

SKETTY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1133995

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-02-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish.

Activities: SKETTY PARISH INVITES ALL TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN FAITH, TOGETHER SERVING GOD AND OUR COMMUNITY BY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£123,219	£147,059	-	-
2023-12-31	£119,185	£123,685	-	-
2022-12-31	£103,419	£111,163	-	-
2021-12-31	£97,175	£73,358	-	-
2020-12-31	£118,618	£97,019	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ROBERT JOHN DAVIES-HANNEN	Chair	2017-02-17
Dr JANE ELIZABETH WATKEYS		2011-11-07
Kathryn Louise Helliwell		2021-04-25
Rev Marian Thomas		2019-06-29

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ST PAUL'S SKETTY



HOLY TRINITY SKETTY PARK



ST PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE

Part of Swansea Ministry Area

Parish of Sketty

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon



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whilst also obeying Christ's command “to go out into the world” to share His Word and compassion.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on
Thursday 1st May 2025 at 7:00pm at St Paul's Church Sketty,**

Dear friends,

During 2024 we became fully integrated into the Swansea Ministry Area with a new CIO charity being formed. The Annual Vestry of the Swansea Ministry Area will be held on Sunday 8th June at 4:00 pm.

Can I express my thanks to all of the church officers and the Parish Council who have served the Sketty over the last year. Sister Marian and Alan, Derk, wardens Jane and Claire, worship leaders, musicians, council members, treasures, group leaders, Jayne in the Parish Centre - the list goes on and on in our so active church family.

As you can see below, in the parish reports, we were able to achieved so much more during the year. Thank you to all the leaders and helpers for your hard work over the year and I commend these reports to you.

Sunday worship is such an important part of our Christian lives in the parish and it is a wonderful team effort. I have been ably helped as always by Sister Marian, Derk and Alan. We make a wonderful team and I am so grateful of their support and help, they are such a blessing.

Richard on the organ and Noel leading the music group have given our worship such colour and depth helped by Pete on the mixing desk and so much more. The Young Explorers team Wendy, Andrea and Katheryn work so hard and the young people clearly enjoy it so much.

We continue with streaming services on zoom so the house bound, those away and even those in hospital are able to join us and Sister Marian has done wonders with her zoom ministry holding services each day.

Café Church with Sister Marian and her lay team, the music and catering have also managed to create a service that people want to and love attending. We are slowly pushing the limits of the Parish Centre, which is a good problem to

have. Our ministry area and ecumenical youth group and Messy church have been meeting over the year and is a great team effort with Sian at the helm.

A big thank you also to Fran, Mike and Ken our treasurers and all who helped with the counting and banking. Also members of the flower group especially Anita who is retiring after many years of dedicated service.

I think you would all agree that the grounds and graveyard are in an exceptional condition. Ray, Roger, Steve and Will who work so hard week in week out to maintain them.

Thank you all for your support over the year.

Every blessing

Vicar Robert

OUR PARISH AND CHURCHES

The Parish of Sketty is a Church in Wales Parish situated in the City of Swansea within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Sketty is located about two miles to the west of Swansea and the Parish is made up of two churches.

St Paul's Sketty, a traditionally built church in the centre of Sketty itself and Holy Trinity a multiuse church at the centre of the Sketty Park estate.

The Parish is part of the Swansea Ministry Area (MA) which covers 5 square miles of the city centre with a population of 60,000. We are part of the 9 churches that serve this MA.

The Vicarage and Parish Centre are located at St Paul's Church, De la Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AR.

OUR SERVICES

We offer a range of services. We have a combined service at 10 am with Young Explorers (Sunday School) which starts a little earlier than the service at 9:30 am then ends by joining the main congregation in the church. Holy Trinity does not open every Sunday for services but is used for seasonal services and our outreach program on the Sketty Park Estate.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and its associated ministries are central to our mission. As well as our ordained parish priest and curate we have a dedicated team of lay workers specialising in a variety of areas. Prayer, spiritual direction, visiting and support at the major hinges in lives such as baptism, marriage, illness and funerals are all part of this ministry.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2024-2025

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Incumbent/Chairman	Canon Robert Davies-Hannen
Curate	Rev. Sister Marian Thomas
Vicar's Warden:	Jane Watkeys (St Paul's Church)
People's Sub Warden:	Clare Hazell (Holy Trinity Church)
Licenced Lay Reader	Alan Griffiths
Ordinand in Training	Derk De Neve

MEMBERS:

Elaine Gale, John Hamilton Gale, Kathryn Helliwell, Noel Isherwood, Philippa Nash, Sian Parkhouse, Steve Jones, Fran Steadman, Wendy Thomas, Mark White, Andrea Gould & Sally Mora

CLERGY

Rev. Robert Davies-Hannen Vicar
 Rev. Sister Marian Thomas Curate

RELIGIOUS AND LAY MINISTERS (Ex Officio PCC):

Rev. Sister Marian Single Consecrated Life and Oblate (SCL),
 Sister of the Society of the Sacred Cross (SSC)
 Alan Griffiths Licenced Lay Reader.

EUCCHARIST ASSISTANTS (HC - Home Communion):

Elaine Gale (HC), Liz Jowett (HC), Alan Griffiths (HC); Biddy O'Kane, Janet Vine and Jane Watkeys.

LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Andrea Gould, Liz Jowett and Wendy Thomas.

INTERCESSOR PRAYER LEADERS:

Liz Jowett

PARISH EMPLOYED STAFF:

Jayne Cooper	Part time	Parish Administrator
Mark Davies	Part time	Parish Centre Cleaner

TREASURERS:

Fran Steadman	Parish Consolidated and St Paul's Church
Kenneth Owens	Holy Trinity Church
Michael Johns	Parish Centre

PARISH WEB-SITE

www.parishofsketty.org



SERVICES AND CONTACTS

We extend a warm welcome to all to our services.
Full details of which are in our weekly newsletter, on the church door
and on our website – www.parishofsketty.org

ST PAUL'S CHURCH:

9:30 am Young Explorers (finishes in the 10:00 am service)

10:00 am Family Communion (also on zoom link on website)

1st Sunday of the month

9:30am for 10:00am Café Church - followed by Holy Communion in the church at 11:00.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

11am Wednesday St Paul's Church

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

For services and events
see our website

Our Church Services are complimented by these online services :-

Rev. Sister Marian holds a Zoom Compline each night at 6:00 pm



This is healing focused on a Sunday Night

Links are on the Parish Website www.parishofsketty.org

**We have a range of mid-week activities, please see our website for more details.
or contact one of the following Parish Officers:**

Vicar and PCC Chairman	Canon Robert Davies-Hannen	202757
Sister Marian	Curate & Religious SCL	208724
Alan Griffiths	Lay Reader	208269
Vicar's Churchwardens	Jane Watkeys	208203
PCC Secretary	Wendy Thomas	
PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid	Fran Steadman	413163
Parish Centre Bookings	Jayne Cooper	208779
Holy Trinity Church Bookings	Sian Parkhouse	07805091994



PARISH REPORTS

Anna Chaplaincy

Sr. Marian coordinates our Anna Chaplaincy work and is in the process of developing this ministry in the parish with the help of many parishioners who themselves keep in touch with the elderly and frail in the parish. Theirs' is a very valuable and vital ministry including links and work with care homes within Sketty.

For information on the Anna Chaplaincy Ministry please visit their website at:

www.annachaplaincy.org.uk

*Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel;
both are good role models of faithful older people.*

Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.

*Our vision is to see an Anna Chaplain in every small- and medium-sized community in the country,
and for the Anna Chaplain name to become synonymous with spiritual care for older people.*

For information, please contact Rev. Sister Marian.

House Groups

Three house groups met throughout 2024— one in the Parish Centre, one in a parishioner's home and another in Maxime Court studying a whole range of topics. There is something for everyone. House Groups are open to all so if you are interested then contact me or Vicar Rob.

House Group Co-ordinator

Bible Study Group (Maxine Court)

Maxime Court is a purpose built complex of retirement flats, and by kind permission of the warden, we meet in their lovely communal lounge once a fortnight, on a Monday morning.

About half the members live at Maxime Court. Though the group is ecumenical and is open to anyone, most members attend St Paul's. Age is no barrier to fellowship and the deepening of our faith, and at least three members are in their 90's.

I am grateful to Peter Bowen and Alice Rutter for overseeing the group while I recovered from heart failure and stroke early last year. Having looked at the Sermon on the Mount, we started this Easter to work through Mark's Gospel.

Meetings are both lively and informal. They start 10:30 with refreshments and scrumptious biscuits and aim to finish by 12:00.

I always print off the Bible passage for those who, like me, find it easier not to use their own Bible. If you would like to give us a try, you would be most welcome and either Peter Bowen or I can give you further details.

Alan Griffiths alangriffithsuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01792 208269

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)

Fundamental to being a Christian is the regular study of the Bible and then putting into practice what is learned into everyday life. To help with this Bible Reading Fellowship publications are available through our church to order through me. Those currently available are **New Daylight** and **Guidelines**.

Liz Jowett (BRF Coordinator)

Sharing Together

The Sharing Together group met regularly throughout 2024 on Wednesday lunchtimes sharing food and offering support, friendship and encouragement to all those attending always based on Christian values and in a very informal and friendly setting. Again this year 20 plus shoeboxes were put together for the Operation Christmas Child appeal run by Samaritan's Purse. Towards the end of last year we were pleased to welcome residents from a local car home and we hope this will continue into 2025

Liz Jowett and Anita Stock

The Wattle Walks

The group met throughout the year and enjoyed walks mostly on Saturday mornings including walks on South Gower and also Penllergaer Country Park and Lliw Valley reservoirs.

The opportunity is never missed to include people outside our church family and to provide support and fellowship on these walks. The absolute joy felt at God's creation makes a huge impact on us all as we chat about faith, church and countryside matters. What a joy!

Contact Liz Jowett 07968 231192 or www.parishofsketty.org

PARISH CENTRE 2024

Thankfully, we have had another busy year hosting many different activities, organisations as well as our regular groups. The Parish Centre has approximately 17 regular groups including the NHS, Sketty Market and Thursday House Group.

In March ecumenical Youth Club was launched with five Swansea Churches taking part and in April the monthly Youth Club continued.

In April the Soroptomists held an evening called 'Hope for Spring 24'. Also in April sadly Swansea Ostomy decided to finish as their group numbers were dwindling. On April 11th Debra John presented an evening here called 'Coal Out, Copper Home' with monies raised going towards Church funds.

In June the last Soroptomist meeting was held and on 22nd July the start of our Summer Holiday Club with an Olympic theme. This year some of our older children, who used to be attendees, came back as leaders/helpers so that was lovely to see. A very large Sonic the Hedgehog also joined in the fun!

In August we hosted a drumming group called One Heart Drummers and ActionAid held a fund raising coffee morning in September.

In November Ray Bennett hosted a Church Quiz with all the proceeds going to the Church and finally on 1st December a large community Christmas Fayre was held in the hall with a concert and many activities taking place in the Church.

Jayne Cooper (Parish Centre Administrator)

Altar Flower Guild

Members of the Flower Guild have made arrangements at the Altar and Memorial Book throughout the year. They have met together to decorate for the important church festivals and have been pleased to receive appreciative comments on their work. Posies were made for Mothering Sunday and handed to members of the congregation. The Guild was only involved in one wedding over the past year and it is hoped that in future more brides will ask for our services.

We are very much in need of new members. Experience is not necessary as existing members are willing to give training. If you would like to join us please contact Barbara Pyott (206008) or Angela Ball (412701).

Anita Stock

Alpha Group

Each year we hold an Alpha Course for explorers into the Christian faith. The latest course was held in our Parish Centre on Sunday evenings from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This included kicking off each week with the Alpha Supper, prepared by the excellent team of willing members of the congregation. The course took place in the Autumn term of 2024. An away day took us to the delights of Reynoldston Village Hall on the Gower. This really brought the group together, challenged, questioned and encouraged faith as well as cementing relationships.

There will be another course starting later in the year.

Music Group

The congregations and multiple styles of worship have been combined into one main service on a Sunday at 10.00am.

The music team have developed a blended approach to include traditional and modern forms of music and worship styles. The current mix includes the popular Cafe Church lead by the music group on the first week of the month. This is followed by two weeks where our gifted organist plays traditional hymns, with one song being provided by the music group. The music group includes instruments such as guitars acoustic and electric, electronic keyboards, the occasional violin and drums and up to an average of 4 to 5 singers. From time to time Richard the organist is able to join in with the singers on certain songs bringing together the two musical traditions in a way that seems to be much appreciated by the congregation. The combined congregation now seems quite supportive of both approaches judging by the regular positive feedback. The fourth and occasional fifth week are led completely by the music group. The group includes; a classical trained guitarist; a self taught acoustic guitarist; experienced church worship leaders and singers and two pupils from Olchfa School playing electric guitar and singing. The music group is open to others wishing to take part in leading worship through the use of their musical talents.

Young Explorers (formally the Sunday School)

It has been another joyful year for everyone at Young Explorers. The children have worked incredibly hard on their faith journey – as you can see from their work which is displayed in the Parish Centre and at the back of the church. It is heartening to see our youngest Christians at the heart of our church. We also want to say thank you to the volunteers and families who help to make Young Explorers such a positive experience as we grow in faith together.

MA Youth Club

We have hold a twice monthly youth group in Holy Trinity for young people aged 9-14. It is the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm and is currently supported by 4 churches across two ministry areas. We are working as a team to fulfill the need that was asked for by several churches and parents and is also a response to a young person at Spree camp not realizing that there were other 11 year olds in Swansea who believed in Jesus! We provide a safe and welcoming space for young people to have access to social activities, craft and a 'God slot'. Our aim is to give a

taster of God and then be around for them to have chats and question time with us when they feel ready and comfortable. We have a number of 14+ young people who are coming along as young leaders.

Impact -quarterly youth group

We help run and host a quarterly youth group for young people in secondary school with our hosted session in St. Paul's and Holy Trinity. We have a football cage, pool table air hockey, video games and craft . All the young people are fed and there is a worship element.

