicians including soloists and ensembles. We continue to have a break in August and December.

The year got off to a brilliant start with a selection of songs for the Epiphany from the Aylesbury Consort of Voices, a local a cappella group. The concert series included recitals from students at The Royal Academy of Music as well as returning favourites. Another highlight of the year was from Nigel Blomiley and friends who played Haydn's Seven Last Words narrated by Father Doug on Maundy Thursday.

The concert series presents a varied programme of solo pianists, duos and trios featuring different instrument combinations, quartets and the occasional quintet. Gwenllian Llyr, a Welsh harpist returned. Aylesbury Opera group have a regular slot and bring a range of arias from opera.

Local musicians, Anna le Hair and Arwen Newband are regular favourites as are Nicky Tait and her quartet or trio. Other young pianists included Leeds International semi-finalist, Yuzhang Li, Milda Daunoraite, and Spencer Klymyshyn. We are lucky to have local musicians including Neil Crossland and Anna who are willing to

stand in when there are unexpected cancellations. Unfortunately, we had to cancel one concert at very short notice as one of the musicians had Covid. This was the only time.

Audience numbers continued to pick-up following COVID. The best attended concert was on 9 November, with a performance by a Ukrainian duo studying at the Royal Academy of Music: Double Cup Duo, an unusual combination of flute and guitar.

	Max	Min	Average
Season 1	67	50	60
Season 2	65	36	52
Season 3	70	33	52
2023	**70**	**33**	**54**

Donations made on top of the usual entry fee of £7, totalled around £3,000. This included a very generous donation of £1,000. This enabled us to put on more duos, trios, and quartets. In order to break-even, given the costs involved in holding the concerts (ie musician fees, donation to church, printing etc), we require audience numbers of 38 for a solo, 56 for a duo, 74 for a trio, and 91 for a quartet. Over the course of 2023, we averaged 2.3 musicians per concert (the largest groups being a sextet for the Maundy Thursday concert and the Consort of Voices for the Epiphany).

During the year, donations to the Church totalled £5,160 as we held 43 concerts, and there was also a special fundraising concert held on 22 April 2023 specifically for the Reredos organised by Janet Frost.

The admission price has been held at £7, free for carers or under 18s. Musicians often comment on the attentiveness and welcoming audience. Musicians are paid a set performance fee of £100 with up to £25 towards travel expenses. Over the year the concerts ended with a small surplus of £1,607. Janet Frost continued to manage the finances and procured a card reader account for the concerts with SumUp for contactless payments rather than use the Church's card reader.

The website and Facebook pages and regular email updates continue to publicise the concerts.

We are grateful to Fr Doug, Church administrators, Charles Boot, Trevor Dawe and Caroline Turner for help with the website and programmes, printed for us by Blue Pepper.

Jane Turner

The Julian Meetings Report

The Julian Meetings have taken place regularly throughout the year, meeting every second Wednesday of the month at 2.pm, and we have enjoyed the contemplation each month in St Mary's peaceful chapel.

Our numbers have remained constant, and we have welcomed a new member who joins us each month. As always, we share the readings and music between us on different months which brings a freshness to each meeting. I am very grateful for the opportunity to meet in our lovely church and hope our group may continue to seek God's silent, but powerful presence for as long as possible. As I say in the magazine each month …everyone is welcome and, although silence is not comfortable for some people which I understand, it can be a very healing, calming time in a frantic world!

Heather Cotman

Sides-people Report

I was elected as Senior Sides-person at the AGM in 2021and since then have the pleasure of getting to know the sides-people who have been doing this at St Mary's for a number of years and learn from their previous experience.

This last year has been as busy as usual but with some additional services with large congregations. In May 2023 there was a service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd. In November there was a service to celebrate the life of a well-known local lady who had come to Great Britain with the Windrush immigrants. People came from far and wide and there were over 250 people! There were also services to remember Graham

Aylett and David Hunt. Both very special to our congregation.

Helen Mitman and Jenny Parkinson have slotted into the positions very well, but it would be good if we could expand the team. If you would like to join us, please talk to me and I will let you know what our duties are.

Thank you to all the team, from me and the congregation of St Mary's. I think we all agree that is a privilege to welcome people to the Services and particularly to help put new-comers at their ease in a building new to them and to our "St Mary's ways".

May I ask that the following be elected as Sides-people: Terry Bloxham, Heather Cotman, James Gray, Mary Hunt, Christine Jennings, Helen Mitman, Sue Newling, Margaret Nyambo, Jenny Parkinson, Wendy Prestage, Janet Sampson, Jeremy Sampson and Brigid Sargent.

Wendy Prestage - Senior Sides-person

SPACE (Aylesbury) Report

Space (Aylesbury) was started 27 years ago by a small group of people from the congregation of St. Mary's Church with a Sunday afternoon drop-in, which continues today. From this it has grown to provide regular group and one to one services throughout the week meeting some of the need within our church & wider community. Thank you to those & St. Mary's that

had the original vision & those from the church that continue to support our charity.

Our current services include:

- Sunday drop-in at St. Mary's
- Tuesday & Friday drop-ins at St. Mary's
- Art group (Mondays) at St. Mary's
- Walking group (Mondays) starting from St. Mary's
- Mindfulness Colouring Group (Wednesdays) at Queen's Park Arts Centre
- Drop-in on Southcourt (Thursdays)
- Monthly self-help webinars (Saturdays)
- 20 hours a week of affordable one-to-one counselling (in person & online)
- Opportunities to volunteer and (re)gain skills

Our aim is to provide support & care to adults in Aylesbury Vale who are going through difficult times. This is achieved by providing a range of group and one-to-one activities in a community setting that promote positive mental health.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to help us within our groups. If you interested do get in touch.

On a personal note, I leave the charity on 31 May. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity & privilege to have walked alongside some of our vulnerable friends and share in their journeys. In addition, can I express deep thanks to St. Mary's Church for allowing us to be in your beautiful building - & also to the staff of St. Mary's for your support as we've worked together.

Claire Paine (the new Manager) is already in post. I'm confident that she & the rest of the Space Team will take the Project forward well. Do get to know her & give her the same support you have given me.

Kate Lawton
Project Manager, Space (Aylesbury)

Needlecraft Group Report

During 2023 the Needlecraft Group continued to meet on the second Saturday of every month. At Easter 2023 the 14 kneelers were, after many years and the work of many people, finally dedicated. An additional kneeler was commissioned and donated and as you read this report this is being completed and will soon join the others in the Chapter House.

Poppy manufacture again went into production in the autumn working with the Bloomers to help with their displays for Remembrance Day. However, a query was raised about whether we were breaking the rules by dividing in income between St Mary's and the Royal British Legion. This had been checked when we originally began to produce and sell the poppies and it was established that this was perfectly acceptable. While we checked that the rules had not been changed (they had not) the poppies were removed from sale, so only £30 was raised (£15 St Mary's/RBL).

The small display at the Heritage Day produced some unexpected sales (it was not a selling event) including a renewed interest in the knitted Nativities and the pre-order of three nativity sets and a further commission for Christmas 2024.

Christmas saw a small display of Christmas tree decorations to complement the display of snowmen produced by a group of Yarn Bombers.

On the whole members of the group have been concentrating on their own projects rather than church projects, but this in itself has brought financial benefits to St Mary's with the sale of Easter chicks, cushions, bags, soft toys and Christmas tree decorations, which were on sale at the various events and the spring and autumn craft fairs. Everyone gave freely of their skills, time and materials and every penny went towards raising much needed funds for St Mary's. Thank you all – and to the people who appreciated the efforts by buying the items.

For the future work on repairing some of the church linen etc is planned, and there are still hopes of cleaning and restoring the 'old' kneelers, banners and to replacing some of the cushions, and work on personal projects will continue.

Numbers attending have increased and everyone is welcomed to join us, whatever your personal preference of crochet, knitting or sewing, those who already have skills and those who would like to learn more. If you are interested in joining us please do make contact.

Pam Russell

Readers and Intercessors Report

Our worship is enhanced by the variety of readers and intercessors. They have read at some memorable services, the service of nine lessons and carols, the Easter Vigil and the Palm Sunday dramatic gospel was wonderful this year.

We have had two sessions about interceding with Mother Rainah.

If there are any other members of our community who would like to partake in worship by reading or interceding please contact me.

Sue Newling

Good News Breakfast Report

'Good News Breakfast' has continued to grow in numbers over the past year. We switched from every week to the last Saturday in the month and this seems to work well.

Recently we have been very grateful of some more help during and after the breakfast, to help serve, tidy away and wash up. A big thank you.

The breakfast relies on donations to cover the bill for bought goods and the amount each week varies

considerably. Left over cakes etc are saved for the refreshments after the Sunday service.

Catherine Mannion

‘New Horizons’ Bereavement Group Report

‘New horizons’ started at the beginning of 2024. We meet in the chapterhouse every third Wednesday morning 10am-12pm. It was felt that there was a pastoral need to support those who feel isolated through bereavement. The group is there to provide refreshment with tea, coffee, cake, and chat. Conversation with empathy and understanding with those who are facing similar difficulties. At present there are 5 regular attenders. We do not widely advertise the group although it is on St Mary’s Facebook page. All are welcome.

Catherine Mannion

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Financial Statements
Of St Mary's District Church Council
(now known as St Mary's Parochial Church Council)

Year ending 31/12/23

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2023

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005 & 2008), using Financial Coordinator Software designed specifically for this purpose.

Accounting Policies
Funds
Unrestricted funds are general funds available for the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the DCC/PCC for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given, within the objectives of the PCC.

Endowment funds are restricted funds, which are held permanently, and the capital maintained while the income is restricted.

Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the church becomes legally entitled to the income.

Collections are recognized when received by, or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving is recognized only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is accounted for when the tax refund is claimed.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Endowment and Income Funds held at CCLA are held in the name of 'Aylesbury St Mary Rector and Churchwardens' and include the following funds listed in these Accounts
Income Funds – Dixey Bequest, Woodward Bequest, PCC1, Millennium Appeal
Endowment Funds – Bequests, Dixey Investment, Grinnell Bequest, Roscoe, Tuffney Bequest

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	62,347.23	30.00	—	62,377.23	76,527.92
Activities for generating funds	29,011.95	—	—	29,011.95	23,001.09
Investment income	2,457.60	20,758.15	—	23,215.75	63,367.06
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3,577.96	—	—	3,577.96	7,630.60
Other incoming resources	40,992.44	18,369.83	—	59,362.27	25,353.08
Total income	**138,387.18**	**39,157.98**	**—**	**177,545.16**	**195,879.75**
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	3,774.25	—	—	3,774.25	36.00
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	8,425.49	—	—	8,425.49	3,607.37
Investment management costs	381.77	—	—	381.77	344.11
Charitable activities	128,567.96	29,139.54	—	157,707.50	199,582.44
Governance costs	489.50	—	—	489.50	500.00
Other resources used	18,326.95	—	—	18,326.95	15,485.40
Total expenditure	**159,965.92**	**29,139.54**	**—**	**189,105.46**	**219,555.32**
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	70,626.45	70,626.45	(206,800.96)
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(21,578.74)**	**10,018.44**	**70,626.45**	**59,066.15**	**(230,476.53)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	9,915.25	28,135.28	—	38,050.53	28,219.47
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,034.72)	(34,015.81)	—	(38,050.53)	(28,219.47)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(15,698.21)**	**4,137.91**	**70,626.45**	**59,066.15**	**(230,476.53)**
Total funds brought forward	**30,753.09**	**42,418.02**	**751,092.12**	**824,263.23**	**1,054,739.76**
Total funds carried forward	**15,054.88**	**46,555.93**	**821,718.57**	**883,329.38**	**824,263.23**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	7,889.87	—	—	7,889.87	22,779.38
WoodwardBequest-CB3040833-001-Income-CB3031062-001	1,725.60	—	—	1,725.60	467.43
Designated					
Memorial Garden	1,914.99	—	—	1,914.99	1,914.99
Mission Partner Support Fund	1,362.95	—	—	1,362.95	820.82
Small Gifts Skipton Account	2,161.47	—	—	2,161.47	4,176.72
Video Equiptment	—	—	—	—	593.75
Restricted					
Dixey Bequest-CB3040834-001-Income-CB3012053-001	—	5,134.93	—	5,134.93	2,896.95
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	—	143.83	—	143.83	143.83
Milennium - CB3031061-001	—	0.98	—	0.98	0.98
PCC1 - CB3031060-001- Income-CB3011579-001	—	767.65	—	767.65	175.71
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	—	266.18	—	266.18	266.18
Restoration Project	—	18,772.48	—	18,772.48	16,534.90
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	21,469.88	—	21,469.88	22,399.47
Endowment					
Bequests – CB3031062-001 Receiving account CB3040833-001	—	—	59,503.25	59,503.25	54,386.38
Dixey Invest – CB3012053-001 Receiving a/c CB3040834-001	—	—	350,293.09	350,293.09	320,170.29

Grinnell Bequest – CB3011579-001	—	—	21,655.88	21,655.88	19,793.62
Roscoe – CO3056274 -001 Receiving Account	—	—	19,448.10	19,448.10	17,811.40
CB3031060-001 PCC					
Tuffney Bequest – CB3012267-001 Rec a/c Skipton	—	—	370,818.25	370,818.25	338,930.43

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	821,718.57	751,092.12
	821,718.57	**751,092.12**
Current assets		
Debtors	—	3,177.05
Cash at bank and in hand	61,610.81	74,028.50
	61,610.81	**77,205.55**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	4,034.44
	—	**4,034.44**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**61,610.81**	**73,171.11**
Total assets less current liabilities	**883,329.38**	**824,263.23**
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Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	7,889.87	22,779.38
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Bequests – CB3031062-001 Receiving account CB3040833-001	59,503.25	54,386.38
Roscoe – CO3056274-001 Receiving Account 0/00448640	19,448.10	17,811.40
Funds of the church	**883,329.38**	**824,263.23**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA Endowment Investments -	—	—	—	821,718.57	821,718.57	751,092.12
Totals	**—**	**—**	**—**	**821,718.57**	**821,718.57**	**751,092.12**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank CCLA -	1,725.60	—	5,902.89	—	7,628.49	3,540.40
Skipton Building Society -	—	6,071.71	30,768.97	—	36,840.68	26,412.45
Bank PCC -	8,762.51	(2,727.06)	9,883.40	—	15,918.85	42,768.62
Refectory -	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
Bank Holding -	(873.77)	2,094.76	0.67	—	1,221.66	1,283.39
Bank Covenant -	1.00	—	—	—	1.00	1.00
Bank Petty Cash -	0.13	—	—	—	0.13	22.63
Totals	**9,615.47**	**5,439.41**	**46,555.93**	**—**	**61,610.81**	**74,028.50**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable 1 -	—	—	—	—	—	3,177.05
Totals	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3,177.05**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	—	—	—	—	—	4,034.44
Totals	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4,034.44**
Grand total	**9,615.47**	**5,439.41**	**46,555.93**	**821,718.57**	**883,329.38**	**824,263.23**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Giftskp - Small Gifts Skipton						
Designated	4,176.72	—	2,015.25	—	—	2,161.47
Sub-total for Giftskp	**4,176.72**	**—**	**2,015.25**	**—**	**—**	**2,161.47**
MemorSkip - Memorial Garden						
Designated	1,914.99	—	—	—	—	1,914.99
Sub-total for MemorSkip	**1,914.99**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,914.99**
Mission - Mission Partner Supp						
Designated	820.82	5,292.13	4,750.00	—	—	1,362.95
Sub-total for Mission	**820.82**	**5,292.13**	**4,750.00**	**—**	**—**	**1,362.95**
RESTRSKIP - Restoration Project						
Restricted	16,534.90	18,545.92	17,927.81	1,619.47	—	18,772.48
Sub-total for RESTRSKIP	**16,534.90**	**18,545.92**	**17,927.81**	**1,619.47**	**—**	**18,772.48**
VIDEO - Video Equiptment						
Designated	593.75	—	593.75	—	—	—
Sub-total for VIDEO	**593.75**	**—**	**593.75**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Woodward - WoodwardBequest-CB30						
Unrestricted	467.43	1,658.17	—	(400.00)	—	1,725.60
Sub-total for Woodward	**467.43**	**1,658.17**	**—**	**(400.00)**	**—**	**1,725.60**
Dixey - Dixey Bequest-CB3040						
Restricted	2,896.95	9,737.98	—	(7,500.00)	—	5,134.93
Sub-total for Dixey	**2,896.95**	**9,737.98**	**—**	**(7,500.00)**	**—**	**5,134.93**
PCC - PCC1 - CB3031060-001						
Restricted	175.71	591.94	—	—	—	767.65
Sub-total for PCC	**175.71**	**591.94**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**767.65**
Milennium - Milennium - CB303106						
Restricted	0.98	—	—	—	—	0.98
Sub-total for Milennium	**0.98**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**0.98**
TuffneySkp - Tuffney Skipton Admi						
Restricted	22,399.47	10,282.14	11,211.73	—	—	21,469.88
Sub-total for TuffneySkp	**22,399.47**	**10,282.14**	**11,211.73**	**—**	**—**	**21,469.88**
ReliefSkp - Relief of the Poor S						
Restricted	266.18	—	—	—	—	266.18
Sub-total for ReliefSkp	**266.18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**266.18**
FlwPedsSkp - Flower Pedestals Ski						
Restricted	143.83	—	—	—	—	143.83
Sub-total for FlwPedsSkp	**143.83**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**143.83**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	22,779.38	131,436.88	152,606.92	6,280.53	—	7,889.87
Sub-total for General	**22,779.38**	**131,436.88**	**152,606.92**	**6,280.53**	**—**	**7,889.87**
Grinnell - Grinnell Bequest - 1						
Endowment	19,793.62	—	—	—	1,862.26	21,655.88
Sub-total for Grinnell	**19,793.62**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,862.26**	**21,655.88**
Tuffneybeq - Tuffney Bequest - 12						
Endowment	338,930.43	—	—	—	31,887.82	370,818.25
Sub-total for Tuffneybeq	**338,930.43**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**31,887.82**	**370,818.25**
Dixey2 - Dixey Invest - 12700						
Endowment	320,170.29	—	—	—	30,122.80	350,293.09
Sub-total for Dixey2	**320,170.29**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**30,122.80**	**350,293.09**
Bequests - Bequests - 627154002						
Endowment	54,386.38	—	—	—	5,116.87	59,503.25
Sub-total for Bequests	**54,386.38**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,116.87**	**59,503.25**

Roscoe - Roscoe -273740001T R						
Endowment	17,811.40	—	—	—	1,636.70	19,448.10
Sub-total for Roscoe	**17,811.40**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,636.70**	**19,448.10**
Grand total	**824,263.23**	**177,545.16**	**189,105.46**	**—**	**70,626.45**	**883,329.38**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
1000 - Pledges Yellow Envelopes	1,020.00	—	—	—	1,020.00	1,011.50
1001 - Planned Gift Aid Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - Other Gift Aid Envelopes	865.32	—	—	—	865.32	1,743.73
1003 - Cash Offerings Sunday Plate	5,031.97	—	—	—	5,031.97	2,620.28
1003A - Cash Offerings Mission Partners Fund	—	1,542.13	—	—	1,542.13	632.78
1004 - Offerings Charitable Collections	1,344.81	—	—	—	1,344.81	4,803.99
1005 - Donations General	7,532.35	—	30.00	—	7,562.35	21,841.14
1006 - Pledges Standing Orders	25,582.71	—	—	—	25,582.71	26,193.63
1007 - Cash Offerings Other Services Plate	1,461.07	—	—	—	1,461.07	1,652.53
1008 - Gift Aid refunds	6,836.95	—	—	—	6,836.95	13,359.24
1009 - Payment for Training/Workshops/Seminars	100.00	—	—	—	100.00	169.10
1012 - Grants	11,029.92	—	—	—	11,029.92	2,500.00
1013 - New Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	60,805.10	1,542.13	30.00	—	62,377.23	76,527.92
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
4001 - Sunday Tea & Coffee Donations	569.29	—	—	—	569.29	944.55
4001A - Good News Activities	546.04	—	—	—	546.04	—
4002 - Fundraising Activities	3,182.19	—	—	—	3,182.19	1,899.58
4003 - Magazine Adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
4005 - Refectory Income	197.29	—	—	—	197.29	—
4005A - Refectory Events Income	10,639.76	—	—	—	10,639.76	6,298.05
4005B - Bookshop/Cafe	973.81	—	—	—	973.81	—
4006 - Community Centre Concerts	4,680.30	—	—	—	4,680.30	7,318.70
4007 - Community Centre Building Hire	8,082.82	—	—	—	8,082.82	6,157.50
4008 - Photocopying	—	—	—	—	—	—
4009 - Organists Fees	120.00	—	—	—	120.00	240.00
4013 - Merchandise Sales	20.45	—	—	—	20.45	142.71
4014 - South Porch Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	29,011.95	—	—	—	29,011.95	23,001.09
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
2002 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
2006 - Income from Trusts & Bequests	2,457.60	—	20,758.15	—	23,215.75	63,367.06
	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,457.60	—	20,758.15	—	23,215.75	63,367.06
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
3001 - Flowers	1,506.96	—	—	—	1,506.96	1,065.92
3002 - Fees	2,071.00	—	—	—	2,071.00	6,158.67
3004 - Magazine Sales & Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
3007 - PCC & other churches	—	—	—	—	—	401.01

3008 - ODBF Refunds of Ministry Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,577.96	—	—	—	3,577.96	7,630.60

Other incoming resources

2008 - Cubb Field Rent	2,574.21	3,750.00	—	—	6,324.21	10,540.35
3001A - Flowers - Special/private orders	—	—	—	—	—	—
3006 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Payroll	9,462.78	—	—	—	9,462.78	8,085.35
3009 - Church of Good Shepherd Payroll	3,186.22	—	—	—	3,186.22	3,003.16
4015 - Christmas Hampers Donations	—	—	—	—	—	95.00
5001 - Sundry	5,124.49	—	7,154.80	—	12,279.29	363.90
5002 - Cash for Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
5003 - General Refunds	16,894.74	—	11,215.03	—	28,109.77	3,215.32
5004 - Payment for Trips/Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	37,242.44	3,750.00	18,369.83	—	59,362.27	25,353.08
INCOME TOTAL	133,095.05	5,292.13	39,157.98	—	177,545.16	195,879.75

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

6001 - Fundraisers expenses	341.00	—	—	—	341.00	36.00
6002 - Community Centre Events	3,433.25	—	—	—	3,433.25	—
6006 - Cost of giving materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,774.25	—	—	—	3,774.25	36.00

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

9001 - Refectory	1,511.15	—	—	—	1,511.15	—
9001A - Refectory Events Costs	4,728.59	—	—	—	4,728.59	3,469.62
9001B - Bookshop-Cafe	2,185.75	—	—	—	2,185.75	—
9003A - Merchandise Invoices	—	—	—	—	—	137.75
Total	8,425.49	—	—	—	8,425.49	3,607.37

Cost of generating funds - Investment management costs

8001 - Bank Charges	381.77	—	—	—	381.77	344.11
Total	381.77	—	—	—	381.77	344.11

Charitable activities

7001 - Payments to Mission Partners	—	4,750.00	—	—	4,750.00	6,000.00
7001A - Charity Collections Not Kept By STM	941.57	—	—	—	941.57	3,575.31
7002 - Gas	38,830.13	—	—	—	38,830.13	7,983.39
7003 - Electricity	6,707.29	—	—	—	6,707.29	3,089.58
7004 - Water	709.30	—	—	—	709.30	201.20
7005 - Repairs - Minor	1,902.16	—	430.00	—	2,332.16	—
7006 - Cleaning-Maintenance	6,998.10	—	—	—	6,998.10	6,649.03
7007 - Insurance	6,947.11	—	—	—	6,947.11	6,315.66
7008 - Caretaker	6,552.00	—	—	—	6,552.00	4,270.00
7009 - Administrator	8,009.64	—	—	—	8,009.64	7,657.40
7010 - Organist	—	—	5,273.00	—	5,273.00	9,484.34
7011 - Music	—	—	1,110.73	—	1,110.73	480.29
7011A - Choir Leader	—	—	3,703.00	—	3,703.00	474.00
7012 - Organ-Piano	100.00	—	1,125.00	—	1,225.00	235.00
7013 - Upkeep of Services	770.01	—	—	—	770.01	1,231.35
7014 - Flower expenses	1,370.98	—	—	—	1,370.98	2,011.59
7014A - Flowers - Special Orders	—	—	—	—	—	—
7015 - Office Supplies, Equipment, Software	825.39	270.00	—	—	1,095.39	1,840.90
7015A - IT Hardware	10,629.67	1,938.75	—	—	12,568.42	1,264.20
7016 - Office Telephone/Postage	981.75	—	—	—	981.75	898.45
7017 - Photocopying	1,864.93	—	—	—	1,864.93	2,500.89
7018 - Clergy & Staff Expenses	211.49	—	—	—	211.49	536.89
7018A - Supply Clergy Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018B - Ministry - Youth & Children	—	—	—	—	—	28.38
7018C - Ministry - Communications	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018D - Ministry - Small Groups & Discipleship	—	—	—	—	—	207.77
7018E - Ministry - Pastoral Care	3.50	—	—	—	3.50	—
7018F - Other Ministry Related Costs	314.65	—	—	—	314.65	362.66
7019 - Parish Share	17,750.66	—	—	—	17,750.66	48,523.00
7020 - Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
7021 - PCC & other churches	—	—	—	—	—	401.01
7023 - Magazine Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7025 - Training-Seminars-Workshops	—	—	—	—	—	—
7026 - Grants made	—	—	—	—	—	—
7027 - Annual Non Music Subscriptions-Licenses	1,251.68	—	—	—	1,251.68	968.98
7028 - Operations Manager	7,937.20	—	—	—	7,937.20	7,570.84
7032 - Repairs - major	—	—	—	—	—	—

7034 - Restoration Costs		—	—	17,497.81	—	17,497.81	74,770.33
	Total	121,609.21	6,958.75	29,139.54	—	157,707.50	199,582.44
Governance costs							
8003 - Auditing Costs		489.50	—	—	—	489.50	500.00
	Total	489.50	—	—	—	489.50	500.00
Other resources used							
7026A - Loans Repaid		—	—	—	—	—	—
7030 - Church of The Good Shepherd Salaries & T		3,314.96	—	—	—	3,314.96	3,134.16
7031 - Aylesbury Foodbank Tax & NIC		9,840.60	—	—	—	9,840.60	8,122.07
9004 - Sundry Expenses		4,771.14	400.25	—	—	5,171.39	2,288.83
9005 - Church Trips/Outings		—	—	—	—	—	—
9006 - Christmas Hamper Invoices		—	—	—	—	—	1,940.34
	Total	17,926.70	400.25	—	—	18,326.95	15,485.40
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		152,606.92	7,359.00	29,139.54	—	189,105.46	219,555.32
GRAND TOTAL		(19,511.87)	(2,066.87)	10,018.44	—	(11,560.30)	(23,675.57)

Notes to the accounts

Berryfields Church

Whilst Berryfields Church now have their own bank account, they are not currently able to administer their own Gift Aid Claims, so this is still being administered by St Mary's.

Income & Expenditure relating to Church of the Good Shepherd

Since 2014, the payroll for CGS has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping, Payroll Administrator from St Mary's Parish Office. Salaries and payments to HMRC are made by St Mary's and CGS reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. *Income line 3009/expenditure line 7030.*

Income & Expenditure relating to Aylesbury Foodbank

Since 2015, the payroll for Aylesbury Foodbank, has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping, Payroll Administrator from St Mary's Parish Office. Payments to HMRC and Nest are made by St Mary's and the Foodbank reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified.. *Income line 3006/expenditure line 7031*

Christmas Hamper Fund

In 2020, the Community Christmas Lunch could not take place due to Covid 19. The lunch was also unable to happen in 2021. Instead, fundraising took place to enable over 340 Hampers to be distributed to people who would normally attend the lunch. St Mary's was asked to administer the funds for CCL. A Restricted Fund was set up to do this. Funds held were transferred to a new bank account set up by the Trustees of the Community Christmas Lunch in 2022. *Income Line 4015/Expenditure Line 9006*

Endowment Funds

All the endowment funds recorded gains during 2023.

As recommended by the Independent Examiner, the market value has been used to calculate the gains/losses on the investments.

No shares were sold in 2023.

In addition to the Endowments listed in these accounts, St Mary's is the beneficiary of the Clock & Chimes Charity. The income from the charity is used for the upkeep and repair of the clock and bells at St Mary's and in certain circumstances, can be used towards the upkeep and repair of the fabric of St Mary's or for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Aylesbury

Legacies

There were no new legacies in 2023.

4 Cubb Field

St Mary's has an interest in 4 Cubb Field, HP19 7SH. Using the estimated value as provided by The Move Market is 47.64% of £401,000 i.e., £191,036 (Information confirmed via the internet on 28/02/23)

During 2021 it was agreed that £1,250 from each rent payment would be sent to the North Aylesbury Team as part of our Mission Giving. *Income Line 2008/Expenditure Line 7001*

St Mary's Bookshop

For four months in 2023 (July-October), St Mary's agreed to sell books and other items on behalf of St Andrew's Bookshop, Princes Risborough. This allowed us to reopen the café to sell drinks, cakes, and our own merchandise. It was agreed that St Mary's would pay the salary of the person running the Bookshop/Café; that it would get 20% commission on all sales of St Andrew's stock and that St Andrew's would underwrite the salary of employee, to ensure St Mary's was not out of pocket. *Income Line 4005B/Expenditure Line 9001B*

Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Income Line 1012 – Three grants were received in 2023

Aylesbury Retail for CCTV	£7,529.92
Thames Valley Police for CCTV	£1,000.00
Oxford Diocese – Energy Grant	£2,500.00

£1,000.00 was repaid to Aylesbury Retail after receipt of the grant from Thames Valley Police.

Income Line 1004 – Charity Collections are classed as Restricted income.

Income line 1008 – Gift Aid refunds have been received for all Parish Giving donations, but unfortunately, no Gift Aid has been claimed for seven months on other donations. We are currently looking for someone to step in to help rectify this situation.

Income Line 2006 – Income from Trusts and Bequests. Figures for 2022 included proceeds from the sale of shares. No shares were sold in 2023

Income Line 4001 –In 2022 income from Good News Activities was included under this heading. In 2023, It was separated and shown under Income Line 4001A

Income Line 4005 – Refectory Income came from the sale of cups to Space and the sale of Coffee.

Income Line 4005A - Refectory Events refers to Bar takings from Jazz Nights, etc., and payment for refreshments provided for other events and church hirers.

Income Line 5001 – Sundry income is made up of two insurance claims totalling £7,504.80; a payment of £4,216.14 made by Oxford Diocese in error, which had to be returned to them, (see Sundry Expenditure); payments from the congregation toward a gift and Fees paid into the wrong account.

Income Line 5003 – General Refunds for VAT £11,215.03 and £16,705.84 in respect of Gas Payments (see note on Gas Expenditure)

Expenditure Line 6002 – Community Centre Events. This is PPLPRS Fees for all concerts and Jazz events held at St Mary's. Fees are recovered from outside hirers and shown under Income Heading 4007. Fees for Friends Concerts are taken from the money paid to us under Income Heading 4006

Expenditure Line 7002 – Gas. Our gas bill rose by 36.2% in 2023. A dispute with the company, which took several months to resolve, resulted in the company taking 2 payments at the wrong time and 2 payments twice. This required us to get refunds from the company, which are shown in Income Line 5003 – General Refunds. The true figure for Gas for 2023 is £22,024.29
As a result of the dispute and poor service received, our Gas and Electricity accounts were moved in September 2023

Expenditure Line 7005 – Minor Repairs - this covers the cost of the window repair, the dishwasher repair and the replacement of the cold water tank.

Expenditure Line 7011 – Music – this heading includes the cost of music licenses and new books for the choir.

Expenditure Line 7006 – Cleaning & Maintenance includes payments for Roof Alarms, PAT Testing, Fire Safety Check and the cost of changing light bulbs.

Expenditure Line 7015A - IT Hardware refers to spending on new computer equipment for the Operations Manager and Father Doug Zimmerman (£1,345), the video/sound system (£1,518.75), and for the installation of CCTV outside St Mary's (9,401.92)

Expenditure Line 7019 – Due to very high energy bills St Mary's was unable to pay all of its Parish Share in 2023. We sent £17,750.66 to the Diocese. There was a contribution of £1,000 from Fairford Leys Church and an overpayment from 2022 of £4,491.00, bringing the total Parish Share paid to £23,241.66. (46%)

Expenditure Line 7034 – Restoration Costs

Architect Fees	£2,256.30
Tencer – Boiler/Heating Improvements	£12,361.27
Project Costs (Consultants, Surveyors etc.)	£1,146.24
Flues UK	£1,734.00
	£17,497.81

Expenditure Line 9001 – Refectory Costs include the cost of the new coffee machine and coffee.

Expenditure Line 9001A - Refectory Events refers to the cost of bar stock for Jazz Nights etc. and for refreshments provided for other events and church hirers.

Expenditure Line 9004 – Sundry expenditure includes the returned payment to the Diocese that was made to us in error, plus Fees payments transferred to the Fees Accounts and the cost of an anniversary gift. (Gifts were purchased using donations made by parishioners – see Sundry Income)

This report dated:

Agreed on _____

Signed by ---------- Rev Doug Zimmerman

---------- Donna Riley, Churchwarden

---------- Sue Newling, Churchwarden

Signed Accounts available on request

Fairford Leys L.E.P

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ending 31st December 2023

Adrian Lloyd Church Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 are attached and include details of Receipts and Payments for the year, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2023, Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts and a Statement of funds held centrally by the United Reformed Church (URC).