This group too started from the conversation with the 11 year old at Spree, but the fantastic thing about this group is that we are currently 8 ecumenical churches from all over Swansea, we meet regularly to pray and plan to bring lots of different youth groups and churches together.

Spree Wales

Spree's strap line is 'One amazing weekend with God!'

It is on the second weekend in July at Carmarthen show ground. Churches from all over Wales bring their youth groups, children aged 8-15 are provided with a huge array of entertainment, including a climbing wall, swimming pools, trampolines, bouncy castles, craft and a huge variety of ball games. Young people aged 16+ are offered the opportunity to come and work with the Spree team to gain experience and confidence taking part in the 'jobs' that interest them. In return they are fed, worship is provided, free time and camping.

It is accessible to everyone and even has a sensory marquee for those who like a quieter time. Everyone camps in all weathers, the site is completely locked down to just Spree people, everyone on site has a DBS and the entrance gate is manned 24/7 this gives the adults sending their children the piece of mind that their young person can gain independence in a very safe environment. Spree has a theme each year and this is shared via two worship sessions a day offered to the young people in two very different ways. One is The Shack a 'Sunday school' style with craft, bible stories, games, singing and challenges. The other is Fusion which is testimonies, bible stories, games, and live Christian bands.

Sian Parkhouse is leading a group again this year and supporting several churches from across the diocese.

Holiday Club

Our annual holiday club is the first week of the summer holidays. 10-12 each day. Each year it has a theme that the children can relate to and in that theme, we introduce bible stories and songs. Each day there is plenty to entertain them with Open the Book, physical games, craft and something science based that all links to the bible story of the day. We usually have 30+ children each day, with many of them attending for the whole week! It is a huge team effort, volunteers are always needed and run various parts of the morning. We are blessed to have a team of young people who are our young leaders who help with the planning of each session this year! To make this year successful again we are looking for volunteers!

Messy church and special occasions

We have been lucky to have a lot going on throughout the year. Services adapted and aimed at families, Messy churches and school holiday events. We have spent a lot of time with the community listening to their needs and then adapting what we can offer to encourage them to come along, all our activities have a 'God slot' Carol praise and Good Friday were the busiest that they have ever been with young children and families mixed in with the church family.

Holy Trinity

There is a lot of repair work that has happened again this year with the flat roofs being repaired, new kitchen floor and dishwasher. We continue to use the space for outreach through youth club, messy church as well as the weekly tots group.

The hire of Holy Trinity is booked every day with a few free mornings and afternoons still to fill, but it is bringing in money to pay the bills and keep the church open and active.

Holy Trinity Tots (Thursdays 9:30am)

The group has new leaders joining the team which has been a great help. Sian supports the group when needed. Each week there are 15+ children attending. It is a free play session, with craft and breakfast provided. We are blessed with an enclosed garden for safe outdoor play. We always need volunteers, especially those who can either support with the session or come and chat to the parents whilst having a cuppa, this is a very important part of the outreach that we sometimes fail to do due to the lack of volunteers.

ToTs on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre

ToTs on Tuesdays continues to be a very successful Parish outreach group. Each meeting we make a small charge of £2 per family and average 15 families attending each week. We follow a tried and tested pattern commencing at 10am with a short informal service giving an opportunity to hear (and sing) some Christian stories. This is followed by a time for refreshments, play and fellowship and after nursery rhyme singing time the meetings finish at 11.30am. We are grateful for the input and support of all our volunteers and to our Vicar Robert and Sian.

AGENDA for ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

To be held at St. Paul's Church Parish of Sketty (reg Charity no1133995)
7:00pm Thursday 1st May 2025

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last vestry meeting
4. Chairman's Report (see above)
5. Receipt of Annual Parish Report
6. Sub Wardens - St Paul's and Holy Trinity
7. Ministry Area Warden – do we want to put one of ours forward?
8. Election of Parish Council 2025-2026
9. Two Trustees for MA Council - one St Paul's and one Holy Trinity
10. Appointment of Independent examiner (may be done by Parish Council)
11. Treasurer – Fran Steadman to be handed over to Michael Parkhouse at some point during the year
12. Treasurers reports
13. Any other Annual Vestry Business (*of which notice has been given and to which the meeting consents*)
14. End with the grace

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, BALANCE SHEET
AND FUNDS FINANCING THE TOTAL ASSETS 2024

Note for more details on all of the Parish accounts, please see the individual Church
and Parish Centre accounts 2024, published separately
Small Organisations' Accounts excluded

Throughout the tables rounding anomalies may apply due to figures input from other sources.

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA							
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31ST DECEMBER 2024							
Category	Sub Category	General Funds	Churchyard Restricted	Christmas Crib Figures Restricted	Restricted by Donor	2024	2,023
						Total	Total
INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME							
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	£ 42,045				£ 42,045	£ 46,380
	Loose Collections	£ 6,126				£ 6,126	£ 4,422
	Donations	£ 2,557		£ 4,271		£ 6,828	£ 3,524
	Donations for Churchyard		£ 1,265			£ 1,265	£ 504
	For Mission	£ 485			£ 200	£ 685	£ 907
	Tax Refunds	£ 10,883	£ 300	£ 1,009		£ 12,192	£ 12,222
	Legacy	£ 2,200				£ 2,200	£ 2,000
	Grants	£ 7,500				£ 7,500	£ 6,000
Generated Income	Money Raising	£ 27,325				£ 27,325	£ 25,095
	Fees	£ 2,260				£ 2,260	£ 2,640
	Fees Churchyard (Restricted)		£ 2,262			£ 2,262	£ 3,784
Investment Income	Investment income	£ 12,436				£ 12,436	£ 11,067
Other Income Sources				£ 95		£ 95	£ 640
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME		£ 113,817	£ 3,827	£ 5,375	£ 200	£ 123,219	£ 119,185
RESOURCES EXPENDED / EXPENDITURE							
£ -							
Category	Sub Category	General Funds	Churchyard Restricted	Christmas Crib Figures Restricted	Restricted By Donor	2024 Total	2023 Total
Support for Ministry	Ministry share	£ 70,651				£ 70,651	£ 73,813
	Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,265				£ 2,265	£ 2,354
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	£ 2,553				£ 2,553	£ 1,446
	General Parish Expenses	£ 16,490				£ 16,490	£ 14,158
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	£ 14,483				£ 14,483	£ 15,486
	Maintenance of Other Property	£ 10,481	£ 6,679			£ 17,160	£ 8,955
	Exceptional Expenditure	£ 15,392		£ 5,375		£ 20,767	£ -
Grant & Other	Mission:Parish	£ 583				£ 583	£ 509
	Mission:Home/World	£ 1,997			£ 60	£ 2,057	£ 6,965
	Cost of Money Raising	£ 50				£ 50	£ -
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED/EXPENDITURE		£ 134,945	£ 6,679	£ 5,375	£ 60	£ 147,059	£ 123,685
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-£21,128	-2852	0	140	-£ 23,840.00	-£ 4,500
Unrealised Capital Gain or Loss in Investments						£ 5,084	£ 11,304

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA

I report as an Independent Examiner for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and Independent Examiner

As members of the Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and following guidance from the Church in Wales that an Audit is not required for this year under Section (142) of the Charities Act 2011 an Independent Examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out with reference to the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parish and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the Parochial Church Council, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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

Following my examination of the Parish records, no matter has come to my attention :

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met: or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Matthew Walters FCCA
1 Eliot Close, Killay
Swansea
SA2 7DN

Date: 17/9/25

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Dear friends,

2023 was a year of great change for us as a parish. The new Ministry Area system saw our MA of Clyne Trinity dissolved and we joined Swansea MA with myself taking over as MA Leader for the new MA. The structure of the new MAs have led to large changes, with all parishes and their PCC handing over to the Ministry Area Council and historical parish boundaries being merged into the new MAs forming large groupings. We are now part of a 9 church area, with 8 clergy and a new infrastructure to learn and put in place.

This will be the last Vestry Report for Sketty as hopefully by next year the new charity registration for the Swansea MA will be in place.

Can I express my thanks to all of the church officers and the PCC who have served the parish over the last year. Sister Marian and Alan, wardens, worship leaders, musicians, PCC members, treasures, group leaders, Jayne in the Parish Centre - the list goes on and on in our so active church family.

This year we lost Iris Jones, warden at Holy Trinity and the backbone of all that went on there. Even when I came seven year ago it was impossible to imagine Holy Trinity without Iris. Her dedication to her faith and the church was exemplary and she is greatly missed.

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We have continued with streaming on zoom as the house bound, those away and even those in hospital have been able to join us and Sister Marian has done wonders with her zoom ministry holding services each day.

Café Church with Sister Marian and her lay team, the music and catering have also managed to create a service that people want to and love attending. We are slowly pushing the limits of the Parish Centre, which is a good problem to have. Our ministry area youth group (now Swansea MA) and Messy church have been meeting over the year and is a great team effort with Sian at the helm.

A big thank you also to Fran, Mike and Ken our treasurers and all who helped with the counting and banking. Also members of the flower group especially Anita who is retiring after many years of dedicated service.

I think you would all agree that the grounds and graveyard are in an exceptional condition. Clive, Ray, Roger, Steve and Will who work so hard week in week out to maintain them.

Holy Trinity now has a leak free roof and has hosted many Messy Churches, our seasonal services, TOT's and a wide variety community users. Thankyou to Sian and Claire and all who worked so hard to achieve this.

Thank you all for your support over the year.

Every blessing

Vicar Robert

OUR PARISH AND CHURCHES

The Parish of Sketty is a Church in Wales Parish situated in the City of Swansea within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Sketty is located about two miles to the west of Swansea and the Parish is made up of two churches.

St Paul's Sketty, a traditionally built church in the centre of Sketty itself and Holy Trinity a multiuse church at the centre of the Sketty Park estate.

The Parish is part of the Swansea Ministry Area (MA) which covers 5 square miles of the city centre with a population of 60,000. We are part of the 9 churches that serve this MA.

The Vicarage and Parish Centre are located at St Paul's Church, De la Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AR.

OUR SERVICES

We offer a range of services. We have a combined service at 10 am with Young Explorers (Sunday School) which starts a little earlier than the service at 9:30 am then ends by joining the main congregation in the church. Holy Trinity does not open every Sunday for services but is used for seasonal services and our outreach program on the Sketty Park Estate.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and its associated ministries are central to our mission. As well as our ordained parish priest and curate we have a dedicated team of lay workers specialising in a variety of areas. Prayer, spiritual direction, visiting and support at the major hinges in lives such as baptism, marriage, illness and funerals are all part of this ministry.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) / CHURCH COUNCIL 2022-2023

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Incumbent/Chairman	Revd Robert Davies-Hannen
Curate	Rev. Sister Marian Thomas
Vicar's Warden:	Jane Watkeys (St Paul's Church)
People's Sub Warden:	Clare Hazell (Holy Trinity Church)
Licenced Lay Reader	Alan Griffiths

MEMBERS:

Angela Ball, Elaine Gale, John Hamilton Gale, Kathryn Helliwell, Noel Isherwood, Philippa Nash, Sian Parkhouse, Steve Jones, Fran Steadman, Wendy Thomas

CLERGY

Rev. Robert Davies-Hannen Vicar
 Rev. Sister Marian Thomas Curate

RELIGIOUS AND LAY MINISTERS (Ex Officio PCC):

Rev. Sister Marian Single Consecrated Life and Oblate (SCL),
 Sister of the Society of the Sacred Cross (SSC)
 Alan Griffiths Licenced Lay Reader.

EUCCHARIST ASSISTANTS (HC - Home Communion):

Elaine Gale (HC), Liz Jowett (HC), Alan Griffiths (HC); Biddy O'Kane, Janet Vine and Jane Watkeys.

LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Andrea Gould, Liz Jowett and Wendy Thomas.

INTERCESSOR PRAYER LEADERS:

Liz Jowett and Anne Penton.

PARISH EMPLOYED STAFF:

Jayne Cooper	Part time	Parish Administrator
Mark Davies	Part time	Parish Centre Cleaner

TREASURERS:

Fran Steadman	Parish Consolidated and St Paul's Church
Kenneth Owens	Holy Trinity Church
L Michael Johns	Parish Centre

PARISH WEB-SITE

www.parishofsketty.org.



SERVICES AND CONTACTS

We extend a warm welcome to all to our services.
Full details of which are in our weekly newsletter, on the church door
and on our website – www.parishofsketty.org

ST PAUL'S CHURCH:

9:30 am Young Explorers (finishes in the 10:00 am service)

10:00 am Family Communion (also on zoom link on website)

1st Sunday of the month

9:30am for 10:00am Café Church - followed by Holy Communion in the church at 11:00.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

11am Wednesday St Paul's Church

Our Church Services are complemented by these online services :-

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

For services and events
see our website



Rev. Sister Marian holds a Zoom Compline each night at 6:00 pm

This is healing focused on a Sunday Night

Zoom Morning Prayer on a Thursday Morning.

Links are on the Parish Website www.parishofsketty.org

**During normal times we have a range of mid-week activities, please see our website for more details.
Or contact one of the following Parish Officers:**

Vicar and PCC Chairman	Rev Robert Davies-Hannen	202757
Sister Marian	Curate & Religious SCL	208724
Alan Griffiths	Lay Reader	208269
Vicar's Churchwardens	Jane Watkeys	208203
PCC Secretary	Wendy Thomas	
PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid	Fran Steadman	413163
Parish Centre Bookings	Jayne Cooper	208779
Holy Trinity Church Bookings	Sian Parkhouse	07805091994



PARISH REPORTS

Anna Chaplaincy

Sr. Marian coordinates our Anna Chaplaincy work and is in the process of developing this ministry in the parish with the help of many parishioners who themselves keep in touch with the elderly and frail in the parish. Theirs' is a very valuable and vital ministry.

For information on the Anna Chaplaincy Ministry please visit their website at:

www.annachaplaincy.org.uk

*Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel;
both are good role models of faithful older people.*

Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.

*Our vision is to see an Anna Chaplain in every small- and medium-sized community in the country,
and for the Anna Chaplain name to become synonymous with spiritual care for older people.*

For information, please contact Rev. Sister Marian.

Bible Study Group (Maxine Court)

Maxime Court is a purpose built complex of retirement flats, and by kind permission of the warden, we meet in their lovely communal lounge once a fortnight, on a Monday morning.

About half the members live at Maxime Court. Though the group is ecumenical and is open to anyone, most members attend St Paul's. Age is no barrier to fellowship and the deepening of our faith, and at least three members are in their 90's.

I am grateful to Peter Bowen and Alice Rutter for overseeing the group while I recovered from heart failure and stroke early last year. Having looked at the Sermon on the Mount, we started this Easter to work through Mark's Gospel.

Meetings are both lively and informal. They start 10:30 with refreshments and scrumptious biscuits and aim to finish by 12:00.

I always print off the Bible passage for those who, like me, find it easier not to use their own Bible. If you would like to give us a try, you would be most welcome and either Peter Bowen or I can give you further details.

Alan Griffiths alangriffithsuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01792 208269

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 2023

Fundamental to being a Christian is the regular study of the Bible and then putting into practice what is learned into everyday life. To help with this Bible Reading Fellowship publications are available through our church to order through me. Those currently available are **New Daylight** and **Guidelines**.

Liz Jowett (BRF Co-ordinator)

Sharing Together 2023

The Sharing Together group met regularly throughout 2023 on Wednesday lunchtimes sharing food and offering support, friendship and encouragement to all those attending always based on Christian values and in a very informal and friendly setting. Again 20 shoeboxes were put together for the Operation Christmas Child appeal run by Samaritan's Purse.

Liz Jowett and Anita Stock

The Wattle Walks 2023

The group met through Summer 2023 and enjoyed walks mostly on Saturday mornings continuing to walk the South Gower choosing relatively easy well surfaced paths. The support and fellowship on these walks is truly amazing and the absolute joy felt at God's creation makes a huge impact on us all as we chat about faith, church and countryside matters. What a joy!

Contact Liz Jowett 07968 231192 or www.parishofsketty.org

Parish Prayer Group

The group meets on Mondays at 12 in the Parish Centre to pray for the church in Sketty, its congregation and individuals needing prayer.

The group is open to all.

Housegroup (sessions this year studying the Romans)

We have been meeting as a housegroup since September 2023 on a fortnightly basis to work through The Romans Course. This is a series of studies working through 10 sessions with a time of bible study, discussion and prayer. Its been a lovely opportunity to connect with other people in church, to learn more about the book of Romans and be in a small group where I feel we have all felt comfortable to discuss things in our life that we have been able to pray together about. We are looking at the possibility of running a further housegroup study in the Autumn time, and if anyone else wants to join they are really welcome!

Emma

Parish Centre 2023

Thankfully, once again, the PC has had another busy year. We have approximately 18 regular groups including TOTS, Swansea Ostomy Self Help Group and Sketty Market. We also host various Church groups including Young Explorers, Alpha and Sharing Together.

At the beginning of January Warm Hub started which then finished in February. Also in February, one of our regular evening groups, Sketty Horticultural Society, whose numbers were sadly dwindling, were moved to an afternoon slot instead. Their numbers are now vastly increasing and they are really pleased with the time change. Warm Hub then finished.

In March the Soroptimists celebrated their 90th Anniversary at the Parish Centre by holding a quiz night.

At the beginning of July we held our annual Holiday Club, which was very successful and where Vicar Robert also celebrated his birthday.

In September an Alpha Course started.

In October the Soroptimists held another event here where over £500 was raised and the proceeds went to various causes including the Swansea Food Bank. In the same month David Bennett, Administrator for the Swansea Ministry Area, joined us.

In December Sketty School displayed their children's artwork in the hall. Finally, another successful quiz evening was hosted here in the same month, by Ray Bennett, where all proceeds went towards the Church.

Jayne Cooper Parish Centre Manager

Altar Flower Guild 2023

Members of the Flower Guild have made arrangements at the Altar and Memorial Book throughout the year. They have met together to decorate for the important church festivals and have been pleased to receive appreciative comments on their work. Posies were made for Mothering Sunday and handed to members of the congregation. The Guild was only involved in one wedding over the past year and it is hoped that in future more brides will ask for our services.

The summer outing was to the National Botanic Garden of Wales. From various remarks it seems as if the Birds of Prey demonstration gave as much pleasure as the plants!

We are very much in need of new members. Experience is not necessary as existing members are willing to give training. If you would like to join us please contact Barbara Pyott (206008) or Angela Ball (412701).

Anita Stock

Alpha Group

St Pauls periodically puts on an Alpha Course for explorers into the Christian faith. In the past this has been in partnership with other churches. However, the latest course was carried out by St Pauls Sketty in the adjacent Parish Centre on Sunday evenings from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This included kicking off each week with the Alpha Supper, prepared by the excellent team of willing members of the congregation. The course took place in the Autumn term of 2023 and there were in total around 20 people including leaders and helpers. An away day took us to the delights of Reynoldston's Village Hall on the Gower. This really brought the group together, challenged, questioned and encouraged faith as well as cementing relationships. At Christmas there was a social event to conclude the course, at which it became clear the group wanted to continue what they had started. An Alpha follow-on course, was duly set up and took place during the Spring term, 2024. It is a diverse group of men and women, including those new to the church and long standing members of the congregation. They include those from an academic background, regular employment, and retired people from the local area. They all have in common a desire to grow in knowledge and experience of the Christian faith. It has been exciting to see all making progress in their own way and to see examples of those moving on from expressing doubt to a firm belief in Jesus. As a work in progress, there continues to be a strong desire to continue and after suggestions from the group, it was decided to make a weekly study of the Gospel of Mark. Although there is no longer an Alpha Supper, we have been fortunate to have freshly baked delicacies to look forward to each week, provided by a member of the group. This group is now open to others wishing to explore faith in this way.

Music Group

Change was inevitable after the disruptive Covid experience. Before Covid the Parish had a number of church services on a Sunday each of which displayed a particular nuance in terms of the type of worship taking place. This included the formal and traditional services to the more informal modern family based worship, all requiring separate organisation. This complexity was compounded by their being more than one church in which these multiple services were taking place. This became untenable during Covid and together with the Swansea Ministry Area shake up, required a new approach. As a result this has impacted the way worship now takes place at St Pauls Sketty. The congregations and multiple styles of worship have been combined into one main service on a Sunday at 10.00am. Far from causing dissent and friction, which might have been anticipated, Covid has unwittingly brought together people from opposite sides of the worship style spectrum. A willingness to work together in the new congregational mix despite this, has encouraged the music and worship providers to do the same. The music team have developed a blended approach to include traditional and modern forms of music and worship styles. The current mix includes the popular Cafe Church lead by the music group on the first week of the month. This is followed by two weeks where our gifted organist plays traditional hymns, with one song being provided by the music group. The music group includes instruments such as guitars acoustic and electric, electronic keyboards, the occasional violin and drums and up to an average of 4 to 5 singers. From time to time the organist is able to join in with the singers

on certain songs bringing together the two musical traditions in a way that seems to be much appreciated by the congregation. The combined congregation now seems quite supportive of both approaches judging by the regular positive feedback. The fourth and occasional fifth week are led completely by the music group. The group includes; a classical trained guitarist; a self taught acoustic guitarist who fulfilled a life time ambition this year to play at the ‘Cavern’ in Liverpool, home of the Beatles; experienced church worship leaders and singers and two pupils from Olchfa School playing electric guitar and singing. The music group is open to others wishing to take part in leading worship through the use of their musical talents.

Young Explorers (formally the Sunday School) 2023

As a group we have a core of six children with a few others who come occasionally.

Two older children are now in church for the service as they play and sing in the music group. There are three adults who teach in rotation, we follow a theme of a bible story, a game or craft and prayers and we try to make it suitable for each child’s age which is sometimes a challenge. We try to follow the lectionary, giving the children the same theme as that in church. We have recently had a teenage boy who joins us on a Sunday morning and helps with the younger ones if needed.

The Young Explorers do like to get involved in the display boards we make for Easter and Christmas for example and also decorating the window at the children’s corner in the church.

At Christmas the crib service was well attended with the younger children enthusiastically dressing up to take part in the story. This was followed by a small party to celebrate.

It is encouraging to see the children exploring their faith and also growing in confidence to share it.

Andrea Gould and team

MA Youth Club

We have started a monthly youth group in St. Paul’s church Sketty, for young people aged 9-14. It is the first Thursday of every month, 7-8:30pm and is currently supported by 4 churches across two ministry areas. We are working as a team to fulfill the need that was asked for by several churches and parents and is also a response to a young person at Spree camp last year not realizing that there were other 11 year olds in Swansea who believed in Jesus! We hope to provide a safe and welcoming space for young people to have access to social activities, craft and a ‘God slot’. Our aim is to give a taster of God and then be around for them to have chats and question time with us when they feel ready and comfortable. We have a couple of 14+ young people who are coming along as young leaders, they were great with the children and they enjoyed it too, we watched as their confidence grew over the session. On our first session we had 25 young people! We are always looking for volunteers!

Impact -quarterly youth group

We have started a quarterly youth group for young people in secondary school. It started its first session in St. Paul’s church with a football cage, pool table air hockey, video games and craft. All the young people were fed and then we went into the church for a worship session to finish the night off. We were very busy on the opening night and have had more enquiries for the next event.

This group too started from the conversation with the 11 year old at Spree, but the fantastic thing about this group is that we are currently 8 ecumenical churches from all over Swansea, we meet regularly to pray and plan to bring lots of different youth groups and churches together. The next session is in May and after that session we will look at moving the group to different locations around the city so that everyone will be able to access it at sometime in the year

Spree Wales

Spree's strap line is 'One amazing weekend with God!'

It is on the second weekend in July at Carmarthen show ground. Churches from all over Wales bring their youth groups, children aged 8-15 are provided with a huge array of entertainment, including a climbing wall, swimming pools, trampolines, bouncy castles, craft and a huge variety of ball games. Young people aged 16+ are offered the opportunity to come and work with the Spree team to gain experience and confidence taking part in the 'jobs' that interest them. In return they are fed, worship is provided, free time and camping.

It is accessible to everyone and even has a sensory marquee for those who like a quieter time. Everyone camps in all weathers, the site is completely locked down to just Spree people, everyone on site has a DBS and the entrance gate is manned 24/7 this gives the adults sending their children the piece of mind that their young person can gain independence in a very safe environment. Spree has a theme each year and this is shared via two worship sessions a day offered to the young people in two very different ways. One is The Shack a 'Sunday school' style with craft, bible stories, games, singing and challenges. The other is Fusion which is testimonies, bible stories, games, and live Christian bands.

Sian Parkhouse is leading a group again this year and supporting several churches from across the diocese.

Holiday Club

Our annual holiday club is the first week of the summer holidays. 10-12 each day. Each year it has a theme that the children can relate to and in that theme, we introduce bible stories and songs. Each day there is plenty to entertain them with Open the Book, physical games, craft and something science based that all links to the bible story of the day. We usually have 30+ children each day, with many of them attending for the whole week! It is a huge team effort, volunteers are always needed and run various parts of the morning. This year's theme is The Olympics and has bible stories to go with each day's sport. We are blessed to have a team of 6 young people who are our young leaders and have asked to play more of a role in the planning of each session this year! At the last youth club, they spent a good chunk of the evening looking through worship songs and choosing one to teach to the children! To make this year successful again we are looking for volunteers!

Messy church and special occasions

We have been lucky to have a lot going on throughout the year. Services adapted and aimed at families, Messy churches and school holiday events. During covid a lot of our 'regulars' became too old for the activities and we almost had to start again with inviting new families along, but this year we saw a huge increase in numbers across the activities our busiest being of 120 people! We have spent a lot of time with the community listening to their needs and then adapting what we can offer to encourage them to come along, all our activities have a 'God slot' Carol praise and Good Friday were the busiest that they have ever been with **young** children and families mixed in with the church family.

Jigsaw

Jigsaw is a new group in Holy Trinity on the second Thursday of the month, following on from Tots, it runs 11:30-1pm. We start with lunch all together and then have a prayer that was written for the group. We then go on to talk about something topical and then link it to the bible and share how we as Christians respond to the topic, eg. Easter. Jigsaw is a safe space to share thoughts, explore God and get to know each other. It is open to anyone with or without children with them, we would love it for more of the church family to pop in for a free lunch and a chat! If you have a talent for art, flower arranging or anything else and would like a session to share with the group we would be delighted to have you and we can tailor the session around you!

Holy Trinity

There is a lot of repair work that has happened and is still on going on Holy Trinity. Since having the new floor we have been able to utilize the space with more outreach as well as the weekly tots group.

The hire of Holy Trinity is booked every day with a few free mornings and afternoons still to fill, but it is bringing in money to pay the bills and keep the church open and active.

Holy Trinity Tots (Thursdays 9:30am)

The group is run by Kylie and Karen, both were church event attendance when their children were younger. Sian supports the group when needed. Each week there are 15+ children attending the busiest session being 33. It is a free play session, with craft and breakfast provided. We are blessed with an enclosed garden for safe outdoor play. We are very short of volunteers, we are looking for people who can either support with the session or come and chat to the parents whilst having a cuppa, this is a very important part of the outreach that we sometimes fail to do due to the lack of volunteers.

TOTs on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre (10:00am)

TOTs on Tuesdays continues to be a very successful Parish outreach group. Each meeting we make a small charge of £2 per family and average between 15-20 families attending each week. We follow a tried and tested pattern commencing at 10am with a short informal service giving an opportunity to hear (and sing) some Christian stories. This is followed by a time for refreshments, play and fellowship and after nursery rhyme singing time the meetings finish at 11.30am. From TOTs funds last year (2023) we have donated to Faith in Families and to St Paul's Church. We are grateful for the input and support of all our volunteers and to our Vicar Robert and Sian.