Name: Adrian Lloyd Signature: Date: 30 June 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Fairford Leys L.E.P for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities

The Church Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is considered that an audit under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a)) of the Act and to state, based on procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(1)(a) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the Church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the Church and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name: Debbie Smith Signature: Date: 30 June 2024

CURRENT ACCOUNT RECIEPTS

Name	Details	2022	2023
Church Giving	Envelopes	120.00	0.00
	Loose	0.00	0.00
	Standing Order	18,022.38	16,643.05
	Easyfundraising	206.91	224.19
	Donation Box	2,624.27	1,830.15
	Parish Giving Scheme	4,211.01	4,293.56
	Card Reader	678.50	676.45
	Cheques	401.16	476.93
	Church Website	300.00	0.00
	Gift Aid	6,272.10	6,340.34
	URC Drawdown	0.00	3,000.00
	Total	32,836.33	33,484.67
Property	Disraeli Square Rent	10,765.44	6,500.00
	Woodmans Croft Rent	8,700.00	9,943.08
	Church Buildings Lettings	12,727.53	17,486.75
	Solar Panels	1,081.48	2,270.69
	Total	33,274.45	36,200.52
Donations	Donations for Storehouse	381.00	427.00
	Other Donations	969.00	0.00
	Total	1,350.00	427.00
Other	Minister Refunds	1,080.00	1,080.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	396.00	0.00
	Lunch Club	0.00	0.00
	Books	36.98	104.26
	Youth Work	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	1,746.42	316.43
	Total	3,259.40	743.44
Total Receipts		**70,720.18**	**71,612.89**

CURRENT ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Payee	Details	2022	2023
Ministry	URC M&M Fund	19,968.00	18,465.00
	Ministers Travel Expenses (including Car Allow)	1,374.35	1,380.60
	Ministers Phone / Internet	972.30	1,111.61
	Ministers Books / Courses	0.00	120.00
	Youth Work	944.58	867.45
	Older People	49.99	0.00
	Lunch Club	47.36	0.00
	Total	23,356.58	21,944.66
Admin	Photocopier	1,961.80	1,252.33
	Copyright	204.00	214.00
	Treasurer Expenses	61.99	179.22
	Office Equipment	0.00	291.52
	Bank Charges	137.31	126.22
	Digital Costs	841.35	327.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	130.00	0.00
	Total	3,336.45	2,390.29
Property	Farmhouse Council Tax	3,030.13	3,179.00
	Farmhouse Oil	2,291.04	2,507.02
	Farmhouse Electricity	2,350.54	2,919.07
	Farmhouse Water	352.00	424.00
	Farmhouse Rent	5,076.00	5,076.00
	Farmhouse Maintenance/Garden	2,110.00	0.00
	Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	16.00	604.87
	Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	2,601.48	628.25
	Church Insurance	3,337.23	3,677.36
	Church Gas	2,396.12	2,831.51
	Church Electricity	1,532.20	1,748.97
	Church Water	128.18	692.12
	Church Phone	889.59	977.35
	Church Repairs, Maintenance & Security	3,195.89	5,826.08
	Church Furniture	264.99	0.00
	Church Garden	12,404.11	0.00
	Church Security	360.00	360.00
	Church Painting	0.00	0.00
	Church Cleaning	4,979.64	4,999.45
	Village Square Fees	1,182.30	1,311.74
	Total	48,497.44	37,762.79
Other	Catering	1,117.06	919.17
	Communion Wine & Candles	39.10	125.99

	Books	361.61	443.81
	Church Flowers	9.36	192.66
	Miscellaneous	402.95	625.00
	Total	1,930.08	2,306.68
Donations	Storehouse/Water Aid	775.00	1,124.00
	M&M Anglican	2,495.50	1,950.00
	M&M Methodist	2,495.50	1,950.00
	Other Donations	1,578.75	0.00
	Total	7,344.75	5,024.00

Total Payments		**84,465.30**	**69,803.37**

CURRENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Balance Brought forward 1 January 2023	22,055.54	6,823.84
Adjustment for Lunch Club	(1,486.58)	0.00
Total Receipts 2023	70,720.18	71,612.89
Total	**91,289.14**	**76,436.73**

Expenditure in 2023	84,465.30	69,803.37
Adjustment for Lunch Club	0.00	0.00
Bank Account Balance 31 December 2023	6,823.84	8,633.36
Total	**91,289.14**	**76,436.73**

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY URC

Payee	**31/12/2022**	**01/09/2023**
Current Account	76,766.29	82,268.15
Investment Account	155,053.16	161,121.12
Balance carried forward	**231,819.45**	**243,389.27**

TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Accounting policies**
   The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 144 (2), receipts and payments to small charities. They follow the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP) 2005 and the guidance notes as issued by the United Reformed Church, November 2006.

2. **Church Assets - total £978,642 approx.**

20 Woodmans Croft, Fairford Leys	£327,000 (approx. valuation)
3 Disraeli Square, Fairford Leys	£402,000 (approx. valuation)
URC held funds	£243,389.27 as at 01/09/2023
Lloyds Bank Current Account	£8,633

   The property values are based on Zoopla valuations and are estimations only.

3. **Church Giving - total £30,484.67**

Standing Order	£16,643.05	down 8%
Parish Giving Scheme	£4,293.56	
Donation Box	£1,830.15	
Easyfundraising	£224.19	
Card Reader	£676.45	
Gift Aid	£6,340.34	

   We have removed donation by Church Envelopes and Loose Change in the Offertory, in favour of using the Donation Box and Card Reader in Church. This reflects changes in donors behaviours to digital means. Conversely, the option to donate by Church Website has been removed due to an online fraudulent attack and for security purposes.

   Standing Orders are down 8% on the previous year. Parish Giving Scheme and Card Reader amounts remain broadly the same.

   Gift Aid is from the annual Gift Aid from donation made in 2022 and the monthly Gift Aid from the Parish Giving Scheme throughout 2023.

4. **URC Drawdown - total £3,000**
   The Church Council has taken the decision to drawdown the income element of our URC centrally held funds to bridge the gap between income and expenditure. The plan is to drawdown £3,000 from Quarter 3 of 2023 and quarterly throughout 2024. However, this source of income will cease by the end of Quarter 1 of 2025, as the income element of the investments is likely to be exhausted. Church Council to be thoughtful of maintaining income streams to meet expenditure.

5. **Property Income - total £36,200.52**

Woodmans Croft Rent	£9,943.08	
Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	(£604.87)	
Disraeli Square Rent	£6,500	
Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	(£628.25)	
Solar Panels	£2,270.69	
Church Lettings	£17,486.75	up 38%
Church Maintenance, Fees, Security & Insurance	(£5,826.08)	

Church Lettings income increased by 38% in 2023 compared to 2022, following a 50% increase from 2021 to 2022. Our premises are hired to various health and wellbeing groups from the local community including hosting the local AA Group.

Our building is also becoming a sought after venue for local choirs and musicians who wish to practice and concert in our building drawing in the local and wider community. We are also seeing an increasing number of enquiries requesting to hire our building and meeting rooms.

6. **Farmhouse Utility Bills and Rent Costs – total £14,105.09**

Farmhouse Rent	£5,076.00
Farmhouse Utility Bills	£9,029.09
Farmhouse Maintenance	£0.00
Ministers Refund	(£1,080.00)

7. **Church Utility Bills, Maintenance - total £21,112.84**

Church Gas	£2,831.51
Church Electric	£1,748.97
Church Insurance	£3,677.36
Church Cleaning	£4,999.45
Church Maintenance	£5,826.08
Church Broadband/phone	£977.35
Church Security	£360.00
Church Water	£692.12

8. **Donations to Outside Causes - total £1,124**

9. **M&M Donations - total £22,365**

Donations made as part of our Ecumenical Partnership were as follows:

URC	£18,465.00
Anglican Church	£1,950.00
Methodist Church	£1,950.00

The Church Council agreed not to increase the donations to the both the Anglican and Methodist Church to stabilise our own Church finances and will look to restore MM obligations in 2025..

10. **Signatories**

Church Bank Account - Adrian Lloyd, Alan Lambourne and Roy Rogers.
Cheques - all cheques written by the Treasurer and counter signed by second signatory.
Online payments – all payments made by the Treasurer and authorised online by a second approver.
Debit Card – The Treasurer is authorised by the Church Council to use the Church Debit Card for when payments cannot be made by the above payment methods

11. **Debtors** – N/A

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AND DECLARATION 2023

Church Finances have remained stable in 2023 despite the Cost of Living and Energy Crisis. This is mainly due to the generosity of Church members, rental income from our two properties and successful Church Lettings.

The challenge to the Church family is to think about our continued commitment to Church Giving. Although donations have increased in 2023 there has been a general decline in recent years. We also need to consider if we continue our full commitment to MM donations.

That being said we are truly a financially fruitful Church where reserves are available for the benefit of the Church family and the local community. Last year we were able to revamp the Church Garden with a new gazebo and seating area offering a place for quite reflection or outside worship. This year we need to focus on general maintenance costs following the recent Quinquennial Review and building survey.

Please note that the Church Photocopier has come to the end of its 5 year contract. We have decided not to renew this contract given its rental cost when it is now not used. A smaller printer/copier can be purchased if required.

Thank you all for your continued financial support throughout these unprecedented times. I would also like to thank Alan Lambourne for his assistance with Church finances, Deborah Smith for auditing the accounts and to Cindy Ahura for the Church Website design.

Adrian Lloyd, Church Treasurer, 30 June 2024

StPA ACCOUNTS - 2023

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Receipts

	2022 £	Code		£	2023 £	Restricted £
	28,611.00	101	Covenants and Gift Aid	35,086.00		
	6,732.60	102	Income tax recovered	8,057.89		
	1,220.00	103	Uncovenanted giving	0.00		
	261.28	104	Loose collections	378.38	43,522.27	
		100R	Restricted Income			
R	2,540.50		Special Projects			387.50
	1,490.00	105	Donations	200.00		
R	1,375.00	105	New Wine/Ordination Bus	0.00	200.00	
		201	Grants & Legacies (part restricted)			
R	0.00		Mid Bucks. Assoc. : Building			8,500.00
	0.00		Mid Bucks. Assoc. : Garden	4,838.60		
	100.00		Legacies	0.00		
	1,176.00		Oxford Diocese	0.00		
	1,341.50		Wes Atkinson	3,250.00		
	2,000.00		Aylesbury Deanery	0.00		
	0.00		Aylesbury Food Bank	74.90	8,163.50	
		203	Fund Raising			
	750.37		Misc. Sales of Items	0.00		
	3.86		Bank Interest	79.63		
	1,885.22	402	Hall letting	2,439.48		
	785.00		Statutory Fees	1,309.00	3,828.11	
	50,272.33		Total Receipts to December 31st 2023		**64,601.38**	

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Payments

2022 £	Code		£	,2023 £	Restricted £
10,208.88	2001	Diocesan Parish share	13,272.93		
2,149.35		Mission Partnerships	2,250.00		
936.08		Outreach Activities	953.60		
169.77		Revelation Wellness	214.63		
30.23		Pastoral Care	78.48		
24.12		Youth & Children	324.04		
21.99		Brownies/Cubs	0.98		
206.59		Other Ministry Related expenses	254.70		
413.25		Discretionary Poverty Fund	245.65		
1,200.00		Lay Pastor (Bursary)	0.00		
714.00		Diocesan Fees/Costs	1,190.00		
1,550.70	2004	Clergy & Staff Exp.:travel	1,213.87		
130.93	2002	Clergy & Staff Exp.:other	355.82	20,354.70	
	2005	Church Running Expenses			
975.14		Insurance	1,083.99		
4,212.58		Heating/Lighting	6,797.15		
249.00		PA system/Lighting/AV	44.39	7,925.53	
	2006	Church Maintenance			
65.56		Minor Fabric repairs	222.31		
361.55		Maintenance Contracts	543.18	765.49	
	2007	Upkeep of services			
642.39		Copyright licence/Subscriptions	717.83		
2,656.45		Miscellaneous	2,720.15	3,437.98	
26,918.56		c/f		32,483.70	0.00

					£	£
	26,918.56		b/f		32,483.70	0.00
		2010	Hall running costs			
	60.00		Water	393.79		
R	3,314.20		Lay Worker-Community Café	3,770.08		
	1,135.82		Cleaner & Cleaning Materials	1,323.03	5,486.90	
			Major Works			
R	4,177.28		Community Garden Project/Facilitator	2,721.34		
	775.00		Initial Costs/Surveys	0.00		
	0.00		Planned ongoing Bldng. & Devlpmnt. Costs	2,260.04	4,981.38	
		4000	Church administration			
	875.54		Office Administration Costs	586.58		
	850.36		Office Telephone/Internet	1,219.72		
	839.77		Communications	766.54		
	310.00		PCC/Staff Training/Conferences/Retreats	160.00		
	6,937.88		Administrator	7,756.32		
	412.80		Office Furniture/Items	392.16		
	2,018.56		Special Projects	387.97		
	4.76		Bank Charges	10.35	11,279.64	
					54,231.62	0.00
	48,630.53		Total payments to 31st December 2023		**54,231.62**	

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St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Note to Accounts.

Bank balances reconciliation	£	£
Opening balances as @ 1.1.2023		
Main Account	33,158.16	
Building/development Account	888.04	
Reserve Account	6,008.49	
Other	751.20	40,805.89
Add: 2023 total receipts	64,601.38	
Less: 2023 total payments	54,231.62	10,369.76
Closing Balace		**51,175.65**
Represented by:		
Closing Balances as @ 31.12 2023		
Main Account	35,208.33	
Building/development Account	7,147.66	
Reserve Account	8,061.86	
Other	757.80	**51,175.65**

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the above accounts and, in my opinion, they represent a true and fair view of the income received and expenditure incurred by St. Peter's Church, Quarrendon, Aylesbury for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

P.F.Phillips FCMA/CGMA

A signed copy of these accounts is available on request.

To the Church Wardens of St Mary the Virgin Church Council.

Examiner's Report

This report is regarding the Financial Statements for yearend 31st December 2023, which are attached,

Responsibility of the Independent Examiner

The District Church Council (DCC) has agreed that that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to-

a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the relevant Acts,

b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Acts are followed,

and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the DCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

Examiners Statement

I am pleased to report that there are no major matters of concern that have been identified during this review, however I need to point out that with regard to claiming back gift aid on other donations(apart from Parish Giving) this has not been claimed for 7 months. Would recommend urgent action to rectify this situation.

Follow up Items

With regard to Gift Aid ensure all amounts due are recovered.

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S. Marks, FMAAT. 10 th April 2024

File Ref St Mary Cert2023.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF AYLESBURY

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN

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Annual Report 2022

AGM 14 May 2023

The District Church Council

St. Mary's District Church Council (DCC) has responsibility for co-operation with the incumbent in promoting the Ecclesiastical Parish of Aylesbury the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The DCC met on 12 occasions during 2022 which included 2 extraordinary meetings, in April and August, on both occasions to discuss and then approve the Annual Accounts. There were regular reports on Finance, Safeguarding & Personnel, the Fabric, Fundraising and the Deanery Synod all of which will be covered separately in this report.

Other matters discussed included the theft of the Lee Brothers from the Lee Memorial, and the installation of CCTV following incidents in the Churchyard. The condition of the sculpture above the porch was also causing concern. The planting, care and use of the Churchyard was given attention as was the unauthorised deposit of ashes in the Churchyard.

Discussions took place regarding other activities in the Church and the hire fees, which had not been up-dated for sometime and because of the rise in energy costs received lengthy attention. There were two charity concerts with the Dung Beatles and other activities to raise funds for Ukraine. Later in the year there were discussions to look at the possibility of improving the coffee we serve.

Office computers and the website received attention, and the purchase of other equipment to make storage of tables etc safer was approved. Following the lifting of restrictions caused by the pandemic it was agreed to reintroduce the passing the offertory plate, and a Card Giving Machine was installed to make giving easier.

Other matters also included the School House Trust and the appointment of Jo Hodgson and Donna Riley as Trustees, and our continuing financial support of NARNia (North Aylesbury Resource Network (in Aylesbury).

Membership of the DCC since May 2022 consists of Fr. Doug (Chair), Sue Newling and Mike Sharp (Churchwardens & Joint Vice Chairs), David Hunt (Treasurer), Pam Russell (Secretary), Mother Rainah Madzorera (Curate), Tony Divers, Jo Hodgson, Wendy Prestage, Donna Riley, Nicolette Rushmere, and Jeremy Sampson (Deanery Synod Representative).

Howard Chinzou resigned as the second Deanery Synod Representative due to other commitments. Following his appointment as Caretaker, Charles Boot did not stand for re-election to the DCC in May 2022.

Pam Russell, Secretary DCC

Rector's Report for 2022

As we remember the year past, there are many reasons to be thankful to God, and, yes, many reasons to lean into his Grace and Compassion. We continued to live in the shadow of the Coronavirus and began to emerge from the grip of fear and restrictions. Amazingly, the timing also saw the lead of our Chancel roof being re-smelted and forming a brand re-newed roof – thanks to the Church Commissioners, who hold 100% Repair Liability for our Chancel! They even let us build upon their scaffolding to do some repair work to the East Face of the Tower.

Thankfully, 2022 was a time of beginning to rebuild our worshipping congregation in worship and fellowship – we did still "meet" on YouTube for a significant number of our congregation. We also came out in great numbers for significant services – Christmas, Easter (with Confirmations), and of course we were able to open our doors for the community to mourn, remember and memorialise the late Queen Elizabeth II. Being the County's Civic Church has its privileges and challenges! I was quite pleased that we were able to serve our Local Community, as well as the Civic Memorial Observance at the time of Her Majesty's passing.

Throughout the year, we saw the return of beautiful weddings, blessings, baptisms, and several poignant burial services too. In short, your support has meant that this Church, and the building we meet in, have served a vast number of people in the name of Jesus, through the highs and lows of the lives of the people of this town, county and beyond.

Whether your support has been through Praying, Planning, Administering, Accounting, Reading, Interceding, Cooking, Serving, Fundraising, Flower Arranging, Meeting, Minuting, Preaching, Singing, Sewing, Sweeping, Decorating, Welcoming, Washing-up, Listening, Leading and/or the offering of your financial means; these and so many other ways each of you have been Glorifying God, and been a part of our Growing Community – Sharing Christ!

Thanks be to God; Thank you all!

Faithfully Yours,
Doug+

Churchwardens' Report

We have had a busy year. We meet with Father Doug every week with Pam Russell to whom we are grateful for taking notes of our meetings and always being able to find relevant minutes on any issue we might have.

Mike Sharp and I attended the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove on the 16th June.

We recruited Charles Boot as Caretaker for St Marys.

We are pleased to see the congregation growing, and we are now receiving communion in both kinds by intinction.

I (Sue Newling) am now representing St Mary's as a Foundation Governor at St Marys School.

Mike Sharp & Sue Newling, Churchwardens

Curate's Report

As I write this report, I am just wondering how I got here so fast. It was only in June 2022 when I was priested. My 2nd Year Curacy has been fast flying past. Sharing ministry with my TI Father Doug Zimmerman continues to be empowering and equipping. I have seen myself flourishing in ministry work where possible getting involved in the Church business, sharing in prayer and the spiritual resources. My second Christmas and Easter ministry as a priest gave me

a lot to ponder about with reference to the intense involvement and exposure that come with these seasons. While there could be a novelty factor perceived in all this, the positive impact feels real.

Year 2 Curacy is busy but exciting as I continue to learn and grow in the roles to which God has called me. I have been involved with a variety of groups in the Parish including Schools. I have been visiting those in Residential Care Homes as they are no longer able to gather with others in Church. This has been both a privilege and an honour to do so. Involvement with the local Ecumenical and Rural Churches provided me with unique but enriching experiences. I have come to realise and appreciate how much people need and want Jesus at different levels. The conversations and interactions with parishioners indicate that people want to draw nearer and nearer to God in their search for a healthy relationship with God.

Curacy has not been without its own challenges especially with regards to academic work with its deadlines hence proving to be a challenge at times. All this however has been embraced positively as part and parcel of ministry package.

Herbert and I, continue to pray and wait to see what God has in store for us for this parish as the third-year Curacy approaches fast. We are both delighted to be part of St Mary's community as I continue to serve the rest of my curacy among my Church family.

With Prayers,

Revd (Curate) Rainah Madzorera

Fabric Committee

The past year has seen various building works completed.

The Chancel roof was repaired, and the lead renewed. This completed work that had been planned in association with the Church Commissioners. Inside 10ft LED strip lights have replaced the florescent tubes, various floor tiles replaced and one of the misericords has been repaired. At the same time, we made use of the scaffolding to carry out repairs to the East face of the tower, also the louvres on that side have been repaired.

All the toilet furniture, except for the hand basins, has been renewed and lever taps have been installed. We are grateful for the generous donation from the Thomas Hickman Charity for allowing this to happen.

CCTV has been installed around the outside of the Church, which covers the Churchyard. This will enable us to contact the Police if anything unforeseen takes place. Hopefully, this will help to stop the nefarious activities from taking place around St Mary's Square and the Churchyard.

We have had a Legionnaires Disease survey on our water supply but there are one or two things still to sort out.

Mike Sharp, Churchwarden

Parish Office

As another year is already over a quarter of the way through, I can look back over 2022 and see the continued ebb and flow of Church life, arrivals and departures, joyful events and sad ones too, the day to day tasks carried out by so many people over the course of the week whether that be in person welcoming, serving, cleaning, flower displays, or off-site, practising your notes for choir, making jams for craft fairs, the list is endless.

For my part, I answer the phone, reply to emails, arrange appointments for Fr Doug, produce the weekly service sheets and large print booklets, send out the emailed notices, fill in the registers and a few other things noted on my job description. But the part of my job that I enjoy the most is the time I spend with the people who are part of this great big team, their encouragement and help, their kindness' and of course the laughter and hugs.

May God continue to bless us all on our journey of faith throughout 2023.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Treasurer's Report

Our finances have started to return to our pre-Covid levels.

Thanks to your generosity, and a number of very generous donations, we ended the year with a large surplus. We paid our Parish Share of £48,523 in full. Our Parish Share for 2023 is £50,104. We also claimed a significant amount of Gift Aid and were able to reclaim nearly all the VAT on our Restoration expenditure.

That is the good news!

Here is the bad news !

At the beginning of this year, we were shocked to receive a gas bill of nearly £5,000 for December, this was followed by a gas bill of £4,500 for January. The total for December and January was almost £1,000 more than we spent in 2022. The standing charge rose from £3.50 per day to £14.50, an increase of 400%, and the unit price per kilowatt rose from 1.8p to 8.4p, an increase of 460%. At the moment we are in dispute with the energy company about the excessive increase and their lack of customer service in supplying a new gas meter.

Electricity prices have also doubled, but we have managed to negotiate significant reductions for gas and electricity, with a new supplier starting in October 2023.

Those of you who contribute through the Parish Giving scheme, should have received letters or emails giving you the opportunity to increase your contributions. Please can we ask everyone to review their contributions.

It is only through your generosity that we can keep the Church open as a place of worship and sanctuary for the whole community.

Particular thanks to Kim Hopping and the Finance Group for their support'

David Hunt, Treasurer

Christian Giving

The emphasis in Christian Giving, is not about how much is given and to whom it is given but is about having the heart of wanting to give.

Mark 6 verses 19-21, provides a succinct view of Christian Giving at St Mary's when he says: "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Christian Giving at St Mary's has been growing steadily over the years with the community and congregation giving generously in different forms both in cash and in kind.

The main forms of Christian giving in 2022/23 are depicted in the table below.

Standing Orders	Monthly	Financial Report
Yellow Envelopes	Weekly	In Financial Report
White Gift Aid Envelopes	Weekly	In Financial Report
Offerings Sunday Plate	Weekly	In Financial Report
Offerings other services		In Financial Report
Gift Aid Envelopes	Lent and Christmas	In Financial Report
Donations		In Financial Report
Parish Giving Scheme	Monthly	In financial Report

The Covenant Secretary has taken the following actions in 2022/23 to promote Christian Giving at St Mary's:

- Ensured that information about Christian Giving is kept confidentially in observance of GDPR requirements.
- Made available ways of Christian Giving, such as Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Order/Parish Giving forms for the congregation.
- Attended Finance Meetings and provided information on Christian Giving and discussions have been held on ways to promote it.
- Spoken to members of the congregation on one-to-one basis about Christian Giving and giving clarity on available options to do this.

Future Plans:

To provide and display on the notice board in Church, information on Christian Giving in an open and transparent way.

To ensure people are provided with correct information on Christian Giving throughout the year.

To continue to motivate people to give generously and to thank them all for this and reminding the congregation that:

"*Giving is not just about money but to be generous in every aspect of our lives that is, offering hospitality, giving our time and using skills in the service of others, not just in the Church but at home, workplace and in the community at large."*

Herbert Madzorera, Covenant Secretary

Safeguarding

It has been another busy year; we have hosted safeguarding training and safeguarding training has been undertaken, and all who need a DBS certificate are up-to-date.

We are fully compliant with the Parish Dashboard and are on the highest level, Level 3.

Sue Newling, Safeguarding Officer

St. Mary's Altar Servers

I am writing this on 7 February 2023, which for me is a Golden Anniversary. On this day 50 years ago, Wednesday, 7 February 1973 I served at St Mary's for the first time, at the 7am service, before going to work. The Church building, I served in, that morning, was totally different to the one we are all familiar with today! At that time, I was living at 25 St. Mary's Square, so, I did not have far to walk, and it was within a month of the Revd. Peter Graham's institution as Vicar of the Parish. This began my happy involvement with St Mary's, which, over these fifty years, has taken many twists, turns and fulfilment, to where I am now!

Over the past twelve months, we have had a gradual return to more-or-less 'normal' serving. We now have four servers on a rota for each Sung Eucharist (five when we use incense), and two people assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion.

In addition to the 'usual' services, put on by the Church, both on Sundays and mid-week, Servers have taken part in: the Requiem for Helen Spinks in May; the Archdeaconry Ordination of Priests [including our own Mother Rainah] in June; the Wedding of Lily Madzorera, and the County Service in Memory of HM The Queen in September; Aylesbury Mayor's Remembrance Service in November; and Aylesbury Mayor's Carol Service in December.

During the year, William Bass has stood down from Serving due to infirmity after 20 years of faithful service.

Post Covid, some servers have not returned to Serving: Kim Walter [health], Charles Boot (now, our Verger), Andrew Zimmerman (is away from home post University), Jonathan Hough (has joined the choir) and Sophie Hough (is now at university).

We have gained four new Servers: Nyasha and Taffy Gombera, Tadiwanashe Chawarika (who is following in the footsteps of her brothers), and Shankar. Potentially we have two more servers lined up to join us soon.

In addition to those mentioned already, continuing Servers are: John and Shirley Bush, Anthony and Lesley Divers, Neil Esslemont, Pamela Reeve, Donna Riley, Beverley and Pamela Russell and Michael Sharp.

To lighten the load, and to take into account various people's unavailability, we could do with some more servers to join us. Full training will be given, a cassock alb will be allocated for you to wear, and you will be joining a very welcoming fellowship group within St. Mary's Church. If you are already interested, and have not yet made yourself known to me, please do speak to me after a service one Sunday in Church, or email me on *john_bush@btinternet.com.*

John Bush

Pastoral Team

Unfortunately, due to some on-going restrictions due to the pandemic early in the year, health and other issues it has not been possible to establish the Pastoral Team has had been hoped. Care for each other within the St Mary's community is on-going and strict adherence to safeguarding and health and safety procedures means that pastoral care continues informally.

Sue Newling and Pam Russell

Baptism Report

As more and more families, children and adults come forward for baptism it becomes more and more apparent that we need to rebuild the team to meet these families during their first visits on a Sunday to St Mary's, Aylesbury.

I hope that Fr Doug and Rev Rainah will be given all the support they need with this ministry. I just cover the boring, but essential, paperwork and emails.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Readers and Intercessors

Our worship is enhanced by the variety of readers and intercessors. I thank them all for their ministry. New readers or intercessors are always welcome. The podium in memory of my husband Tim arrived at the end of October making reading from the lectern safer for all of us.

Sue Newling

Welcomers

We continue to be blessed by our Weekday Welcoming Team, ensuring that the Church doors remain open between 9.30am and 12 noon Monday to Friday.

However, we do need more people to help on a few of the mornings and if you are able to keep the Church doors open please email the church office
e: administrator@aylesburystmary.org.uk
t: 01296 437641

With thanks for your continued support.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Sides-people/Churchwardens' Assistants

Since being elected as Senior Sides-person at the AGM in 2021 I have the pleasure of getting to know the Sides-people who have been doing this at St Mary's for a number of years and to learn from their previous knowledge.

I have enlisted some new faces, but it would be good if we could expand the Team, so if you would like to join us, please talk to me and I will let you know what the duties involve.

I think we all agree that is a privilege to welcome people to the Services and particularly to help put new-comers at their ease in a building new to them and to our "St Mary's ways".

I would like to thank the following, for their helpfulness over the past year:

Terry Bloxham, Heather Cotman, James Gray, Mary Hunt, Christine Jennings, Sue Newling, Margaret Nyambo, Janet Sampson, Jeremy Sampson and Brigid Sargent.

Wendy Prestage, Senior Sides-person

Music

This year, music at St Mary's has fully resumed, and we are grateful that so many people have taken the opportunity to use the building and its facilities. This year
has seen no end of challenges as we acclimate back into our old routine and even added some new ones.

The Choir has also fully resumed activities, including services of remembrance for the Mayor and Christmas. This year, we welcomed the Bucks Fire Service back for their annual Christmas concert and performed at various venues, including the Discover Bucks (County) Museum, King's Head, Hartwell House, and Avondale Care Home, as part of our calendar of Christmas events. We are so lucky to be able to share music with the broader community, something I hope we will be doing more of this year.

Christmas this year was special, and we were pleased to be able to hold our traditional 9 Lessons and Carols service in the stalls once again after repairs were completed, and we would like to thank the musicians who joined us for making it a fantastic event. A special thank you to Shankar and Fr. Doug, who helped set up many lights, making it a stunning event.



Last year, we reintroduced Evensong into our ministry at choice dates throughout the year's calendar. During the

summer of last year, we were saddened by the loss of the head of the Church, Queen Elizabeth II, and were grateful to be able to sing an Evensong in remembrance of her reign and legacy. The choir also sang for an Evensong in February for Candlemas. We hope to find more opportunities to sing Evensong throughout the year.

This year I have been trying to streamline and improve the background systems that help keep the Choir running; this includes choir email, storage of data, music library and the online learning portal. The music library has been digitised, and a new code has been written to help reduce errors in music planning. As the year progresses, these systems will work together to ensure more accurate information reaches the office and generate documents faster. Thank you to Karen and Fr. Doug for providing the readings ahead of time so this could be finalised. I hope it gets to a point where we can post the monthly music list on our website to keep everyone up-to-date on what is coming up.

The Choir numbers have started to rise again, with 14 members currently enrolled, and we look forward to welcoming two more after Easter and hopefully more over the remainder of the year. I want to thank Sue for her work with St Mary's School as we work together to create a pathway of development through the Choir and rebuild properly after Covid. We also want to involve and work more closely with St Mary's School and provide opportunities for them to sing with us.

To more widely publicise the Choir we will be creating more visual and interactive resources for the face of the Choir as the year progresses, and by creating clearer and more accessible pathways for people to join the Choir, we hope to give opportunities to all interested in singing, not only in music but also in Christ.

This year we said a sad goodbye to David Hunt as he plans to move North for his health. David was a most valued member of the Choir but also the Church as a whole. I want to thank him for his support and patience throughout my journey with the Choir. He will be sorely missed; his lovely tenor voice was an asset. We wish him the very best in the future.

As a Choir, we are separated from the congregation during services, making us feel inaccessible. This year, I aim to create more links and contact with the Choir.

This year I would love to rebuild the junior end of the Choir, and that power lies with us all. If you know anyone who loves singing, direct them to our posters, where they can get in contact. Everyone can help someone interested in singing shine as part of our choral community.

Thanks as ever to all who have supported the Choir in its ministry over the years; this includes but is not limited to: Chris Beattie, Fr Doug, Karen, Sue, Catherine, Charles, Mike, Kim and Wendy. The Choir and I thank you for your support and help so we can do what we do.

As a Choir, we work to tight schedules with lots to think about and having a team behind us to support that makes a difference.

Kenton Brigden, Director of Music

St Mary's Bloomers

2022 saw the Bloomers virtually back to normal after the pandemic. There were the regular weekly displays as well as special arrangements throughout the year. In April we had usual Easter arrangements of the lilies in the Lady Chapel for Maundy Thursday, and the Easter Day displays which included an Easter Garden for the first time in more than 4 years.



In June there was the Flower Festival for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which was funded by the generous donations of local organisations and individuals as well as members of our own congregation. However, in September we were arranging flowers for the sadder occasion of the late Queen's memorial services.

In October we were pleased to be able to have our usual large harvest display and again we were grateful for all who supplied vegetables and props for the display, with some of the contributions going into the making of

chutneys etc which were sold at the Autumn Market. In November the wooden cross and other areas of the building were adorned with knitted, felt and crochet poppies made by our own Needlecraft Group for Remembrance Day. Despite an incident in the Churchyard the Flower Arrangers were eventually allowed into the building to do the normal arrangement for Christmas. After the six weeks of Advent without flowers it would have been sad if we were unable to see flowers at Christmas.

There was only one wedding which required flowers during the year which took place in June.

With the lifting of Covid restrictions the Bloomers were also able to meet again throughout the year, which included visits to coffee shops, lunches, to wholesalers and to a Herb Centre near Banbury.

I would like to thank all my fellow Bloomers - Donna, Margaret, Andrea and Joy - for their unstinting dedication in giving their skills and time to make sure there are always flowers in the Church (with the exception of course of Lent and Advent!). Our thanks also to the members of our own congregation whose generous donations toward the Easter Lilies, the Jubilee, the Harvest and Christmas arrangement have allowed this to happen.

Bev Russell, Flower Lady

Sunday School

Sunday School continued to take place on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. It was led by Nicolette Rushmere and Jeremy Sampson on alternate dates.

The content corresponded to that particular Sunday's gospel reading with an emphasis on discussion of the Bible and linkage to the children's experience, crafts and practical activities. These included making 'Humble' pies and each child making a family album of themselves doing kind deeds as one of God's children. Activities were adapted for the children according to their individual needs. The children also took part in Stir Up Sunday, making Christmas puddings for the Community Christmas Lunch event.

Children are encouraged and enabled to present and share their Sunday School creations and knowledge with the rest of the congregation. They enjoyed this and often asked to take part. They also made their own prayers. There was an Easter Egg Hunt, and the children took up baskets of donations for Harvest Festival.

There was some discussion later in the year about taking photographs of the crafts (not with children) for the on-line Church website and board. This has yet to be implemented by leaders.

Ages ranged from two to fourteen years and numbers fluctuated in the range of two to sixteen children. A couple of children who attended had special needs.

Other members of the Church, who were DBS checked, helped out when needed to keep within the necessary ratios. A parent with a young child sometimes stayed with them. The signing in and out system (recorded in a folder) ran smoothly after a few reminders to parents initially. Records were also kept of allergies and individual needs/conditions and kept on file for reference.