Maureen Amner on behalf of the TOTs Team

AGENDA for ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

To be held at St. Paul's Church Parish of Sketty (reg Charity no1133995)
7:00pm Thursday April 18th 202

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last vestry meeting
4. Chairman's Report (see above)
5. Receipt of Annual Parish Report
6. Sub Wardens - St Paul's and Holy Trinity
7. Ministry Area Warden – do we want to put one of ours forward?
8. Election of Parish Council 2024-2025
9. Two Trustees for MA Council - one St Paul's and one Holy Trinity
10. Appointment of Independent examiner (may be done by Parish Council)
11. Treasurer – Fran Steadman to be handed over to Michael Parkhouse at some point during the year
12. Treasurers report
13. Any other Annual Vestry Business (*of which notice has been given and to which the meeting consents*)
14. End with the grace

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, BALANCE SHEET
AND FUNDS FINANCING THE TOTAL ASSETS 2023

Note for more details on all of the Parish accounts, please see the individual Church
and Parish Centre accounts 2023, published separately
Small Organisations' Accounts excluded

Throughout the tables rounding anomalies may apply due to figures input from other sources.

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA						
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31ST DECEMBER 2023						
Category	Sub Category	General Funds	Churchyard Restricted	Restricted by Donor	2,023 Total	2,022 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME						
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	£ 46,380			£ 46,380	£ 45,899
	Loose Collections	£ 4,422			£ 4,422	£ 5,054
	Donations	£ 3,524			£ 3,524	£ 4,673
	Donations for Churchyard		£ 504		£ 504	-
	For Mission	£ 907			£ 907	£ 756
	Tax Refunds	£ 12,222			£ 12,222	£ 12,014
	Legacy			£ 2,000	£ 2,000	
	Grants	£ 6,000			£ 6,000	£ 6,000
Generated Income	Money Raising	£ 25,095			£ 25,095	£ 17,005
	Fees	£ 2,640			£ 2,640	£ 1,850
	Fees Churchyard (Restricted)		£ 3,784		£ 3,784	£ 3,418
Investment Income	Investment income	£ 11,067			£ 11,067	£ 6,750
Other Income Sources		£ 640			£ 640	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME		£ 112,897	£ 4,288	£ 2,000	£ 119,185	£ 103,419
RESOURCES EXPENDED / EXPENDITURE						
Category	Sub Category	General Funds	Churchyard Restricted	Restricted By Donor	2023 Total	2022 Total
Support for Ministry	Ministry share	£ 73,813			£ 73,813	£ 62,453
	Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,354			£ 2,354	£ 2,930
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	£ 1,446			£ 1,446	£ 701
	General Parish Expenses	£ 14,158			£ 14,158	£ 11,073
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	£ 15,486			£ 15,486	£ 9,413
	Maintenance of Other Property	£ 5,599	£ 3,356		£ 8,955	£ 7,023
	Exceptional Expenditure				£ -	£ 13,166
Grant & Other	Mission:Parish	£ 509			£ 509	£ 822
	Mission:Home/World	£ 6,965			£ 6,965	£ 3,581
	Cost of Money Raising	£ -			£ -	£ -
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED/EXPENDITURE		£ 120,329	£ 3,356	£ -	£ 123,685	£ 111,163
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-£ 7,432.00	£ 932	£ 2,000	-£ 4,500	£ 7,744
Unrealised Capital Gain or Loss in Investments					£ 11,304	-£ 18,363

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

SKETTY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report as an Independent Examiner for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and, following guidance from the Church in Wales that an audit is not required for this year under Section 142 of the Charities Act 2011' an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out with reference to the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the parish and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the information 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

Following my examination of the parish records, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Matthew Walters FCCA

1 Eliot Close Killay Swansea SA2 7DN

Date: 24/10/24

SKETTY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1133995

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



ST PAUL'S SKETTY



HOLY TRINITY SKETTY PARK



ST PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE

PARISH OF SKETTY DIOCESE OF SWANSEA AND BRECON CHURCH IN WALES



CHARITY NUMBER 1133995
PARISH MISSION, VISION, AIMS AND GOALS

“The Parish of Sketty invites all to practise Christian faith,
together serving God and our community
by sharing the good news of Jesus”.

We seek to increase our knowledge and sharing of Christ, doing all in His name for His glory. We continue to build on established mission activities while being open to embracing new ideas and initiatives.

Within our Parish we aim to offer:

welcome, worship, prayer, fellowship, listening, caring, and teaching

whilst also obeying Christ’s command “to go out into the world” to share His Word and compassion.

**The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on
Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7:00pm online (Zoom link on Parish website),**

Vicar’s Forward

Dear friends,

2021 has been another year of disruption which has not only impacted life in general but also our church life. As I write we seem to be coming out of it all though we are still a little way off from normal, whatever that may be now. All of our churches and parishes are leaving of his period of lock downs with many changes and we have all been left in a different place than we started the pandemic in 2019.

The past year was once again a year when we were stopped going to our Church buildings and one when many were not yet ready to return. We were however able to undertake much more than the previous year and we give thanks for that.

If we were legally allowed to open the church we did so. Thankfully many of you were able to take advantage of that thanks to the cleaning teams lead by Jane Watkeys, Jude Gilbody and Thelma Pike so the building was made safe for each service. For those who could not attend we live streamed our Sunday service and Sister Marian held zoom compline each night and even Thursday ‘Morning Prayer’ with Alan.

The Sunday School team also held zoom sessions and met under a portable shelter when the weather allowed and other groups met virtually or outside. The music group led by Noel played outdoor carols at the large community event and at our Church carpark Carol service. Thank you all.

A thank you also to Fran, Mike and Ken our treasurers and all who helped with the counting and banking. During 2020 and early 2021 we were restricted in the amount of work we could do in the graveyard. Clive, Ray, Roger, Steve and helpers have worked so hard to bring back the graveyard and grounds after such an enforced break. As a team we were able to continue throughout even the worst the pandemic could throw at us so a big thank you to you all.

We still have a number of groups such as Lunch club and Tot’s groups who were unable to restart over the year. We hope that this will all change before this year is out.

Holy Trinity was not able to open as we had hoped but building repair work is due to be completed soon so we will be able to use the building for more than just the food bank. A concerted plan of outreach and mission is in place and we look forward to that.

The Parish Centre continued to be used as a vaccine centre for 6 months bringing thousands of people into our grounds. We had so many wonderful thanks and praise from those in our community for the local facility we were able to provide.

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I hope and pray that we will be worshipping and praying together as we remember we did, as we put the pandemic behind us and move forward in Christ.

Every blessing to you all.

Vicar Robert

OUR PARISH AND CHURCHES

The Parish of Sketty is a Church in Wales Parish situated in the City of Swansea within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Sketty is located about two miles to the west of Swansea and the Parish is made up of two churches.

St Paul's Sketty, a traditionally built church in the centre of Sketty itself and Holy Trinity a multiuse church at the centre of the Sketty Park estate.



The Parish is part of the Clyne Trinity Ministry Area (MA) which includes three parishes, Killay, Sketty and Tycoch. Clyne Trinity is one of four MAs in the Deanery of Greater Gower.

The Vicarage and Parish Centre are located at St Paul's Church, De la Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AR.

OUR SERVICES We offer a range of services. This has changed greatly due to reorganisation after the COVID pandemic. We now have a combined service at 10 am with Young Explorers (Sunday School) which starts a little earlier than the service at 9:30 am then ends by joining the main congregation in the church. Holy Trinity has not had services over the last two years but once the building work is completed early 2022 the building will fully reopen for hall use and some services.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and its associated ministries are central to our mission. As well as our ordained parish priest we have a dedicated team of lay workers specialising in a variety of areas. Prayer, spiritual direction, visiting and support at the major hinges in lives such as baptism, marriage, illness and funerals are all part of this ministry.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) 2020-2021

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Incumbent/Chairman	Revd Robert Davies-Hannen	
Curate	Rev. Sister Marian Thomas	
Vicar's Warden:	Jane Watkeys	
Vicar's Sub Warden:	Iris Jones	Holy Trinity Church
People's Sub Warden:	Clare Hazell	Holy Trinity Church
Licenced Lay Reader	Alan Griffiths	

PCC MEMBERS:

Elaine Gale, Eifion Frances, Fran Steadman, Andrea Gould, Philippa Nash, Karen Williams, Jane Watkeys, Iris Jones, Clare Hazel, Noel Isherwood, Jason Rudd & Wendy Thomas.

CLERGY

Rev. Robert Davies-Hannen Vicar
 Rev. Sister Marian Thomas Curate

RELIGIOUS AND LAY MINISTERS (Ex Officio PCC):

Rev. Sister Marian Single Consecrated Life and Oblate (SCL),
 Sister of the Society of the Sacred Cross (SSC)
 Alan Griffiths Licenced Lay Reader.

EUCHARIST ASSISTANTS (HC - Home Communion):

Elaine Gale (HC), Clive Garrish, Sheila Green, Iris Jones (HC), Liz Jowett (HC), Ken Lewis (HC), Viv Lewis (HC), Alan Griffiths (HC); Bidy O'Kane, Janet Vine and Jane Watkeys.

SERVERS:

Jacob and Caleb Davies-Hannen

LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Eifion Francis, Jill Francis, Andrea Gould, Iris Jones, Liz Jowett, Viv Lewis, and Wendy Thomas.

INTERCESSOR PRAYER LEADERS:

Liz Jowett, Joyce Phillips, Anne Penton and Karen Williams.

PARISH EMPLOYED STAFF:

Jayne Cooper	Part time	Parish Administrator
Mark Davies	Part time	Parish Centre Cleaner

TREASURERS:

Fran Steadman	Parish Consolidated and St Paul's Church
Kenneth Owens	Holy Trinity Church
L Michael Johns	Parish Centre

PARISH WEB-SITE

www.parishofsketty.org



SERVICES AND CONTACTS

We extend a warm welcome to all to our services.
Full details of which are: in our weekly newsletter, on the church door
And on our website – www.parishofsketty.org

ST PAUL'S CHURCH:

9:30 am Young Explorers (finishes in the 10:00 am service)
10:00 am Family Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

Currently no services

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

11am Wednesday St Paul's Church

Our Church Services are complimented by these online services :-



Rev. Sister Marian holds a Zoom Compline each night at 6:00 pm

This is healing focused on a Sunday Night

Zoom Morning Prayer on a Thursday Morning.

Links are on the Parish Website www.parishofsketty.org

**During normal times we have a range of mid-week activities, please see our website for more details.
Or contact one of the following Parish Officers:**

Vicar and PCC Chairman	Rev Robert Davies-Hannen	202757
Sister Marian	Curate & Religious SCL	208724
Alan Griffiths	Lay Reader	208269
Vicar's Churchwardens	Jane Watkeys	208203
PCC Secretary	Wendy Thomas	
PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid	Fran Steadman	413163
Parish Centre Bookings	Jayne Cooper	208779
Holy Trinity Church Bookings	Iris Jones	201955



PARISH REPORTS

Many of our usual groups did not meet over the year or were severely restricted so the reports are brief.

PRAYER 2021:

We continue to have two prayer groups and a Parish Prayer circle.

Anne Penton leads a group in the Parish Centre on a Monday afternoon and at the same time Sr. Marian runs a group on zoom for those unable to go to the Parish Centre.

We are hoping to develop regular 'Quiet times' during the coming year as well as several 'Retreats'. These will be led by Sr. Marian.

This is our Prayer Circle Prayer:

Father we pray for one another and all members of our parish, those whose needs are known to us and those known only to You. Father enfold and uphold us all in Your love, keep us safe through this pandemic and all difficulties as they arise.

Bless our prayer ministry to bring comfort, healing, and peace to those for whom we pray and those You love beyond our prayers Amen.

Anna Chaplaincy

On Sunday 23rd. January Sr. Marian was commissioned to be a Anna Chaplain and is in the process of developing this ministry in the parish with the help of many parishioners who themselves keep in touch with the elderly and frail in the parish. Theirs' is a very valuable and vital ministry.

For information on the Anna Chaplaincy Ministry please visit their website at:

www.annachaplaincy.org.uk

From the website we have this information:

*Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel;
both are good role models of faithful older people.
Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.*

*Our vision is to see an Anna Chaplain in every small- and medium-sized community in the country,
and for the Anna Chaplain name to become synonymous with spiritual care for older people.*

For information, please contact Rev. Sister Marian.

House Groups 2021

Only one of the house groups in Sketty managed to meet throughout 2021 mainly on Zoom (studying a range of topics with something for everyone.)

This group undertook a Lent study using the Bible Reading Fellowship **Journeying through Lent** with New Daylight and it proved to be such a joy to be able to meet on Zoom as a Bible study group after almost a year of isolation. The study covered Feasting and Fasting, the Sermon on the Mount right through to Luke 22-24: from Upper Room to Easter Day.

During the summer this group started to meet regularly in the Parish Centre and has continued to do so on a weekly basis. Following a few ad hoc sessions covering prayer and ministry an in-depth study of the Miracles of Jesus was started and continued into 2022.

One group has not been able to meet at all and the other met in the summer for a get together and also keep in touch with each other with prayer requests and support.

Hopefully these three groups will continue to meet to study, pray together and offer support and fellowship to each in 2022. One of the studies for 2022 is Sharing the Easter Story by Sally Welch.

House Groups are open to all and meet at various times and venues so if something appeals to you let me or one of the house group leaders know – Alan Griffiths, Ken Lewis or Anne Penton.

House Group Co-ordinator

Liz Jowett

The Wattle Walks 2021

It was possible to meet a few times throughout 2021, although walks were restricted to being more local.

One hot summer's evening we enjoyed a walk through Singleton Park and the University grounds and onto the beach where the younger members of our group enjoyed a cooling swim! The return walk took us through Brynmill Park – always a delight.

Another evening walk led us through the beautiful Clyne Country Park. It was a joy and ended with a drink in the Railway Inn with live music to help revive us.

A Saturday morning walk through the beautiful Clyne Gardens and the western end of Clyne Country Park passing Keeper's Cottage ended with coffee in Clyne Gardens followed by a meal together in the Woodman.

The fellowship on these walks is amazing and the friendships made and the absolute joy felt at God's creation makes a huge impact on us all as we chat about faith, church and countryside matters. What a joy!

It is hoped to run the Wattley Walks again in 2022 using monthly Saturday mornings and some evening walks. The plan is to move along the south Gower from Limeslade to Rhosilli. North Gower will be tackled in 2023. Please check out the website www.parishofsketty.org or contact me for details. There is often a range of routes we can follow depending on the ability of the group on the night.

Liz Jowett (07968 231192)

Sharing Together 2021

The Sharing Together group met outdoors just a few times through the summer of 2021 on Wednesdays at 12:30 until 2:15pm. We made the most of the good weather to picnic together in the church field whilst offering support, friendship and encouragement to those attending. Any support and encouragement offered is always based on Christian values and in a very informal and friendly setting.

We were unable to offer a Lent study because of Covid restrictions.

The group met in the Parish Centre in October to put together 22 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal run by Samaritan's Purse and the group wishes to thank those outside the group who contributed to this worthwhile appeal with toys, toiletries, wrapping paper and the shoeboxes themselves.

Christmas saw us able to meet in the Viv's for a very enjoyable lunch with eight of us attending. Many thanks to the lovely staff there.

The group hopes to re-start meeting each Wednesday from mid-March 2022 and will continue for as long as people need the group and the Christian support and encouragement it provides.

Liz Jowett and Anita Stock

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 2021

Regular Bible study is a fundamental part of being a Christian and regular study of the Bible is made easy and accessible through the publications provided by the Bible Reading Fellowship and available through our churches. These publications are produced three times a year in January, May and September and are available to order through me. Those currently available are **New Daylight**, **Guidelines** and **Day by Day with God**.

New Daylight provides an accessible, stimulating and relatively easy aid to spending time with God each day, learning more about the Christian faith and its relevance today, encouraging prayer and building that strong, resilient relationship with Jesus that helps through difficult times – it is pocket or handbag sized and, at a push, can be used without a Bible at your side, so is great for travelling wherever you go.

Guidelines offers Bible study for today's ministry and mission and is a much more challenging theological experience. It is a unique Bible reading resource offering in-depth study drawing on the insights of current

scholarship. Its intention is to enable all its readers to interpret and apply the biblical text with confidence in today's world, while helping to equip church leaders as they meet the challenges of mission and disciple building. This could well be worth a try if you feel ready to move on from New Daylight to a deeper study of the Bible. You will need dedication, though, and a Bible close at hand for these studies.

Day by Day with God is written especially for women and can provide a source of immense inspiration and strength during difficult times as well as sharing pleasure and encouragement in times of joy! Again, this is really worth a try. Using the daily Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship is an excellent way of keeping the focus of our lives on Jesus and building on our relationship with Him through daily reading, study and prayer. Please keep all those who write these notes for us in your prayers.

I thank you all for your continued support of BRF over the years and I hope that those of you who use these publications can recommend them to your friends throughout our Ministry Area churches, House Groups and those you know (friends or family) who are searching for the meaning of life, trying to understand how Christianity fits in with life today or just trying to find ways to draw closer to Jesus.

Liz Jowett (BRF Co-ordinator)

The Altar Flower Guild 2021

There is very little to report for this time of Covid. We have been able to arrange flowers at the altar (brought forward) and the memorial book as this has meant only one or two people in the church at the same time. The solution for festivals was to take flowers and containers to members to arrange in their own homes. That entailed extra work but was well worth it. This last Christmas we were able to work together in the church and had some very pleasing comments on the arrangements. The Singleton Botanical Gardens have again kindly allowed us to pick flowers for festivals.

The guild was asked to decorate the pulpit for a wedding but otherwise there have been no wedding requests. We have however done flowers for funerals. Should anyone wish to remember a loved one by donating flowers for the memorial book please contact Barbara Pyott. We would welcome more flower arrangers. It is planned to have a summer visit to Aberglasney. At the end of the financial year the guild was able to give £200 to the Food Bank.

Anita Stock, Chair person

Young Explorers (Sunday School)

Over the year a number of online Sunday School sessions were held with materials being posted to the children to make it as interactive as possible. Much work and preparation went into this with many Zoom meetings to arrange each one. Halfway through the year we were able to meet in person outside using an open sided events shelter to meet the best COVID regulations. We met at 9:30 finishing in the church service. As the weather got wetter and colder we met in the Parish Centre.

Thank you, Wendy and team.

PCC

The PCC met online at first but as restrictions lifted we were able to meet in person with a simultaneous zoom link.

ECO Group

This group did a great deal of work over the year. We completed the installation of solar panels on the Parish Centre and the installation of an orchard on the field. This involved the selection and installation of around 25 trees. To all of the Eco Group a special thankyou as not even a world wide pandemic could stop you



Parish Centre

During the Pandemic St Paul's Parish Centre was closed. However, from January 2021, for about 6 months, it was used for a Covid Vaccination Centre by Sketty Surgery, with Dr Chris Johns. This April, until November 2022, it is going to be used by Swansea Bay University Health Board for patients with Long Covid/Cronic Lung Disease.

The Parish Centre has approximately 22 regular groups such as National Trust Abertawe, Rainbows, Guides and Sketty Market. It also has about 10 Church Groups such as Open the Book, Sharing Together and a Thursday Prayer Group.

In March 2020 our Italian Conversation Group finished. In March 2021 Mothers Union decided to join the Killay branch and in August 2021 our Monday Keep Fit Class also finished. We now have a new booking from Gower Ornithological Society, they used us in November 2021 and have now requested further dates. Tango Essence has also been using us regularly since January 2022 for their dance classes, which has been a great help financially.

We are starting to get lots of enquires now for party bookings which is good and hopefully we will return back to normal soon. We are looking forward to our regular groups returning especially TOTS who will be re-starting back in September 2022.

Jayne Cooper (Centre Manager)

Open the book

This could not take place due to the necessary restriction on school access.

Lunch Club

The nature of our vulnerable member meant that we could not meet over the year.

MA Youth Club

Was not able to meet

AGENDA for ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

To be held at St. Paul's Church Parish of Sketty (reg Charity no1133995)

7:00pm Thursday April 7th 2022

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last vestry meeting
4. Chairman's Report
5. Receipt of Annual Parish Report
6. Wardens
7. Election of P.C.C. 2022-2023
8. New Electoral Roll
9. Appointment of Independent examiner
10. Treasurers report
11. Any other Annual Vestry Business (*of which notice has been given and to which the meeting consents*)
12. End with the grace

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, BALANCE SHEET
AND FUNDS FINANCING THE TOTAL ASSETS 2022

Note for more details on all of the Parish accounts, please see the individual Church
and Parish Centre accounts 2022, published separately
Small Organisations' Accounts excluded

Throughout the tables rounding anomalies may apply due to figures input from other sources.

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA						
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31ST DECEMBER 2022						
Category	Sub Category	General Funds	Churchyard Restricted	2,022 Total	2,021 Total	
INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME						
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	£ 45,899	£ -	£ 45,899	£ 58,175	
	Loose Collections	£ 5,054	£ -	£ 5,054	£ 3,432	
	Donations	£ 4,673	£ -	£ 4,673	£ 3,007	
	Donations for Churchyard	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,263	
	For Mission	£ 756	£ -	£ 756	£ 416	
	Tax Refunds	£ 12,014	£ -	£ 12,014	£ 14,660	
	Grants	£ 6,000	£ -	£ 6,000	£ 1,905	
Generated Income	Money Raising	£ 17,005	£ -	£ 17,005	£ 1,722	
	Fees	£ 1,850	£ -	£ 1,850	£ 1,930	
	Fees Churchyard (Restricted)	£ -	£ 3,418	£ 3,418	£ 4,463	
Investment Income	Investment Income	£ 6,750	£ -	£ 6,750	£ 5,298	
Other Income Sources		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 905	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME		£ 100,001	£ 3,418	£ 103,419	£ 97,175	
RESOURCES EXPENDED / EXPENDITURE						
Support for Ministry	Ministry share	£ 62,453	£ -	£ 62,453	£ 43,539	
	Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,930	£ -	£ 2,930	£ 2,407	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	£ 701	£ -	£ 701	£ 2,320	
	General Parish Expenses	£ 11,073	£ -	£ 11,073	£ 7,023	
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	£ 9,413	£ -	£ 9,413	£ 10,637	
	Maintenance of Other Property	£ 4,881	£ 2,142	£ 7,023	£ 200	
	Exceptional Expenditure	£ 13,166	£ -	£ 13,166	£ 2,415	
Grant & Other	Mission:Parish	£ 822	£ -	£ 822	£ 1,149	
	Mission:Home/World	£ 3,581	£ -	£ 3,581	£ 150	
	Cost of Money Raising	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED/EXPENDITURE		£ 109,021	£ 2,142	£ 111,163	£ 69,839	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-£ 9,020	£ 1,276	-£ 7,744	£ 27,336	
Unrealised Capital Gain or Loss in Investments				-£ 18,363	£ 23,741	

Notes to the accounts 2022

Exceptional expenditure of £13166 related to the replacement of the floor at Holy Trinity Church, Sketty

A grant of £6000 was gratefully received from the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, towards the cost of this Mission outside the parish included a donation of £3,000 to Sketty food bank, made from church funds.

Money raised included the first premium of £1983 paid by Sketty Scouts for land for the extension to the Scout Hut. A further four payments of £2000 per year are payable over the next four years.

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA : BALANCE SHEET (2)
FUNDS FINANCING THE TOTAL ASSETS

	St Paul's	St Paul's Churchyard	Holy Trinity	Parish Centre	Totals
Accumulated Funds	£ 251,447	£ 9,811	34241	18232	£ 313,731 £ -
Excess income/Expenditure	-£ 6,190	£ 1,276	-2925	95	£ - -£ 7,744
Decrease in Investment Fund	-£ 18,363				£ - -£ 18,363
Contingency Fund	£ 100,000				£ 100,000 £ -
	£ 326,894	£ 11,087	31316	18327 £	£ 387,624
Small Organisations					11497
TOTAL ASSETS					£ 399,121

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA - BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
INVESTMENTS			
St Paul's Church	COIF Income Fund	173,931	£ 192,294
St Paul's Church	COIF Deposit Fund	£ 102,549	£ 101,559
Holy Trinity Church	N S & I Account	£ 20,415	£ 28,395
Parish Centre	COIF Deposit Fund	£ 11,962	£ 11,846
		£ 308,857	£ 334,094
CURRENT ASSETS			
St Paul's Church	Cash at CAF Bank	£ 49,385	£ 51,591
St Paul's Churchyard	Cash at CAF Bank	£ 11,147	£ 9,871
Holy Trinity Church	Barclays Current Account	£ 10,886	£ 5,956
	Business Premium Account	£ 15	£ 15
	Petty Cash	£ 17	£ 11
Parish Centre	Cash at CAF Bank	£ 4,711	£ 6,878
	Sundry Debtors		
	St Paul's Church	£ 2,869	£ 5,097
	Holy Trinity Church	£ -	£ -
	Parish Centre	£ 889	£ -
	Pre-Payments		
	St Paul's Church	£ 326	£ 3,589
	Holy Trinity Church	£ -	£ -
	Parish Centre	£ 983	£ 893
Parish Small Organisations	Cash at Bank	£ 11,497	£ 13,390
		£ 92,725	£ 97,291
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	Sundry Creditors		
	St Paul's Church	-£ 1,082	-£ 1,838
	St Paul's C/Yard	-£ 144	-£ 60
	Holy Trinity Church	£ -	-£ 125
	Parish Centre	-£ 235	-£ 969
	Income Received in Advance		
	St Paul's Church	-£ 1,000	-£ 845
	Holy Trinity Church	£ -	£ -
	Parish Centre	£ -	£ 427
		-£ 2,461	-£ 4,264
NETT CURRENT ASSETS		£ 90,264	£ 93,027
TOTAL ASSETS		£ 399,121	£ 427,121
Represented by the following funds:			
Accumulated Fund	General	£ 287,624.00	£ 313,731.00
Small Organisations' a/c's	Restricted	£ 11,497.00	£ 13,390.42
Contingency	Designated	£ 100,000.00	£ 100,000.00
		£ 399,121	£ 427,121.42

PARISH OF SKETTY, SWANSEA
Consolidated Income and Expenditure 2022

	St Paul's Churchyard (restricted)		Holy Trinity	Parish Centre	Sketty Parish
Income					
Planned Giving	£ 40,388		£ 5,511		£ 45,899
Loose Collections	£ 4,397		£ 80	£ 577	£ 5,054
Donations	£ 1,355		£ 3,163	£ 155	£ 4,673
Donations to Churchyard	£ -				£ -
For Mission	£ 756				£ 756
Tax Refunds	£ 10,636		£ 1,378		£ 12,014
Grants	£ -		£ 6,000		£ 6,000
Money Raising	£ 2,273		£ 4,440	£ 10,292	£ 17,005
Fees	£ 1,850				£ 1,850
Fees Churchyard (Restricted)		£ 3,418		£ 124	£ 3,418
Investment income	£ 6,607		£ 19		£ 6,750
	£ 68,262	£ 3,418	£ 20,591	£ 11,148	£ 103,419
Expenditure					
Ministry share	£ 56,203		£ 6,250		£ -
Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,930				£ 2,930
Maintenance of Services	£ 701				£ 701
General Parish Expenses	£ 4,453		£ 448	£ 6,172	£ 11,073
Maintenance of Churches	£ 5,761		£ 3,652		£ 9,413
Maintenance of Other Property		£ 2,142		£ 4,881	£ 7,023
Exceptional Expenditure	£ -		£ 13,166		£ 13,166
Mission:Parish	£ 822				£ 822
Mission:Home/World	£ 3,581				£ 3,581
	£ -				£ -
Net Movement of Funds	£ 74,452	£ 2,142	£ 23,516	£ 11,053	£ 111,163
	-6190	1276	-2925	95	-7744
	St Paul's	(restricted)			

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA**

I report as an Independent Examiner for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and following guidance from the Church in Wales that an Audit is not required for this year under Section (142) of the Charities Act 2011 an Independent Examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

*examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out with reference to the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parish and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the Parochial Church Council, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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

Following my examination of the Parish records, no matter has come to my attention :

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met: or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Matthew Walters FCCA
1 Eliot Close, Killay
Swansea
SA2 7DN

Date: 28/10/23

SKETTY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1133995

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



ST PAUL'S SKETTY



HOLY TRINITY SKETTY PARK



ST PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE

PARISH OF SKETTY DIOCESE OF SWANSEA AND BRECON CHURCH IN WALES



CHARITY NUMBER 1133995
PARISH MISSION, VISION, AIMS AND GOALS

**“The Parish of Sketty invites all to practise Christian faith,
together serving God and our community
by sharing the good news of Jesus”.**

We seek to increase our knowledge and sharing of Christ, doing all in His name for His glory. We continue to build on established mission activities while being open to embracing new ideas and initiatives.