The Nativity was a success and followed the usual format which did not require character speech, just narrators. This allowed any non-regular children who came on the afternoon of Christmas Eve to join in easily. As is custom, outfits were provided by the Church or children had the option to come ready in costume. Carols were interspersed to help tell the story. Most families who attended this event come annually, alongside new families and the regular congregation.

Nicolette Rushmere & Jeremy Sampson

The Julian Meetings

The Julian Meetings have been able to meet in Church this year and we are so delighted to meet in person once again. We have maintained our numbers in spite of some people moving to a new home or into a care home and, although it varies from month to month, on average there are about six to eight of us meeting in the Lady Chapel of St Mary's Church for our quiet time of contemplation.

In the autumn as the evenings became dark, especially in our Churchyard, it was decided to meet in the afternoon and we changed the day to the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm to allow everyone to get home before dark. Rather than change the time and day again, we will continue to keep to this pattern for as long as we are able. The meetings are led by a different member each month, if this is possible, which brings fresh thoughts and ideas to the quiet half hour with a variety of music. We hope we will be able to continue holding these Julian Meetings for another year and enjoy the companionship in the peace of God. Remember everyone is welcome to join us!

Heather Cotman

Education & Events

After two years of disruption due to the Covid pandemic, we were able to start welcoming back our regular hirers during 2022. The Aylesbury Symphony Orchestra and Choral Society once again held concerts in St Mary's. The Dung Beatles played here on four occasions last year, including at two benefit concerts for Ukraine. In December, we welcomed back three local schools for their Christmas Services and the Bucks Fire & Rescue Service returned to us. Jazz nights were held throughout the year and a big thanks has to go out to everyone who helps to set up and clear away after these events, and to those who run the bars and make and serve refreshments; we could not do it without them. Things are looking very healthy going forwards with bookings going into 2025.

Kim Hopping, Operations Manager

Zimbabwean Mothers' Union

It is spiritually encouraging to note that the Covid 19 era that significantly impacted on the ZMU gatherings in the Church has now passed. The Group now enjoys once again the fellowship at St Mary's, Aylesbury which was missed during the pandemic. ZMU participation in Church activities is particularly noticeable through singing in the service every first Sunday of the month and nourishing the congregation spiritually. Members continue to be actively involved in supporting each other in times of happiness and sorrow in the community. It is worth noting that the Group continues to be heavily involved with the Zimbabwe National Anglican Fellowship (ZINAFE) at national level participating in the organised activities throughout the Christian calendar, namely Lady Day (The Annunciation), Easter, Pentecost, Bernard Mzeki Festival and ZMU Annual Conference. Above all, the Group continues to enjoy its fellowship at St Mary's, Aylesbury and sees the Church as their home.

Revd (Curate) Rainah Madzorera

Parish Magazine

The Parish Magazine continues to be a popular item for many of the parishioners.

We are able to advertise a number of upcoming events in the Parish. There are also a number of regular features which are enjoyed by many.

Unfortunately, the Magazine is only available with an online subscription, at the moment.

David Hunt, Editor

Fundraising Team

It was lovely to be back after Covid but a cautious approach was taken. We started this year with some old favourites; the Smarties during Lent and Easter Raffle and completed the year with the Autumn Market and Advent Raffle.

All events this year have been well received which has enabled us to exceed the budget expectation. A lot of hard work as well as financial donations by the Team have led to another successful year.

We would welcome anyone that would like to join the Team or be a supporter for us to call on for help as well as ideas for social events and other ways to raise funds to support the budget.

Last of all we have been successful because of the continued support from the St Mary's congregation, and we thank you.

Jo Hodgson

Social Events

We had a few social events last year which were a big success and we have been asked to repeat these by those who attended.

We laid on a Harvest Supper in October served in the Chapter House which about 40 people attended, and there was a Christmas buffet supper and quiz night in December and again about 40 people came.

We have also had 2 ladies' social evenings at the Wine Bar on Temple Street which were both well attended and enjoyed very much.

Catherine Mannion

Needlecraft Small Group

As in 2021 the Embroidery Group were unable to meet for the first half of the year, as people were not anxious to come out during darker and colder evenings, but as in previous years worked continued. With the opening of the Good News Café in the summer of 2022 however the Group was able to meet in person again and we have met on the second Saturday of every month since, working both on items specifically for St Mary's such seasonal knitted Easter Egg chicks & bunnies and Chocolate Orange snowmen at Christmas as well as on their own projects.

Poppy manufacture went into full production again in the autumn working with the Bloomers to help with their displays for Remembrance Day, and to sell knitted, crocheted and felt poppies in the aid of St Mary's and the Royal British Legion. This year £146 was raised and split between both. In 2022 we can also claim to be international exporters of poppies as at least one poppy from everyone was sent to the United States – next ambition by Royal Appointment perhaps!

At the Autumn Market there was the usual wide variety of crafts (chutneys, jams & baking) and needlework items from jar openers, bags of various types, knitted hats, egg cosies, knitted nativities and other items. Everyone gave freely of the skills, time and materials and every penny went towards raising much needed funds for St Mary's. Thank you all – and to the people who appreciated the efforts by buying the items.



Unfortunately, we missed the Christmas deadline for completing the tapestry kneelers, but by the time you read this the 14 kneelers ranging in size from 3' to 10' will be in place. There has been much criticism about how long this as taken, and yes it has taken longer than any of us envisaged or wanted. However, the number, colour and size (it takes around an hour to complete just one 3' row), not to mention lockdown all played a part. People came and went but on the whole most of the work was thanks to about ten people. So, I would like to thank Anne Aylett, Heather Cotman, Christine Jennings, Marilyn Norwood, Bev Russell, Nicola Rutterford, Chrissie Tyrrell, (and Helen Spinks), and we were joined at the sewing stage, by Jo Hodgson and Wendy Prestage.

I would therefore ask, on behalf of the person they are dedicated to, the person that 'donated' them and all the sewers – those mentioned and those who have over the years added to the stitches please treat them with respect. One of our next projects we hope will be to clean and restore the kneelers which are no longer in use – made by people who spent their skills and time to produce them and now in some cases in a terrible condition.

Everyone is welcome to join us, those who already have skills and those who would like to learn more. If you are interested in joining us please do make contact.

Pam Russell

Good News Café

The Good News Cafe was set up with the idea and vision of it being a bring-and-share breakfast, that people would bring either something to eat and share or some good news to talk about. It runs on Saturday mornings between 9.30am until 12 noon from the servery and we eat in the old cafe area in Church.

It is now about nine months in, and it is well attended and supported by those who come either for breakfast or a chat and fellowship. It is available to all in our community whatever walk of life, and all are welcomed.

Most people do give a freewill donation, and some bring food to share. The breakfast is bought on the day and donations do not always cover the cost, profits go into a Good News Breakfast account within the DCC account.

Attendance averages on about twenty people week, but it does vary and sometimes we can have up to thirty-five and as few as ten.

Going forward with Good News Cafe there will be a few changes and some things to note.

The majority of the hospitality is given by myself, Charles Boot, Sue Newling and Fr. Doug. We need more volunteers/helpers to either do the shopping, welcome people and make coffee and/or wash up afterwards.

The name 'Good News Cafe' will be changing to 'Bring and Share (Good News) Breakfast'.

It will run strictly from 9.30am to 11.30am so we have time to clear/wash up by 12 noon, as we are finding people coming in at 9am and not leaving till 12 noon.

Catherine Mannion

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits and sometimes cake (left over from the breakfast the day before) is served after the 10am service on Sundays in the Chapter House, and

donations to replace the shopping needed for this are always welcome.

There is a rota for this hospitality but only a few have come forward to help with either setting up, serving or clearing away and the majority of it is done by a very few people, and we therefore need more willing people to lend a hand!

Catherine Mannion

Kitchen Development Team

The Group last met in October 2021. Since that time some initial work has been carried out to make the kitchen and Refectory useable spaces. Currently the kitchen and Refectory are used for Sunday coffee, Good News Café, Jazz Nights, Space, and 'Pop Up' events that happen in the Church. At the current time there are no plans to further develop these areas until there is sufficient funding.

Donna Riley

Deanery Synod

Since the last annual report there have been 3 meetings of the Deanery Synod (all at St. Mary's, Princes Risborough): June 2022, September 2022, November

2022. At these meetings a variety of issues have been discussed. These have included: ·

- How can we encourage 'generous giving' amongst our congregations?
- 'Space Makers' – a Diocesan educational programme offered to primary schools to introduce children to spiritual contemplation and prayer. ·

- youshape.life - a proposed project for 2023 in which a small group of 18-30 year olds are to be invited to come together to explore what their faith means for the 'shape of their lives'. ·

- Updates on: Rural Affairs/The Aylesbury Greenhouse Project/Parish Share/Deanery Finance/NARNia/Parish Vacancies.

An election was also held in September 2022 to appoint a new Lay Chair (following the resignation of David Lillycrop in June 2022). Graham Strachan was duly appointed to this role. Further meetings of the Deanery Synod are planned for March 2023, June 2023 and November 2023.

Jeremy Sampson, Deanery Synod Representative

Bellringers Report

Diary of Events 2022

25 January: a quarter peal was rung for the passing of Duncan Purchase's father.

20 April: visiting band from The Oxford Society.

3 June: a quarter peal was rung for the Queen's Jubilee. This was also Jack White's first quarter peal.

21 June: a quarter peal was rung for Duncan's 50th Birthday.

25 June: visiting band from Berkhampsted branch.

23 August: Whites of Appleton attended for the annual service of the bells.

9 September: 1 hour of fully muffled ringing with the tenor open at backstroke for mourning of HM Queen Elizabeth.

11 September: 1hour of ringing for proclamation of King Charles lll

19 September: 1 hour of fully muffled ringing with the tenor open at backstroke for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth.

30 September: a quarter peal, half muffled was rung for the service of Thanksgiving for Julian Griffin.

Aylesbury ringers also organised bands for Waddesdon's Jubilee Service on 5 June and 3 weddings.

Grant Edney, Tower Secretary

The Friends of St Mary's

2022 was a year when life almost got back to normal and at least some of The Friends' activities were able to take place. Our most visible activity, the lunchtime concerts ran every week other

than our usual August and Christmas breaks – some 44 in all - with musicians delighted to get back to performing.

Our audiences slowly increased in number throughout the year and are now averaging 55-65 people which allows us to contribute £150 a week to the Church's expenses. If we have a group playing of more than two people then the extra fees come from our concert donation fund.

The highlight of the concerts this year was having a piano recital by a young pianist from Kazakhstan, Alim Beisembayev, who a few weeks later won the Leeds Piano Competition – the most prestigious in Europe. We feel the Church should have a blue plaque placed on the wall to recall the momentous occasion!

Our secretary's life has been plagued by the extraordinary problems placed before us by Barclays' Bank. When our much-lamented Treasurer died a year ago, I took on, temporarily I fervently hoped, the role of Treasurer, but as I had not been a signatory to cheques on the Friends' account they would not help me in any way, withheld all information about the account and refused to send me bank statements. Two of the original four signatories had died and the other two were seriously ill and not able to sign cheques. The consequences of this were that no annual accounts could be prepared or audited and therefore no AGM was held in 2022. However, at last, after much form filling and lengthy telephone calls, we now have five new signatories and a functioning account.

We were blessed with the arrival of Jane Turner who had volunteered to help with the concerts and has taken on the booking of musicians. She and her daughter, who is a computer wizard, have helped enormously with our communications and publicity.

At long last we hope to get the appeal to restore the reredos behind the High Altar off the ground. In due course we shall be inviting people to donate the cost of restoring particular sections of the reredos and our first evening concert in aid of this will be on Saturday, 22 April. Alas without a functioning kitchen we cannot provide a hot meal as we have done in the past but there will be a finger buffet and bar during the interval.

We are grateful to the Church for their help with our woes, especially the Rector, David Hunt, Kim Hopping and last but no means least, Charles Boot.

Janet Frost, Honorary Secretary

SPACE (Aylesbury)

Space exists to promote and protect the good physical and mental health of people in Buckinghamshire who are experiencing relationship breakdowns, loneliness, bereavement, homelessness, unemployment, ill health, isolation or other mental or emotional stress by offering a number of services and activities.

Space provides four weekly drop-ins offering a listening service and the opportunity to meet others. One drop-in takes place in Southcourt and the other three in St Mary's and twice a week this includes food distribution. There are also weekly short walks, a Mindful Colouring Session at Queens Park Art Centre and an art group at the Discover Bucks (County) Museum. We are grateful therefore to all the venues who provide us with a place to meet.

We offer affordable one-to-one counselling services and signposting to other relevant organisations for specialist support. There are also monthly webinars, wellbeing walks with alpacas and in the better weather meet ups in Vale Park.

During 2021/22 there were 8,881 interactions with 417 beneficiaries, 288 of these unique. Our interactions doubled between 2019/20 and 2020/21 and this level has been maintained during the year. This therefore remains a huge increase in demand for Space's services to be met, by just two part-time employees, four sessional workers and around forty-five unpaid volunteers.

Financially Space relies on grants, the regular and ad hoc donations from individuals, from service users and from fundraising activities which during the year included fundraising walks. We also benefitted in 2022 from some community fundraising by the Aylesbury Old Town Residents Association.

We are grateful to St Mary's for continuing to provide us with office space, a place to hold our drop-ins with all the disruption that incurs and an ongoing invitation to join St Mary's in all their own fundraising activities.

Kate Lawton - Project Manager

Community Christmas Lunch

After so many difficult years due to Covid restrictions we were really excited to be back helping those in need of food, support or just company in our local community by hosting a Christmas Lunch event open to all on Christmas day.

***Details of the Day*:**
At 11.00 on Christmas morning 63 amazing volunteers dressed in Christmas jumpers, hats and aprons turned up at St Mary's ready to help with the mammoth task of converting the Church into a 120 seat restaurant. Most of the 107 guests arrived on foot but thanks to the generosity of a local transport company providing minibuses, taxis and drivers 15 guests with mobility issues were picked up and were also able to join us for the event.

Aylesbury College Catering department kindly helped by cooking the food and produced a full three course Christmas meal with all of the trimmings. This was served piping hot with seconds being offered and any spare meals being boxed up and given out to guests in recyclable containers ensuring zero food waste. 27Kgs of prime turkey was donated by a local farm and that was consumed along with over 100kg of vegetables and potatoes, 450 pigs in blankets and 450 stuffing balls! A full selection of vegetarian and vegan food was also on offer and following the meal there was a free raffle and even a visit from Father Christmas distributing festive cheer along with small gifts for the guests.

At the end of the event we opened up a 'free shop' filled with donated goods from the Food Bank, individuals and organisations ranging from food and provisions to goods for babies and young children, dog and cat food, personal hygiene products and washing and cleaning household items. We also had 'bags of love' donated to the event by our friends from the Bags of Love charity in Thame. Guests were invited to visit the shop and fill up a carrier bag with whatever items they required to see them through the holiday period and beyond in these hard times. During the following week any remaining items were distributed to the town's homeless and rough sleepers.

Guests were kept entertained throughout the event by local groups including a Ukulele Band, the Bucks Belles and Carols around the piano. As well as being fed and entertained guests were invited to get a free haircut and shave kindly provided by volunteer hairdressers who were kept very busy the whole 3 hours!

How was it funded? The meal and day was provided completely free of charge thanks to the generosity and financial support including the Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hands scheme and many local organisations and individuals details of which can be found on our website at: *www.freechristmasdinner.com/sponsors.htm*

Kim and Paul Walter,
Christmas Lunch Organisers

Footnote: *Nativity image courtesy of Fr. Doug Zimmerman ©. All other images 'donated' by members of the congregation.*

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Financial Statements
Of St Mary's District Church Council

Year ending 31/12/22

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St Mary's DCC
Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2022

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005 & 2008), using Financial Coordinator Software designed specifically for this purpose.

Accounting Policies
Funds
Unrestricted funds are general funds available for the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the DCC/PCC for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given, within the objectives of the PCC.

Endowment funds are restricted funds, which are held permanently, and the capital maintained while the income is restricted.

Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the church becomes legally entitled to the income.

Collections are recognized when received by, or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving is recognized only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is accounted for when the tax refund is claimed.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Endowment and Income Funds held at CCLA are held in the name of 'Aylesbury St Mary Rector and Churchwardens – 777400' and include the following funds listed in these Accounts
Income Funds – Dixey Bequest, Woodward Bequest, PCC1, Millennium Appeal
Endowment Funds – Bequests, Dixey Investment, Grinnell Bequest, Roscoe, Tuffney Bequest

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	73,762.14	2,765.78	—	76,527.92	301,412.74
Activities for generating funds	23,001.09	—	—	23,001.09	10,263.96
Investment income	2,453.32	60,913.74	—	63,367.06	103,662.94
Incoming resources from charitable activities	7,630.60	—	—	7,630.60	1,527.13
Other incoming resources	22,337.76	3,015.32	—	25,353.08	89,240.55
Total income	**129,184.91**	**66,694.84**	**—**	**195,879.75**	**506,107.32**
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	36.00	—	—	36.00	612.74
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	3,607.37	—	—	3,607.37	1,338.32
Investment management costs	344.11	—	—	344.11	238.26
Charitable activities	114,138.48	85,443.96	—	199,582.44	408,785.15
Governance costs	500.00	—	—	500.00	200.00
Other resources used	15,485.40	—	—	15,485.40	14,684.72
Total expenditure	**134,111.36**	**85,443.96**	**—**	**219,555.32**	**425,859.19**
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	(206,800.96)	(206,800.96)	31,558.13
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(4,926.45)**	**(18,749.12)**	**(206,800.96)**	**(230,476.53)**	**111,806.26**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	28,219.47	—	—	28,219.47	9,300.65
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5,919.47)	(22,300.00)	—	(28,219.47)	(9,300.65)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**17,373.55**	**(41,049.12)**	**(206,800.96)**	**(230,476.53)**	**111,806.26**
Total funds brought forward	**13,379.54**	**83,467.14**	**957,893.08**	**1,054,739.76**	**942,933.50**
Total funds carried forward	**30,753.09**	**42,418.02**	**751,092.12**	**824,263.23**	**1,054,739.76**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	22,779.38	—	—	22,779.38	(875.73)
Johnson Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	—	—	—	—
Woodward Bequest - 777400001D Income from 62715402	467.43	—	—	467.43	3,106.96
Designated					
Betty Hendron Skipton Account	—	—	—	—	795.83
Christmas Hampers (not for use by St Mary's)	—	—	—	—	1,845.34
Memorial Garden	1,914.99	—	—	1,914.99	1,894.99
Mission Partner Support Fund	820.82	—	—	820.82	1,188.04
Pat Beale Skipton A/C	—	—	—	—	823.64
Small Gifts Skipton Account	4,176.72	—	—	4,176.72	4,176.72
Video Equiptment	593.75	—	—	593.75	423.75
Restricted					
Clocks & Chimes CCLA Fund CBF Fund a/c 533510001C	—	—	—	—	—
Dixey Bequest - 777400002D Income from 127002762F	—	2,896.95	—	2,896.95	11,671.49
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	—	143.83	—	143.83	143.83
Milennium Appeal - 627154002D	—	0.98	—	0.98	0.98

PCC1 - 627154001D included in main account	—	175.71	—	175.71	2,887.03
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	—	266.18	—	266.18	266.18
Restoration Project	—	16,534.90	—	16,534.90	45,504.82
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	22,399.47	—	22,399.47	22,992.81
Endowment					
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	—	—	54,386.38	54,386.38	61,642.76
Clock & Chimes CCLA Fund - 533510001C	—	—	—	—	42,071.92
Clocks & Chimes P&C Admin by Parrott & Coales	—	—	—	—	20,919.97
Dixey Fixed Int Securities - 127002762F Receiving	—	—	—	—	—
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	—	—	320,170.29	320,170.29	406,517.37
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	—	—	19,793.62	19,793.62	22,434.54
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	—	—	17,811.40	17,811.40	20,155.07
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	—	—	338,930.43	338,930.43	384,151.45

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	751,092.12	957,893.08
	751,092.12	**957,893.08**
Current assets		
Debtors	3,177.05	1,500.19
Cash at bank and in hand	74,028.50	105,106.97
	77,205.55	**106,607.16**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,034.44	9,760.48
	4,034.44	**9,760.48**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**73,171.11**	**96,846.68**
Total assets less current liabilities	**824,263.23**	**1,054,739.76**
Total net assets less liabilities	**824,263.23**	**1,054,739.76**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	22,779.38	(875.73)
Woodward Bequest - 777400001D Income from 62715402	467.43	3,106.96
Johnson Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	—
Designated		
Small Gifts Skipton Account	4,176.72	4,176.72
Christmas Hampers (not for use by St Mary's)	—	1,845.34
Memorial Garden	1,914.99	1,894.99
Mission Partner Support Fund	820.82	1,188.04
Video Equiptment	593.75	423.75
Pat Beale Skipton A/C	—	823.64
Betty Hendron Skipton Account	—	795.83
Restricted		
Restoration Project	16,534.90	45,504.82
Dixey Bequest - 777400002D Income from 127002762F	2,896.95	11,671.49
PCC1 - 627154001D included in main account	175.71	2,887.03
Milennium Appeal - 627154002D	0.98	0.98
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	22,399.47	22,992.81
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	266.18	266.18
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	143.83	143.83
Clocks & Chimes CCLA Fund CBF Fund a/c 533510001C	—	—
Endowment		
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	19,793.62	22,434.54
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	338,930.43	384,151.45
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	320,170.29	406,517.37
Dixey Fixed Int Securities - 127002762F Receiving	—	—
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	54,386.38	61,642.76
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	17,811.40	20,155.07
Clocks & Chimes P&C Admin by Parrott & Coales	—	20,919.97
Clock & Chimes CCLA Fund - 533510001C	—	42,071.92
Funds of the church	**824,263.23**	**1,054,739.76**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA Endowment Investments -	—	—	—	751,092.12	751,092.12	957,893.08
Totals	**—**	**—**	**—**	**751,092.12**	**751,092.12**	**957,893.08**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank CCLA -	467.43	—	3,072.97	—	3,540.40	17,665.79
Skipton Building Society -	1,619.47	6,071.71	18,721.27	—	26,412.45	69,997.32
Bank DCC -	20,092.51	(721.92)	23,398.03	—	42,768.62	11,711.78
Refectory -	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	0.01
Bank Millennium -	(873.77)	2,156.49	0.67	—	1,283.39	5,722.94
Bank Covenant -	1.00	—	—	—	1.00	1.00
Bank Petty Cash -	22.63	—	—	—	22.63	8.13
Totals	**21,329.28**	**7,506.28**	**45,192.94**	**—**	**74,028.50**	**105,106.97**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable 1 -	3,177.05	—	—	—	3,177.05	1,500.19
Totals	**3,177.05**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3,177.05**	**1,500.19**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	1,259.52	—	2,774.92	—	4,034.44	9,760.48
Totals	**1,259.52**	**—**	**2,774.92**	**—**	**4,034.44**	**9,760.48**
Grand total	**23,246.81**	**7,506.28**	**42,418.02**	**751,092.12**	**824,263.23**	**1,054,739.76**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Giftskp - Small Gifts Skipton						
Designated	4,176.72	—	—	—	—	4,176.72
Sub-total for Giftskp	**4,176.72**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4,176.72**
HAMPERS - Christmas Hampers (n						
Designated	1,845.34	95.00	1,940.34	—	—	—
Sub-total for HAMPERS	**1,845.34**	**95.00**	**1,940.34**	**—**	**—**	**—**
MemorSkip - Memorial Garden						
Designated	1,894.99	20.00	—	—	—	1,914.99
Sub-total for MemorSkip	**1,894.99**	**20.00**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,914.99**
Mission - Mission Partner Supp						
Designated	1,188.04	5,632.78	6,000.00	—	—	820.82
Sub-total for Mission	**1,188.04**	**5,632.78**	**6,000.00**	**—**	**—**	**820.82**
RESTRSKIP - Restoration Project						
Restricted	45,504.82	45,800.41	74,770.33	—	—	16,534.90
Sub-total for RESTRSKIP	**45,504.82**	**45,800.41**	**74,770.33**	**—**	**—**	**16,534.90**
VIDEO - Video Equiptment						
Designated	423.75	170.00	—	—	—	593.75
Sub-total for VIDEO	**423.75**	**170.00**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**593.75**
Woodward - Woodward Bequest - 7						
Unrestricted	3,106.96	1,660.47	—	(4,300.00)	—	467.43
Sub-total for Woodward	**3,106.96**	**1,660.47**	**—**	**(4,300.00)**	**—**	**467.43**
Dixey - Dixey Bequest - 7774						
Restricted	11,671.49	10,225.46	—	(19,000.00)	—	2,896.95
Sub-total for Dixey	**11,671.49**	**10,225.46**	**—**	**(19,000.00)**	**—**	**2,896.95**
PCC - PCC1 - 627154001D in						
Restricted	2,887.03	588.68	—	(3,300.00)	—	175.71
Sub-total for PCC	**2,887.03**	**588.68**	**—**	**(3,300.00)**	**—**	**175.71**
Milennium - Milennium Appeal - 6						
Restricted	0.98	—	—	—	—	0.98
Sub-total for Milennium	**0.98**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**0.98**
TuffneySkp - Tuffney Skipton Admi						
Restricted	22,992.81	10,080.29	10,673.63	—	—	22,399.47
Sub-total for TuffneySkp	**22,992.81**	**10,080.29**	**10,673.63**	**—**	**—**	**22,399.47**
ReliefSkp - Relief of the Poor S						
Restricted	266.18	—	—	—	—	266.18
Sub-total for ReliefSkp	**266.18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**266.18**
FlwPedsSkp - Flower Pedestals Ski						
Restricted	143.83	—	—	—	—	143.83
Sub-total for FlwPedsSkp	**143.83**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**143.83**
BealeSkp - Pat Beale Skipton A/						
Designated	823.64	—	—	(823.64)	—	—
Sub-total for BealeSkp	**823.64**	**—**	**—**	**(823.64)**	**—**	**—**
HendronSkp - Betty Hendron Skipto						
Designated	795.83	—	—	(795.83)	—	—
Sub-total for HendronSkp	**795.83**	**—**	**—**	**(795.83)**	**—**	**—**
JohnsonSkp - Johnson Skipton Admi						
Unrestricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for JohnsonSkp	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	(875.73)	121,606.66	126,171.02	28,219.47	—	22,779.38
Sub-total for General	**(875.73)**	**121,606.66**	**126,171.02**	**28,219.47**	**—**	**22,779.38**
Grinnell - Grinnell Bequest - 1						
Endowment	22,434.54	—	—	—	(2,640.92)	19,793.62

Sub-total for Grinnell	**22,434.54**	—	—	—	**(2,640.92)**	**19,793.62**
Tuffneybeq - Tuffney Bequest - 12						
Endowment	384,151.45	—	—	—	(45,221.02)	338,930.43
Sub-total for Tuffneybeq	**384,151.45**	—	—	—	**(45,221.02)**	**338,930.43**
Dixey2 - Dixey Invest - 12700						
Endowment	406,517.37	—	—	—	(86,347.08)	320,170.29
Sub-total for Dixey2	**406,517.37**	—	—	—	**(86,347.08)**	**320,170.29**
Dixey3 - Dixey Fixed Int Secu						
Endowment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Dixey3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bequests - Bequests - 627154002						
Endowment	61,642.76	—	—	—	(7,256.38)	54,386.38
Sub-total for Bequests	**61,642.76**	—	—	—	**(7,256.38)**	**54,386.38**
Roscoe - Roscoe -273740001T R						
Endowment	20,155.07	—	—	—	(2,343.67)	17,811.40
Sub-total for Roscoe	**20,155.07**	—	—	—	**(2,343.67)**	**17,811.40**
ClocksCCLA - Clocks & Chimes CCLA						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for ClocksCCLA	—	—	—	—	—	—
ClocksPC - Clocks & Chimes P&C						
Endowment	20,919.97	—	—	—	(20,919.97)	—
Sub-total for ClocksPC	**20,919.97**	—	—	—	**(20,919.97)**	—
ClockCCLA - Clock & Chimes CCLA						
Endowment	42,071.92	—	—	—	(42,071.92)	—
Sub-total for ClockCCLA	**42,071.92**	—	—	—	**(42,071.92)**	—
Grand total	**1,054,739.76**	**195,879.75**	**219,555.32**	—	**(206,800.96)**	**824,263.23**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
1000 - Pledges Yellow Envelopes	1,011.50	—	—	—	1,011.50	1,498.50
1001 - Planned Gift Aid Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
1002 - Other Gift Aid Envelopes	1,743.73	—	—	—	1,743.73	1,794.73
1003 - Cash Offerings Sunday Plate	2,620.28	—	—	—	2,620.28	582.67
1003A - Cash Offerings Mission Partners Fund	—	632.78	—	—	632.78	30.00
1004 - Offerings Charitable Collections	4,803.99	—	—	—	4,803.99	976.12
1005 - Donations General	21,385.36	190.00	265.78	—	21,841.14	13,736.95
1006 - Pledges Standing Orders	26,193.63	—	—	—	26,193.63	27,664.90
1007 - Cash Offerings Other Services Plate	1,652.53	—	—	—	1,652.53	1,252.98
1008 - Gift Aid refunds	13,359.24	—	—	—	13,359.24	7,088.48
1009 - Payment for Training/Workshops/Seminars	169.10	—	—	—	169.10	—
1012 - Grants	—	—	2,500.00	—	2,500.00	246,787.41
1013 - New Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	72,939.36	822.78	2,765.78	—	76,527.92	301,412.74
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
4001 - Sunday Tea & Coffee Donations	944.55	—	—	—	944.55	32.00
4001A - Good News Activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
4002 - Fundraising Activities	1,899.58	—	—	—	1,899.58	1,084.68
4003 - Magazine Adverts	—	—	—	—	—	—
4005 - Refectory Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
4005A - Refectory Events Income	6,298.05	—	—	—	6,298.05	2,466.51
4006 - Community Centre Concerts	7,318.70	—	—	—	7,318.70	2,265.17
4007 - Community Centre Building Hire	6,157.50	—	—	—	6,157.50	3,629.74
4008 - Photocopying	—	—	—	—	—	—
4009 - Organists Fees	240.00	—	—	—	240.00	230.00
4013 - Merchandise Sales	142.71	—	—	—	142.71	55.86
4014 - South Porch Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	500.00
Total	23,001.09	—	—	—	23,001.09	10,263.96
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
2002 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
2006 - Income from Trusts & Bequests	2,453.32	—	60,913.74	—	63,367.06	103,662.94
2007 - Gain to Endowment Investment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,453.32	—	60,913.74	—	63,367.06	103,662.94
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
3001 - Flowers	1,065.92	—	—	—	1,065.92	304.61
3002 - Fees	6,158.67	—	—	—	6,158.67	1,082.52
3004 - Magazine Sales & Subscriptions	5.00	—	—	—	5.00	35.00
3005 - Community Centre St Mary's Tots	—	—	—	—	—	—
3007 - PCC & other churches	401.01	—	—	—	401.01	105.00

3008 - ODBF Refunds of Ministry Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7,630.60	—	—	—	7,630.60	1,527.13
Other incoming resources						
1012A - Loans	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008 - Cubb Field Rent	5,540.35	5,000.00	—	—	10,540.35	4,410.97
3001A - Flowers - Special/private orders	—	—	—	—	—	—
3006 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Payroll	8,085.35	—	—	—	8,085.35	6,156.37
3009 - Church of Good Shepherd Payroll	3,003.16	—	—	—	3,003.16	2,737.04
3010 - St Peter's Payroll	—	—	—	—	—	(291.50)
4015 - Christmas Hampers Donations	—	95.00	—	—	95.00	7,537.09
5001 - Sundry	363.90	—	—	—	363.90	1,866.94
5002 - Cash for Petty Cash	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	—
5003 - General Refunds	200.00	—	3,015.32	—	3,215.32	66,823.64
5004 - Payment for Trips/Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	17,242.76	5,095.00	3,015.32	—	25,353.08	89,240.55
INCOME TOTAL	123,267.13	5,917.78	66,694.84	—	195,879.75	506,107.32

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

6001 - Fundraisers expenses	36.00	—	—	—	36.00	36.00
6002 - Community Centre Events	—	—	—	—	—	65.00
6004 - Community Centre Tots	—	—	—	—	—	—
6006 - Cost of giving materials	—	—	—	—	—	511.74
Total	36.00	—	—	—	36.00	612.74

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

9001 - Refectory	—	—	—	—	—	—
9001A - Refectory Events Costs	3,469.62	—	—	—	3,469.62	1,338.32
9003A - Merchandise Invoices	137.75	—	—	—	137.75	—
Total	3,607.37	—	—	—	3,607.37	1,338.32

Cost of generating funds - Investment management costs

8001 - Bank Charges	344.11	—	—	—	344.11	238.26
Total	344.11	—	—	—	344.11	238.26

Charitable activities

7001 - Payments to Mission Partners	—	6,000.00	—	—	6,000.00	—
7001A - Charity Collections Not Kept By STM	3,575.31	—	—	—	3,575.31	366.04
7001B - North Aylesbury Team Contribution	—	—	—	—	—	3,750.00
7002 - Gas	7,983.39	—	—	—	7,983.39	5,441.81
7003 - Electricity	3,089.58	—	—	—	3,089.58	2,651.36
7004 - Water	201.20	—	—	—	201.20	76.52
7005 - Repairs - Minor	—	—	—	—	—	1,395.66
7006 - Cleaning-Maintenance	6,649.03	—	—	—	6,649.03	4,313.20
7007 - Insurance	6,315.66	—	—	—	6,315.66	6,868.25
7008 - Caretaker	4,270.00	—	—	—	4,270.00	—
7009 - Administrator	7,657.40	—	—	—	7,657.40	7,634.20
7010 - Organist	—	—	9,484.34	—	9,484.34	4,028.75
7011 - Music	—	—	480.29	—	480.29	702.84
7011A - Choir Leader	—	—	474.00	—	474.00	—
7012 - Organ-Piano	—	—	235.00	—	235.00	322.08
7013 - Upkeep of Services	1,231.35	—	—	—	1,231.35	356.53
7014 - Flower expenses	2,011.59	—	—	—	2,011.59	1,024.86
7014A - Flowers - Special Orders	—	—	—	—	—	—
7015 - Office Supplies, Equipment, Software	1,840.90	—	—	—	1,840.90	989.88
7015A - IT Hardware	1,264.20	—	—	—	1,264.20	1,507.25
7016 - Office Telephone/Postage	898.45	—	—	—	898.45	737.87
7017 - Photocopying	2,500.89	—	—	—	2,500.89	2,312.79
7018 - Clergy & Staff Expenses	536.89	—	—	—	536.89	450.00
7018A - Supply Clergy Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018B - Ministry - Youth & Children	28.38	—	—	—	28.38	91.36
7018C - Ministry - Communications	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018D - Ministry - Small Groups & Discipleship	207.77	—	—	—	207.77	—
7018E - Ministry - Pastoral Care	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018F - Other Ministry Related Costs	362.66	—	—	—	362.66	612.23
7019 - Parish Share	48,523.00	—	—	—	48,523.00	43,000.00
7020 - Petty Cash	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	—
7021 - PCC & other churches	401.01	—	—	—	401.01	105.00
7023 - Magazine Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7025 - Training-Seminars-Workshops	—	—	—	—	—	—
7026 - Grants made	—	—	—	—	—	—
7027 - Annual Non Music Subscriptions-Licenses	968.98	—	—	—	968.98	507.28

7028 - Operations Manager		7,570.84	—	—	—	7,570.84	7,075.44
7032 - Repairs - major		—	—	—	—	—	—
7034 - Restoration Costs		—	—	74,770.33	—	74,770.33	312,463.95
	Total	108,138.48	6,000.00	85,443.96	—	199,582.44	408,785.15
Governance costs							
8003 - Auditing Costs		500.00	—	—	—	500.00	200.00
	Total	500.00	—	—	—	500.00	200.00
Other resources used							
7026A - Loans Repaid		—	—	—	—	—	—
7030 - Church of The Good Shepherd Salaries & T		3,134.16	—	—	—	3,134.16	2,583.96
7031 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Tax & NIC		8,122.07	—	—	—	8,122.07	5,076.90
7031A - St Peter's Salary & Tax		—	—	—	—	—	—
9004 - Sundry Expenses		2,288.83	—	—	—	2,288.83	757.89
9005 - Church Trips/Outings		—	—	—	—	—	—
9006 - Christmas Hamper Invoices		—	1,940.34	—	—	1,940.34	6,265.97
	Total	13,545.06	1,940.34	—	—	15,485.40	14,684.72
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		126,171.02	7,940.34	85,443.96	—	219,555.32	425,859.19
GRAND TOTAL		(2,903.89)	(2,022.56)	(18,749.12)	—	(23,675.57)	80,248.13

Notes to the accounts

Berryfields Church

Whilst Berryfields Church now have their own bank account, they are not currently able to administer their own Gift Aid Claims, so this is still being administered by St Mary's.