Within our Parish we aim to offer:

welcome, worship, prayer, fellowship, listening, caring, and teaching

whilst also obeying Christ’s command “to go out into the world” to share His Word and compassion.

**The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on
Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7:00pm online (Zoom link on Parish website),**

Vicar’s Forward

Dear friends,

2021 has been another year of disruption which has not only impacted life in general but also our church life. As I write we seem to be coming out of it all though we are still a little way off from normal, whatever that may be now. All of our churches and parishes are leaving of his period of lock downs with many changes and we have all been left in a different place than we started the pandemic in 2019.

The past year was once again a year when we were stopped going to our Church buildings and one when many were not yet ready to return. We were however able to undertake much more than the previous year and we give thanks for that.

If we were legally allowed to open the church we did so. Thankfully many of you were able to take advantage of that thanks to the cleaning teams lead by Jane Watkeys, Jude Gilbody and Thelma Pike so the building was made safe for each service. For those who could not attend we live streamed our Sunday service and Sister Marian held zoom compline each night and even Thursday ‘Morning Prayer’ with Alan.

The Sunday School team also held zoom sessions and met under a portable shelter when the weather allowed and other groups met virtually or outside. The music group led by Noel played outdoor carols at the large community event and at our Church carpark Carol service. Thank you all.

A thank you also to Fran, Mike and Ken our treasurers and all who helped with the counting and banking. During 2020 and early 2021 we were restricted in the amount of work we could do in the graveyard. Clive, Ray, Roger, Steve and helpers have worked so hard to bring back the graveyard and grounds after such an enforced break. As a team we were able to continue throughout even the worst the pandemic could throw at us so a big thank you to you all.

We still have a number of groups such as Lunch club and Tot’s groups who were unable to restart over the year. We hope that this will all change before this year is out.

Holy Trinity was not able to open as we had hoped but building repair work is due to be completed soon so we will be able to use the building for more than just the food bank. A concerted plan of outreach and mission is in place and we look forward to that.

The Parish Centre continued to be used as a vaccine centre for 6 months bringing thousands of people into our grounds. We had so many wonderful thanks and praise from those in our community for the local facility we were able to provide.

2022 will hopefully be the year when we get even more of the old normality back. Thank you all for your support and understanding during this difficult time. Joining worship, be it online or physically in church has never been such a performance, so thank you.

I hope and pray that we will be worshipping and praying together as we remember we did, as we put the pandemic behind us and move forward in Christ.

Every blessing to you all.

Vicar Robert

OUR PARISH AND CHURCHES

The Parish of Sketty is a Church in Wales Parish situated in the City of Swansea within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Sketty is located about two miles to the west of Swansea and the Parish is made up of two churches.



St Paul's Sketty, a traditionally built church in the centre of Sketty itself and Holy Trinity a multiuse church at the centre of the Sketty Park estate.

The Parish is part of the Clyne Trinity Ministry Area (MA) which includes three parishes, Killay, Sketty and Tycoch. Clyne Trinity is one of four MAs in the Deanery of Greater Gower.

The Vicarage and Parish Centre are located at St Paul's Church, De la Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AR.

OUR SERVICES We offer a range of services. This has changed greatly due to reorganisation after the COVID pandemic. We now have a combined service at 10 am with Young Explorers (Sunday School) which starts a little earlier than the service at 9:30 am then ends by joining the main congregation in the church. Holy Trinity has not had services over the last two years but once the building work is completed early 2022 the building will fully reopen for hall use and some services.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and its associated ministries are central to our mission. As well as our ordained parish priest we have a dedicated team of lay workers specialising in a variety of areas. Prayer, spiritual direction, visiting and support at the major hinges in lives such as baptism, marriage, illness and funerals are all part of this ministry.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) 2020-2021

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Incumbent/Chairman	Revd Robert Davies-Hannen	
Curate	Rev. Sister Marian Thomas	
Vicar's Warden:	Jane Watkeys	
Vicar's Sub Warden:	Iris Jones	Holy Trinity Church
People's Sub Warden:	Clare Hazell	Holy Trinity Church
Licenced Lay Reader	Alan Griffiths	

PCC MEMBERS:

Elaine Gale, Eifion Frances, Fran Steadman, Andrea Gould, Philippa Nash, Karen Williams, Jane Watkeys, Iris Jones, Clare Hazel, Noel Isherwood, Jason Rudd & Wendy Thomas.

CLERGY

Rev. Robert Davies-Hannen Vicar
 Rev. Sister Marian Thomas Curate

RELIGIOUS AND LAY MINISTERS (Ex Officio PCC):

Rev. Sister Marian Single Consecrated Life and Oblate (SCL),
 Sister of the Society of the Sacred Cross (SSC)
 Alan Griffiths Licenced Lay Reader.

EUCARIST ASSISTANTS (HC - Home Communion):

Elaine Gale (HC), Clive Garrish, Sheila Green, Iris Jones (HC), Liz Jowett (HC), Ken Lewis (HC), Viv Lewis (HC), Alan Griffiths (HC); Bidy O'Kane, Janet Vine and Jane Watkeys.

SERVERS:

Jacob and Caleb Davies-Hannen

LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Eifion Francis, Jill Francis, Andrea Gould, Iris Jones, Liz Jowett, Viv Lewis, and Wendy Thomas.

INTERCESSOR PRAYER LEADERS:

Liz Jowett, Joyce Phillips, Anne Penton and Karen Williams.

PARISH EMPLOYED STAFF:

Jayne Cooper	Part time	Parish Administrator
Mark Davies	Part time	Parish Centre Cleaner

TREASURERS:

Fran Steadman	Parish Consolidated and St Paul's Church
Kenneth Owens	Holy Trinity Church
L Michael Johns	Parish Centre

PARISH WEB-SITE

www.parishofsketty.org



SERVICES AND CONTACTS

We extend a warm welcome to all to our services.
Full details of which are: in our weekly newsletter, on the church door
And on our website – www.parishofsketty.org

ST PAUL'S CHURCH:

9:30 am Young Explorers (finishes in the 10:00 am service)
10:00 am Family Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

Currently no services

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

11am Wednesday St Paul's Church

Our Church Services are complimented by these online services :-



Rev. Sister Marian holds a Zoom Compline each night at 6:00 pm

This is healing focused on a Sunday Night

Zoom Morning Prayer on a Thursday Morning.

Links are on the Parish Website www.parishofsketty.org

**During normal times we have a range of mid-week activities, please see our website for more details.
Or contact one of the following Parish Officers:**

Vicar and PCC Chairman	Rev Robert Davies-Hannen	202757
Sister Marian	Curate & Religious SCL	208724
Alan Griffiths	Lay Reader	208269
Vicar's Churchwardens	Jane Watkeys	208203
PCC Secretary	Wendy Thomas	
PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid	Fran Steadman	413163
Parish Centre Bookings	Jayne Cooper	208779
Holy Trinity Church Bookings	Iris Jones	201955



PARISH REPORTS

Many of our usual groups did not meet over the year or were severely restricted so the reports are brief.

PRAYER 2021:

We continue to have two prayer groups and a Parish Prayer circle.

Anne Penton leads a group in the Parish Centre on a Monday afternoon and at the same time Sr. Marian runs a group on zoom for those unable to go to the Parish Centre.

We are hoping to develop regular 'Quiet times' during the coming year as well as several 'Retreats'. These will be led by Sr. Marian.

This is our Prayer Circle Prayer:

Father we pray for one another and all members of our parish, those whose needs are known to us and those known only to You. Father enfold and uphold us all in Your love, keep us safe through this pandemic and all difficulties as they arise.

Bless our prayer ministry to bring comfort, healing, and peace to those for whom we pray and those You love beyond our prayers Amen.

Anna Chaplaincy

On Sunday 23rd. January Sr. Marian was commissioned to be a Anna Chaplain and is in the process of developing this ministry in the parish with the help of many parishioners who themselves keep in touch with the elderly and frail in the parish. Theirs' is a very valuable and vital ministry.

For information on the Anna Chaplaincy Ministry please visit their website at:

www.annachaplaincy.org.uk

From the website we have this information:

*Anna Chaplains are named after the widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel;
both are good role models of faithful older people.
Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.*

*Our vision is to see an Anna Chaplain in every small- and medium-sized community in the country,
and for the Anna Chaplain name to become synonymous with spiritual care for older people.*

For information, please contact Rev. Sister Marian.

House Groups 2021

Only one of the house groups in Sketty managed to meet throughout 2021 mainly on Zoom (studying a range of topics with something for everyone.)

This group undertook a Lent study using the Bible Reading Fellowship **Journeying through Lent** with New Daylight and it proved to be such a joy to be able to meet on Zoom as a Bible study group after almost a year of isolation. The study covered Feasting and Fasting, the Sermon on the Mount right through to Luke 22-24: from Upper Room to Easter Day.

During the summer this group started to meet regularly in the Parish Centre and has continued to do so on a weekly basis. Following a few ad hoc sessions covering prayer and ministry an in-depth study of the Miracles of Jesus was started and continued into 2022.

One group has not been able to meet at all and the other met in the summer for a get together and also keep in touch with each other with prayer requests and support.

Hopefully these three groups will continue to meet to study, pray together and offer support and fellowship to each in 2022. One of the studies for 2022 is Sharing the Easter Story by Sally Welch.

House Groups are open to all and meet at various times and venues so if something appeals to you let me or one of the house group leaders know – Alan Griffiths, Ken Lewis or Anne Penton.

House Group Co-ordinator

Liz Jowett

The Wattley Walks 2021

It was possible to meet a few times throughout 2021, although walks were restricted to being more local.

One hot summer's evening we enjoyed a walk through Singleton Park and the University grounds and onto the beach where the younger members of our group enjoyed a cooling swim! The return walk took us through Brynmill Park – always a delight.

Another evening walk led us through the beautiful Clyne Country Park. It was a joy and ended with a drink in the Railway Inn with live music to help revive us.

A Saturday morning walk through the beautiful Clyne Gardens and the western end of Clyne Country Park passing Keeper's Cottage ended with coffee in Clyne Gardens followed by a meal together in the Woodman.

The fellowship on these walks is amazing and the friendships made and the absolute joy felt at God's creation makes a huge impact on us all as we chat about faith, church and countryside matters. What a joy!

It is hoped to run the Wattley Walks again in 2022 using monthly Saturday mornings and some evening walks. The plan is to move along the south Gower from Limeslade to Rhosilli. North Gower will be tackled in 2023. Please check out the website www.parishofsketty.org or contact me for details. There is often a range of routes we can follow depending on the ability of the group on the night.

Liz Jowett (07968 231192)

Sharing Together 2021

The Sharing Together group met outdoors just a few times through the summer of 2021 on Wednesdays at 12:30 until 2:15pm. We made the most of the good weather to picnic together in the church field whilst offering support, friendship and encouragement to those attending. Any support and encouragement offered is always based on Christian values and in a very informal and friendly setting.

We were unable to offer a Lent study because of Covid restrictions.

The group met in the Parish Centre in October to put together 22 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal run by Samaritan's Purse and the group wishes to thank those outside the group who contributed to this worthwhile appeal with toys, toiletries, wrapping paper and the shoeboxes themselves.

Christmas saw us able to meet in the Viv's for a very enjoyable lunch with eight of us attending. Many thanks to the lovely staff there.

The group hopes to re-start meeting each Wednesday from mid-March 2022 and will continue for as long as people need the group and the Christian support and encouragement it provides.

Liz Jowett and Anita Stock

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 2021

Regular Bible study is a fundamental part of being a Christian and regular study of the Bible is made easy and accessible through the publications provided by the Bible Reading Fellowship and available through our churches. These publications are produced three times a year in January, May and September and are available to order through me. Those currently available are **New Daylight**, **Guidelines** and **Day by Day with God**.

New Daylight provides an accessible, stimulating and relatively easy aid to spending time with God each day, learning more about the Christian faith and its relevance today, encouraging prayer and building that strong, resilient relationship with Jesus that helps through difficult times – it is pocket or handbag sized and, at a push, can be used without a Bible at your side, so is great for travelling wherever you go.

Guidelines offers Bible study for today's ministry and mission and is a much more challenging theological experience. It is a unique Bible reading resource offering in-depth study drawing on the insights of current

scholarship. Its intention is to enable all its readers to interpret and apply the biblical text with confidence in today's world, while helping to equip church leaders as they meet the challenges of mission and disciple building. This could well be worth a try if you feel ready to move on from New Daylight to a deeper study of the Bible. You will need dedication, though, and a Bible close at hand for these studies.

Day by Day with God is written especially for women and can provide a source of immense inspiration and strength during difficult times as well as sharing pleasure and encouragement in times of joy! Again, this is really worth a try. Using the daily Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship is an excellent way of keeping the focus of our lives on Jesus and building on our relationship with Him through daily reading, study and prayer. Please keep all those who write these notes for us in your prayers.

I thank you all for your continued support of BRF over the years and I hope that those of you who use these publications can recommend them to your friends throughout our Ministry Area churches, House Groups and those you know (friends or family) who are searching for the meaning of life, trying to understand how Christianity fits in with life today or just trying to find ways to draw closer to Jesus.

Liz Jowett (BRF Co-ordinator)

The Altar Flower Guild 2021

There is very little to report for this time of Covid. We have been able to arrange flowers at the altar (brought forward) and the memorial book as this has meant only one or two people in the church at the same time. The solution for festivals was to take flowers and containers to members to arrange in their own homes. That entailed extra work but was well worth it. This last Christmas we were able to work together in the church and had some very pleasing comments on the arrangements. The Singleton Botanical Gardens have again kindly allowed us to pick flowers for festivals.

The guild was asked to decorate the pulpit for a wedding but otherwise there have been no wedding requests. We have however done flowers for funerals. Should anyone wish to remember a loved one by donating flowers for the memorial book please contact Barbara Pyott. We would welcome more flower arrangers. It is planned to have a summer visit to Aberglasney. At the end of the financial year the guild was able to give £200 to the Food Bank.

Anita Stock, Chair person

Young Explorers (Sunday School)

Over the year a number of online Sunday School sessions were held with materials being posted to the children to make it as interactive as possible. Much work and preparation went into this with many Zoom meetings to arrange each one. Halfway through the year we were able to meet in person outside using an open sided events shelter to meet the best COVID regulations. We met at 9:30 finishing in the church service. As the weather got wetter and colder we met in the Parish Centre.

Thank you, Wendy and team.

PCC

The PCC met online at first but as restrictions lifted we were able to meet in person with a simultaneous zoom link.

ECO Group

This group did a great deal of work over the year. We completed the installation of solar panels on the Parish Centre and the installation of an orchard on the field. This involved the selection and installation of around 25 trees. To all of the Eco Group a special thankyou as not even a world wide pandemic could stop you



Parish Centre

During the Pandemic St Paul's Parish Centre was closed. However, from January 2021, for about 6 months, it was used for a Covid Vaccination Centre by Sketty Surgery, with Dr Chris Johns. This April, until November 2022, it is going to be used by Swansea Bay University Health Board for patients with Long Covid/Cronic Lung Disease.

The Parish Centre has approximately 22 regular groups such as National Trust Abertawe, Rainbows, Guides and Sketty Market. It also has about 10 Church Groups such as Open the Book, Sharing Together and a Thursday Prayer Group.

In March 2020 our Italian Conversation Group finished. In March 2021 Mothers Union decided to join the Killay branch and in August 2021 our Monday Keep Fit Class also finished. We now have a new booking from Gower Ornithological Society, they used us in November 2021 and have now requested further dates. Tango Essence has also been using us regularly since January 2022 for their dance classes, which has been a great help financially.

We are starting to get lots of enquires now for party bookings which is good and hopefully we will return back to normal soon. We are looking forward to our regular groups returning especially TOTS who will be re-starting back in September 2022.

Jayne Cooper (Centre Manager)

Open the book

This could not take place due to the necessary restriction on school access.

Lunch Club

The nature of our vulnerable member meant that we could not meet over the year.

MA Youth Club

Was not able to meet

AGENDA for ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

To be held at St. Paul's Church Parish of Sketty (reg Charity no1133995)

7:00pm Thursday April 7th 2022

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last vestry meeting
4. Chairman's Report
5. Receipt of Annual Parish Report
6. Wardens
7. Election of P.C.C. 2022-2023
8. New Electoral Roll
9. Appointment of Independent examiner
10. Treasurers report
11. Any other Annual Vestry Business (*of which notice has been given and to which the meeting consents*)
12. End with the grace

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, BALANCE SHEET
AND FUNDS FINANCING THE TOTAL ASSETS 2021

Note for more details on all of the Parish accounts, please see the individual
and Parish Centre accounts 2021, published separately
Small Organisations' Accounts excluded

Throughout the tables rounding anomalies may apply due to figures input from

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31ST DECEMBER 2021			
		General	St Paul's
Category	Sub Category	Funds	Churchyard
			Restricted
INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME			
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving	£ 58,175	
	Loose Collections	£ 3,432	
	Donations	£ 3,007	
	Donations for Churchyard		£ 1,263
	For Mission	£ 416	
	Tax Refunds	£ 14,660	
	Grants	£ 1,905	
Generated Income	Money Raising	£ 1,722	
	Fees	£ 1,930	
	Fees Churchyard (Restricted)		£ 4,463
Investment Income	Investment income	£ 5,298	
Other Income Sources		£ 905	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME		£91,449	£ 5,726
RESOURCES EXPENDED / EXPENDITURE			
Support for Ministry	Ministry share	£ 43,539	
	Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,407	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	£ 2,320	
	General Parish Expenses	£ 7,023	
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	£ 10,637	
	Maintenance of Other Property	£ 3,519	£ 200
	Exceptional Expenditure	£ 2,415	
Grant & Other	Mission:Parish	£ 1,149	
	Mission:Home/World	£ 150	
	Cost of Money Raising	£ -	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED/EXPENDITURE		£73,158	£ 200
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		£18,291	£ 5,526
Unrealised Capital Gain or Loss in Investments		£ 23,741	

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other sources.

2021	
2,021 Total	2,020 Total
£ 58,175	£ 66,957
£ 3,432	£ 2,418
£ 3,007	£ 1,312
£ 1,263	£ 750
£ 416	£ 606
£ 14,660	£ 17,721
£ 1,905	£ 10,303
£ 1,722	£ 5,940
£ 1,930	£ 1,390
£ 4,463	£ 5,247
£ 5,298	£ 5,690
£ 905	£ 283
£ 97,175	£118,618
£ -	
£ 43,539	£ 50,883
£ 2,407	£ 2,529
£ 2,320	£ 3,121
£ 7,023	£ 5,325
£ 10,637	£ 6,795
£ 3,719	£ 8,467
£ 2,415	£ 17,043
£ 1,149	£ 1,340
£ 150	£ 1,140
£ -	£ 376
£ 73,358	£ 97,019
£ 23,817	£ 21,599
£ 23,741	£ 10,174

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA - BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEM

		2021	
INVESTMENTS			
St Paul's Church	COIF Income Fund	£	192,294
St Paul's Church	COIF Deposit Fund	£	101,559
Holy Trinity Church	N S & I Account	£	28,395
Parish Centre	COIF Deposit Fund	£	11,846
		£	334,094
CURRENT ASSETS			
St Paul's Church	Cash at CAF Bank	£	51,591
St Paul's Churchyard	Cash at CAF Bank	£	9,871
Holy Trinity Church	Barclays Current Account	£	5,956
	Business Premium Account	£	15
Parish Centre	Petty Cash	£	11
	Cash at CAF Bank	£	6,878
	Sundry Debtors		
	St Paul's Church	£	5,097
	Holy Trinity Church	£	-
	Parish Centre	£	-
	Pre-Payments		
	St Paul's Church	£	3,589
	Holy Trinity Church	£	-
	Parish Centre	£	893
Parish Small Organisations	Cash at Bank	£	13,390
		£	97,291
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	Sundry Creditors		
	St Paul's Church	-£	1,838
	St Paul's C/Yard	-£	60
	Holy Trinity Church	-£	125
	Parish Centre	-£	969
	Income Received in Advance		
	St Paul's Church	-£	845
	Holy Trinity Church	£	-
	Parish Centre	-£	427
		-£	4,264
NETT CURRENT ASSETS		£	93,027
TOTAL ASSETS		£	427,121
Represented by the following funds:			
Accumulated Fund	General		313,731
Small Organisations' a/c's	Restricted		13,390
Churchyard Maintenance	Restricted		-
Contingency	Designated		100,000
		£	427,121

BER 2021

2020	
£	168,553
£	101,546
£	28,392
£	17,844
£	316,336
£	30,512
£	-
£	8,222
£	15
£	43
£	3,072
£	5,632
£	777
£	351
£	7,073
£	244
£	1,803
£	12,079
£	69,823
-£	4,711
-£	514
-£	1,323
-£	580
-£	778
-£	7,906
£	61,917
£	378,253
£	261,888
£	12,079
£	4,285
£	100,000
£	378,252

**PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA : BALANCE SHEET
FUNDS FINANCING THE TOTAL ASSETS**

	St Paul's	St Paul's Churchyard	Holy Trinity
Accumulated Funds	£ 203,741	£ 4,285	£ 37,136
Excess income/Expenditure	£ 23,965	£ 5,526	-£ 2,895
Increase in Investment Fund	£ 23,741		
Contingency Fund	£ 100,000		
	£ 351,447	£ 9,811	£ 34,241
Small Organisations			
TOTAL ASSETS			

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ASSETS

Parish Centre	TOTALS
£ 21,012	£ 266,174
-£ 2,780	£ 23,816
	£ 23,741
	£ 100,000
£ 18,232	£ 413,731
	13390
	£ 427,121

PARISH OF SKETTY, SWANSEA
Consolidated income and Expenditure 2021

	St Paul's	St Paul's Churchyard (restricted)	Holy Trinity	Parish Centre
Income				
Planned Giving	£ 52,105		£ 6,070	
Loose Collections	£ 3,172		£ 160	£ 100
Donations	£ 1,207		£ 650	£ 1,150
Donations to Churchyard For Mission	£ -	£ 1,263		
Tax Refunds	£ 13,142		£ 1,518	
Grants	£ 1,905			
Money Raising	£ 136		£ 20	£ 1,566
Fees	£ 1,930			
Fees Churchyard (Restricted)	£ -	£ 4,463		
Investment income	£ 5,293		£ 3	£ 2
Other Income	£ 881		£ 24	
	£ 80,186	£ 5,726	£ 8,445	£ 2,818
Expenditure				
Ministry share	£ 38,445		£5,094	
Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,407			
Maintenance of Services	£ 413		£1,907	
General Parish Expenses	£ 4,944			£ 2,079
Maintenance of Churches	£ 6,298		£4,339	
Maintenance of Other Property	£ -	£ 200		£ 3,519
Exceptional Expenditure	£ 2,415			
Mission:Parish	£ 1,149			
Mission:Home/World	£ 150			
Cost of Money Raising	£ -			
	£ 56,220	£ 200	£11,340	£ 5,598
Net Movement of Funds				
Surplus Income/Expenditure	£23,966	£5,526	-£ 2,895	-£ 2,780

Parish small organisations showing an excess of income over expenditure of £1312 exclu

Sketty Parish

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£	3,432
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£	-
£	73,358

£23,817

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA**

I report as an Independent Examiner for the year ended 31st December 2021

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and following guidance from the Church in Wales that an Audit is not required for this year under Section (142) of the Charities Act 2011 an Independent Examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

*examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out with reference to the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parish and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the Parochial Church Council, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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

Following my examination of the Parish records, no matter has come to my attention :

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met: or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Matthew Walters FCCA
1 Eliot Close, Killay
Swansea
SA2 7DN

Date: 28/10/22

SKETTY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1133995

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



ST PAUL'S SKETTY

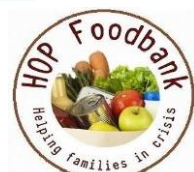


HOLY TRINITY SKETTY PARK



ST PAUL'S PARISH CENTRE

**PARISH OF SKETTY
DIOCESE OF SWANSEA AND
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CHURCH IN WALES**



CHARITY NUMBER 1133995
PARISH MISSION, VISION, AIMS AND GOALS

“The Parish of Sketty invites all to practise Christian faith, together serving God and our community by sharing the good news of Jesus”.

We seek to increase our knowledge and sharing of Christ, doing all in His name for His glory. We continue to build on established mission activities while being open to embracing new ideas and initiatives.

Within our Parish we aim to offer:

welcome, worship, prayer, fellowship, listening, caring, and teaching

whilst also obeying Christ’s command “to go out into the world” to share His Word and compassion.

**The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on
Thursday 29th April 2020 at 7:00pm online (Zoom link on Parish website),**

Vicar’s Forward

Dear friends,

This has been the most extraordinary of years and normally we would have produced our multi-page parish report. With so few of our groups meeting due to the pandemic this year it has not been possible. It does not however mean that nothing has happened. Far from it. It has been a year filled with new challenges and ways of working and it has shown what an extraordinary parish we are.



When the pandemic hit with its first lockdown in March 2020, services stopped and those groups which had managed to continue after the initial fears of the virus spread also finished. Easter was cancelled for the first time and it was a real struggle I know. The move to online was a slow process but we did manage it. Sister Marian learnt about Zoom, the Cafe Church Team learnt about video recording, production, Noel with music and getting videos on to YouTube. Sunday School with Wendy, Andrea, Alan and Viv went online. The weekly zoom services and daily Compline took so much work on the part of Sister Marian and Alan. We learnt so much as we got to grips with the new technology. There are still parishes that have not managed any online presence, so thank you all for meeting this challenge with such enthusiasm.

When we came out of the first lockdown, we were determined to start live services as soon as we could and this we did. With St Paul’s being the largest building, it was the easiest to make Covid safe. A one-way system, with signs, arrows, hand-gel, masks and disinfectant sprays were all put in place. The cleaning regime was vigorous with thanks to Warden Jane, Jude Gilbody and Thelma Pike for this constant work, essential, never seen but much appreciated by all who were able to safely attend our services. Also, Roger Pike for helping with the counting and banking and Fran, Mike and Ken our treasurer team.

Thanks to this we were able to open in July 2020 for private prayer only and then for communion in one kind. This continued until the October two week national lockdown finally closing due to the new variants after the Christmas Eve service.

The nature of the pandemic has meant that individuals like Jane Watkeys have had to take on so much and delegate carefully. Thank you to Jane and all who have taken on strange and unusual working practices to get things done.

Holy Trinity has not opened over the pandemic like many churches across the Diocese. We are now looking at the building which has a few issues with the lights, floor and flat roof that need to be sorted out before we can think of opening later in the year should conditions allow.

On the 26th of September Sister Marian was ordained Priest after many delays and rescheduling. Again, due to technology we were able to join her online but unfortunately without all of the celebrations we had planned to mark it with. There could have been no more difficult a time to be ordained but we are so happy to welcome Sister Marian to our altar at last. It has been a pleasure to share the priestly ministry with her over the last six months.