Income & Expenditure relating to Church of the Good Shepherd

Since 2014, the payroll for CGS has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping, Payroll Administrator from St Mary's Parish Office. Salaries and payments to HMRC are made by St Mary's and CGS reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. *Income line 3009/expenditure line 7030.*

Income & Expenditure relating to Aylesbury Foodbank

Since 2015, the payroll for Aylesbury Foodbank, has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping, Payroll Administrator from St Mary's Parish Office. Payments to HMRC and Nest are made by St Mary's and the Foodbank reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. It is anticipated that The Foodbank will become responsible for its own Tax/NIC/ NEST before the end of the next financial year. *Income line 3006/expenditure line 7031*

Christmas Hamper Fund

In 2020, the Community Christmas Lunch could not take place due to Covid 19. The lunch was also unable to happen in 2021. Instead, fundraising took place to enable over 340 Hampers to be distributed to people who would normally attend the lunch. St Mary's was asked to administer the funds for CCL. A Restricted Fund was set up to do this. Funds held were transferred to a new bank account set up by the Trustees of the Community Christmas Lunch in 2022. *Income Line 4015/Expenditure Line 9006*

Endowment Funds

All the endowment funds recorded losses during 2022. As advised by the Independent Examiner, the funds for the Clock & Chimes Account have been removed from our accounts as they are not within our control but are managed by Parrot & Coales, solicitors. The two funds total £62,991.89. The loss on all other funds is £143,809.07.

As recommended by the Independent Examiner, the market value has been used to calculate the gains/losses on the investments.

During 2022, £40,000 of Dixey shares were sold and the money placed in the Restoration Fund.

Legacies

There were no new legacies in 2022.

4 Cubb Field

St Mary's has an interest in 4 Cubb Field, HP19 7SH. Using the estimated value as provided by The Move Market is 47.64% of £300,000 i.e., £142,920 (Information confirm via the internet on 28/02/23)

During 2021 it was agreed that £1,250 from each rent payment would be sent to the North Aylesbury Team as part of our Mission Giving. *Income Line 2008/Expenditure Line 7001*

Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Income Line 1012 – One grant was received for the Restoration Fund to refurbish the toilets from

Hickman Trust £2,500

Income Line 1004 – Charity Collections are classed as Restricted income.

Income Line 4005A - Refectory Events refers to Bar takings from Jazz Nights etc. and payment for refreshments provided for other events and church hirers.

Income Line 5001 – Sundry income was in respect of Fees paid into the wrong account.

Income Line 5003 – General Refunds from VAT £3,015.32 and £200 of bar float was repaid into the DCC account.

Expenditure Line 7006 – Cleaning & Maintenance includes payments for Roof Alarms, PAT Testing, Fire Safety Check and the cost of changing light bulbs.

Expenditure Line 7015A - IT Hardware refers to spending on new computer equipment for the Parish Administrator and the video/sound system.

Expenditure Line 7019 – St Mary's paid all its 2022 Parish Share (£48,523.00).

Expenditure Line 7034 – Restoration Costs

Architect Fees	£17,637.30
Apostle Consultants - Fundraiser	£285.00
DRB Leadwork	£47,926.74
Gerald Low (Toilet Refurbishment)	£6,841.42
Project Costs (Consultants, Surveyors etc.)	£1,170.00
Miscellaneous costs (alarming scaffolding, purchase of Smartwater for roof tiles)	£909.87
	£74,770.33

Expenditure Line 9001A - Refectory Events includes the cost of bar stock and the cost of supplying refreshments for other services and events.

Expenditure Line 9004 – Sundry expenditure includes Fees payments transferred to the Fees Accounts and the cost of gifts for parishioners.

This report dated: 28/02/2023

Agreed on 21 MAY 2023

Signed by ---------- David Hunt, Treasurer

---------- Michael Sharp, Churchwarden

---------- Sue Newling, Churchwarden

Rector

Rev Doug Zimmerman

Signed Accounts available on request

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Receipts

	,2021 £	Code		£	2022 £	Restricted £
	26,134.00	101	Covenants and Gift Aid	28,611.00		
	5,088.34	102	Income tax recovered	6,732.60		
	1,148.00	103	Uncovenanted giving	1,220.00		
	271.25	104	Loose collections	261.28	36,824.88	
		100R	Restricted Income			
R	4,000.14		Drive in Carols:restricted			0.00
			Special Projects			2,540.50
	1,712.23	105	Donations		1,490.00	
R		105	New Wine/Ordination Bus			1,375.00
		201	Grants & Legacies (part restricted)			
R	8,749.56		Mid Bucks. Assoc. (Community Café/Garden)			
			Legacies	100.00		
			Oxford Diocese	1,176.00		
			Wes Atkinson			1,341.50
			Aylesbury Deanery	2,000.00		
			Putnam House	5,000.00	8,276.00	
		203	Fund Raising			
	2,808.91		Misc. Sales of Items	750.37		
	0.94		Bank Interest	3.86		
	157.07		Cov 19 costs reimbursed	0.00		
	700.00	402	Hall letting	1,885.22		
	767.80		Statutory Fees	785.00	3,424.45	
	51,538.24		Total Receipts to December 31st 2022		**55,272.33**	

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Payments

2021 £	Code		£	,2022 £	Restricted £
7,633.89	2001	Diocesan Parish share	10,208.88		
2,083.86		Mission Partnerships	2,149.35		
652.64		Outreach Activities	936.08		
200.87		Revelation Wellness	169.77		
87.67		Pastoral Care	30.23		
419.96		Youth & Children	24.12		
0.00		Brownies/Cubs	21.99		
1,400.00		Other Ministry Related expenses	206.59		
352.70		Discretionary Poverty Fund	413.25		
0.00		Lay Pastor (Bursary)	1,200.00		
757.00		Diocesan Fees/Costs	714.00		
1,654.80	2004	Clergy & Staff Exp.:travel	1,550.70		
161.85	2002	Clergy & Staff Exp.:other	130.93	17,755.89	
	2005	Church Running Expenses			
961.71		Insurance	975.14		
3,175.88		Heating/Lighting	4,212.58		
922.35		PA system/Lighting/AV	249.00	5,436.72	
	2006	Church Maintenance			
605.25		Minor Fabric repairs	65.56		
373.90		Maintenance Contracts	361.55	427.11	
	2007	Upkeep of services			
785.94		Copyright licence/Subscriptions	642.39		
1,537.05		Miscellaneous	2,656.45	3,298.84	
23,767.32		c/f		26,918.56	0.00

					£	£
	23,767.32		b/f		26,918.56	0.00
		2010	Hall running costs			
	375.57		Water	60.00		
R	4,276.40		Lay Worker-Community Café	3,314.20		
	1,238.63		Cleaner & Cleaning Materials	1,135.82	4,510.02	
			Major Works			
R	2,525.63		Community Garden Project/Facilitator	4,177.28		
	0.00		Initial Costs/Surveys	775.00		
	0.00		Planned ongoing Bldng. & Devlpmnt. Costs	0.00	4,952.28	
		4000	Church administration			
	165.41		Cov 19 reimbursed volunteer's expenses	0.00		
	449.90		Office Administration Costs	875.54		
	846.13		Office Telephone/Internet	850.36		
	629.74		Communications	839.77		
	506.50		PCC/Staff Training/Conferences/Retreats	310.00		
	6,015.36		Administrator	6,937.88		
	1,025.79		Office Furniture/Items	412.80		
	1,270.52		Special Projects	2,018.56		
	4.26		Bank Charges	4.76	12,249.67	
					48,630.53	0.00
	43,097.16		Total payments to 31st December 2021		**48,630.53**	

Note to Accounts.

Bank balances reconciliation	£	£
Opening balances as @ 1.1.2022		
Main Account	25,986.50	
Building/development Account	687.57	
Reserve Account	6,005.41	
Other	1,484.61	34,164.09
Add: 2022 total receipts	55,272.33	
Less: 2022 total payments	48,630.53	6,641.80
Closing Balace		**40,805.89**
Represented by:		
Closing Balances as @ 31.12 2022		
Main Account	33,158.16	
Building/development Account	888.04	
Reserve Account	6,008.49	
Other	751.20	**40,805.89**

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the above accounts and, in my opinion, they represent a true and fair view of the income received and expenditure incurred by St. Peter's Church, Quarrendon, Aylesbury for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

P.F.Phillips FCMA/CGMA

A signed copy of these accounts is available on request.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 are attached and include details of Receipts and Payments for the year, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2022, Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts and a Statement of funds held centrally by the United Reformed Church (URC).

Name: Adrian Lloyd Signature: Date: 20 February 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Fairford Leys L.E.P for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities

The Church Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is considered that an audit under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a)) of the Act and to state, based on procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(1)(a) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the Church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the Church and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name: Debbie Smith Signature: Date: 23 February 2022

CURRENT ACCOUNT RECIEPTS

Name	Details	2021	2022
Church Giving	Envelopes	20.00	120.00
	Loose	321.82	0.00
	Standing Order	17,093.36	18,022.38
	Easyfundraising	228.84	206.91
	Donation Box	47.00	2,624.27
	Parish Giving Scheme	4,410.34	4,211.01
	Card Reader	120.00	678.50
	Cheques	836.00	401.16
	Church Website	339.64	300.00
	Gift Aid	6,032.78	6,272.10
	Total	29,449.78	32,836.33
Property	Disraeli Square Rent	6,800.00	10,765.44
	Woodmans Croft Rent	10,680.00	8,700.00
	Church Buildings Lettings	5,102.75	12,727.53
	Solar Panels	2,095.17	1,081.48
	Total	24,677.92	33,274.45
Donations	Donations for Storehouse	225.00	381.00
	Donations for WaterAid	80.00	0.00
	Other Donations	1,327.00	969.00
	Total	1,632.00	1,350.00
Other	Minister Refunds	1,080.00	1,080.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	0.00	396.00
	Lunch Club	705.01	0.00
	Books	104.44	36.98
	Youth Work	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	22,636.23	1,746.42
	Total	24,525.68	3,259.40
Total Receipts		**80,285.38**	**70,720.18**

CURRENT ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Payee	Details	2021	2022
Ministry	URC M&M Fund	24,156.00	19,968.00
	Ministers Travel Expenses (including Car Allow)	1,365.60	1,374.35
	Ministers Phone / Internet	825.18	972.30
	Ministers Books / Courses	0.00	0.00
	Assistant Minister	0.00	0.00
	Youth Work	740.62	944.58
	Older People	253.00	49.99
	Lunch Club	687.89	47.36
	Total	28,028.29	23,356.58
Admin	Photocopier	1,852.24	1,961.80
	Stationary / Printing	130.57	0.00
	Copyright	182.00	204.00
	Treasurer Expenses	0.00	61.99
	Office Equipment	0.00	0.00
	Card Reader Charges	2.03	
	Website Charges	8.45	0.00
	Bank Charges	123.21	137.31
	COVID Costs	1,795.14	0.00
	Digital Costs	577.00	841.35
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	0.00	130.00
	Total	4,670.64	3,336.45
Property	Farmhouse Council Tax	2,904.53	3,030.13
	Farmhouse Oil	1,432.30	2,291.04
	Farmhouse Electricity	1,818.15	2,350.54
	Farmhouse Water	412.00	352.00
	Farmhouse Rent	5,076.00	5,076.00
	Farmhouse Maintenance	0.00	0.00
	Farmhouse Garden	0.00	2,110.00
	Farmhouse Furnishings	0.00	0.00
	Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	2,547.15	16.00
	Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	5,506.43	2,601.48
	Church Insurance	2,742.26	3,337.23
	Church Gas	4,051.29	2,396.12
	Church Electricity	371.00	1,532.20
	Church Water	306.56	128.18
	Church Phone	692.69	889.59
	Church Repairs, Maintenance & Security	2,849.55	3,195.89
	Church Furniture	37.98	264.99
	Church Garden	0.00	12,404.11
	Church Security	390.00	360.00

	Church Painting	0.00	0.00
	Church Cleaning	392.50	4,979.64
	Village Square Fees	2,896.02	1,182.30
	Total	34,426.41	48,497.44

Other	Catering	50.55	1,117.06
	Communion Wine & Candles	0.00	39.10
	Books	186.52	361.61
	Communion Fund	0.00	0.00
	Church Flowers	0.00	9.36
	Miscellaneous	14.00	402.95
	Total	251.07	1,930.08
Donations	Storehouse	380.00	775.00
	WaterAid	0.00	0.00
	Christian Aid	0.00	0.00
	Children's Society	0.00	0.00
	M&M Anglican	1,500.00	2,495.50
	M&M Methodist	1,500.00	2,495.50
	Other Donations	0.00	1,578.75
	Total	3,380.00	7,344.75

Total Payments		**70,756.41**	**84,465.30**

CURRENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Balance Brought forward 1 January 2021	12,543.69	22,055.54
Adjustment for Lunch Club	(705.01)	(1,486.58)
Total Receipts 2021	80,285.38	70,720.18
Total	**92,124.06**	**91,289.14**

Expenditure in 2021	70,756.41	84,465.30
Adjustment for Lunch Club	(687.89)	0.00
Bank Account Balance 31 December 2021	22,055.54	6,823.84
Total	**92,124.06**	**91,289.14**

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY URC

Payee	2021	2022
Current Account	71,336.94	76,766.29
Investment Account	177,036.07	155,053.16
Balance carried forward	**248,373.01**	**231,819.45**

TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Accounting policies**
   The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 144 (2), receipts and payments to small charities. They follow the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP) 2005 and the guidance notes as issued by the United Reformed Church, November 2006.

2. **Church Assets - total £978,642 approx.**

20 Woodmans Croft, Fairford Leys	£332,000 (approx. valuation)
3 Disraeli Square, Fairford Leys	£408,000 (approx. valuation)
URC held funds	£231,819.45
Lloyds Bank Current Account	£6,823.84

   The property values are based on Zoopla valuations and are estimations only.

3. **Church Giving - total £32,836.33**

Offering Envelopes	£120.00
Standing Order	£18,022.38
Parish Giving Scheme	£4,211.01
Cheques	£401.16
Donation Box	£2,624.27
Easyfundraising	£206.91
Card Reader	£678.50
Website	£300.00
Gift Aid	£6,272.10

   We have removed the option to donate using Church Envelopes and Loose Change in the Offertory, if favour of using the Donation Box and Card Reader in Church. Standing Orders and Parish Giving Scheme remain an option but we have also removed the facility to donate via the Church Website. Gift Aid was derived from both the lump sum annual Gift Aid from 2021 and the monthly Gift Aid from the Parish Giving Scheme throughout 2022.

4. **Property Income - total £33,274.45**

Woodmans Croft Rent	£10,765.44
Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	(£16)
Disraeli Square Rent	£8,700.00
Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	(£2,601.48)
Solar Panels	£1,081.48
Church Lettings	£12,727.53
Church Maintenance, Fees, Security & Insurance	(£3,195.89)

   Church Lettings income has more than doubled in 2022. Although Tot Bops have decided to use other premises, we have now hire to the local AA Group as well as the existing health and wellbeing groups.

5. **Farmhouse Utility Bills and Rent Costs**

Farmhouse Rent	£5,076.00
Farmhouse Utility Bills	£8,023.71
Farmhouse Maintenance	£0.00
Ministers Refund	(£1,080.00)

6. **Church Utility Bills, Maintenance - total £17,083.84**

Church Gas	£2,396.12
Church Electric	£1,532.20
Church Insurance	£3,337.23
Church Cleaning	£4,979.64
Church Maintenance	£3,195.89
Church Phone	£889.59
Church Security	£360.00
Church Furniture	£264.99
Church Water	£128.18

7. **Donations to Outside Causes - total £1,578.75**

Vineyard – Storehouse Appeal	£775.00
Viktoria Goncharo – Concert Appeal	£878.75

8. **M&M Donations - total £24,959**

Donations made as part of our Ecumenical Partnership were as follows:

URC	£19,968
Anglican Church	£2,495.50
Methodist Church	£2,495.50

The Church Council agreed to increase the donations to the both the Anglican and Methodist Church to meet our full commitment.

9. **Miscellaneous**

The Church received a payment form our insurance company following a claim made for the loss of rental income due to COVID. The loss assessors calculated a total loss of £17,000 based on the last 3 years accounts. This has been partly used to revamp the Church Garden which included a well needed patio clean, removal of old sheds, new gazebo and seating area and a mobile fence to separate the Church and Community Centre gardens.

10. **Signatories**

Church Bank Account - Adrian Lloyd, Alan Lambourne and Roy Rogers with Simon Rudiger removed.
Cheques - all cheques written by the Treasurer and counter signed by second signatory.
Online payments – all payments made by the Treasurer and authorised online by a second approver.
Debit Card – The Treasurer is authorised to use a Church Debit Card by Church Council for when payments can be made by the above payment methods

11. **Debtors** – N/A

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AND DECLARATION 2022

Church Finances have remained stable in 2022 despite the Cost of Living and Energy Crisis. This is mainly due to the generosity of Church members, rental income from our two properties and successful Church Lettings.

The challenge to the Church family is to think about our continued commitment to Church Giving. Although donations have increased in 2022 there has been a general decline in recent years. We also need to consider if we continue our full commitment to MM donations.

That being said we are truly a financially fruitful Church where reserves are available for the benefit of the Church family and the local community. Last year we were able to revamp the Church Garden with a new gazebo and seating area offering a place for quite reflection or outside worship. This year we need to focus on general maintenance costs following the recent Quinquennial Review and building survey.

Please note that the Church Photocopier has come to the end of its 5 year contract. We have decided not to renew this contract given its rental cost when it is now not used. A smaller printer/copier can be purchased if required.

Thank you all for your continued financial support throughout these unprecedented times. I would also like to thank Alan Lambourne for his assistance with Church finances, Deborah Smith for auditing the accounts and to Cindy Ahura for the Church Website design.

Adrian Lloyd, Church Treasurer, 20 February 2023

To the Church Wardens of St Mary the Virgin Church Council.

Examiner's Report

This report is regarding the Financial Statements for yearend 31st December 2022, which are attached,

Responsibility of the Independent Examiner

The District Church Council (DCC) has agreed that that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to-

a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the relevant Acts,

b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Acts are followed,

and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the DCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

Examiners Statement

I am pleased to report that there are no major matters of concern that have been identified during this review, however I need to point out that there is an issue with regard to the Clock and Chimes Charity. The previous year's value of this has been removed from the Accounts, however the loss in value over the year has been included. This means the " Loss on Investments" has been overstated by £62,991.89 as there is no value from the charity to offset it against. I have been informed that this will be resolved in next years Accounts.

Follow up Items

With regard to the Clock and Chimes Charity, check that no loss or increase is included in the Accounts.

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S. Marks, FMAAT. 10th May 2023 File Ref St Mary 2022.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF AYLESBURY

England & Wales - Charity number 1133973

Accounts

ST MARY THE VIRGIN

AYLESBURY



Annual Report 2021

AGM 1 May 2022

The District Church Council

St. Mary's District Church Council (DCC) has responsibility for co-operation with the incumbent in promoting the Ecclesiastical Parish of Aylesbury the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The DCC 'met' on twelve occasions during 2021 which included one extraordinary meeting in March to discuss the Three-Year Plan in more detail. All meetings but one were held via Zoom. There were regular reports on Finance, Safeguarding & Personnel, the Restoration and the Deanery Synod all of which will be covered separately in this report.

Other issues discussed were the website, the hire agreement especially in relation to the Jazz Nights and other events, the Heritage Day, and the up-date of office equipment, data storage, live-streaming and CCTV. Time was spent in discussion, costing and prioritising the items for inclusion in the Three-Year Plan, and with the closure of the South Porch Café a Kitchen Development Team was set and a report from them is included in this document.

The membership of the PCC and co-opting members to the DCC were also discussed.

Membership of the DCC since May 2021 consists of Fr. Doug (Chair), Sue Newling & Mike Sharp (Churchwardens & Joint Vice Chairs), David Hunt (Treasurer), Pam Russell (Secretary), Revd. Rainah Madzorera (Curate), Charles Boot, Tony Divers, Jo Hodgson, Donna Riley, Nicolette Rushmere, and Jeremy Sampson & Howard Chinzou who are our Deanery Synod Representatives.

Pam Russell, Secretary DCC

Rector's Report for 2021

As you will see in these pages, we as the community of Aylesbury, St Mary the Virgin have maintained our work and worship in the midst of the now all to familiar context of a pandemic, now arguably being called endemic. I am ever grateful to my colleagues in the ministry here, clergy and lay! We are so very blessed to have Rev Rainah, our curate (and ordinand for the priesthood in July 2022) as an anointed pastoral and preaching presence. John Bush brings a further faithful voice to our preaching team, as well as navigating the current restrictions of having servers available for our Sunday worship. I am also ever grateful to Fr Rob for his gracious cover whilst I am away on leave, as well as his joyful presence in our amazing choir. Kenton continues to bless us with his skill, faith and wisdom in leading our choral and most musical endeavours.

Our Churchwardens and DCC Secretary have borne the weekly governance of the parish with me - their combined and individual effort, experience and wisdom have been a constant and ready support to me - and many of you! The entire DCC (listed above!) have likewise engaged in creative response to the various challenges that 2021 has presented, and each of them are to be commended for their dedication and hard work on behalf of this congregation. I extend my personal gratitude to each member of our DCC. Please keep us all in your prayers as we continue to respond to God's calling upon us in worship, education, finance, fellowship and pastoral care.

Perhaps our less prominently visible members include our Parish Administrator, Karen Baker, and Operations Manager, Kim Hopping. We rely greatly upon our weekday morning greeters,

without whom we would not be able to welcome the public into this magnificent house of prayer for prayer, exploration and encouragement and peace. We have been blessed with amazing flowers each week, (thank you Bloomers!) and chairs that find order (thank you Charles!) as well as the generous financial support of well-known friends, newcomers and even one time visitors! God is surely at work in our midst! Our biggest task is to find and cooperate with God in our daily life and work!

Faithfully Yours,
Doug+

Churchwardens Report

We have had a busy year; we meet with Father Doug every week together with Pam Russell to whom we are grateful for taking notes of our meetings and always being able to find relevant Minutes on any issue we might raise.

The work on the first phase of the stonework was completed and we unveiled the stone cross on 31 March 2021. The work on the Chancel and the East End of the tower has now started and we expect this to be finished by the end of July 2022. However, we do still have some issues with the roof over the South Transept and the Chapter House, and we are trying a temporary fix, until a more permanent repair can take place. The lavatories are in a sorry state, and we hope to do an interim refurbishment during 2022 to update and improve disabled access and brighten the paintwork.

Mike Sharp and I were admitted as Churchwardens on 8 September 2021 at St. Mary's, who hosted both services.

We were due to be inspected by the Area Dean on 18 November, however due to a diary clash at the Area Dean's office this did not happen until 14 December: everything was up-to-date, and the inspection went well. Prior to this inspection the Inventory was completely updated.

We have been trying to recruit a caretaker for St. Mary's but unfortunately, we have not been successful so far.

We are pleased to see the congregation growing again as our 'YouTube' congregation feels more confident to return to worship in St. Mary's, although we are still recommending the use of masks, hand sanitising and are receiving the sacrament in one kind only.

Mike Sharp & Sue Newling, Churchwardens

Fabric Committee

The Fabric Committee is comprised of Fr Doug, Sue Newling, Mike Sharp and Pam Russell. As we all meet weekly as the Churchwardens' Committee most of the discussion regarding the fabric takes place then.

All of the Phase 1 works were completed in March 2021. This included stonework to the north end of the nave and a brand-new boiler chimney and flue liner. Also, the Chancel north and south side windows were taken out and repaired and reset in the frames and installed with isothermal protection. Pride of place went to the brand-new cross at the east end gable of the Chancel.



Phase 2 work has now started on the Chancel roof and east end of the tower. You cannot have missed the giant scaffolding work going up. When this work is completed, we can get the Chancel back into full use and the Choir can return to their usual place.

Unfortunately, we missed out on a grant to renew the lead on the South Transept, Chapter House and Refectory roofs, and this should be the next phase of our restoration work.

Mike Sharp, Churchwarden

Parish Office

2021 has flown by and I struggle to remember much about it at all, without looking at the calendar, so having had a brief look at it:

Stage 1 of the Building Restoration Project that was started in 2020 was concluded in April, it was good to see the unveiling of the building once more when the scaffolding was removed and a privilege to see the new Chancel Cross uncovered and blessed by Bishop Alan.

Online services continued throughout the whole of the building works and as if planned perfectly, resumed in the building, by invite only, in May. I am extremely grateful for all the amazing team who put together all the online services, so much went on behind the scenes to produce such beautiful services. Once back in the building we continued to do both in-person and online services which was a real challenge with double the work. Then there was the transition to live-streaming which has not been without out its niggles but again I cannot express how grateful I am to everyone who made this a reality. Finally, the happy day arrived when there were no more 'ticketed' services, and the Choir were back in the building with us all again.

It was lovely having the Autumn Craft Fair return and to see the South Porch being used as a Pop-Up Cafe. Our Flower Ladies have continued to give such wonderful displays while online and back in the building. The Thursday Lunchtime Concerts resumed in June/July which is a blessing. Jazz Upfront returned in November along with the Remembering Service for those we have Loved and Lost, we had two in 2021, one for Aylesbury and one for St Mary's Saints and we all got to spend Christmas in the Church.

There are so many people to thank for their continued work and support throughout 2021, you know who you all are, may God continue to work through us in our daily lives.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Treasurers' Report

2021 has seen the start of a good recovery of our financial position.

The latter half of the year has seen a return of Thursday lunchtime concerts, Jazz nights and Christmas events.

Thanks to the generosity of many members of the congregation, and some who are not members, voluntary giving has increased by £7,000 from 2020.

We have been able to pay all our expenses, with the exception of our Parish Share contribution. Although, we were unable to pay our full Parish Share we did, however, manage to pay 85% of the total of £49,527, which is more than we had budgeted for. Our Parish Share for 2022 is £48,523.

We now have control of our income from Cubb Field. Our current share of the rental income is £700 per month, part of which is going to support the North Aylesbury Resource Network, for the next four years.

Our endowment investments have once again shown an increase in value of about £75,000. Our two largest investments, Wm. Dixey and Tuffney, increased by £30,000 and £45,000 respectively. This despite withdrawing £80,000 of the Wm. Dixey investment to go towards the first stage of our restoration work.

The first stage of the work cost in the region of £400,000, of which we contributed about £100,000.

With a further withdrawal of £20,000 from the Wm. Dixey investment, we have enough left in the Restoration Fund to pay for the work being undertaken on the East face of the tower.

The Church Commissioners are funding the roofing work to the Chancel.

The 2022 budget, that the Finance Group has produced, is based on what was actually spent in 2021, with an allowance for increased utility costs, cleaning and maintenance costs and many other expenditure items. We have also been able to include an expenditure item for the hire of a part-time caretaker.

I would like to thank Kim Hopping, our bookkeeper, for all her hard work in keeping "all the plates in the air", despite serious illness in her family.

I would also like to thank all the members of the congregation for their continued financial support. Your generosity is a wonderful example of Christian Giving.

David Hunt, Treasurer

Christian Giving

A number of our giving streams are starting to recover including Sunday Plate collections and Gift Aid envelopes. We have also introduced a Giving Station for easier online donations.

Those members who use the Parish Giving scheme, will have recently received letters, giving them the opportunity to increase their donations, in line with the cost of living.

Last year showed an increase in all forms of Christian Giving of approximately £7,000 against 2020.

At present approximately 60% of regular monthly donations come through the Parish Giving Scheme.

David Hunt, Treasurer

Safeguarding

Another busy year as the National Church gets to grips with some historical issues. At St. Mary's the Churchwardens are fully trained in Safer Recruitment and Domestic Abuse issues, and the Personnel Team are also up-to-date with the safer recruitment training. I have also done some individual leadership and Permission to Officiate training with St. Mary's staff.

We are fully compliant with the Parish Dashboard and are on the highest level, Level 3.

Sue Newling, Safeguarding Officer

Curate's Report



Having been ordained amid the pandemic, my curacy began in a transformed Church. As a first-year curate, I quickly discovered that the core of the Church's spiritual nourishment – the Eucharist had been transformed going on YouTube or back in Church with a limited number of people with social distancing, and I had to quickly adapt to the system. I have kept myself connected with the St Mary's community through PCC, and DCC meetings, Church Services both on YouTube and physically in the Church with one-to-one discipleship.

Let me say, although we have been in the pandemic for the duration of my first-year curacy, I have benefitted so much from my time at St. Mary's. I have enjoyed many new experiences and opportunities, especially journeying with Father Douglas Zimmerman and the Parish in the challenging times of Covid 19. It has been a delight to be part of the discussion and witness the first stages of the Restoration of St. Mary's Church, engage in some aspects of pastoral ministry and Church life. In addition to sharing the preaching and worshipping ministry with Father Doug, it has been a privilege to witness the relaunch of our Intercessors' Team and to be the link for the distribution of Covid 19 (LFT's) home testing kits to the St Mary's community ensuring that we protect and keep each other safe as we continue to access worship, prayer and fellowship at St. Mary's Church in the pandemic.

Herbert and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for me for this Parish as I prepare for admission into priesthood. We are both delighted to be part of St. Mary's as I serve the rest of my curacy among my Church family.

Revd (Curate) Rainah Madzorera

St. Mary's Altar Servers

It is certainly great that during the year, we have been able to resume face-to-face worship in our Church building, but, what a life-line the online services have been for those who, for whatever reason have been unable to attend.

St. Mary's has been more cautious than many churches, about welcoming everyone back to Church, and we are still encouraged to wear our face masks, and the congregation still do not receive wine at the Communion Services, and it has only been since 30 January 2022 that we have resumed having servers, just one [either a crucifer or an acolyte] at our main Sung Services. Please do not think I am knocking this cautiousness, particularly concerning the wearing of masks, and not yet receiving the wine, but I do sincerely hope that in the near future consideration will be given to allow us to return to our usual serving pattern of having four or five (when we have incense) servers each Sunday.

I am grateful (as always) to those who are still interested in Serving, especially the four servers who have re-started the crucifer/acolyte rota [Shirley Bush, Tony Divers, Neil Esslemont, and Pamela Reeve] and I am hoping that when we do return to a full serving team, not only will most of our previous servers re-join us, but, hopefully, there will be others who have not served before who are interested in joining us. Full training will be given, a cassock alb will be allocated for you to wear, and you will be joining a very welcoming fellowship group within St. Mary's Church. If you are already interested, and have not yet made yourself known to me, please do speak to me after a service one Sunday in Church or email me on *john_bush@btinternet.com*.

John Bush

Pastoral Team

The continuing restrictions and precautions brought about by Covid, and the more stringent safeguarding requirements have unfortunately made it difficult to progress with appointing a formal Pastoral Team. However, we are aware that care for one another continues within the congregation. In addition, a small 'informal' bereavement support group meets regularly. We hope that the appointment of a new Pastoral Team will be possible in the near future.

Sue Newling and Pam Russell

Baptism Report

During 2021 we celebrated six baptisms (one adult and five children) and look forward to continuing to welcome children and their families into the family of God.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Readers and Intercessors

It is good to have our readers and intercessors back in Church to contribute to our worship. I thank all of them. New readers or intercessors are always welcome, and if you are interested do let me know. I hope there will be a new podium for readers and intercessors later in 2022

in memory of my husband Tim, this will have handrails and will, I hope, help us all feel more confident at the lectern.

Sue Newling, Churchwarden

Sides-people/Churchwardens' Assistants

This is an important ministry at St. Mary's as Sides-people are the first people seen as you enter Church, as well as handing out the various things that are needed for the service, they look out for people coming to St. Mary's for the first time and make sure that they are made welcome.

I thank them for the extra responsibilities taken on during the past two years of Covid-19 restrictions.

Current Sides-people are: Heather Cotman, Brigid Sargent, Jeremy and Janet Sampson, James Gray, Mary Hunt, Christine Jennings, Wendy Prestage and Margaret Nyambayo, I would like to see a few more join in this ministry, so if you think you would like to join us please speak to Sue Newling or me.

Mike Sharp, Churchwarden

Welcomers

The DCC wish to thank all those who have given their time since the original lockdown to ensure that the doors remain open every weekday morning to allow people a place for private prayer and sanctuary at a difficult time for everyone, and to Karen for arranging the rota.

Pam Russell, DCC Secretary

Music

This year, like our beloved building, we began the process of rebuilding our Choir from the ground up. We started by reforming in September at the beginning of the term, resuming our in-person rehearsal and live performance. Even with a reduced schedule and numbers, we still successfully performed at the remembrance and Christmas services, including producing our own Nine Lessons and Carols service - which was missed by all over the pandemic. The turnout to this service was a pleasant surprise to us. I want to thank the dedicated Choir members for their continued hard work through this season. They have happily worked hard and, with a great attitude, met the challenges of a fledgling Choir head-on.

Even though we have had limitations this year, this has not stopped us from pushing forward. The Choir this year performed their first solo evensong for at least a decade; while we did have a venture into Evensong with the Wingrave singers about five years ago, we were able to create our own service with which we will go forward. Congratulations to the Choir for the large amount of work towards this service. A special mention of thanks to Fr. Doug, who performed valiantly with us; he delighted us with his confidence and ability.

We look forward to our next Evensong in June and hope to continue at first with one about every three months.

This year, we have not had the resources to complete a more complex repertoire and cut some of our more complex staples from the church year. However, we have sung more in other languages this year; Latin, Greek, Spanish, and German, to name a few.

The Choir has recently begun the second stage of their development, with a training program led by our vocal coach Chris Beattie, giving voice sessions to the Choir. These sessions will form the foundation on which the Choir will soon start its expansion.

It is crucial to me that all Choir members develop, grow and learn. Not only for the sake of the Choir - so they can handle the challenging schedule they sometimes endure - but that with personal development, a sense of achievement, and confidence also grow. It is an excellent way we can give something back to them for their hard work.

After Easter, we will look to begin the third stage. The Choir hopes to start expanding with a trial event which, once established, we will attempt to run at the beginning of each term to create a steady flow of intake to the Choir. If anyone has links to any schools in the area, we would love your help to promote this event to your students.

The Choir is also looking forward to moving back into the Choir stalls after a year in the wilderness. We are also hoping to find a way to make this our permanent rehearsal location. A location change is overdue as some Choir members are becoming less able to ascend the stairs to the Choir gallery. It would also furnish us with stands to hold music and make the rehearsals easier to manage for Choir members.

This year our numbers have been lower, with most of our regular members enjoying other successes, with three members currently doing degrees at university. One of our Sopranos has also departed us for married life in London. Sharon, one of our most dedicated Choir members, has reluctantly left as work has relocated her to Cambridge; we are happy to report she has found a new Choir - but she still preferred ours! This year to recognise this dedication, we gifted Sharon's old robe to this Choir so she could continue to sing, as her new Choir - who also wear blue – did not have the budget to get her a fitting robe. We wish all these members every success and blessing in their new chapters and hope they will visit and join us when they can.

Our multitalented parish magazine writing, tenor David, must be made special mention, who following his injury is taking a well-deserved break. We hope he will be able to re-join us soon; I know I speak for the entire Choir when I say we miss him, his voice, his psalm-singing and his support of the ensemble. We wish David a speedy recovery; get well soon.

Our Choir, including its new members - currently in rehearsal only - comprises about eleven people. We hope to start to expand this number by welcoming junior trebles in the next few seasons. Meanwhile, if you know anyone who may be interested and love singing, please point them to our upcoming events. We would love to have them try out.

Exciting things are on the horizon as we attempt to grow; we are still thankful to be able to be back in person singing once again. We appreciate the congregation for their support over our events this year. We appreciate the support and patience more than you realise - it drives us to achieve more. Finally, thank you to Karen for her hard work and support of the music in our worship here at St Mary's. She is the backbone that supports the work that we do.

Kenton Brigden, Director of Music

St Mary's Bloomers

2021 was yet again a very strange year for the Bloomers. There were two weddings, but no Easter flowers although we did manage to arrange flowers throughout the majority of lockdown for the YouTube services, and later in Church for the more restricted services.



On a positive note, we started to have flower meetings once we were able to and were so happy when we were able to all get together to prepare the Harvest Festival arrangements. In November we were able to dress the cross with the poppies that were knitted, crocheted or sewn by members of the Needlework Group (and others). Later in the month we were privileged in being able to arrange the flowers for those members of our St. Mary's family who are no longer with us, and this was a truly special service.

At Christmas we were once again able to get together as a group, and we even had a trip to a local flower wholesaler where we spent a few hours (and more money) looking and then buying a number of things to enhance our arrangements. It was even better when we stopped for lunch on route for a nice meal and a good natter.

The Bloomers also continue to produce crafts, cakes and pickles etc for the Advent/Craft Fair which raises money for general funds.

Once again, I am truly grateful to the Bloomers (Donna, Margaret, Joy and Andrea) for continuing to provide flowers throughout the year in sometimes very difficult circumstances.

Bev Russell, Flower Lady

Sunday School

Sunday School did not run for much of the year due to the Covid restrictions. In the interim, some of the children recorded prayers for their voices to be heard during the online Church services.

Sunday School restarted in January 2022. Jeremy Sampson and Nicolette Rushmere led it alternately on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with parents or carers assisting as necessary.

A logbook was used to record children's attendance with a carer/parent signing them in and out. Children ranged in age from three to fourteen. The Sunday School is held in the café area with access to the Churchyard if necessary.

Children took part in sessions based upon the corresponding gospel. These comprised arts and crafts, drama to re-enact bible passages, games; and self-reflection to link what was learnt from the Bible to the children's daily life experience. At the end of the service, the children present what they have learnt and made to the congregation. The children spent time outside in tents to emulate Jesus' outdoor teaching. They also had the opportunity to make/ice Christmas biscuits. However, the nativity was unable to go ahead in 2021 due to the risks of Covid.

Future plans include photographing the art and craft work so that it can be showcased on the Church's website.

Nicolette Rushmere

The Julian Meetings

The Julian Meetings have been able to meet in Church this year and we are so delighted to meet in-person once again. We have maintained our numbers in spite of some people moving to a new home or into a care home and, although it varies from month to month, on average there are about six to eight of us meeting in the Lady Chapel of St. Mary's Church for our quiet time of contemplation.

In the autumn as the evenings became dark, especially in our churchyard, it was decided to meet in the afternoon, and we changed the day to the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm to allow everyone to get home before dark.

Rather than change the time and day again, we will continue to keep to this pattern for as long as we are able. The meetings are led by a different member each month, if this is possible, which brings fresh thoughts and ideas to the quiet half hour with a variety of music.

We hope we will be able to continue holding these Julian meetings for another year and enjoy the companionship in the peace of God. Remember everyone is welcome to join us!

Heather Cotman

Education & Events

A report was requested but not received.

Kim Hopping, Operations Manager

The Zimbabwe Anglican Christian Fellowship Group

The Zimbabwean Anglican Christian Fellowship at St. Mary's has not been able to meet on Wednesdays due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It is anticipated that as Church services return to normality meetings may resume. Members used to compliment the Zimbabwe Mothers' Union in singing on the first Sunday of each month, but this has not been possible at this time.

Herbert Madzorera, ZACF Chairman

Zimbabwean Mothers' Union

As with many other organisations, Covid 19 significantly impacted the Church, especially the traditional gatherings with cancellation of services witnessed in the first phase of the pandemic. The ZMU which has enjoyed fellowship at St. Mary's Aylesbury, was not spared the misery. Covid 19 restrictions and challenges that came with it meant the ZMU singing on every first

Sunday of the month could not continue. While services have moved back into the Church, it has not been possible to have the numbers required to do the singing. As things slowly get back to normal and with people starting to come back to attend services in Church the singing may resume. However, recorded Shona hymns have continued to be provided by a small group of people.

Revd (Curate) Rainah Madzorera

Parish Magazine

I have continued to publish the Parish Magazine, in the online format, due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

I have received some encouraging feedback, and would like to publish any articles, stories or anecdotes submitted by the congregation.

David Hunt, Editor

Fundraising Team

For the first seven months of this year the Team were inactive as a result of Covid restrictions and the need to keep everyone safe. In August a fundraising email *joyfulgiving@aylesburystmary.org.uk* was set up which allowed us, for a short while, to deal direct when organising events. We have had some teething issues and the email is currently inactive, but hopefully we will be back online soon.

For the first time we held an online Heritage Day balloon race where the finish line coincided with a Cream Tea afternoon in Church. October saw the return of the Craft Fair, and it was lovely to see the Church buzzing again with stall holders and people. This was followed by weekly craft stalls after the services during Advent in conjunction with a Christmas raffle.

Thank you to the volunteers that help us out with their time and donations. Without them and the small but generously dedicated Fundraising Team there would not be any social and fundraising events. If you would like to join us or can help us in any way please contact Jo, Pam or Lesley.

Look out for a fuller programme of events in 2022.

Jo Hodgson

Needlecraft Small Group

The Embroidery Group has not been able to meet during the year, but this does not mean we have been inactive as individuals, and again have worked with the Fundraising Team and Bloomers throughout the year to help raise funds.

There were knitted bunnies and chicks at Easter and Chocolate Orange snowman at Christmas. In between poppy manufacture went into full swing before 11 November and the felt, crochet and knitted poppies were sold, and the money shared between St Mary's and the Royal British Legion (£63 each). Following the disappointment of 2020 when we went into further lockdown,

I hope that everyone had the opportunity to see the wonderful displays which were produced by our flower arrangers from the surplus poppies.

At the autumn and Christmas fairs there were pot openers, patchwork bags, knitted angels and lots of other things for sale – all of which went to boost St. Mary's funds.

All but one of the tapestries have now been completed and just before Christmas the first tapestry was turned into a kneeler and just after Christmas this was joined by three others (and two more in the pipeline). It is a time-consuming process, but we hope that in the report for 2022 we will be able to say that they have all been completed.



We are not sure if, or how many people will be able to meet in the coming year, but I am sure that sewers, knitters and crocheters will continue to work on their various projects.

I am sincerely grateful to all the many people who have supported our efforts over the past year despite all the complications brought about by Covid, and we now look forward to the coming year. If you are interested in joining us in anyway, please do make contact.

Pam Russell

St Mary's Walking Group

Unfortunately for various reason it was not possible for any walks to take place during 2021. We are anxious for these to start up again, but we are looking for people to lead them. If you are interested or know anyone who might take this on, please contact Anne Aylett via the office.

Anne Aylett

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Just as it has been for a variety of activities and gatherings, the Teas and Coffee after Church at St. Mary's has been sadly snatched out of our hands during the pandemic. However, this is something the Church hopes to resume once the situation gets back to normality. I have been responsible for the preparation of the Teas and Coffee Rota for many years, a very fulfilling and rewarding role, I found it to be. However, with new and challenging responsibilities following ordination, unfortunately I am no longer able to continue with this role. Currently the Church is looking for someone to takeover. If you have the ability and skills to do this, please put your name forward. I am happy to share with whoever comes forward the information on what this entails.

Revd (Curate) Rainah Madzorera

Parish Breakfast

As with everything else Covid has prevented the Parish Breakfasts taking place for the last two years, however we hope it will be possible to re-visit this sometime in the future.

Sue Newling & Pam Russell

Kitchen Development Team

This group was formed at the request of the DCC to look into the uses and future development of the kitchen and refectory. We produced a report for the DCC in September 2021. I have listed below some of the main points from this report.

The Kitchen Development Team felt that the long-term plan would be to move the toilets to where the kitchen is and the kitchen to where the toilets are. At the same time upgrading both of these facilities to better serve the needs of the community, in particular providing adequate toilet facilities for people with disabilities.

Specific funding would need to be organised which could take a number of years, therefore, we put together a 'bitesize proposal' which would enable the Refectory to be opened to serve the needs of the Church and community in the interim period, ensuring the kitchen area is fit for purpose and would meet current hygiene standards.

We produced a list of tasks that would need to be completed to allow this to happen. Although it has been a slow process, we are currently working through this 'job list'.

It is planned that the Refectory could open for 'pop up style' cafes to accommodate events that are being held in St. Mary's, also for the kitchen to be used during events such as Jazz Nights and Sunday morning coffee etc.

The proposal we put forward to the DCC was to ***provide a non-profit making community space, to be run for the community by the community.***

Members of Kitchen Development Team: Paul Walters, Kim Walters, Jo Hodgson, Charles Boot & Donna Riley.

Donna Riley

Bellringers Report

Highlights of the year include:

10 April - Isaac and Grant Edney tolled the tenor 99 times in remembrance of HRH Prince Philip.

17 April - Isaac and Grant tolled the tenor for 1 hour for HRH Prince Philip's ceremonial funeral.

18 May - Ringing resumed for Tuesday practice.

15 June & 22 December - Gillett and Johnston serviced the clock.

27 July - We rang for a wedding.

8 September - A visiting band attempted a peal.

11 September - We had 139 visitors to the ringing room for Heritage Day.

13 October - A visiting band from the Chiltern branch rang a quarter peal.

8 November - The bells were serviced by Whites of Appleton.

We are looking forward to the rest of 2022 and plans include:

3 June - A quarter peal is being planned prior to the commemorative service for the Jubilee.

2 July - We will again be opening the ringing room for Whizzfizz Fest and on ….

11 September - for Heritage Day.

We are currently operating with between 3 and 5 regular ringers but have 3 new recruits.

Grant Edney, Tower Secretary

The Friends of St Mary's

2021 was another 'stop-start' year when, having resumed lunchtime concerts in the Autumn of 2020 we were forced into another lockdown period until mid-summer's day in 2021 when we were able to restart them. With the help and advice from Fr. Doug we opened to doors to as many people who would like to come but the natural caution of many people, and especially our older audience members, kept the numbers at an average audience of 50-60. We also continued the concerts during August which has normally been a break from the concerts, and this was much appreciated by both audience and musicians – the latter who were longing to get back to performing.

It was good to see so much repair and conservation work going on in the Church, but our plans for the conservation of the reredos are again on hold as the Chancel has become a work area, but we hope soon to launch an appeal for it.

Our brief AGM was held at the County Museum in November, chaired by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher who has generously agreed to stay as President - his father was the first President of the Friends.

Our membership numbers are still very low, but we are very happy to have two new committee members in Jane Turner and Charles Boot who have worked extremely hard for us – Jane in transforming the website and communications generally and Charles helping in so many ways I cannot possibly list them all here.

I would like to mention a recent loss which occurred not in 2021 but on 7 March 2022. Our treasurer, Colin Ferris, who had dealt with the finances of both the Friends and the concerts –

in immaculate detail, was not well and had a scan at Stoke Mandeville Hospital – on a Thursday morning. He came to the concert to do his usual duties although had been told to go immediately to A and E. The next day he was very ill and was taken to SMH where he died two days later.

We believe he had never missed a lunchtime concert since he took over some time in the 70s - and consequently we are all totally ignorant of his system for dealing with the concert finances so are having a steep learning curve. To say that we shall miss him, and his brilliant sense of humour is a gross understatement.

As ever we are grateful to Fr. Doug who is still our 'acting chairman' and to Karen Baker who is always helpful and a mind of information.

Janet Frost, Honorary Secretary

Deanery Synod

Since the last annual report there have been 3 meetings of the Deanery Synod: June 2021 (via Zoom), November 2021, March 2022 (both at St. Mary's, Princes Risborough). At these meetings a variety of issues have been discussed. These have included:

- How parishes can effectively minister to the needs of more vulnerable members of their congregations during the pandemic
- The approach of individual parishes to mission and the support available to parishes as they develop their mission activities from the Church Mission Society (nationally) and NARNIA (locally)
- How parishes can help 16-19 year-olds access their Child Trust Funds
- Planning for the visit of the Bishop of Oxford to the Deanery in summer 2022

Elections/appointments were also made of Deanery Representatives to the Diocesan Synod.

Further meetings of the Deanery Synod are planned for 14 June 2022 and 10 November 2022.

Jeremy Sampson, Deanery Synod Representative

SPACE

Space was started 25 years ago by a small group of people from the congregation of St. Mary's Church with a Sunday afternoon drop-in, which continues today. From this it has grown to provide regular group and one-to-one services throughout the week, meeting some of the needs within our Church and wider community. Thank you to those that had the original vision and those from the Church that continue to support our charity.

Space exists to promote and protect the wellbeing of people in Buckinghamshire who are experiencing relationship breakdowns, loneliness, bereavement, financial difficulties, homelessness, unemployment, ill health, isolation or other mental or emotional stress by offering a number of services and activities. During 2021 Space continued to adapt and respond to the various challenges surrounding supporting our service users during an exceptional time.

Our numbers had doubled between 2019 and 2020 and the numbers for the period March to December 2021 continued at similar levels to the previous 12 months. However, whilst numbers, needs and work across the service has increased the staffing level has remain static, and although grateful to our regular givers, personal donations and now restricted fundraising activities Space are still reliant on securing grants from outside funders such as Bucks Councils, Rothschild etc.

The attendances at the Tuesday and Friday morning drop-ins at St. Mary's, which includes food distribution, have risen as have attendances and requests for other areas of the service. We continue to offer 22 hours of affordable weekly counselling, and support with benefit applications and housing issues.

At the start of the year Space continued to offer help with shopping and prescription collections, made support calls and run virtual drop-ins. We also introduced an online art class, cookery course and a monthly webinar via zoom. While continuing to be mindful of health & safety issues, as the restrictions eased it allowed Space to deliver more services in person, including the drop-ins and art class. The webinars continued and remained popular. Unfortunately, it was not possible to restart the Choir due to lack of staffing, although many people are still missing it.

At the end of 2021 our clients benefitted from 6 weekly sessions of Alpaca walks which proved very popular and delivered hampers and bags of love to 120 households as seasonal gifts.

Space remains grateful to its many volunteers, supporters and donors and to St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Queens Park Art Centre, and the Church of the Good Shepherd for giving us 'space' to deliver our services.

Kate Lawton - Project Co-ordinator &
Pam Russell - Trustee

Tots Group

Due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, it has not been possible for the Tots Group to take place during 2021 but we are hopeful that we will be in a position to run a group for the youngest in the community in the near future.

Sue Newling & Pam Russell

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on the way that we have delivered our services. We could no longer safely run our drop-in sessions or provide face to face support. However, we adapted quickly, and case workers continued to work with clients via telephone, email & video calls. We have worked to ensure that clients are easily able to access help. In addition to the above ways to make contact we have set up an online chat function on our website as another means for new clients to get in touch. Although we have not been able to use our other volunteer supporters as much, due to the suspension of the drop-in sessions, however, we have been able to use their skills to provide a befriending service to some of our clients. This offered a friendly ear to some of our more isolated clients who were experiencing loneliness due to lockdown.

All our services are offered free of charge to the general public.

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Community Christmas Lunch

In 2021 we decided that due to Covid and the risk to our guests and volunteers we would not run the traditional Christmas Lunch event but once again make up hampers and distribute them to those in need in the community. The highlights of the project are shown below:

- 354 hampers made and distributed - for families and single people in need.
- 50 personal hygiene bags (25 for women and 25 for men) made and distributed.
- 50 bags of love (25 for women and 25 for men) distributed.
- 34 volunteers made up the hampers and bags and helped with distribution in the community.
- As well as delivering to individuals we worked with 19 agencies to get the hampers and bags to the right people. One of our strangest deliveries in Morrisons car park was a hamper to a lady who sadly was living in her transit van but luckily has now been housed!
- We had community support from the Foodbank (donations for the hampers), AHAG and Aylesbury College Catering Department (their students made some lovely Christmas treats for the hampers).
- We had grants and donations from Aylesbury Town Council, Heart of Bucks, Buckinghamshire Council Household Support Grants (provided by the Department of Work and Pensions), Waitrose, Hypnos Beds and many small businesses and individuals all of which we would like to thank for their generosity and support.

Kim and Paul Walter,
Christmas Lunch Organisers

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Financial Statements
Of St Mary's District Church Council
Year ending 31/12/21

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005 & 2008), using Financial Coordinator Software designed specifically for this purpose.

Accounting Policies
Funds
Unrestricted funds are general funds available for the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the DCC/PCC for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given, within the objectives of the PCC.

Endowment funds are restricted funds, which are held permanently, and the capital maintained while the income is restricted.

Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the church becomes legally entitles to the income.

Collections are recognized when received by, or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving is recognized only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is accounted for when the tax refund is claimed.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	£51,511.90	£249,900.84	—	£301,412.74	£141,686.41
Activities for generating funds	£10,263.96	—	—	£10,263.96	£7,365.89
Investment income	£2,094.89	£101,568.05	—	£103,662.94	£25,252.50
Incoming resources from charitable activities	£1,527.13	—	—	£1,527.13	£2,897.60
Other incoming resources	£22,716.22	£66,524.33	—	£89,240.55	£19,984.10
Total income	**£88,114.10**	**£417,993.22**	**—**	**£506,107.32**	**£197,186.50**
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	£612.74	—	—	£612.74	£747.77
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	£1,338.32	—	—	£1,338.32	£476.43
Investment management costs	£238.26	—	—	£238.26	£285.19
Charitable activities	£92,426.10	£316,359.05	—	£408,785.15	£229,679.79
Governance costs	£200.00	—	—	£200.00	£200.00
Other resources used	£14,684.72	—	—	£14,684.72	£19,079.62
Total expenditure	**£109,500.14**	**£316,359.05**	**—**	**£425,859.19**	**£250,468.80**
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	£31,558.13	£31,558.13	£145,981.07
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(£21,386.04)**	**£101,634.17**	**£31,558.13**	**£111,806.26**	**£92,698.77**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£8,000.00	—	£1,300.65	£9,300.65	£12,100.19
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(£8,000.00)	(£1,300.65)	(£9,300.65)	(£12,100.19)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**(£13,386.04)**	**£93,634.17**	**£31,558.13**	**£111,806.26**	**£92,698.77**
Total funds brought forward	**£26,765.58**	**(£10,167.03)**	**£926,334.95**	**£942,933.50**	**£850,234.73**
Total funds carried forward	**£13,379.54**	**£83,467.14**	**£957,893.08**	**£1,054,739.76**	**£942,933.50**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	(£875.73)	—	—	(£875.73)	£15,559.59
Johnson Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	—	—	—	—
Woodward Bequest - 777400001D Income from 62715402	£3,106.96	—	—	£3,106.96	£1,541.56
Designated					
Betty Hendron Skipton Account	£795.83	—	—	£795.83	£794.93
Christmas Hampers (not for use by St Mary's)	£1,845.34	—	—	£1,845.34	£574.22
Memorial Garden	£1,894.99	—	—	£1,894.99	£1,892.98
Mission Partner Support Fund	£1,188.04	—	—	£1,188.04	£1,158.04
Pat Beale Skipton A/C	£823.64	—	—	£823.64	£822.64
Restoration	—	—	—	—	—
Small Gifts Skipton Account	£4,176.72	—	—	£4,176.72	£4,171.62
Video Equiptment	£423.75	—	—	£423.75	£250.00
Restricted					
BCC Signs Skipton Account	—	—	—	—	—
Berryfields Church (Not for use by St Mary's)	—	—	—	—	—
Clocks & Chimes CCLA Fund CBF Fund a/c 533510001C	—	—	—	—	—
Dixey Bequest - 777400002D Income from 127002762F	—	£11,671.49	—	£11,671.49	£8,486.40

Esri Skipton Account	—	—	—	—	—
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	—	£143.83	—	£143.83	£143.68
Milennium Appeal - 627154002D	—	£0.98	—	£0.98	£0.98
PCC1 - 627154001D included in main account	—	£2,887.03	—	£2,887.03	£2,317.68
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	—	£266.18	—	£266.18	£264.26
Restoration Project	—	£45,504.82	—	£45,504.82	(£38,497.88)
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	£22,992.81	—	£22,992.81	£17,117.85
Endowment					
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	—	—	£61,642.76	£61,642.76	£53,928.11
Clock & Chimes CCLA Fund - 533510001C	—	—	£42,071.92	£42,071.92	£43,367.58
Clocks & Chimes P&C Admin by Parrott & Coales	—	—	£20,919.97	£20,919.97	£19,758.21
Dixey Fixed Int Securities - 127002762F Receiving	—	—	—	—	—
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	—	—	£406,517.37	£406,517.37	£435,928.56
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	—	—	£22,434.54	£22,434.54	£19,626.83
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	—	—	£20,155.07	£20,155.07	£17,651.17
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	—	—	£384,151.45	£384,151.45	£336,074.49

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	£957,893.08	£926,334.95
	£957,893.08	**£926,334.95**
Current assets		
Debtors	£1,500.19	£4,838.33
Cash at bank and in hand	£105,106.97	£112,165.95
	£106,607.16	**£117,004.28**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£9,760.48	£100,405.73
	£9,760.48	**£100,405.73**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**£96,846.68**	**£16,598.55**
Total assets less current liabilities	**£1,054,739.76**	**£942,933.50**
Total net assets less liabilities	**£1,054,739.76**	**£942,933.50**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	(£875.73)	£15,559.59
Woodward Bequest - 777400001D Income from 62715402	£3,106.96	£1,541.56
Johnson Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	—
Designated		
Small Gifts Skipton Account	£4,176.72	£4,171.62
Christmas Hampers (not for use by St Mary's)	£1,845.34	£574.22
Memorial Garden	£1,894.99	£1,892.98
Mission Partner Support Fund	£1,188.04	£1,158.04
Restoration	—	—
Video Equiptment	£423.75	£250.00
Pat Beale Skipton A/C	£823.64	£822.64
Betty Hendron Skipton Account	£795.83	£794.93
Restricted		
Berryfields Church (Not for use by St Mary's)	—	—
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	£143.83	£143.68
Clocks & Chimes CCLA Fund CBF Fund a/c 533510001C	—	—
Restoration Project	£45,504.82	(£38,497.88)
Dixey Bequest - 777400002D Income from 127002762F	£11,671.49	£8,486.40
PCC1 - 627154001D included in main account	£2,887.03	£2,317.68
Milennium Appeal - 627154002D	£0.98	£0.98
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	£22,992.81	£17,117.85
Esri Skipton Account	—	—
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	£266.18	£264.26
BCC Signs Skipton Account	—	—
Endowment		
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	£22,434.54	£19,626.83
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	£384,151.45	£336,074.49
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	£406,517.37	£435,928.56
Dixey Fixed Int Securities - 127002762F Receiving	—	—
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	£61,642.76	£53,928.11
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	£20,155.07	£17,651.17
Clocks & Chimes P&C Admin by Parrott & Coales	£20,919.97	£19,758.21
Clock & Chimes CCLA Fund - 533510001C	£42,071.92	£43,367.58
Funds of the church	**£1,054,739.76**	**£942,933.50**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA Endowment Investments -	—	—	—	£957,893.08	£957,893.08	£926,334.95
Totals	**—**	**—**	**—**	**£957,893.08**	**£957,893.08**	**£926,334.95**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank CCLA -	£3,106.96	—	£14,558.83	—	£17,665.79	£12,345.95
Skipton Building Society -	—	£7,691.18	£62,306.14	—	£69,997.32	£59,488.60
Bank DCC -	(£2,639.78)	(£1,138.91)	£15,490.47	—	£11,711.78	£37,097.44
Refectory -	£0.01	—	—	—	£0.01	£0.01
Bank Millennium -	£1,126.23	£4,596.04	£0.67	—	£5,722.94	£3,224.82
Bank Covenant -	£1.00	—	—	—	£1.00	£1.00
Bank Petty Cash -	£8.13	—	—	—	£8.13	£8.13
Totals	**£1,602.55**	**£11,148.31**	**£92,356.11**	**—**	**£105,106.97**	**£112,165.95**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable 1 -	£1,500.19	—	—	—	£1,500.19	£4,838.33
Totals	**£1,500.19**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**£1,500.19**	**£4,838.33**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	£871.51	—	£8,888.97	—	£9,760.48	£100,405.73
Totals	**£871.51**	**—**	**£8,888.97**	**—**	**£9,760.48**	**£100,405.73**
Grand total	**£2,231.23**	**£11,148.31**	**£83,467.14**	**£957,893.08**	**£1,054,739.76**	**£942,933.50**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Berryskip - Berryfields Church (						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Berryskip	—	—	—	—	—	—
Giftskp - Small Gifts Skipton						
Designated	£4,171.62	£5.10	—	—	—	£4,176.72
Sub-total for Giftskp	**£4,171.62**	**£5.10**	—	—	—	**£4,176.72**
HAMPERS - Christmas Hampers (n						
Designated	£574.22	£7,537.09	£6,265.97	—	—	£1,845.34
Sub-total for HAMPERS	**£574.22**	**£7,537.09**	**£6,265.97**	—	—	**£1,845.34**
MemorSkip - Memorial Garden						
Designated	£1,892.98	£2.01	—	—	—	£1,894.99
Sub-total for MemorSkip	**£1,892.98**	**£2.01**	—	—	—	**£1,894.99**
Mission - Mission Partner Supp						
Designated	£1,158.04	£3,780.00	£3,750.00	—	—	£1,188.04
Sub-total for Mission	**£1,158.04**	**£3,780.00**	**£3,750.00**	—	—	**£1,188.04**
RESTRSKIP - Restoration Project						
Restricted	(£38,497.88)	£396,466.65	£312,463.95	—	—	£45,504.82
Sub-total for RESTRSKIP	**(£38,497.88)**	**£396,466.65**	**£312,463.95**	—	—	**£45,504.82**
RestSkip - Restoration						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for RestSkip	—	—	—	—	—	—
VIDEO - Video Equiptment						
Designated	£250.00	£1,760.00	£1,586.25	—	—	£423.75
Sub-total for VIDEO	**£250.00**	**£1,760.00**	**£1,586.25**	—	—	**£423.75**
Woodward - Woodward Bequest - 7						
Unrestricted	£1,541.56	£1,565.40	—	—	—	£3,106.96
Sub-total for Woodward	**£1,541.56**	**£1,565.40**	—	—	—	**£3,106.96**
Dixey - Dixey Bequest - 7774						
Restricted	£8,486.40	£11,185.09	—	(£8,000.00)	—	£11,671.49
Sub-total for Dixey	**£8,486.40**	**£11,185.09**	—	**(£8,000.00)**	—	**£11,671.49**
PCC - PCC1 - 627154001D in						
Restricted	£2,317.68	£569.35	—	—	—	£2,887.03
Sub-total for PCC	**£2,317.68**	**£569.35**	—	—	—	**£2,887.03**
Milennium - Milennium Appeal - 6						
Restricted	£0.98	—	—	—	—	£0.98
Sub-total for Milennium	**£0.98**	—	—	—	—	**£0.98**
TuffneySkp - Tuffney Skipton Admi						
Restricted	£17,117.85	£9,770.06	£3,895.10	—	—	£22,992.81
Sub-total for TuffneySkp	**£17,117.85**	**£9,770.06**	**£3,895.10**	—	—	**£22,992.81**
EsriSkp - Esri Skipton Account						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for EsriSkp	—	—	—	—	—	—
ReliefSkp - Relief of the Poor S						
Restricted	£264.26	£1.92	—	—	—	£266.18
Sub-total for ReliefSkp	**£264.26**	**£1.92**	—	—	—	**£266.18**
BCCSignSkp - BCC Signs Skipton Ac						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BCCSignSkp	—	—	—	—	—	—
FlwPedsSkp - Flower Pedestals Ski						
Restricted	£143.68	£0.15	—	—	—	£143.83
Sub-total for FlwPedsSkp	**£143.68**	**£0.15**	—	—	—	**£143.83**
BealeSkp - Pat Beale Skipton A/						
Designated	£822.64	£1.00	—	—	—	£823.64

Sub-total for BealeSkp	**£822.64**	**£1.00**	—	—	—	**£823.64**
HendronSkp - Betty Hendron Skipto						
Designated	£794.93	£0.90	—	—	—	£795.83
Sub-total for HendronSkp	**£794.93**	**£0.90**	—	—	—	**£795.83**
JohnsonSkp - Johnson Skipton Admi						
Unrestricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for JohnsonSkp	—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	£15,559.59	£73,462.60	£97,897.92	£8,000.00	—	(£875.73)
Sub-total for General	**£15,559.59**	**£73,462.60**	**£97,897.92**	**£8,000.00**	—	**(£875.73)**
Grinnell - Grinnell Bequest - 1						
Endowment	£19,626.83	—	—	—	£2,807.71	£22,434.54
Sub-total for Grinnell	**£19,626.83**	—	—	—	**£2,807.71**	**£22,434.54**
Tuffneybeq - Tuffney Bequest - 12						
Endowment	£336,074.49	—	—	—	£48,076.96	£384,151.45
Sub-total for Tuffneybeq	**£336,074.49**	—	—	—	**£48,076.96**	**£384,151.45**
Dixey2 - Dixey Invest - 12700						
Endowment	£435,928.56	—	—	—	(£29,411.19)	£406,517.37
Sub-total for Dixey2	**£435,928.56**	—	—	—	**(£29,411.19)**	**£406,517.37**
Dixey3 - Dixey Fixed Int Secu						
Endowment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Dixey3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bequests - Bequests - 627154002						
Endowment	£53,928.11	—	—	—	£7,714.65	£61,642.76
Sub-total for Bequests	**£53,928.11**	—	—	—	**£7,714.65**	**£61,642.76**
Roscoe - Roscoe -273740001T R						
Endowment	£17,651.17	—	—	—	£2,503.90	£20,155.07
Sub-total for Roscoe	**£17,651.17**	—	—	—	**£2,503.90**	**£20,155.07**
ClocksCCLA - Clocks & Chimes CCLA						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for ClocksCCLA	—	—	—	—	—	—
ClocksPC - Clocks & Chimes P&C						
Endowment	£19,758.21	—	—	£1,300.65	(£138.89)	£20,919.97
Sub-total for ClocksPC	**£19,758.21**	—	—	**£1,300.65**	**(£138.89)**	**£20,919.97**
ClockCCLA - Clock & Chimes CCLA						
Endowment	£43,367.58	—	—	(£1,300.65)	£4.99	£42,071.92
Sub-total for ClockCCLA	**£43,367.58**	—	—	**(£1,300.65)**	**£4.99**	**£42,071.92**
Grand total	**£942,933.50**	**£506,107.32**	**£425,859.19**	—	**£31,558.13**	**£1,054,739.76**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
1000 - Pledges Yellow Envelopes	£1,498.50	—	—	—	£1,498.50	£2,025.00
1001 - Planned Gift Aid Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	£110.00
1002 - Other Gift Aid Envelopes	£1,794.73	—	—	—	£1,794.73	£1,534.70
1003 - Cash Offerings Sunday Plate	£582.67	—	—	—	£582.67	£910.95
1003A - Cash Offerings Mission Partners Fund	—	£30.00	—	—	£30.00	£230.60
1004 - Offerings Charitable Collections	£976.12	—	—	—	£976.12	£147.93
1005 - Donations General	£9,495.42	£1,760.00	£2,481.53	—	£13,736.95	£8,321.36
1006 - Pledges Standing Orders	£27,664.90	—	—	—	£27,664.90	£28,162.45
1007 - Cash Offerings Other Services Plate	£621.08	—	£631.90	—	£1,252.98	£51.45
1008 - Gift Aid refunds	£7,088.48	—	—	—	£7,088.48	£12,217.38
1009 - Payment for Training/Workshops/Seminars	—	—	—	—	—	—
1012 - Grants	—	—	£246,787.41	—	£246,787.41	£87,974.59
1013 - New Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	£49,721.90	£1,790.00	£249,900.84	—	£301,412.74	£141,686.41
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
4001 - Coffee & Parish Breakfast Donations	£32.00	—	—	—	£32.00	£295.58
4002 - Fundraising Activities	£1,084.68	—	—	—	£1,084.68	£1,591.86
4003 - Magazine Adverts	—	—	—	—	—	£100.00
4005 - Refectory Income	—	—	—	—	—	£122.25
4005A - Refectory Events Income	£2,466.51	—	—	—	£2,466.51	—
4006 - Community Centre Concerts	£2,265.17	—	—	—	£2,265.17	£2,288.54
4007 - Community Centre Building Hire	£3,629.74	—	—	—	£3,629.74	£2,394.66
4008 - Photocopying	—	—	—	—	—	£60.00
4009 - Organists Fees	£230.00	—	—	—	£230.00	—
4013 - Merchandise Sales	£55.86	—	—	—	£55.86	£13.00
4014 - South Porch Cafe	£500.00	—	—	—	£500.00	£500.00
Total	£10,263.96	—	—	—	£10,263.96	£7,365.89
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
2002 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
2006 - Income from Trusts & Bequests	£2,085.88	£9.01	£101,568.05	—	£103,662.94	£25,252.50
2007 - Gain to Endowment Investment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	£2,085.88	£9.01	£101,568.05	—	£103,662.94	£25,252.50
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
3001 - Flowers	£304.61	—	—	—	£304.61	£200.00
3002 - Fees	£1,082.52	—	—	—	£1,082.52	£2,350.54
3004 - Magazine Sales & Subscriptions	£35.00	—	—	—	£35.00	£55.00
3005 - Community Centre St Mary's Tots	—	—	—	—	—	£55.90
3007 - PCC & other churches	£105.00	—	—	—	£105.00	£236.16

3008 - ODBF Refunds of Ministry Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	£1,527.13	—	—	—	£1,527.13	£2,897.60
Other incoming resources						
1012A - Loans	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008 - Cubb Field Rent	£660.97	£3,750.00	—	—	£4,410.97	—
3001A - Flowers - Special/private orders	—	—	—	—	—	£70.00
3006 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Payroll	£6,156.37	—	—	—	£6,156.37	£5,795.41
3009 - Church of Good Shepherd Payroll	£2,737.04	—	—	—	£2,737.04	£2,939.68
3010 - St Peter's Payroll	(£291.50)	—	—	—	(£291.50)	£4,664.00
4015 - Christmas Hampers Donations	—	£7,537.09	—	—	£7,537.09	£6,480.43
5001 - Sundry	£1,866.94	—	—	—	£1,866.94	£34.58
5002 - Cash for Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
5003 - General Refunds	£299.31	—	£66,524.33	—	£66,823.64	—
5004 - Payment for Trips/Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	£11,429.13	£11,287.09	£66,524.33	—	£89,240.55	£19,984.10
INCOME TOTAL	£75,028.00	£13,086.10	£417,993.22	—	£506,107.32	£197,186.50

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

6001 - Fundraisers expenses	£36.00	—	—	—	£36.00	£412.40
6002 - Community Centre Events	£65.00	—	—	—	£65.00	—
6004 - Community Centre Tots	—	—	—	—	—	—
6006 - Cost of giving materials	£511.74	—	—	—	£511.74	£335.37
Total	£612.74	—	—	—	£612.74	£747.77

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

9001 - Refectory	—	—	—	—	—	£102.99
9001A - Refectory Events Costs	£1,338.32	—	—	—	£1,338.32	£373.44
9003 - Merchant Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
9003A - Merchandise Invoices	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	£1,338.32	—	—	—	£1,338.32	£476.43

Cost of generating funds - Investment management costs

8001 - Bank Charges	£238.26	—	—	—	£238.26	£285.19
Total	£238.26	—	—	—	£238.26	£285.19

Charitable activities

7001 - Payments to Mission Partners	—	—	—	—	—	—
7001A - Shared Collections Not Kept By STM	£366.04	—	—	—	£366.04	£79.00
7001B - North Aylesbury Team Contribution	—	£3,750.00	—	—	£3,750.00	—
7002 - Gas	£5,441.81	—	—	—	£5,441.81	£5,932.63
7003 - Electricity	£2,651.36	—	—	—	£2,651.36	£2,304.52
7004 - Water	£76.52	—	—	—	£76.52	£146.60
7005 - Repairs - Minor	£1,395.66	—	—	—	£1,395.66	£1,793.68
7006 - Cleaning-Maintenance	£4,313.20	—	—	—	£4,313.20	£1,813.61
7007 - Insurance	£6,868.25	—	—	—	£6,868.25	£6,212.42
7008 - Caretaker	—	—	—	—	—	£20.00
7009 - Administrator	£7,634.20	—	—	—	£7,634.20	£7,365.48
7010 - Organist	£918.75	—	£3,110.00	—	£4,028.75	£7,487.75
7011 - Music	£160.82	£79.00	£463.02	—	£702.84	£1,575.88
7011A - Choir Leader	—	—	—	—	—	£628.00
7012 - Organ-Piano	—	—	£322.08	—	£322.08	£107.00
7013 - Upkeep of Services	£356.53	—	—	—	£356.53	£617.39
7014 - Flower expenses	£1,024.86	—	—	—	£1,024.86	£278.30
7014A - Flowers - Special Orders	—	—	—	—	—	—
7015 - Office Supplies, Equipment, Software	£989.88	—	—	—	£989.88	£1,232.82
7015A - IT Hardware	—	£1,507.25	—	—	£1,507.25	£158.69
7016 - Office Telephone/Postage	£737.87	—	—	—	£737.87	£658.20
7017 - Photocopying	£2,312.79	—	—	—	£2,312.79	£2,025.08
7018 - Clergy & Staff Expenses	£450.00	—	—	—	£450.00	£50.00
7018A - Supply Clergy Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018B - Ministry - Youth & Children	£91.36	—	—	—	£91.36	—
7018C - Ministry - Communications	—	—	—	—	—	£117.90
7018D - Ministry - Small Groups & Discipleship	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018E - Ministry - Pastoral Care	—	—	—	—	—	—
7018F - Other Ministry Related Costs	£612.23	—	—	—	£612.23	£114.37
7019 - Parish Share	£43,000.00	—	—	—	£43,000.00	£28,942.83
7020 - Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
7021 - PCC & other churches	£105.00	—	—	—	£105.00	£263.95
7023 - Magazine Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
7025 - Training-Seminars-Workshops	—	—	—	—	—	—
7026 - Grants made	—	—	—	—	—	—

7027 - Annual Non Music Subscriptions-Licenses		£507.28	—	—	—	£507.28	£485.40
7028 - Operations Manager		£7,075.44	—	—	—	£7,075.44	£7,159.40
7032 - Repairs - major		—	—	—	—	—	—
7034 - Restoration Costs		—	—	£312,463.95	—	£312,463.95	£152,108.89
	Total	£87,089.85	£5,336.25	£316,359.05	—	£408,785.15	£229,679.79
Governance costs							
8003 - Auditing Costs		£200.00	—	—	—	£200.00	£200.00
	Total	£200.00	—	—	—	£200.00	£200.00
Other resources used							
7026A - Loans Repaid		—	—	—	—	—	—
7030 - Church of The Good Shepherd Salaries & T		£2,583.96	—	—	—	£2,583.96	£2,939.68
7031 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Tax & NIC		£5,076.90	—	—	—	£5,076.90	£5,668.93
7031A - St Peter's Salary & Tax		—	—	—	—	—	£4,372.30
9004 - Sundry Expenses		£757.89	—	—	—	£757.89	£192.50
9005 - Church Trips/Outings		—	—	—	—	—	—
9006 - Christmas Hamper Invoices		—	£6,265.97	—	—	£6,265.97	£5,906.21
	Total	£8,418.75	£6,265.97	—	—	£14,684.72	£19,079.62
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		£97,897.92	£11,602.22	£316,359.05	—	£425,859.19	£250,468.80
GRAND TOTAL		(£22,869.92)	£1,483.88	£101,634.17	—	£80,248.13	(£53,282.30)

Notes to the accounts

Berryfields Church

Whilst Berryfields Church now have their own bank account, they are not currently able to administer their own Gift Aid Claims, so this is still being administered by St Mary's.

Income & Expenditure relating to Church of the Good Shepherd

Since 2014, the payroll for CGS has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping from St Mary's Parish Office. Salaries and payments to HMRC are made by St Mary's and CGS reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. *Income line 3009/expenditure line 7030.*

Income & Expenditure relating to Aylesbury Foodbank

Since 2015, the payroll for Aylesbury Foodbank, has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping from St Mary's Parish Office. Payments to HMRC and Nest are made by St Mary's and the Foodbank reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. It is anticipated that The Foodbank will become responsible for its own Tax/NIC/ NEST before the end of the next financial year. *Income line 3006/expenditure line 7031*

Income & Expenditure relating to St Peter's

St Peter's became responsible for its own Tax/NIC at the end of December 2020. The minus amount shown as income is a payment received in 2021 that relates to 2020. It was shown in the 2020 Accounts as a payment owed to us. *Income line 3010*

Christmas Hamper Fund

In 2020, the Community Christmas Lunch could not take place due to Covid 19. The lunch was also unable to happen in 2021. Instead, fundraising took place to enable over 340 Hampers to be distributed to people who would normally attend the lunch. St Mary's was asked to administer the funds for CCL. A Restricted Fund was set up to do this. Funds will be transferred to a new bank account set up by the Trustees of the Community Christmas Lunch in 2022. *Income Line 4015/Expenditure Line 9006*

Endowment Funds

Not all the endowment funds recorded gains during 2021; however, there was an overall gain (£31,558.13)

As recommended by the Independent Examiner, the market value has been used to calculate the gains on the investments.

During 2021, £80,000 of Dixey shares were sold and the money placed in the Restoration Fund.

Legacies

There were no new legacies in 2021.

4 Cubb Field

St Mary's has an interest in 4 Cubb Field, HP19 7SH. Using the estimated value as provided by The Move Market is 47.64% of £300,000 i.e., £142,920 (Information confirm via the internet on 19/04/22)

During 2021 it was agreed that £1,250 from each rent payment would be sent to the North Aylesbury Team as part of our Mission Giving. *Income Line 2008/Expenditure Line 7001B*

Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Income Line 1012 – Grants were received for the Restoration Fund from

All Churches Trust	£15,800.00
ODBF Archdeacon's Grant	£1,000.00
Church Commissioners	£86,424.15
Archbishops Council Culture Recovery (Heritage Lottery)	£143,563.26
	£246,787.41

Income Line 1004 – Charity Collections are classed as Restricted income.

Income Lines 4005 & 4005A – Refers to Refectory income. Although the café closed in December 2017, income has been received from the weekly Monday Coffee Mornings, contributions from staff and volunteers towards the cost of tea and coffee, the sale of canned water and merchandise still held. Refectory Events refers to Bar profits from Jazz Nights and other events, and payment for refreshments provided for other events and church hirers.

Income Line 5001 – Sundry income was in respect of donations to Friends of St Mary's taken on our card machine; two fees payments paid into the wrong account; donations made for gifts for two parishioners.

Expenditure Line 7005 – Minor repairs include two plumbing repairs (£258), a repair to the lock on the main door (£301.15), and work on the Tower lights (322.61)

Expenditure Line 7006 – Cleaning & Maintenance includes payments for Roof Alarms, PAT Testing, Fire safety Check and the cost of changing light bulbs.

Expenditure Line 7015A - IT Hardware refers to spending on the sound system

Expenditure Line 7019 – St Mary's paid 86.8% of the 2021 Parish Share (£43,000 of £49,527).

Expenditure Line 7034 – Restoration Costs

Architect Fees	£48,606.60
Apostle Consultants - Fundraiser	£1,990.06
Rodells	£4,416.00
Universal Stone	£320,876.80
Tencer (boiler)	£4,555.81
GXL- External Lighting	2,585.77
Project Costs (Consultants, Surveyors etc.)	£15,968.70
Repayment to Archbishops Council as too much claimed from them	£3,877.25
	£402,876,99

Expenditure Line 9001A - Refectory Events includes the cost of bar stock and the cost of supplying refreshments for the Royal Naval Service.

Expenditure Line 9004 – Sundry expenditure includes concert donation payments sent to Friends of St Mary's, Fees payments transferred to the Fees Accounts and the cost of a gift for a parishioner.

This report dated: 20/04/2022

Agreed on 14th August 2022

Signed by ---------- David Hunt, Treasurer

---------- Michael Sharp, Churchwarden

---------- Sue Newling, Churchwarden

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021 are attached and include details of Receipts and Payments for the year, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2021, Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts and a Statement of funds held centrally by the United Reformed Church (URC).

Name: Adrian Lloyd Signature: Date: 15 May 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Fairford Leys L.E.P for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities

The Church Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is considered that an audit under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a)) of the Act and to state, based on procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(1)(a) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the Church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the Church and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name: Deborah Smith Signature: Date: 15 May 2022

CURRENT ACCOUNT RECIEPTS

Name	Details	2020	2021
Church Giving	Envelopes	2,055.15	20.00
	Loose	281.35	321.82
	Standing Order	13,087.87	17,093.36
	Easyfundraising	80.87	228.84
	Donation Box	92.28	47.00
	Parish Giving Scheme	4,571.23	4,410.34
	Card Reader	210.00	120.00
	Cheques	3,690.00	836.00
	Church Website	280.01	339.64
	Gift Aid	7,468.29	6,032.78
	Total	31,817.05	29,449.78
Property	Disraeli Square Rent	6,600.00	6,800.00
	Woodmans Croft Rent	8,515.00	10,680.00
	Church Buildings Lettings	4,771.88	5,102.75
	Solar Panels	1,979.54	2,095.17
	Total	21,866.42	24,677.92
Donations	Donations for Storehouse	840.72	225.00
	Donations for WaterAid	290.00	80.00
	Other Donations	1,833.52	1,327.00
	Total	2,964.24	1,632.00
Other	Minister Refunds	1,070.00	1,080.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	377.00	0.00
	Lunch Club	0.00	705.01
	Books	138.34	104.44
	Youth Work	117.07	0.00
	Miscellaneous	12,483.32	22,636.23
	Total	14,185.73	24,525.68
Total Receipts		**70,833.44**	**80,285.38**

CURRENT ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Payee	Details	2020	2021
Ministry	URC M&M Fund	21,408.00	24,156.00
	Ministers Travel Expenses (including Car Allow)	1,365.60	1,365.60
	Ministers Phone / Internet	818.39	825.18
	Ministers Books / Courses	0.00	0.00
	Assistant Minister	0.00	0.00
	Youth Work	143.66	740.62
	Older People	0.00	253.00
	Lunch Club	0.00	687.89
	Total	23,735.65	28,028.29
Admin	Photocopier	1,763.12	1,852.24
	Stationary / Printing	142.38	130.57
	Copyright	284.40	182.00
	Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	Office Equipment	0.00	0.00
	Card Reader Charges	12.92	2.03
	Website Charges	0.00	8.45
	Bank Charges	180.43	123.21
	COVID Costs	5,008.54	1,795.14
	Digital Costs	972.01	577.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	65.00	0.00
	Total	8,428.80	4,670.64
Property	Farmhouse Council Tax	2,791.15	2,904.53
	Farmhouse Oil	1,359.28	1,432.30
	Farmhouse Electricity	1,280.16	1,818.15
	Farmhouse Water	408.00	412.00
	Farmhouse Rent	5,076.00	5,076.00
	Farmhouse Maintenance	0.00	0.00
	Farmhouse Garden	0.00	0.00
	Farmhouse Furnishings	0.00	0.00
	Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	1,331.06	2,547.15
	Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	150.00	5,506.43
	Church Insurance	2,588.01	2,742.26
	Church Gas	3,910.00	4,051.29
	Church Electricity	1,527.00	371.00
	Church Water	320.76	306.56
	Church Phone	602.68	692.69
	Church Repairs, Maintenance & Security	2,960.68	2,849.55
	Church Furniture	262.00	37.98
	Church Garden	0.00	0.00
	Church Security	360.00	390.00

	Church Painting	10,000.00	0.00
	Church Cleaning	2,105.99	392.50
	Village Square Fees	1,658.23	2,896.02
	Total	38,691.00	34,426.41
Other	Catering	0.00	50.55
	Communion Wine & Candles	140.11	0.00
	Books	218.29	186.52
	Communion Fund	0.00	0.00
	Church Flowers	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	131.00	14.00
	Total	489.40	251.07
Donations	Storehouse	880.80	380.00
	WaterAid	461.20	0.00
	Christian Aid	10.00	0.00
	Children's Society	380.00	0.00
	M&M Anglican	1,500.00	1,500.00
	M&M Methodist	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Other Donations	110.85	0.00
	Total	4,842.85	3,380.00
Total Payments		**76,187.70**	**70,756.41**

CURRENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Balance Brought forward 1 January 2021	17,897.95	12,543.69
Adjustment for Lunch Club	0.00	(705.01)
Total Receipts 2021	70,833.44	80,285.38
Total	**88,731.39**	**92,124.06**

Expenditure in 2021	76,187.70	70,756.41
Adjustment for Lunch Club	0.00	(687.89)
Bank Account Balance 31 December 2021	12,543.69	22,055.54
Total	**88,731.39**	**92,124.06**

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY URC

Payee	2020	2021
Current Account	66,676.53	71,336.94
Investment Account	155.965.33	177,036.07
Balance carried forward	**222,641.86**	**248,373.01**

TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Accounting policies**
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 144 (2), receipts and payments to small charities. They follow the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP) 2005 and the guidance notes as issued by the United Reformed Church, November 2006.

2. **Church Assets - total £978,428 approx.**

20 Woodmans Croft, Fairford Leys	£319,000 (approx. valuation)
3 Disraeli Square, Fairford Leys	£389,000 (approx. valuation)
URC held funds	£248,373 (approx.)
Lloyds Bank Current Account	£22,055 (approx.)

The property values are based on Zoopla valuations and are estimations only. The Bank Account balance include reserves from previous drawdown from URC held funds, Donations that have not been distributed by year end and the proceeds from the Reserve Account which the Nationwide closed as the account type ended.

3. **Church Giving - total £29,449.78 (down £2,367.27)**

Offering Loose	£32.81	(down £40.47)
Offering Envelopes	£20.00	(down £2,035.15)
Standing Order	£17,093.96	(up £4,005.49)
Parish Giving Scheme	£4,410.34	(down £160.89)
Cheques	£836.00	(down £2,854.00)
Donation Box	£47.00	(down £45.28)
Easyfundraising	£228.84	(up £147.97)
Card Reader	£120.00	(down £90.00)
Website	£339.64	(up £59.63)
Gift Aid	£6,032.78	(down £1,435.31)

Church Giving continued to decrease in 2021 – a decrease of 10% since end 2018. Church Giving methods changed away from Envelopes/Loose Change/Donation Box/Card Reader to Standing Orders/Parish Giving Scheme/Church Website due to the pandemic. Envelope scheme is seldom used so we have taken the decision not to purchase more Envelopes. Gift Aid was derived from both the lump sum annual Gift Aid from 2020 and the monthly Gift Aid from the Parish Giving Scheme throughout 2021.

4. **Property Income - total £24,677.92 (up £2,811.50)**

Woodmans Croft Rent	£10,680.00	(up £2,165)
Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	(£2,517.15)	
Disraeli Square Rent	£6,800.00	(up £200)
Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	(£5,506.43)	
Solar Panels	£2,095.17	(up £115.63)
Church Lettings	£5,102.75	(up £330.87)
Church Maintenance, Fees, Security & Insurance	(£6,374.31)	

Property income increased by 12% in 2021 compared to 2020 despite the increase in maintenance costs. We were able to complete repairs in Woodmans Croft to the back door, the water leak from the bathroom and replace the hob as it failed the Gas Safety check. We were also able to replace the bathroom in Disraeli Square following the water leak and the Boiler that ceased working. Church Lettings recommenced with 5 health and wellbeing groups who are now regularly hiring the Church space bringing valued income.

5. **Farmhouse Utility Bills and Rent Costs - total £11,642.98 (up £728.39)**

Farmhouse Rent	£5,076.00	(no change)
Farmhouse Utility Bills	£6,566.98	(up £728.39)
Farmhouse Maintenance	£0.00	
Ministers Refund	(£1,080.00)	

There was a small increase to Farmhouse costs but no significant changes. The Farmhouse has received extensive repairs externally to the paintwork and windows and to the Heating and Plumbing systems. These were paid for by the Ernest Cook Trust. We have also secured a new 10 year lease for the Farmhouse staring soon in 2022 at an approx. cost of £550 pm (currently £423pm).

6. **Church Utility Bills, Maintenance - total £11,833.83 (down £2,803.29)**

Church Utility Bills	£5,421.54	(down £938.90)
Church Insurance	£2,742.26	(up £154.25)
Church Cleaning	£2,105.99	(down 1,713.49)
Church Maintenance	£2,849.55	(down £111.13)
Church Security	£390.00	(increase £30)
Church Furniture	£37.98	(down £224.02)
Village Square Fees	£2,896.02	(up £1,237.79)

Church Utility Bills have decreased in 2021 due to changing to cheaper providers. However, there is a pending cleaning bill to be paid hence the decrease in Cleaning cost.

7. **COVID19 - total £1,795.14**

IT Equipment	£1,795.14

We invested in further IT equipment to enable streaming of live and hybrid services.

8. **Donations to Outside Causes - total £380**

Vineyard – Storehouse Appeal	£380.00

9. **M&M Donations - total £24,156 against commitment of £30,195**

Donations made as part of our Ecumenical Partnership were as follows:

URC	£24,156 (£2,013 per month)
Anglican Church	£1,500 (deficit of £1,500)
Methodist Church	£1,500 (deficit of £1,500)

The Church Council agreed to increase the donations to the both the Anglican and Methodist Church to £2,000 each, the final payment of £500 per denomination was made early 2022.

10. **Charges - total £133.69 (down £59.66)**

Bank Account	£123.21
Card Reader & Website Online Donations	£10.48

11. Village Square Fees - total £2,896.02 (up £1,237.79)

2021 Fees £1,816.02
2022 Fees £1,080.00

The increase in fees in 2020 include £1,080 payments made to 2022 fees as detailed above.

12. Miscellaneous

The Church received a payment form our insurance company following a claim made for the loss of rental income due to COVID. The loss assessors calculated a total loss of £17,000 based on the last 3 years accounts and then made an adjustment of £1,456.95 which needs to be returned in 2022.

13. Signatories

Church Bank Account - Adrian Lloyd, Alan Lambourne, Simon Rudiger and Roy Rogers.
Cheques - all cheques written by the Treasurer and counter signed by second signatory.
Online payments – all payments made by the Treasurer and authorised online by a second approver.
Debit Card – The Treasurer is authorised to use a Church Debit Card by Church Council for when payments can be made by the above payment methods

14. Debtors – N/A

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AND DECLARATION 2021

Church Finances have remained stable throughout 2021 despite the continuing effects of the pandemic, mainly due to the generosity of Church members, rental income from our two properties and recommencing Church Lettings. We have also hugely benefitted from the proceeds of a successful insurance claim.

The challenge to the Church family now, is to think about their commitment to Church Giving as donations have decreased by 10% over the last 3 years. This is despite introducing new and digital donation methods, details of which can be found on the Church website. A renewed focus to MM donations also needs consideration whilst we commit to meeting 100% of our obligations in 2022.

Additionally, we have endeavoured to reduce costs by sourcing cheaper utility bills and maintain cash flow by paying monthly for large one off costs such as the Village Square Fees and Church Insurance.

That being said we are truly a financially fruitful Church where reserves are available for the benefit of the Church family and the local community and the Church Council would welcome ideas of how this can be used for engagement and outreach.

Thank you all for your continued financial support throughout these unprecedented times. I would also like to thank Alan Lambourne for his assistance with Church finances, Deborah Smith for auditing the accounts and to Cindy Ahura for the Church Website design.

Adrian Lloyd, Church Treasurer, 1 May 2022

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Receipts

	,2020 £	Code		£	,2021 £	Restricted £
	19,636.00	101	Covenants and Gift Aid	26,134.00		
	3,664.94	102	Income tax recovered	5,088.34		
	1,093.00	103	Uncovenanted giving	1,148.00		
	104.60	104	Loose collections	271.25	32,641.59	
		100R	Restricted Income			
R	8,514.88		Drive in Carols:restricted			4,000.14
	820.00	105	Donations		1,712.23	
		201	Grants & Legacies (part restricted)			
	3,573.80		Aylesbury Deanery Mission Grant	0.00		
	5,500.00		Oxford Diocese (Summerhouse)	0.00		
R	4,000.00		Mid Bucks. Assoc. (Community Café/Garden)			8,749.56
	750.00		Thomas Hickman.	0.00		
	4,000.00		Putnam House.	0.00		
	1,439.92		Heart of Bucks.	0.00		
		203	Fund Raising			
	237.51		Misc. Sales of Items	2,808.91		
	3.32		Bank Interest	0.94		
	2,409.25		Cov 19 costs reimbursed	157.07		
	1,550.00	402	Hall letting	700.00		
	1,200.00		Statutory Fees	767.80	4,434.72	
	58,497.22		Total Receipts to December 31st 2021		**51,538.24**	

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Payments

	2020 £	Code		£	,2021 £	Restricted £
	5,855.85	2001	Diocesan Parish share	7,633.89		
	2,247.00		Mission Partnerships	2,083.86		
	652.49		Outreach Activities	652.64		
	145.12		Revelation Wellness	200.87		
	72.81		Pastoral Care	87.67		
	234.36		Youth & Children	419.96		
	22.28		Brownies/Cubs	0.00		
	157.25		Other Ministry Related expenses	1,400.00		
	341.34		Discretionary Poverty Fund	352.70		
R	9,636.00		Restricted Collections : Drive in Carols	0.00		
	1,172.00		Diocesan Fees/Costs	757.00		
	520.52	2004	Clergy & Staff Exp.:travel	1,654.80		
	180.92	2002	Clergy & Staff Exp.:other	161.85	15,405.24	
		2005	Church Running Expenses			
	956.08		Insurance	961.71		
	3,056.52		Heating/Lighting	3,175.88		
	1,044.80		PA system/Lighting/AV	922.35	5,059.94	
		2006	Church Maintenance			
	645.04		Minor Fabric repairs	605.25		
	416.27		Maintenance Contracts	373.90	979.15	
		2007	Upkeep of services			
	492.73		Copyright licence/Subscriptions	785.94		
	1,495.99		Miscellaneous	1,537.05	2,322.99	
	29,345.37		c/f		23,767.32	0.00

				£	£
29,345.37		b/f		23,767.32	0.00
	2010	Hall running costs			
131.13		Water	375.57		
		Lay Worker-Community Café			4,276.40
866.97		Cleaner & Cleaning Materials	1,238.63	1,614.20	
		Major Works			
5,903.24		Community Garden Project/Facilitator			2,525.63
1,448.79		Major Repairs/Update to Building	0.00		
7.30		Initial Costs/Surveys	0.00		
8,568.52		Planned ongoing Bldng. & Devlpmnt. Costs	0.00	0.00	
	4000	Church administration			
2,409.08		Cov 19 reimbursed volunteer's expenses	165.41		
665.55		Office Administration Costs	449.90		
714.87		Office Telephone/Internet	846.13		
581.01		Communications	629.74		
145.00		PCC/Staff Training/Conferences/Retreats	506.50		
4,260.44		Administrator	6,015.36		
414.31		Office Furniture/Items	1,025.79		
0.00		Special Projects	1,270.52		
6.43		Bank Charges	4.26	10,913.61	
				36,295.13	6,802.03
55,468.01		Total payments to 31st December 2021		**43,097.16**	

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Church Wardens for St Marys District Church Council.

This report is regarding the Financial Statements for year end 31st December 2021, which are attached,

Responsibility of the Independent Examiner

The District Church Council (DCC) has agreed that that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to-

a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the relevant Acts,

b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Acts are followed,

and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the DCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

Examiners Statement

I am pleased to report that there are no matters of concern that have been identified during this review and can confirm that the records have been kept in accordance with the relevant Acts. Therefore there are, in my opinion, no matters which need to be raised from these Accounts .However, there is a follow up item to be addressed in next year's Accounts.

Follow up Items

With regard to the Clock and Chimes Charity, it was agreed to leave the endowment in this years Statement, but to correct this situation next year.

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S. Marks, FMAAT. 5th August 2022 File Ref St Mary 2021.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF AYLESBURY

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Annual Report 2020

AGM 16 May 2021

The District Church Council

St. Mary's District Church Council (DCC) has responsibility for co-operation with the incumbent in promoting the Ecclesiastical Parish of Aylesbury the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The DCC 'met' on eleven occasions during 2020 which included two extraordinary meetings one in March and one in December, in addition there was one written report. Four meetings were held 'in person' and the rest were held via Zoom. There were regular reports on Finance, Safeguarding & Personnel, the Restoration and the professional Fundraising all of which will be covered separately in this report.

At the February meeting we were pleased to welcome Will Bass and his daughter, Niko, who had set up a Memorial Fund in memory of his brother Abraham in the hopes of raising funds for the Restoration Project, unfortunately we have not been able to progress this further due to lockdown. Also, in February the Friends proposal to raise funds to clean and conserve the reredos was approved and at the last meeting before lockdown approval was given to appoint a professional fundraiser, Andrew Clark, of Apostle Charity Consultants.

The Privacy Policy was approved, and with the new Safeguarding Policy it was agreed to upload these to the website. The appointment of a First Aid 'co-ordinator' was made, and job descriptions for the lay pastoral team and the children's team were agreed.

Some time was spent in the second half of the year discussing the re-opening of the Church initially for private prayer and then for services. In addition, the resumption of activities for AHAG, Space and the Friends' concerts and permission for the Romanian Church to hold services were considered all bearing in mind the Government restrictions and rules for gathering in Church buildings.

The Annual Meeting was delayed until October 2020 and as this was just before the second lockdown it was possible to hold the Meeting in Church. Since then the new DCC has continued too discuss the opening of the Church (and closing it for services and concerts), the appointment of Co-opted members and the second Deanery Synod representative.

In early 2020 Heather Joy Garrett stepped down as Churchwarden for health reasons, and Sue Newling took on the post of Acting Churchwarden until her official appointment in October. Just before the AGM Catherine Mannion also stood down. We are grateful to them for their service to the DCC and St Mary's as a whole.

Membership of the DCC since October 2020 consists of Fr. Doug (Chair), Sue Newling and Mike Sharp (Churchwardens & Joint Vice Chairs), David Hunt (Treasurer), Pam Russell (Secretary), Rainah Madzorera (Deanery Synod Rep), Charles Boot, Tony Divers, Jo Hodgson, Donna Riley, Nicolette Rushmere, Jeremy Sampson.

Pam Russell, Secretary DCC

Rector's Report for 2020

"Well, they certainly did not teach me that in seminary!" I have used these words many times in my ordained ministry, but it seems that 2020 was the year that we explored the deepest depths of new and different!

Whilst the early months of 2020 were going right on track – Worshipping in the Church, seated right next-to each other and singing our favourite hymns aloud! We had weddings and baptisms, funerals and fund raisers (do you remember the Burns Night Ceilidh?).

Suddenly the talk was about hand sanitiser and YouTube. The Church/ecclesia/people gathered, had to, by necessity be "the people separated." Christmas cards written to be shared from within the Church, are even still waiting for the addressees to collect the folded and enveloped celebrations of the incarnation! Would Jesus need to stay 2 meters away?

God will not be stopped by anything in all creation! Grace has still abounded. New connections have been made, old friends have been there to offer concern and comfort. Neighbours have shopped for and delivered groceries when others were un-equipped, or unable to venture to the shops. Worship has still gone on! Yes, it is not the same as being together in the flesh, and in full throated hymn-singing, but a quick survey of other online offerings has convinced me that we are truly blessed with theological and technical "depth" on our team.

It is also wonderful to see God at work through these troubled times. We are well on our way to having some much-needed repairs completed on the Church building. Who would have thought that a Government grant would come to us as a part of the Cultural Recovery Fund, Historic England and the Cathedrals and Major Parish Churches department of the Church of England? And just think, no concerts, groups or activities will have been disrupted by these works – because of the necessary social distance requirements!

I am so grateful to God for each person who has helped another, offered financial or "in-kind support" to the Church, and everyone who has been faithfully praying in the midst of this pandemic. Our finance, fabric, and fundraising teams have been busy, even if not visibly so. Our readers, intercessors, preachers, and choir have been so very much appreciated as a familiar comfort each Sunday. I also thank our Pastoral Care Team for reaching out to those who have been isolated.

As we bid 2020 a not-so-fond farewell, we continue to pray to our Heavenly Father, "*thy will be done, thy kingdom come"* in us. As we pray and wait, let not the darkness discourage you. Our faith is in the one to whom "*darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you*." Ps 139:12.

Thank you Lord that you do not leave us in darkness!

Faithfully Yours,
Doug+

Churchwardens Report

The past year has been somewhat unusual. The Annual General Meeting of the DCC and the Annual Parochial Church Meetings were delayed until October due to restrictions caused by the Corona-19 virus, and the good news is that the planned restoration of stonework etc. commenced.

We will not go into much detail here as we are sure Fr Doug will be doing this in his report, all we will say is that the clerestory window and other stonework is looking good and includes a brand-new boiler chimney. We are extremely grateful to our fundraiser, Andrew Clark, who has been instrumental in helping us to secure the necessary grants to allow this work to go ahead.

Officially we have to report that all of the goods and ornaments in the Church are in good order and the Logbook is up to date, but the Inventory needs to be updated as there was a complication in its updating last year.

As we write this report we have not yet received any information about documentation or the Archdeacon's Visitation for this year.

Mike Sharp & Sue Newling, Churchwardens

Parish Office

Well! What to say?!

It started off 'normally' enough, couples booking in their weddings, others needing their wedding banns read, baptisms being booked, service sheets being printed, large print service booklets complete with readings and hymns printed for the Clergy, Tim, Joan and Doris from the congregation, emailed weekly notices and continuing to learn and use '*iknow church*'.

March arrived with spring in the air, and we had a very special Renewal of Wedding Vows Service and two special Baptisms.

STOP! for 3 months!! stay at home where possible!!!

No services in Church and the doors were closed, but as far as my job goes:

- the phone still needs answering,
- our main email address cannot be accessed from home,
- the clergy service booklet is still required,
- readings required,
- emailed notices required,
- cleaning, tidying, fairy lights in the South Porch to shine our light all day and night,
- reschedule all booked weddings and baptisms,
- and so many other jobs that come to light when there are no people around, just Fr Doug and I.

OPEN!

Services back in the building – by emailed invite – lots of those!

Requests for weekday welcomers – thank you all for your support.

- Bells - *Yes*
- Concerts - *Yes*
- Café - *No*
- Tots Group – *No*
- Weddings – *we had two very special Weddings*.

STOP!

- The Church was lit up blue for the NHS.
- The Flower Ladies did not stop at all, they have produced beautiful displays each week for the YouTube Services.
- Harvest arrived and we were given a beautiful display once more by the Flower Ladies.

- Thank you to everyone who spent time knitting and crocheting the poppies for the Remembrance Wreath.
- We had our Service in Church to remember those we have Loved and Lost.
- Christmas happened, the trees came in, we put the lights on the top of the clock tower and on the trees, the Nativity scene was assembled and lit for all to see and the banners were put up with grateful thanks to Jeremy, Charles and Fr Doug.

We have remained OPEN for Visitors and not missed a single Service via YouTube.

Our Choir, Kenton, Fr Doug, Andrew Z, Chris & Lisa D, have all been amazing and without their commitment and knowledge our YouTube services would not have been a 'full experience' of a service for St Mary's. Alongside this Sue has been providing the intercessions and organising all our readers who continue to record their contributions each and every week.

I think my job description could have been rewritten several times and continues to change and evolve but I hope it will soon settle into a more predictable routine.

I look forward to a time when we can all once again join in singing together with the candles lit, the incense burning, maybe even a cup of tea and chat after the service.

May God bless us all.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Treasurers' Report

As you can imagine, 2020 has been a very difficult year in many respects, and particularly from a financial point of view.

Since the middle of March 2020, with a couple of exceptions, our income from building hire, concerts, jazz nights, civic events and fundraising has ceased.

Thanks to the generosity of many members of the congregation, and some who are not members, there was a large increase in voluntary donations and an increase in monthly donations via the Parish Giving Scheme and Standing Orders.

Overall, our total income decreased by £35,000 or 30%.

We were unable to pay our full Parish Share of the Common Fund, and were only able to pay £29,000, instead of £50,274.

Fortunately, our total expenditure was about £37,000 below budget, including the shortfall in Parish Share. Reduced Church running costs, due to Covid-19, accounted for the rest.

Our total income in the General Fund exceeded our total expenditure by about £7,000; however, most of that is 'restricted' income, mainly from the Tuffney and Dixey bequests.

Surprisingly, our endowment investments showed an increase in value of about £140,000. Our two largest investments, William Dixey and Tuffney, increased by £66,000 and £74,000 respectively. This was partly due to our decision to transfer part of the Tuffney investment into a better performing fund.

We have been successful in our application to the Charity Commissioners, to allow us to use the William Dixey capital towards our restoration costs and our fundraiser, Andrew Clark, has

been very successful in obtaining grants to the value of about £75,000, towards the restoration costs.

English Heritage and the Church Commissioners are funding the major part of the current restoration project.

We have also been successful in gaining full control of our share of the rental income from the property in Cubb Field. In the past, this was paid directly from the Diocese to the Deanery and has recently been used to subsidise the rent of our Curate, Peter Wheeler. We have now agreed to use part of this income to subsidise the creation of the North Aylesbury Team Hub Resource, for the next five years.

I would particularly like to thank Kim Hopping, our bookkeeper, for all her hard work in keeping "all the plates in the air", particularly as she has been working from home.

I would also like to thank all the members of the congregation for their continued financial support. Your generosity is a wonderful example of Christian Giving.

The 2021 budget, that the Finance Group has produced, is based on what was actually spent in 2020, however, in view of the Covid-19 crisis we do not have a clear idea of what the future holds.

David Hunt, Treasurer

Christian Giving

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns, a number of our income streams have been badly affected, including Sunday Plate collections, Yellow envelopes and Gift Aid envelopes.

However, due to the generosity of members of the congregation, and many others, the increase in our Standing Orders and, particularly, the General Donations has gone some way to compensate.

Last year showed a reduction in all forms of Christian Giving of approximately £7,000 against 2019.

At present 24 members make regular contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme, and 22 members continue to use the Standing Order scheme.

David Hunt, Treasurer

Safeguarding

At St Mary's we are committed to a safe Church. Everyone who takes part in the life of St Mary's has a role in promoting a Safer Church for all. When we share the Gospel we share a welcome for everyone, especially those who are vulnerable into our community, adults and children. 'The Church of England affirms the 'Whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This approach encompasses a commitment to a consistent policy and practice across all Church bodies. Safeguarding training will be done online for the foreseeable future.

I have been working with the Personnel Committee to produce staff contracts and job descriptions. We are now looking at these for a caretaker and one for a young children's worker.

Parishes are required to complete a 'Promoting a Safer Church Action Plan' I am completing the parts that I am able to do at this time.

Let us all work together towards a safer church.

Sue Newling, Safeguarding Officer

St. Mary's Altar Servers

The start of the year was similar to any other year. We would provide servers for all the Sundays (including celebrating with incense the Epiphany in January, and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and Ash Wednesday in February) up to Sunday 15 March, when, because of the emergence of Covid-19, all public worship in churches came to an abrupt halt. Since then, although there have been periods when the Church has been open for socially distanced 8a.m. Said Communions and 10a.m. Hummed Communions, with very little exception, there have been no servers present, because it has been deemed unsafe to do so.

At the start of the year, we had nineteen servers who were available to serve at varying frequencies. These were: Will Bass, Charles Boot, John & Shirley Bush, Anthony & Lesley Divers, Michael Doe, Neil Esslemont, Jonathan & Sophie Hough, Rainah Madzorera, Anthony Ologbenla, Pamela Reeve, Donna Riley, Beverley & Pamela Russell, Michael Sharp, Kim Walter and Andrew Zimmerman. Twelve of these are also Eucharistic Ministers who assist in the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament. Between us, we shared the duties of providing one server at each 8a.m. service, and four (or five if we were using incense) at each 10a.m. service. Anthony Ologbenla found himself unavailable to continue serving, at the start of the year; and during the year, Andrew Zimmerman's university studies had begun to take over his life. We thank them both for the service they gave to our Church.

For me, the biggest blow was learning in December that we were going to lose Michael Doe from serving with us. His move to live in Godshill, Isle of Wight with his elder daughter, Melody, which he intimated was 'on the cards', was now, actually happening. Mike had been a server at St. Mary's for over forty years – our fourth longest server – having first served on 24 February 1980. During all of that time, he had always been willing and available to serve, whenever there was a need, including regularly at the unpopular time (for some) at 8a.m. He had been an efficient and able thurifer and sacristan, and St. Mary's will remember him and his service to our Church for many years to come. Michael had also been a member of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, a regular attender at our Chapter meetings, and very willing to help with transport for others. He was also a special friend. We will miss him and we wish them both well.

When we are able to resume normal services in Church, if we are to continue the commitment as before, we will need to recruit more servers. Full training will be given, a cassock alb will be provided for you to wear, and you will be joining a very welcoming fellowship group within St. Mary's. I look forward to that day coming, to our previous servers resuming their duties, and new volunteers rushing forward to join us.

John Bush

Pastoral Team

From March 2020 formal pastoral care had to adapt to take into account Government regulations brought about by Covid-19 and the need for the Pastoral Team, like everyone else, to abide by the regulations of lockdown. Nevertheless, pastoral care has continued and many people in the congregation have taken up some of the responsibilities by looking after our

neighbours, especially those most vulnerable, shopping for people, phoning those who are on their own, regularly emailing, helping people to access YouTube services, checking and contacting other members of the congregation.

Sue Newling and Pam Russell

Baptism Report

We had two very special baptisms at the start of the year. Unfortunately, all the other baptisms that had been booked in were cancelled and although they were rescheduled, they did not go ahead due to the constantly changing landscape. They are booked in for 2021 and we look forward to welcoming the children and their families.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Readers and Intercessors

I thank everyone who has been able to record the Sunday readings to go into the YouTube services during lockdown. I have continued to intercede during this time with occasional help from children at appropriate festivals. I look forward to encouraging as many of the congregation to come forward to read and intercede after lockdown.

Sue Newling

Welcomers & Sidespeople

At the start of 2020 Tessa and Gill were happily organizing the Welcomers Rota for Sundays and all was working well with a great team of volunteers. As with all things, this came to a stop in March. Since we reopened, I have been asking the congregation for help with the weekday and Sunday service welcoming. I am extremely grateful for everyone who has come forward to help keep us open each weekday morning and for the welcome we extend to our Sunday morning worship.

Karen Baker, Parish Administrator

Music

The year of 2020 - as for all people - meant a big change from the 'norm'. I would first like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who acted instantly, spurred on with the challenge of change last March. Andrew Z. especially for giving us so much of our format and standards, working as he did to bring so much with so little. Fr. Doug has been especially brilliant in embracing the new technology and we are thankful for someone with an adaptive and forward-thinking outlook leading us. We are thankful that Lisa from our choir was inspired enough to take on a new skill to bring us the service every week. My eternal thanks go to Charles who has been incredible at keeping the services running at St Mary's to allow me to have some breathing room. The creation of our 9/10 videos a week has been very trying at times and Charles' support has brought music back to the Church while allowing me to focus on the creation of this media. This support from all angles of our Church family really has culminated in a working, tangible online spiritual community united by our online offerings.

This year the choir - in its reduced form - has recorded over 50+ anthems and 50+ psalms and an unknown large number of hymns tracking a full year of worship - including some weddings and funerals. We will be looking into finding a way to sell and stream these online to create a lasting income stream for the Church. We are so grateful and humbled by the kind responses

we have received during our learning process over the last year. We have been privileged to be able to record some of the greatest music ever composed pushing ourselves to the limit of what is possible both technically and musically. We have tried to represent the values of the choir's learning and performance ethos, attempting to create moving performances based on emotion and connection to attempt to unite us in our Sunday celebrations.

We were so pleased to be able to create our first virtual choir video for Easter Day and to follow it up with our mammoth 9 Lessons service which has had over 800 views at the time of writing. This service comprised of 10 hours of video footage and over 190 minutes of audio footage edited together over a course of weeks. A special thanks to Katharine from the choir for the planning which made this possible. Of course, the thanks go to all the members of the choir who have given so much love and time to creating music. They really have given us all a gift this year. One which would have otherwise never have been received.

Looking to the future, in the short term, we are preparing for another Easter and with luck something special for Easter Day! We are hoping to re-establish the choir fully for the new term in September; and looking to boost the choir numbers by more closely integrating the Voice for Life work into the structure of the choir, creating long lasting musicianship that serves both the development of our choir and the individual. It will also allow us to fully utilise the fantastic resource we have in Chris Beattie more effectively. We will be looking to start to integrate more live music performance with other groups into the life of the choir as it will open up a whole world of opportunities for all of us - and with any luck boost fundraising. Any input on how to do this effectively will be greatly appreciated. All this will be dependent on whether or not it is possible to safely resume in September.

This last year has not been easy for any of us and our choir have worked harder than I think we ever have. I am proud of what we have been able to achieve and hope we can learn from our experiences to move forward bringing change with us. Throughout the year I have been reminded of how Bach finished each piece of music he wrote one thing, which I believe summarises the year for the efforts of our choir perfectly.

Soli Deo gloria. For the glory of God alone.

Kenton Brigden, Director of Music

St Mary's Bloomers

2020 was a strange year for the Bloomers as for everyone else. There were however two weddings, and harvest festival. Harvest Festival, more or less, went ahead as usual. Unfortunately, the 'dressing' of the cross with poppies made by members of the Needlework Group was not possible because of another lockdown but a wreath was produced which was then moved to St George's Chapel. There were no flowers at Easter 2020 as this was at the beginning of the original lockdown, but there were arrangements, even though smaller than usual for Christmas and every week after the end of the original lockdown to Christmas small arrangements in Church for the prayer table, and also for the YouTube Services.

All the planned activities had to be cancelled of course but I am grateful to the Bloomers for continuing to provide flowers throughout the year in very difficult circumstances.

We were also very sad to hear of the loss of Joan Croker, Liz Sharp, and Sheila Cousins at the turn of the year. All were regular supporters and at times active members of the Bloomers.

We are looking forward to a time when we can thank them and celebrate their lives with flowers when life returns to normal.

Bev Russell, Flower Lady

Sunday School

At the start of the year, it was decided that Sunday School should continue to take place on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, with me taking one and Jeremy & Janet the other, as this was deemed easier as some months have 5 weeks. However, Sunday School has not been able to take place since March! Prior to this, the children enjoyed activities linked to the liturgical calendar, and both the children and congregation benefitted from their feedback on their activities, and the regular reading of the intercessions has led to a more integrated church family. During lockdown, Sue Newling arranged for children to do some of the readings and prayers, and there were also some activities during lockdown.

I undertook the Leadership and C0 and C1 modules in Safeguarding during lockdown – so time has not been wasted!

Nicolette Rushmere

The Julian Meetings

This has been a year of enormous change for us all as we have lived through the Corona pandemic which prevented us from meeting with our friends and families for so long.

When it became obvious that our Julian Group could no longer gather in St. Mary's Lady Chapel we decided to 'meet virtually'. So, each month on the second Thursday we sit in quiet silence in our own homes and contemplate the words of that month's chosen reading. Many other Julian groups throughout the country have done the same and I think we appreciate the connection in spite of the absence of physical presence of one another.

There is a Julian meeting on Zoom and links to this can be found on the Julian Meeting website. They take place on Mondays and Wednesdays each week at 19.30 which enables anyone to join in for a chat before the silence. Personally, I find Zoom meetings quite a challenge so I have not explored this yet, but I may try to join one soon!

We live in hope that we can all gather together to worship our Lord in Church one day soon. However, we are blest with the Sunday worship on YouTube each week and the wonderful team who put it all together, not forgetting our brilliant Kenton and the choir.

Heather Cotman

Tuesday Small Group

The group continued to meet in the Church fortnightly at the start of 2020 until the start of Covid restrictions. Our regular membership was affected by the loss of Tim Newling and Dan Nightingale and their attendance at a healing service held by Fr Doug in February, and which they were both able to attend, was deeply moving and a highlight of the year.

We miss Tim particularly after his leadership of the group since 2012. Since reconvening in September, using Zoom as our platform, the role of leader has rotated between group members. Our Advent text was Gordon Giles' "*At Home in Advent*" but art and music continue to be important elements of our meetings and the online approach has enhanced the sharing of

these. Other meetings have either reflected the liturgical year or Christian aspects of topical issues such as climate change or the effects of the pandemic.

Online meetings lend themselves to sharing our chosen prayers, readings, paintings and music with others who are unable to attend the meetings but derive support from these. We must also thank David Hunt who supports Tessa Hunt in accessing our meetings.

New members are always welcome. In the interests of security, for enquiries and Zoom details we have an email address *tuesdayhousegroup@gmail.com.*

Helen Spinks

Education & Events

Kim Hopping, Operations Manager

A Report was requested but no report has been received.

The Zimbabwe Anglican Christian Fellowship Group

The pandemic came with challenges for Members of The Zimbabwe Mothers' Union Fellowship in UK at St Mary's Aylesbury. Many members and their families were attacked by the disease, but we give thanks to the Almighty that they pulled through. Since March 2020 all meetings are now held via Zoom on the second Saturday of every month. The quality of fellowship however continues to be spiritually nourishing. The Group has remained active locally, at branch level and nationally with lots of support offered to members in these Covid-19 challenging times.

Members continue meeting nationally via Zoom, with the other twelve branches celebrating the major Anglican Communion calendar events, namely Lady Day, Easter, Pentecost, Zimbabwe Day and Bernard Mzeki Festival.

Challenges: Lockdown and travel ban abroad have proved to a challenge for most of the members.

Herbert Madzorera, ZACF Chairman

Parish Magazine

I have continued to edit and publish the Parish Magazine, but only in the online format, due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

I have received some encouraging feedback and look forward to being able to return to printing the Magazine.

David Hunt, Editor

Fundraising Team

The Fundraising Team had a positive start to 2020 with a very successful Burns Célidh. A great evening with music and entertainment led by Neil, the band and accompanied by his family. Traditional food of haggis neeps & tatties was provided by the Team.

Plans were underway for Easter with the Flower Baskets and the Lent Smartie handout, then the pandemic happened, and everything was placed on hold.

The Team have continued to work on ideas and events in the background. Small amounts of money have continued to trickle in through the selling of pickles and chutneys and craft items e.g. knitted poppies (of which 50% was donated to Royal British Legion) and Nativity sets. Some Smartie tubes have been returned too. If you still have yours at home keep hold of them and remember to bring them in when it is safe to do so. Who knows there could be a replacement for you!

We are looking forward to planning events for 2021 when the Church can re-open, and the community can get back together safely. As always, we are keen to hear your ideas for events/crafts and would love to welcome anyone that would like to join our Team. Look out for our new email address coming soon where you can contact us directly!

Lesley Divers, Jo Hodgson, Pam Russell

Needlecraft Small Group

For reasons beyond our control the Needlecraft Group only met on a couple of occasions during 2020. However it takes more than a pandemic to stop us!

Just a week or so before someone locked us up and lost the key for three months chocolate egg chicks, complete with Easter bonnets, were for sale. During our confinement work continued and by November over 400 poppies had been sewn, knitted or crocheted. The original plan was for these to decorate the large cross and the Church as a whole and to sell others and share the proceeds with the RBL, however we were locked up again! BUT again, that did not stop us! Poppies were sold to friends and neighbours with c. £79 going to the RBL. The others were used by the Bloomers to make a wreath which was available for 11 November and is now on display in St George's Chapel. A pre-ordered Nativity was knitted and this time camels, and oxen joined the wonky donkey. Unfortunately, the stable which was knitted still needs some restoration! For those in the know just before Christmas chocolate orange snowmen could be found. Other items have also been done which will make an appearance when things get back to normal!

On the downside the discussions about turning the tapestries, which are nearly finished, into cushions had to be put on hold.

I would like to thank Jo Hodgson, Christine Jennings, Wendy Presidge, Mary Hunt, Anne Aylett, Chrissie and Bev Russell for all they have done during 2020 under very unusual and at times difficult circumstances. I look forward to the time when we can all meet for a coffee and chat over the sound of clicking knitting needles at which time you will be welcome to join us!

Pam Russell

St Mary's Walking Group

The year started well with a good Chiltern walk and lunch at the Plough in Cadsden. We then had a couple more pleasant, fairly local walks before the pandemic set in with no group activities allowed.

When things eased up a bit in the summer, we met a few times in a low-key sort of way, as even then, the rule of six applied officially. One of these walks was the hundredth of our Group, so our record keeper told us, and one alert member gave a vote of thanks and made a presentation to the leaders while we ate our lunch and surveyed the wonderful view from our little hillock. We were very touched.

The last outings we managed was our favourite 'St Birinus' pilgrimage from Dorchester-on-Thames. It was a perfect day, sunny but not too hot, the refreshments en- route were excellent, our only disappointment being the closed ice-cream stall at the end!

Who knows how this year will proceed?

Anne Aylett

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Gill Hopikins, Margaret and Joy Nyambayo, Ebbie Sangoya, Beauty Mlizani, Norah Chawarika, Joyce Gombera, Donna Riley and Kim Walters, Georgina Chinzowu, Helen Mitman, Mary Hunt and Karen Baker.

Due to the pandemic the Team has not been in operation, and it is not known when we will resume. Government guidelines will be closely followed when the Team resumes operations.

However, the Church is forever thankful for the presence and ministry in the life of St Mary's Church of the above-named people. The Church values individuals' offering meaningful times of worship, outreach, and fellowship which you as the Hospitality Team embrace. It is hoped that new members will come forward to join the Team when life returns to normal. The Church is forever grateful for the generous donation of biscuits and milk which makes a big difference. May this good gesture prevail in God's guidance for the good of His Church when services resume.

The Church hopes that the supply of Fair-Trade Tea and Coffee and Sugar will be in constant supply Post Covid- 19 as this was a problem before the lockdown. The change in the way the Church operated did not make things easy, but we hope the situation is going to improve in future.

Rainah Madzorera (Licensed Lay Minister)

Parish Breakfast

Gill Hopkins

A Report was requested but no report has been received.

Bellringers Report

2020 started as normal with a band ringing in the New Year, but then quickly became the year of not being allowed to meet indoors.

We rang every Sunday morning for Services and Tuesday evenings for practice. Our last practice was on 27 March due to lockdown rules. On 19 July lockdown was eased with social distancing rules in place, fortunately with two family groups present in the tower and available spacing we were then able to ring for the allowed 15 minutes prior to the Service. Thanks also to Rachel for her support. We managed to ring for every Sunday morning Service, except 30 August due to numbers.

On 24 October we rang for the wedding, successfully placing a socially distanced band of six.

On 1 November lockdown was implemented again and ringing ceased.

At the start of 2020 we gained a new ringer. In the summer one member of the band relocated to Oxford to continue the next rotation of her medical studies and one of our younger ringers left to study at Cambridge.

Grant Edney, Tower Secretary

The Friends of St Mary's

2020 was a year like none other, full of plans, cancellations, trying to see what the official regulations would and would not let us do, writing risk assessments and a host of other alien tasks that could not have been imagined before 2020.

Fr. Doug continued to chair our meetings – of which only one took place, the AGM becoming an exchange of emails. Our concerts started off the year in great form with some superb musicians and large and enthusiastic audiences. Then in mid-March the first lockdown was announced, and all concerts were cancelled. Restrictions were then eased and after much research and consultation it was agreed (thank you Fr. Doug) that we could resume the concerts with a maximum audience of 50 – this to include helpers and performers. We had to ask people to book a place as there were always many more than 50 wanting to come which proved a nightmare for our 'bookings secretary' Jane Turner who took the brunt of the (mild) vitriol of people who were not able to get a place. But the concerts were much appreciated, and we were able to have seven before lockdown 2 arrived and they were cancelled again. But even with the enforced reduction in audience numbers we were able to give the Church £2,288 for its expenses. We now hope and pray that the magic date of 21 June 2021 will allow them to start again with unrestricted numbers so please pencil 24 June in your diaries.

The launch of our appeal for the restoration of the reredos has been delayed, mainly due to the reredos being closed and covered while the major building work in the Church takes place. It is fortuitous that this could carry on during lockdown so we hope that concerts will be able to resume without the background accompaniment of drills, hammers, masons' tools and alarming quantities of dust within the Church. But we shall soon be asking you all to dig deep in your pockets to help us find the £30,000 or so needed.

Our President, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, became 75 in November and was therefore bound to retire as Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. His position as our President is a personal one and not as a result of the Lord Lieutenancy so we hope he will stay with us. Organisations he had been involved with – and there were many – were asked to contribute a few words to his leaving book. This we did and he sent a kind word of thanks to the Friends.

As ever we are grateful for the support of Fr Doug and Karen Baker, but we still live in hope that at least a part-time caretaker may be employed by the Church.

Janet Frost, Honorary Secretary

Deanery Synod

Due to the lockdown, the quarterly Deanery Synod meetings were suspended until 27 January 2021 and then took place via Zoom. As it was the first meeting of a new Triennium for the Deanery Synod, a new Lay Chair had to be elected, and David Lillycrop was unanimously re-elected.

Talks

A talk was given by Catherine Turnbull-Ross on the *Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy,* of which Aylesbury Deanery is one its financial supporters, at this challenging time. During the pandemic lockdown in March 2020, they could only offer telephone support, and the Team moved to work from home and reduced their paid hours. They continue to issue newsletters, network with the Town Centre Partnership and have regular Zoom meetings. Planning for the year ahead the Chaplaincy are looking forward to the end of the lockdown to get going again, but have concerns for local businesses, especially those involved in entertainment. A request was made for people to consider becoming a Trustee of the Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy. For recruiting volunteers, especially day-time chaplains, there is a website: *www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk.*

The Area Dean led an interactive discussion on, "*what do people see when they look at us and our churches at the moment?*" Members shared the good news stories from around the Deanery and activities taking place in Parishes in this pandemic; "*EVEN IN THE DARKEST TIMES GOD'S LIGHT IS SHINING*".

Finance Update:

The Deanery Treasurer reported that most parishes had suffered during this pandemic.

Only 93.8% of Deanery Share was achieved last year, 2020, and therefore it did not achieve the 3% rebate normally received when the Deanery pays 100% of the total share which amounts to £24,000, and is used to fund mission grants. The Deanery was short of approximately £50,000 from seven parishes mainly due to loss of income from renting halls etc, or not being able to hold any fundraising events. However, the Deanery did receive the 1% rebate for achieving the 50% threshold at the end of June which amounts to approximately £8,000. In 2020, £13,374 had been given in grants, so overall there was a deficit of £6,700 for the year and paying Parish Share in 2021 is likely to be more difficult for parishes.

A big "Thank You" was given to the Parish Treasurers who had kept the Treasurer fully informed of their financial position and others were encouraged to do so.

The financial situation will probably make grant giving for the Standing Committee very difficult for the coming year and the Treasurer recommended parishes to look at the Diocesan Development Fund; there are two levels - up to £2,500 for small grants and over £2,500 for larger grants, and the next deadline for applications for either of these grants is the end of May 2021.

Josh Townson, the Diocesan Generous Giving Advisor, has tips to help parishes at this difficult time, such as contactless payment in churches and an update on the Parish Giving Scheme details which will be sent to Parish Treasurers.

North Aylesbury Team Proposal

The bid had been successful, and negotiations are taking place for the contract between the Deanery and Diocese. The grant was for £237,000 over 5 years to form a North Aylesbury Team Resourcing Hub, and this was one of the largest SDF grants by Oxford Diocese.

This funding, coupled with a launch contribution from St Mary's, Aylesbury and contributions from Deanery funds and elsewhere, will allow them to create a new Team Vicar post in Quarrendon - where the Revd. Pete Wheeler, whose curacy could not be extended any

further, and his wife Ali have been very successful, and the Revd. Phil White has now been appointed as half-time Team Rector.

With this funding, Berryfields and Quarrendon, currently part of the parish of St Mary's Aylesbury, will ultimately become parishes in their own right, and will join Bierton and Broughton in a four-parish North Aylesbury Team.

Clergy directly involved include Phil White and Pete Wheeler, Revd. Gareth Lane in Berryfields, Revd. Dan Beesley in Bierton and Revd. James Talbot in Kingsbrook – all are in post, already know each other well, and worked together on the ambitious Drive-In Carols.

Revd. Richard Phillips has been made an Associate Area Dean and will be working closely with them and Phil White on the North Aylesbury proposal.

Quinquennial Update:

David Morris, the Deanery's Quinquennial Secretary, said that the precept on each church in our Deanery was £150 per year which goes into a fund to pay the architects and surveyors for their work.

Once the QI report has been written it is the church's responsibility to make the necessary repairs. David listed the churches needing a QI this year and he will be e-mailing the Churchwardens involved. The go-ahead for the work has been given during the pandemic so presumably architects and surveyors will continue to do this work.

Committee Membership

Since this is a new Triennium, Standing and Pastoral Committee members need to be elected. The Standing Committee deals with the financial business and members are also Trustees of the Deanery which is constituted as a Trust, and the Pastoral Committee looks after mission and pastoral matters.

Serving members of both committees will continue in post until new committees are elected which must be before the 31 May 2021. All serving members indicated that they were willing to serve for a further term, and there is currently one lay vacancy on the Standing Committee.

Deanery Mission Action Planning: This is ongoing

Rainah Madzorera (Licensed Lay Minister)

South Porch Café

Following Belinda's departure at the end of November 2019, I decided to continue running the café on my own to ascertain whether it was a feasible option.

December was a short month, due to Christmas, but the Café catered for the schools during their rehearsals at the Church during the month and had a steady flow of customers.

As expected, January was a quiet month with lower numbers during the month, but the Café managed to provide a continued service with a restricted menu.

Unfortunately, during February there were already whispers about Coronavirus and people were starting to become more cautious about coming to the Church. Still hopeful that things

would continue as normal in the future additional options were added to the menu, which were well received.

March definitely brought a serious drop in customers and the Café closed on the 20 March, believing that after three months we would be opening our doors again!

Suzanne Foder

SPACE

Throughout 2020 Space had to continually re-invent itself to cope with the changing needs of both 'clients' and with the ever-evolving Government regulations. Everything started as usual with the various drops-ins, Monday walks, and in person Counselling but obviously towards the end of March none of this could take place. However, our aim has remained the same to provide support and care to adults who are going through difficult times.

At the beginning of the first lockdown our volunteers were shopping and collecting prescriptions for those of our clients who were self-isolating, in addition to making two surplus food deliveries every week. From July/August we tried to make people less dependent on our delivery services although we continued to do shopping for the most vulnerable. The distribution of surplus food also continued but by collection from St Mary's, although this was suspended after Christmas as Covid-19 infection rates rose in the county. In addition, a number of volunteers kept in touch with people by regularly phoning them, this also dropped off in the summer but was reintroduced toward the end of 2020.

Drop-ins took place via video conferencing three times a week from April and we introduced an online Art Session in the Autumn. For a time an in person drop-in took place in the Church of the Good Shepherd, but with the increase in Covid cases towards the end of the year was suspended as well. There were two virtual choir performances and six online rehearsals, which were well received but people do of course miss singing together. For those who missed meeting in person or were perhaps unable to access the online activities a weekly meeting in the Park took place and although this went ahead even as the weather got wetter and colder this also had to stop as infection rates rose again leading to increased risk, and likewise with the weekly walks which started up again and then had to stop. At all times strict social distancing and number restrictions have been retained, which meant an increase in the number of volunteers needed for each session. Towards the end of the year three webinars took place which have proved popular and attracted good 'audiences'; these have continued into 2021.

Counselling has also continued via video conferencing and by telephone, however, for various reasons some people were unable to access this, and for a very short time in person counselling did take place in St Mary's but this too had to be suspended. Space has tried to provide people with technology and knowledge to enable them to access online activities.

At Christmas there was an online Christmas Party, and hampers from the Community Christmas Lunch or Bags of Love were distributed to 72 households.

Financially Space have benefitted from various Covid-related grants, but as we go into a new year and hopefully normality it is expected that grant funding will be increasingly difficult to access. Due to restrictions our capacity to raise funds internally has been limited.

Finally, some figures: in April 2020 the number of interactions was 810 and for the period April to December this increased to 6,574, compared with 3,126 for the same period in 2019. Although we are working in different ways demand for our services has doubled.

Space continues to appreciate its relationship with St. Mary's, and it is good to continue working within the building. Do drop-in and see what we are doing sometime, whether that be virtually or in person.

Kate Lawton - Project Co-ordinator

Tots Group

Due to the pandemic from March 2020 the Tots Group was unfortunately unable to meet. However hopefully things will be able to get back on track soon.

Wendy Bartlett

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Due to the pandemic Aylesbury Homeless Action Group have been unable to run any of their drop-ins since March last year. We have particularly missed meeting at St. Mary's Church, where we had the opportunity to provide a drop-in service which offered access to our experienced case workers and a foodbank. Whilst we have managed to continue to provide housing support remotely, we look forward to the opportunity to resume our drop-ins in the future.

Karen Warner, Operations Director

Community Christmas Lunch

Christmas 2020 was a very challenging year for many residents in the Town and events that have been run in the past were not possible this year. One such causality was the Community Christmas lunch which is normally held at St Mary's Church. In looking at what could be possible to replace the lunch a Covid safe plan was hatched - the idea was to make up 300 luxury hampers and 50 personal hygiene bags and to distribute them to people that were in real need in our local community over Christmas. The project was funded by Aylesbury Town Council, local supermarkets and kind individuals. St Mary's allowed us space to store the goods and to make up the hampers in the Church before distribution and we are very grateful for that support.

Kim and Paul Walter,
Christmas Lunch Organisers

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Financial Statements
Of St Mary's District Church Council
Year ending 31/12/20

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St Mary's DCC

Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2020

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005 & 2008), using Financial Coordinator Software designed specifically for this purpose.

Accounting Policies
Funds
Unrestricted funds are general funds available for the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the DCC/PCC for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which they have been given, within the objectives of the PCC.

Endowment funds are restricted funds, which are held permanently, and the capital maintained while the income is restricted.

Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the church becomes legally entitles to the income.

Collections are recognized when received by, or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving is recognized only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is accounted for when the tax refund is claimed.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Note there may be some discrepancies in the totals as any pence have been rounded to the nearest pound.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	48,095	93,591	—	141,686	58,848
Activities for generating funds	7,366	—	—	7,366	30,891
Investment income	2,093	23,159	—	25,253	26,522
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2,898	—	—	2,898	6,985
Other incoming resources	19,984	—	—	19,984	15,497
Total income	**80,436**	**116,751**	—	**197,187**	**138,743**
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	748	—	—	748	237
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	476	—	—	476	4,216
Investment management costs	285	—	—	285	547
Charitable activities	65,048	164,632	—	229,680	134,320
Governance costs	200	—	—	200	200
Other resources used	19,080	—	—	19,080	11,518
Total expenditure	**85,837**	**164,632**	—	**250,469**	**151,037**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(5,401)**	**(47,881)**	—	**(53,282)**	**(12,295)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	12,000	100	—	12,100	36,820
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,100)	(9,000)	—	(12,100)	(36,820)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	145,981	145,981	54,100
Net movement in funds	**3,498**	**(56,781)**	**145,981**	**92,699**	**41,805**
Total funds brought forward	**23,267**	**46,614**	**780,354**	**850,235**	**808,430**
Total funds carried forward	**26,766**	**(10,167)**	**926,335**	**942,934**	**850,235**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	15,560	—	—	15,560	11,691
Woodward Bequest - 777400001D Income from 62715402	1,542	—	—	1,542	3,023
Designated					
Betty Hendron Skipton Account	795	—	—	795	789
Christmas Hampers (not for use by St Mary's)	574	—	—	574	—
Memorial Garden	1,893	—	—	1,893	1,879
Mission Partner Support Fund	1,158	—	—	1,158	927
Pat Beale Skipton A/C	823	—	—	823	817
Small Gifts Skipton Account	4,172	—	—	4,172	4,141
Video Equipment	250	—	—	250	—
Restricted					
Dixey Bequest - 777400002D Income from 127002762F	—	8,486	—	8,486	4,965
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	—	144	—	144	143
Millennium Appeal - 627154002D	—	1	—	1	1
PCC1 - 627154001D included in main account	—	2,318	—	2,318	1,768
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	—	264	—	264	262
Restoration Project	—	(38,498)	—	(38,498)	21,460
Tuffney Skipton Admin by Rector & Churchwardens	—	17,118	—	17,118	18,016

Endowment					
Bequests - 627154002S Receiving account 777400001D	—	—	53,928	53,928	50,458
Clock & Chimes CCLA Fund - 533510001C	—	—	43,368	43,368	41,957
Clocks & Chimes P&C Admin by Parrott & Coales	—	—	19,758	19,758	19,648
Dixey Fixed Int Securities - 127002762F Receiving	—	—	—	—	199,476
Dixey Invest - 127002682S Receiving a/c 777400002D	—	—	435,929	435,929	170,082
Grinnell Bequest - 127001269S Rec a/c 627154001D	—	—	19,627	19,627	18,365
Roscoe -273740001T Receiving Account 0/00448640PCC	—	—	17,651	17,651	16,590
Tuffney Bequest - 127002761F Rec a/c Skipton	—	—	336,074	336,074	263,777

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Investments	926,335	780,354
	926,335	**780,354**
Current assets		
Debtors	4,838	9,802
Cash at bank and in hand	112,166	65,112
	117,004	**74,914**
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	100,406	5,033
	100,406	**5,033**
Net current assets less current liabilities	**16,599**	**69,881**
Total assets less current liabilities	**942,934**	**850,235**
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Restricted		
Berryfields Church (Not for use by St Mary's)	—	—
Relief of the Poor Skipton Account	264	262
BCC Signs Skipton Account	—	—
Flower Pedestals Skipton Account	144	143
Tuffney - 127002761F Chesham Receiving a/c	—	—
Clocks & Chimes CCLA Fund CBF Fund a/c 533510001C	—	—
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Buildings Skp Account	—	—
Esri Skipton Account	—	—
Mid Bucks Skipton Account	—	—
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Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CCLA Endowment Investments -	—	—	—	926,335	926,335	780,354
Totals	—	—	—	**926,335**	**926,335**	**780,354**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank CCLA -	1,542	—	10,804	—	12,346	9,755
Bank CCLA -	—	—	0	—	0	0
Skipton Building Society -	—	7,682	51,806	—	59,489	47,507
Bank DCC -	10,399	175	26,523	—	37,097	3,259
Refectory -	0	—	—	—	0	0
Bank Millennium -	1,417	1,807	—	—	3,224	4,581
Bank Millennium -	—	—	1	—	1	1
Bank Covenant -	1	—	—	—	1	1
Bank Petty Cash -	8	—	—	—	8	8
Totals	**13,367**	**9,664**	**89,135**	—	**112,166**	**65,112**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	4,838	—	—	—	4,838	9,802
Totals	**4,838**	—	—	—	**4,838**	**9,802**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	1,104	—	99,302	—	100,406	5,033
Totals	**1,104**	—	**99,302**	—	**100,406**	**5,033**
Grand total	**17,101**	**9,664**	**(10,167)**	**926,335**	**942,934**	**850,235**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Giftskp - Small Gifts Skipton						
Designated	4,141	30	—	—	—	4,172
Sub-total for Giftskp	**4,141**	**30**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4,172**
HAMPERS - Christmas Hampers (n						
Designated	—	6,480	5,906	—	—	574
Sub-total for HAMPERS	**—**	**6,480**	**5,906**	**—**	**—**	**574**
MemorSkip - Memorial Garden						
Designated	1,879	14	—	—	—	1,893
Sub-total for MemorSkip	**1,879**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,893**
Mission - Mission Partner Supp						
Designated	927	231	—	—	—	1,158
Sub-total for Mission	**927**	**231**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,158**
RESTRSKIP - Restoration Project						
Restricted	21,460	93,749	153,806	100	—	(38,498)
Sub-total for RESTRSKIP	**21,460**	**93,749**	**153,806**	**100**	**—**	**(38,498)**
VIDEO - Video Equipment						
Designated	—	250	—	—	—	250
Sub-total for VIDEO	**—**	**250**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**250**
Woodward - Woodward Bequest - 7						
Unrestricted	3,023	1,519	—	(3,000)	—	1,542
Sub-total for Woodward	**3,023**	**1,519**	**—**	**(3,000)**	**—**	**1,542**
Dixey - Dixey Bequest - 7774						
Restricted	4,965	12,522	—	(9,000)	—	8,486
Sub-total for Dixey	**4,965**	**12,522**	**—**	**(9,000)**	**—**	**8,486**
PCC - PCC1 - 627154001D in						
Restricted	1,768	550	—	—	—	2,318
Sub-total for PCC	**1,768**	**550**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2,318**
Millennium - Millennium Appeal - 6						
Restricted	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sub-total for Millennium	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**
TuffneySkp - Tuffney Skipton Admi						
Restricted	18,016	9,928	10,825	—	—	17,118
Sub-total for TuffneySkp	**18,016**	**9,928**	**10,825**	**—**	**—**	**17,118**
ReliefSkp - Relief of the Poor S						
Restricted	262	2	—	—	—	264
Sub-total for ReliefSkp	**262**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**264**
FlwPedsSkp - Flower Pedestals Ski						
Restricted	143	1	—	—	—	144
Sub-total for FlwPedsSkp	**143**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**144**
BealeSkp - Pat Beale Skipton A/						
Designated	817	6	—	—	—	823
Sub-total for BealeSkp	**817**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**823**
HendronSkp - Betty Hendron Skipto						
Designated	789	6	—	—	—	795
Sub-total for HendronSkp	**789**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**795**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	11,691	71,900	79,931	11,900	—	15,560
Sub-total for General	**11,691**	**71,900**	**79,931**	**11,900**	**—**	**15,560**

Grinnell - Grinnell Bequest - 1						
Endowment	18,365	—	—	—	1,262	19,627
Sub-total for Grinnell	**18,365**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,262**	**19,627**
Tuffneybeq - Tuffney Bequest - 12						
Endowment	263,777	—	—	—	72,297	336,074
Sub-total for Tuffneybeq	**263,777**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**72,297**	**336,074**
Dixey2 - Dixey Invest - 12700						
Endowment	170,082	—	—	—	265,846	435,929
Sub-total for Dixey2	**170,082**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**265,846**	**435,929**
Dixey3 - Dixey Fixed Int Secu						
Endowment	199,476	—	—	—	(199,476)	—
Sub-total for Dixey3	**199,476**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(199,476)**	**—**
Bequests - Bequests - 627154002						
Endowment	50,458	—	—	—	3,470	53,928
Sub-total for Bequests	**50,458**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3,470**	**53,928**
Roscoe - Roscoe -273740001T R						
Endowment	16,590	—	—	—	1,061	17,651
Sub-total for Roscoe	**16,590**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,061**	**17,651**
ClocksPC - Clocks & Chimes P&C						
Endowment	19,648	—	—	—	110	19,758
Sub-total for ClocksPC	**19,648**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**110**	**19,758**
ClockCCLA - Clock & Chimes CCLA						
Endowment	41,957	—	—	—	1,411	43,368
Sub-total for ClockCCLA	**41,957**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,411**	**43,368**
Grand total	**850,235**	**197,187**	**250,469**	**—**	**145,981**	**942,934**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
1000 - Pledges Yellow Envelopes	2,025	—	—	—	2,025	4,429
1001 - Planned Gift Aid Envelopes	110	—	—	—	110	374
1002 - Other Gift Aid Envelopes	1,535	—	—	—	1,535	4,901
1003 - Cash Offerings Sunday Plate	911	—	—	—	911	3,949
1003A - Cash Offerings Mission Partners Fund	—	231	—	—	231	1,422
1004 - Offerings Charitable Collections	148	—	—	—	148	2,439
1005 - Donations General	7,106	250	966	—	8,321	3,665
1006 - Pledges Standing Orders	28,162	—	—	—	28,162	24,402
1007 - Cash Offerings Other Services Plate	51	—	—	—	51	3,079
1008 - Gift Aid refunds	7,566	—	4,651	—	12,217	10,189
1012 - Grants	—	—	87,975	—	87,975	—
Total	47,615	481	93,591	—	141,686	58,848
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
4001 - Coffee & Parish Breakfast Donations	296	—	—	—	296	1,604
4002 - Fundraising Activities	1,592	—	—	—	1,592	4,839
4003 - Magazine Adverts	100	—	—	—	100	100
4005 - Refectory Income	122	—	—	—	122	437
4005A - Refectory Events Income	—	—	—	—	—	6,042
4006 - Community Centre Concerts	2,289	—	—	—	2,289	5,043
4007 - Community Centre Building Hire	2,395	—	—	—	2,395	8,097
4008 - Photocopying	60	—	—	—	60	2
4009 - Organists Fees	—	—	—	—	—	75
4013 - Merchandise Sales	13	—	—	—	13	153
4014 - South Porch Cafe	500	—	—	—	500	4,500
Total	7,366	—	—	—	7,366	30,891
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
2002 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	0
2006 - Income from Trusts & Bequests	2,037	56	23,159	—	25,253	26,522
Total	2,037	56	23,159	—	25,253	26,522
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
3001 - Flowers	200	—	—	—	200	1,250
3002 - Fees	2,351	—	—	—	2,351	4,883
3004 - Magazine Sales & Subscriptions	55	—	—	—	55	100
3005 - Community Centre St Mary's Tots	56	—	—	—	56	390
3007 - PCC & other churches	236	—	—	—	236	363
Total	2,898	—	—	—	2,898	6,985

Other incoming resources

3001A - Flowers - Special/private orders	70	—	—	—	70	442
3006 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Payroll	5,795	—	—	—	5,795	5,085
3009 - Church of Good Shepherd Payroll	2,940	—	—	—	2,940	2,814
3010 - St Peter's Payroll	4,664	—	—	—	4,664	3,419
4015 - Christmas Hampers Donations	—	6,480	—	—	6,480	—
5001 - Sundry	35	—	—	—	35	1,060
5003 - General Refunds	—	—	—	—	—	2,678
Total	13,504	6,480	—	—	19,984	15,497
INCOME TOTAL	73,419	7,017	116,751	—	197,187	138,743

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

6001 - Fundraisers expenses	412	—	—	—	412	113
6002 - Community Centre Events	—	—	—	—	—	50
6006 - Cost of giving materials	335	—	—	—	335	74
Total	748	—	—	—	748	237

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

9001 - Refectory	103	—	—	—	103	1,443
9001A - Refectory Events Costs	373	—	—	—	373	2,726
9003A - Merchandise Invoices	—	—	—	—	—	46
Total	476	—	—	—	476	4,216

Cost of generating funds - Investment management costs

8001 - Bank Charges	285	—	—	—	285	547
Total	285	—	—	—	285	547

Charitable activities

7001 - Payments to Mission Partners	—	—	—	—	—	800
7001A - Shared Collections Not Kept By STM	79	—	—	—	79	2,232
7002 - Gas	5,933	—	—	—	5,933	6,977
7003 - Electricity	2,305	—	—	—	2,305	3,558
7004 - Water	147	—	—	—	147	713
7005 - Repairs - Minor	1,794	—	—	—	1,794	1,425
7006 - Cleaning-Maintenance	1,814	—	—	—	1,814	3,244
7007 - Insurance	6,212	—	—	—	6,212	7,076
7008 - Caretaker	20	—	—	—	20	—
7009 - Administrator	7,365	—	—	—	7,365	8,151
7010 - Organist	(1,942)	—	9,430	—	7,488	6,468
7011 - Music	966	—	610	—	1,576	2,122
7011A - Choir Leader	—	—	628	—	628	2,184
7012 - Organ-Piano	—	—	107	—	107	100
7013 - Upkeep of Services	617	—	—	—	617	1,197
7014 - Flower expenses	278	—	—	—	278	1,269
7014A - Flowers - Special Orders	—	—	—	—	—	406
7015 - Office Supplies, Equipment, Software	1,233	—	—	—	1,233	1,305
7015A - IT Hardware	159	—	—	—	159	—
7016 - Office Telephone/Postage	658	—	—	—	658	526
7017 - Photocopying	2,025	—	—	—	2,025	2,071
7018 - Clergy & Staff Expenses	50	—	—	—	50	211
7018C - Ministry - Communications	118	—	—	—	118	—
7018D - Ministry - Small Groups & Discipleship	—	—	—	—	—	3
7018E - Ministry - Pastoral Care	—	—	—	—	—	219
7018F - Other Ministry Related Costs	114	—	—	—	114	497
7019 - Parish Share	28,943	—	—	—	28,943	52,846
7021 - PCC & other churches	264	—	—	—	264	113
7027 - Annual Non Music Subscriptions-Licenses	435	—	50	—	485	201
7028 - Operations Manager	7,159	—	—	—	7,159	8,619
7034 - Restoration Costs	(1,698)	—	153,806	—	152,109	19,789
Total	65,048	—	164,632	—	229,680	134,320

Governance costs

8003 - Auditing Costs	200	—	—	—	200	200
Total	200	—	—	—	200	200

Other resources used						
7030 - Church of The Good Shepherd Salaries & T	2,940	—	—	—	2,940	2,814
7031 - Mid Bucks (Aylesbury Foodbank) Tax & NIC	5,669	—	—	—	5,669	5,085
7031A - St Peter's Salary & Tax	4,372	—	—	—	4,372	3,419
9004 - Sundry Expenses	193	—	—	—	193	200
9006 - Christmas Hamper Invoices	—	5,906	—	—	5,906	—
Total	13,173	5,906	—	—	19,080	11,518
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	79,931	5,906	164,632	—	250,469	151,037
GRAND TOTAL	(6,512)	1,111	(47,881)	—	(53,282)	(12,295)

Notes to the accounts

Berryfields Church

Whilst Berryfields Church now have their own bank account, they are not currently in a position to administer their own Gift Aid Claims, so this is still being administered by St Mary's

Income & Expenditure relating to Church of the Good Shepherd

Since 2014, the payroll for CGS has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping from St Mary's Parish Office. Salaries and payments to HMRC are made by St Mary's and CGS reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. *Income line 3009/expenditure line 7030.*

Income & Expenditure relating to Mid Bucks

Since 2015, the payroll for Mid Bucks relating to Aylesbury Foodbank, has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping from St Mary's Parish Office. Payments to HMRC and Nest are made by St Mary's and the Foodbank reimburses these amounts to St Mary's as notified. A shortfall of payments to St Mary's in December will be corrected by the end of the tax year. (April 2020). It is anticipated that The Foodbank will become responsible for its own Tax/NIC/ NEST before the end of the next financial year. *Income line 3006/expenditure line 7031*

Income & Expenditure relating to St Peter's

Since 2017, the payroll for St Peter's relating to the Community Cafe, has been calculated and administered by Kim Hopping from St Mary's Parish Office. Salaries and payments to HMRC are made by St Mary's and are reimbursed by way of a grant from Mid Bucks Trust. A shortfall of payments to St Mary's in December will be corrected by the end of the tax year. (April 2020) It is anticipated that St Peter's will became responsible for its own Tax/NIC at the end of December. *Income line 3010/expenditure line 7031A*

Christmas Hamper Fund

In 2020, the Community Christmas Lunch could not take place due to Covid 19. Instead, fundraising took place to enable 0ver 300 Hampers to be distributed to people who would normally attend the lunch. St Mary's was asked to administer the funds for CCL. A Restricted Fund was set up to do this.

Endowment Funds

All the endowment funds recorded gains during 2020 (£145,981.07)

As recommended by the Independent Examiner, the market value has been used to calculate the gains on the investments.
During 2020 Dixie and Tuffney investments held in the CBF Church of England Interest Securities Fund were sold and reinvested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

Legacies

There were no new legacies in 2020.

4 Cubb Field

St Mary's has an interest in 4 Cubb Field, HP19 7SH. Using the estimated value as provided by The Move Market is 47.64% of £300,000 i.e. £142,920

Since July 2016 the rent apportionment from 4 Cubb Field, Aylesbury has been used as rental contributions to pay for the property being rented to house Rev Pete Wheeler and family. This arrangement is due to come to finish at the end of 2020.

Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Income Line 1012 – Grants were received for the Restoration Fund from

Bucks Historic Churches Trust	£25,000.00
Anson Charitable Trust	£10,000.00
John Apthorpe Charity	£20,000.00
Archbishops Council Culture Recovery (Heritage Lottery)	£32,974.59
	£87,974.59

Voluntary Income Total, (less Grants) is down by 8.7%. Activities for Generating Funds is down by 76%. This is due to the church having to close because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Income Line 1004 – Charity Collections are classed as Restricted income.

Income Lines 4005 & 4005A – Refers to Refectory income. Although the café closed in December 2017, income has been received from the weekly Monday Coffee Mornings, contributions from staff and volunteers towards the cost of tea and coffee, the sale of canned water and merchandise still held. There was no income from Refectory Events in 2020 due to the building being closed for event because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Income Line 5001 – Sundry income was in respect of donations to Friends of St Mary's taken on our card machine.

Expenditure Line 7004 – Water. During 2020 we received a large discount for water costs due to the closure of the building because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Expenditure Line 7005 – Minor repairs include four plumbing repairs (£990) and two repairs to the lock on the main door (£736.80)

Expenditure Line 7019 – St Mary's paid 57.6% of the 2020 Parish Share (£28,942 of £50,274).

Expenditure Line 7034 – Restoration Costs

Architect Fees	£49,631.28
Apostle Consultants - Fundraiser	£7,980.00
Roofing Repairs	£5,790.00
Chimney Repairs	£570.00
Roof Alarms	£1,282.48
Universal Stone	£79,695.93
Project Costs (Consultants, Surveyors etc.)	£7,159.20
	£152,108.89

Expenditure Line 9001 – Refectory expenditure includes the cost of tea and coffee purchased for the Sunday cupboard and for staff/volunteer use.

Expenditure Line 9001A - Refectory Events includes the cost of bar stock and a temporary license obtained for an event that could not take place due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Expenditure Line 9004 – Sundry expenditure includes a payment to GLX for lighting the church tower for VE Day and donation payments sent to the Friends of St Mary's.

This report dated: 11/05/2021

Agreed on 20TH June 2021

Signed by ---------- David Hunt, Treasurer

---------- Michael Sharp, Churchwarden

---------- Sue Newling, Churchwarden

---------- Rev. Doug Zimmerman, Rector



St Peter's Church

Quarrendon, Aylesbury

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Receipts

,2019 £	Code		£	,2020 £	Restricted £
15,408.61	101	Covenants and Gift Aid	19,636.00		
2,219.08	102	Income tax recovered	3,664.94		
30.00	103	Uncovenanted giving	1,093.00		
729.40	104	Loose collections	104.60	24,498.54	
	100R	Restricted Income			
405.10		Christingle			0.00
0.00		Drive in Carols:restricted			8,514.88
250.00	105	Donations		820.00	
	201	Grants & Legacies			
600.00		Church on Berryfields	0.00		
2,600.00		Aylesbury Deanery Mission Grant	3,573.80		
3,000.00		Oxford Diocese (Feasibility Study)	0.00		
0.00		Oxford Diocese (Summerhouse)	5,500.00		
8,000.00		Mid Bucks. Assoc. (Community Consultation)	4,000.00		
1,175.00		Cllr. Anders Christensen (Laptops/Ipads)	0.00		
0.00		Thomas Hickman.	750.00		
0.00		Putnam House.	4,000.00		
0.00		Heart of Bucks.	1,439.92	19,263.72	
	203	Fund Raising			
2,022.12		Misc. Sales of Items	237.51		
4.84		Bank Interest	3.32		
0.00		Cov 19 costs reimbursed	2,409.25		
2,085.00	402	Hall letting	1,550.00		
1,836.00		Statutory Fees	1,200.00	5,400.08	
40,365.15		Total Receipts to December 31st 2020		**58,497.22**	

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Payments

	2019 £	Code		£	,2020 £	Restricted £
	5,100.48	2001	Diocesan Parish share	5,855.85		
	1,406.69		Mission Partnerships	2,247.00		
	1,030.48		Outreach Activities	652.49		
	248.52		Revelation Wellness	145.12		
	56.48		Pastoral Care	72.81		
	239.24		Youth & Children	234.36		
	31.59		Brownies/Cubs	22.28		
	442.18		Other Ministry Related expenses	157.25		
	66.99		Discretionary Poverty Fund	341.34		
R	405.10		Restricted Collections : Christingle	0.00		
	0.00		Restricted Collections : Drive in Carols			9,636.00
	995.00		Diocesan Fees/Costs	1,172.00		
	1,080.45	2004	Clergy & Staff Exp.:travel	520.52		
	230.31	2002	Clergy & Staff Exp.:other	180.92	11,601.94	
		2005	Church Running Expenses			
	972.38		Insurance	956.08		
	2,568.76		Heating/Lighting	3,056.52		
	1,549.32		PA system/Lighting/AV	1,044.80	5,057.40	
		2006	Church Maintenance			
	708.89		Minor Fabric repairs	645.04		
	174.72		Maintenance Contracts	416.27	1,061.31	
		2007	Upkeep of services			
	391.08		Copyright licence	492.73		
	2,517.51		Miscellaneous	1,495.99	1,988.72	
	20,216.17		c/f		19,709.37	9,636.00

Parish of Aylesbury

St. Peter's Church Quarrendon

Note to Accounts.

Bank balances reconciliation	£	£
Opening balances as @ 1.1.2020		
Main Account	14,729.19	
Building/development Account	1,611.63	
Reserve Account	6,002.66	
Other	350.32	22,693.80
Add: 2020 total receipts	58,497.22	
Less: 2020 total payments	55,468.01	3,029.21
Closing Balace		**25,723.01**

Represented by:

Closing Balances as @ 31.12 2020	
Main Account	16,586.28
Building/development Account	687.45
Reserve Account	6,004.81
Other	2,444.47
	25,723.01

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the above accounts and, in my opinion, they represent a true and fair view of the income received and expenditure incurred bt St. Peter's Church, Quarrendon, Aylesbury for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

P.F.Phillips FCMA/CGMA

A signed copy of these accounts is available on request.

Fairford Leys L.E.P

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ending 31st December 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 are attached and include details of Receipts and Payments for the year, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2019, Treasurer's Notes to the Accounts including any Grants we have received, a Statement of the Reserve Account at Nationwide Building Society and a Statement of funds held centrally by the United Reformed Church (URC).

Name: Adrian Lloyd Signature: Date: 5 April 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Fairford Leys L.E.P for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities

The Church Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is considered that an audit under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a)) of the Act and to state, based on procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(1)(a) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the Church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the Church and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Name: Deborah Smith Signature: Date: 5 April 2021

CURRENT ACCOUNT RECIEPTS

Name	Details	2019	2020
Church Giving	Envelopes	8,126.35	2,055.15
	Loose	1,436.50	281.35
	Standing Order	13,597.00	13,087.87
	Easyfundraising	225.49	80.87
	Donation Box	473.78	92.28
	Parish Giving Scheme	1,641.75	4,571.23
	Card Reader	522.50	210.00
	Cheques	NA	3,690.00
	Church Website	NA	280.01
	Gift Aid	6,842.07	7,468.29
	Total	32,865.44	31,817.05
Property	Disraeli Square Rent	13,700.00	6,600.00
	Woodmans Croft Rent	10,680.00	8,515.00
	Church Buildings Lettings	9,124.88	4,771.88
	Solar Panels	2,039.73	1,979.54
	Total	35,544.61	21,866.42
Donations	Donations for Storehouse	385.00	840.72
	Donations for WaterAid	510.00	290.00
	Other Donations	2,262.00	1,833.52
	Total	3,157.00	2,964.24
Other	Minister Refunds	960.00	1,070.00
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	570.00	377.00
	Lunch Club	2,340.50	0.00
	Books	179.95	138.34
	Youth Work	0.00	117.07
	Miscellaneous	9,483.96	12,483.32
	Total	13,534.41	14,185.73
Total Receipts		**85,101.46**	**70,833.44**

CURRENT ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Payee	Details	2019	2020
Ministry	URC M&M Fund	22,992.00	21,408.00
	Ministers Travel Expenses (including Car Allow)	1,365.60	1,365.60
	Ministers Phone / Internet	979.86	818.39
	Ministers Books / Courses	0.00	0.00
	Assistant Minister	30.00	0.00
	Youth Work	850.07	143.66
	Lunch Club	2,027.25	0.00
	Stationary / Printing	228.90	142.38
Admin	Photocopier	1,607.11	1,763.12
	Copyright	227.00	284.40
	Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	Office Equipment	82.80	0.00
	Card Reader Charges	9.60	12.92
	Bank Charges	311.55	180.43
	COVID Costs	0.00	5,008.54
	Digital Costs	0.00	972.01
	Weddings, Funerals, Christenings	390.00	65.00
Property	Farmhouse Council Tax	2,678.11	2,791.15
	Farmhouse Oil	1,439.23	1,359.28
	Farmhouse Electricity	1,297.59	1,280.16
	Farmhouse Water	324.00	408.00
	Farmhouse Rent	5,076.00	5,076.00
	Farmhouse Maintenance	0.00	0.00
	Farmhouse Garden	0.00	0.00
	Farmhouse Furnishings	0.00	0.00
	Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	1,864.77	1,331.06
	Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	968.90	150.00
	Church Insurance	2,945.77	2,588.01
	Church Gas	2,880.85	3,910.00
	Church Electricity	1,649.00	1,527.00
	Church Water	358.88	320.76
	Church Phone	471.84	602.68
	Church Repairs, Maintenance & Security	3,454.04	2,960.68
	Church Furniture	707.04	262.00
	Church Garden	160.00	0.00
	Church Security	360.00	360.00
	Church Painting	0	10,000.00
	Church Cleaning	3,954.48	2,105.99
	Village Square Fees	1,839.12	1,658.23

Other	Catering	311.17	0.00
	Communion Wine & Candles	178.82	140.11
	Books	345.02	218.29
	Communion Fund	0.00	0.00
	Church Flowers	23.66	0.00
	Miscellaneous	3,084.00	131.00
Donations	Storehouse	340.70	880.80
	WaterAid	510.00	461.20
	Christian Aid	340.00	10.00
	Children's Society	500.00	380.00
	M&M Anglican	1,250.00	1,500.00
	M&M Methodist	1,250.00	1,500.00
	Other Donations	360.00	110.85
Total Payments		**72,024.73**	**76,187.70**

CURRENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Balance Brought forward 1 January 2020	4,821.22	17,897.95
Total Receipts 2020	85,101.46	70,833.44
Total	**89,922.68**	**88,731.39**

Expenditure in 2020	72,024.73	76,187.70
Bank Account Balance 31 December 2020	17,897.95	12,543.69
Total	**89,922.68**	**88,731.39**

TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Accounting policies**
   The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 144 (2), receipts and payments to small charities. They follow the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP) 2005 and the guidance notes as issued by the United Reformed Church, November 2006.

2. **Church Assets - total £878,010 approx.**

20 Woodmans Croft, Fairford Leys	£288,000 (approx. valuation)
3 Disraeli Square, Fairford Leys	£351,000 (approx. valuation)
URC held funds	£222,640 (approx. as at 31/12/2020)
Nationwide Reserve Account	£2,811 (approx. as at 31/12/2020)
Lloyds Bank Current Account	£8,659 (approx. as at 31/12/2020)
Balance of Act4 Grant	£2,091 (approx. as at 31/12/2020)
Balance of URC funds withdrawal	£1,265 (approx. as at 31/12/2020)
Donations	£1,500

3. **Church Giving - total £31,817.05 (down £1,048.39)**

Offering Loose	£281.35	(down £1,155.15)
Offering Envelopes	£2,055.15	(down £6,071.20)
Standing Order	£13,087.87	(down £509.13)
Parish Giving Scheme	£4,571.23	(up £2,929.48)
Cheques	£3,690.00	(up £3,690.00)
Donation Box	£92.28	(down £381.50)
Easyfundraising	£80.87	(down £144.62)
Card Reader	£210.00	(down £312.50)
Website	£280.01	(up £280.01)
Gift Aid	£7,468.29	(up £626.22)

   Church Giving continued to decrease in 2020. Due to COVID19 there was inevitably a shift in Church Giving away from Offerings by Envelopes and Loose Change, the Donation Box and Card Reader, to remote giving via Cheques, deposited by mobile app, the Parish Giving Scheme and online donations via the Church Website. The increase in Gift Aid was derived from both the lump sum annual Gift Aid from 2019 and the monthly Gift Aid from the Parish Giving Scheme throughout 2020.

   Note that free donations from Easyfundraising website decreased at a time when online purchases were probably at their highest levels.

4. **Property Income - total £21,866.42 (down £13,678.19)**

Woodmans Croft Rent	£8,515.00	(down £2,165)
Woodmans Croft Maintenance, Fees & Insurance	(£1,331.06)	
Disraeli Square Rent	£6,600.00	(down £7,100)
Disraeli Square Maintenance & Insurance	(£150.00)	
Solar Panels	£1,979.54	(down £60.19)
Church Lettings	£4,771.88	(down £4,353)
Church Maintenance, Fees, Security & Insurance	(£5,688.67)	

Property income significantly decreased due to COVID19. Church Lettings ceased in March and rental income from both properties decreased due to the impact on family income.

5. **Farmhouse Utility Bills and Rent Costs - total £10,914.59 (up £99.66)**

Farmhouse Rent	(£5,076.00)
Farmhouse Utility Bills	(£5,838.59)
Farmhouse Maintenance	£0.00
Ministers Refund	(£1,070.00)

6. **Church Utility Bills, Maintenance - total £14,637.12 (down £2,304.78)**

Church Utility Bills	(£6,360.44)
Church Insurance	(£2,588.01)
Church Cleaning	(£2,105.99)
Church Maintenance	(£2,960.68)
Church Security	(£360.00)
Church Furniture	(£262.00)
Village Square Fees	(£1,658.23)

Whilst the Church building was closed for 9 months, its running costs remained payable. Although costs did decrease from 2019, they decreased less than the amount Church Giving decreased.

7. **COVID19 - total £5,980.55**

IT Equipment	£5,008.54
Cleaning, Sanitisation and Safety Equipment	£972.01

We invested in critical IT equipment to enable remote services. Cleaning, sanitisation and safety equipment were also essential purchases. Further "digital" costs included monthly subscriptions fees, website fees and increased Copyright fees. This was met by funds held in our Reserve account and by a total donation of £1,500 from two Church members.

8. **Donations to Outside Causes - total £1,732 (down £41.30)**

Vineyard – Storehouse Appeal	£880.80
Water Aid	£461.20
Children's Society	£380.00
Christian Aid	£10.00

9. **M&M Donations - total £21,408 against commitment of £26,760**

Donations made as part of our Ecumenical Partnership were as follows:

URC	£21,408 (£1,784 per month)
Anglican Church	£1,500 (deficit of £1,176)
Methodist Church	£1,500 (deficit of £1,176)

10. **Charges - total £183.35**

Bank Account	£180.43
Card Reader & Website Online Donations	£12.92

11. Village Square Fees - total £1,658.22 (down £180.89)

12. Miscellaneous

£12,000 was withdrawn from URC held funds (proceeds of the sale of Stirling Avenue) to repaint the entire Church Cloisters, Side Chapel, Kitchen, Toilets, Balcony area and Meeting Rooms. Also £735 was use for essential Electrical repairs leaving a balance of £1,265.

13. Signatories

Church Bank Account - Adrian Lloyd, Simon Rudiger, Alan Lambourne and Roy Rogers.
Cheques - all written by Treasurer and counter signed by second approver.
Online payments - all made by Treasurer and authorised online by a second approver.
Debit Card - Treasurer authorised to use a Church Debit Card.

Helen Weaver read-only access to the online Church Bank account has been revoked.

14. Reserve account

£3,783 – approximate balance. Nationwide has scheduled to close this account given its aged account type in April 2021 and transfer the balance to the main Church bank account.

15. Debtors – N/A

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY URC

Payee	2019	2020
Current Account	73,947.97	66,676.53
Investment Account	146,690.59	155.965.33
Balance carried forward	**220,638.56**	**222,641.86**

NOTES TO THE FUNDS HELD BY THE URC IN TRUST

1. **Current Account** - Balanced decreased by £7,271.44.
2. **Investment Accounts** - Balance increased by £9,274.74.
3. **Overall** - balance increased by £2,003.30 when £12,000 withdrawal was made.
4. **Restrictions** - The investment funds are held by the URC for the benefit of the Church under Schedule 2 of the URC Acts and Local Area Group and Resources Committee approval is required before these funds can be released.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AND DECLARATION

Like many families incurring unplanned financial pressures, the Church has also been impacted in a similar way throughout the unprecedented times of a global pandemic.

Whilst Church Giving has inevitably decreased by approximately £1,050 overall, donations made online or remotely have increased by £6,619. However, with Property Income decreasing by £13,678, with COVID19 related costs of £5,980 and M&M donations continuing at £1,784 per month, our annual expenditure was £4,162 higher than our income in 2020.

As a result, we have relied on the local financial reserves and financial stability I have endeavoured to maintain prior to the pandemic, through the generosity of Church Giving. The Church Council would like to thank all for their continued financial support throughout these unprecedented times and for adapting to remote Church Giving wherever possible.

I would also like to thank Alan Lambourne, Helen Weaver and Deborah Smith for their commitment to Church finances. Also, to Cindy Ahura for continually reviewing and upgrading the Church Website to accept online Donations.

Adrian Lloyd, Church Treasurer, 5 April 2021

Independent examiner's report to the St Mary's DCC

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of DCC members and examiner

The St Mary's DCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The St Mary's DCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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4th June 2021