Food Bank has also been a central feature of the year. When the pandemic hit most of the food banks had to close due in the main to the age of the volunteers involved. The Christian founded HOP Foodbank in Sketty Park however was thankfully able to run through out. You the parishioners have been so supportive of this venture which has touched the lives of so many in our community when times have been so hard for them. Taking in the carrier bags full of food each day from the vicarage door has been a wonderful experience.

For myself being a hospital chaplain over this year has been a particular blessing for my ministry. At times it has been a very hard task especially during the main lockdown peaks. Thank you all for your prayers and support for myself, patients and staff during this very trying time.

Our Parish Centre has like most halls been closed. We did however open in January as a Vaccine Centre, supporting our next-door neighbour the doctor's surgery. It has been a joy to be able to help in such a practical way. I know from the many expressions of thanks that our community has really appreciated the use of our facilities which have worked so well in adding the delivery of many thousands of vaccines. It is strange to think that despite the pandemic we have welcomed more people to the parish grounds than at another time be it for a vaccine or just to enjoy the grounds.

One of our groups that was slowed but not stopped was our ECO group. Despite the pandemic they have achieved so much completing then solar panels on the parish centre and planting an orchard – all while socially distancing. No mean feat.

Also thanks to Clive, Ray, his son and Roger for the hard work in the church grounds. Despite being set back by the initial lockdown they have managed to not only get it back into such a great condition but to push forward in longstanding jobs for example digging out stumps and roots that were undermining the De La Beche Rd. stretch of the graveyard wall.

All in all, there has been no year like this in anyone's memory. I just want to add my thanks to you all for your prayers, patients, understanding and help in what we have attempted to do and hopefully achieved. Without you it would have been a very different year.

It has not been easy to reach everyone and I hope and pray that as things ease and we return to some form of normality that we can once again visit parishioners, gather together, sing to the Lord and physically share the peace, all things we miss so much.

I know these things are still on the horizon but the one thread that seems to have come through this year with us is that we have taken every opportunity given to us and we will still strive to do that as the future unfolds.

Every blessing

Vicar Robert

OUR PARISH AND CHURCHES

The Parish of Sketty is a Church in Wales Parish situated in the City of Swansea within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Sketty is located about two miles to the west of Swansea and the Parish is made up of two churches.



St Paul’s Sketty, a traditionally built church in the centre of Sketty itself and Holy Trinity a multi-use church at the centre of the Sketty Park estate.

The Parish is part of the Clyne Trinity Ministry Area (MA) which includes three parishes, Killay, Sketty and Tycoch. Clyne Trinity is one of four MAs in the Deanery of Greater Gower.

The Vicarage and Parish Centre are located at St Paul’s Church, De la Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AR.

OUR SERVICES

We offer a range of services. St Paul’s Church has a contemporary 9:30am service with a Sunday School; three 8am said services, as well as one Mattins, two Traditional Eucharists and two Evensongs per month. Holy Trinity Church has three Sunday Eucharist morning services, one Mattins, one Healing Service and informal Holy ‘T’ per month. Lay people are involved in reading, leading intercessions and services and in the Sunday School.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and its associated ministries are central to our mission. As well as our ordained parish priest we have a dedicated team of lay workers specialising in a variety of areas. Prayer, spiritual direction, visiting and support at the major hinges in lives such as baptism, marriage, illness and funerals are all part of this ministry.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) 2020-2021

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Incumbent/Chairman	Revd Robert Davies-Hannen	
Vicar’s Warden:	Jane Watkeys	
Vicar’s Sub Warden:	Iris Jones	Holy Trinity Church
People’s Sub Warden:	Clare Hazell	Elected Holy Trinity Church

PCC MEMBERS:

Elaine Gale, Eifion Frances, Susan James, David James, Fran Steadman, Andrea Gould, Philippa Nash, Karen Williams, Jane Watkeys, Iris Jones, Clare Hazel, Noel Isherwood, Jason Rudd & Wendy Thomas.

CLERGY

Rev. Robert Davies-Hannen Vicar
 Rev. Sister Marian Thomas Curate

RELIGIOUS AND LAY MINISTERS:

Rev. Sister Marian Single Consecrated Life and Oblate (SCL), Sister of the Society of the Sacred Cross (SSC)
 Alan Griffiths Licenced Lay Reader.

EUCCHARIST ASSISTANTS (HC - Home Communion):

Elaine Gale (HC), Clive Garrish, Sheila Green, Iris Jones (HC), Liz Jowett (HC), Ken Lewis (HC), Viv Lewis (HC), Alan Griffiths (HC); Biddy O’Kane, Karen Phillips, Janet Vine and Jane Watkeys.

SERVERS:

Jacob and Caleb Davies-Hannen, Daniel Phillips.

LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Eifion Francis, Jill Francis, Andrea Gould, Iris Jones, Liz Jowett, Viv Lewis, and Wendy Thomas.

INTERCESSOR PRAYER LEADERS:



David James, Liz Jowett, Joyce Phillips, Anne Penton and Karen Williams.

PARISH EMPLOYED STAFF:

Jayne Cooper	Part time	Parish Administrator
Mark Davies	Part time	Parish Centre Cleaner
Chris Winstanley	Part time	Holy Trinity Cleaner

TREASURERS:

Fran Steadman	Parish Consolidated and St Paul's Church
Kenneth Owens	Holy Trinity Church
L Michael Johns	Parish Centre

PARISH WEB-SITE

www.parishofsketty.org



SERVICES AND CONTACTS

Everyone is welcome to our services, full details of which are:
 in our weekly newsletter
 on the church door
 on our website – www.parishofsketty.org

During the pandemic we have where legally possible held a morning service in St Paul’s.
 This is currently a 10:00 am Eucharist which is streamed on Zoom.
 Rev. Sister Marian holds a Zoom Compline each night at 6:00 pm

Other lay led praise Services and Sunday School events are also held online when needed.

Below are or normal pre-COVID Services which have substantially changed.

ST PAUL’S CHURCH:

8am Said Eucharist
 9:30am Family Communion
 11:15am Traditional Eucharist or Matins

 6:30pm Evensong 2nd and 4th Sunday



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

11am 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays Eucharist or Matins
 4:30pm 1st Sunday Holy T
 6:30pm 3rd Sunday Healing Service

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST:

11am Wednesday St Paul’s Church
 (not 1st Wed of the Month)

10am Wednesday Holy Trinity

**During normal times we have a range of mid-week activities, please see our website for more details.
 Or contact one of the following Parish Officers:**

Vicar and PCC Chairman	Rev Robert Davies-Hannen	202757
Sister Marian	Curate & Religious SCL	208724
Alan Griffiths	Lay Reader	208269
Vicar’s Churchwardens	Jane Watkeys	208203
PCC Secretary	Jane Watkeys (standing in)	
PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid	Fran Steadman	413163
Parish Centre Bookings	Jayne Cooper	208779
Holy Trinity Church Bookings	Iris Jones	201955



Our usual groups did not meet over the year or were severely restricted so the reports are brief.

Lunch Club

The nature of our vulnerable member meant that we could not meet over the year.

Mothers' Union

Unfortunately, it was decided that we would be unable to continue our Mothers' Union due to the reducing membership. In the spirit of Ministerial Areas and strength in numbers, it is hoped that we can join with St Hillary's and benefit from being a much larger group.

MA Youth Club

Was not able to meet

Sunday School

Over the year a number of online Sunday School sessions were held with materials being posted to the children to make it as interactive as possible. Much work and preparation went into this with many Zoom meetings to arrange each one. Thank you, Wendy and team.

House Groups

Were unable to meet

Prayer Group

The group met in gardens when legally allowed and online.

PCC

The PCC once online over in 2020 and made decisions when necessary, by email.

ECO Group

This group did a great deal of work over the year. We completed the installation of solar panels on the Parish Centre and the installation of an orchard on the field. This involved the selection and installation of around 25 trees. To all of the Eco Group a special thankyou as not even a world wide pandemic could stop you

Parish Centre

The centre had to close but we were able to reopen in January as a Vaccine Centre. In collaboration with our local surgery, we were able to provide one of the first centres and have welcomed thousands of Sketty residents through our doors over the last three months.

Open the book

This could not take place due to the necessary restriction on school access.



2019 TO 2020

Below are some of reports which were able to be submitted for the previous year before we hit lockdown. We have included them as we were unable to produce a report in the same way last year and to give a more normal account of our activities.

TOTS on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre 2019

TOTS on Tuesdays continues to be a very successful Parish outreach group. TOTS is a Parent/Carer and Toddler Group whose aim is to reach out into the community by providing opportunities to foster friendship and support for parents, carers and very young children with a combined weekly term time average attendance of 25 adults and children during 2019. Meetings commence at 10am with a short informal service giving an opportunity to hear (and sing) some Christian stories. This is followed by a time for refreshments, play and fellowship and after nursery rhyme singing time the meetings finish at 11.30am.



(Prepared by Maureen Amner on behalf of the TOTS Team)

Sharing Together 2019

The Sharing Together group meets during term time on Wednesdays at 12:30 until 2:15pm. Whilst sharing lunch together the group aims to offer support, friendship and encouragement to those attending always based on Christian values and in a very informal and friendly setting.

The Lent study undertaken by the group in 2019 was based on the film *The Greatest Showman* and was very ably-led by Sian Parkhouse. Thank you, Sian. The course was well attended (10 people) and proved to be a very satisfying and moving experience. The music was truly amazing as was the discussion stimulated around the issue of equalities and acceptance in today's society.

The group worked hard on sourcing items and filling 20 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal run by Samaritan's Purse and the group wishes to thank those outside the group who contributed to this worthwhile appeal with toys, toiletries, wrapping paper and the shoeboxes themselves.

The group is continuing to meet in 2020 and will continue for as long as people need the group and the Christian support and encouragement it provides.

Liz Jowett and Anita Stock

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 2019

One of the many ways to encourage Bible reading and study in our churches is through the regular use and the guidance provided in the publications of the Bible Reading Fellowship. These publications are produced three times a year in January, May and September and are available to order through me. Those currently available to order are **New Daylight**, **Guidelines** and **Day by Day with God**.

New Daylight provides a very accessible and stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, learning more about the Christian faith through Bible study and encouraging prayer and building that relationship with Jesus – it is pocket or handbag sized and, at a push, can be used without a Bible at your side, so is great for travelling wherever you go.

Guidelines offers Bible study for today's ministry and mission and is a much more challenging theological experience. This could well be worth a try if you feel ready to move on from New Daylight to a deeper study of the Bible. You will need dedication, though, and a Bible close at hand for these studies.

Day by Day with God is written especially for women and can provide a source of immense inspiration and strength during difficult times as well as sharing pleasure and encouragement in times of joy! Again, really worth a try.

Using the daily Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship is an excellent way of keeping the focus of our lives on Jesus and building on our relationship with Him through daily reading, study and prayer. Please keep all those who write these notes for us in your prayers.

I thank you all for your continued support of BRF over the years and I hope that those of you who use these publications can recommend them to your friends throughout our Ministry Area churches, House Groups and those you know (friends or family) who are searching for the meaning of life or just trying to find ways to draw closer to Jesus

Liz Jowett (BRF Co-ordinator)

The Wattley Walks 2019

Because of relatively good summer weather we successfully completed all but one of the walks planned for 2019. Great thanks again to Ken Lewis and Stephen Miles for leading and helping with the recce walks.

Again this year we tried some new walks – Reynoldston to Puck's Hollow and then Cefn Bryn (although only did the recce but a great walk for drier weather) and our mystery walk which took us to Felindre Reservoir ending with lunch in a pub in the village - all proved to be enjoyable. We still used past favourites such as Ilston Cwm, Llanmadoc Hill, Weobley Castle and the beautiful and challenging Whiteford Point – thanks for the singing from Maureen and Fred Amner's young family as we battled darkness on this walk.

I am always amazed at the often-unlikely friendships forged and the joy created on the walks when we often have to battle against the failing light, tiredness etc. Such beautiful surroundings and the experience of God's creation makes a huge impact on us all as we chat about faith, church and countryside matters. What a joy!

Probably the highlight of the year's walks was the late September walk at the Felindre Reservoir on a Saturday – a beautiful walk up to the reservoir on really good paths and a varied route back down through woodland makes this a walk we would do again. A late lunch in the village pub was the icing on the cake. Thanks again to Stephen for all the background industrial history.

It is hoped to run the Wattley Walks again this Summer on the first Thursday of the month so look out for the programme or contact me for details. We usually meet at the Parish Centre Car Park at 6 pm prompt and there is often a range of routes we can follow depending on the ability of the group on the night.

Liz Jowett

House Groups 2019

The house groups in Sketty met regularly throughout 2019 studying a range of topics including Acts of the Apostles, 1 and 2 Kings, Mums Sharing Life supporting each other through the highs and lows of parenting, studying sermons from the Summit Church in North Carolina and the meaning of creation through the lens of the Climate Emergency - a wide range of topics with something for everyone.

In January 2019 a Prayer Course using material prepared and led by Pete Greig was offered to the Ministry area congregations and others following completion of the Alpha Course at the end of 2018. It was organised and supported by house group members again with a wonderful welcome and great support from St Hilary's. The course proved to be a great challenge to our prayer lives and was enjoyable and again built and cemented relationships not only with Jesus but throughout the Ministry Area and with members of other churches.

The year ended with our 12th Annual Christmas Lunch at Nicholaston House for House Group members and friends. This year the Reverends Judith and Peter Phillips told us about their prison ministry – very interesting and indeed entertaining to have a male and female view of prison life and the needs of the people in our prisons.

The groups continue to meet to study, pray together and offer support and fellowship to each other. Current studies include: the Transformed Life course based on Ephesians 1-3 exploring who we are, where we belong and what we are living for, a study of John's first letter, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and Tom Wright's study on 1 Corinthians. House Groups are open to all and meet at various times and venues so if something appeals to you let me or one of the house group leaders know – Alan Griffiths, Karen Williams, Anne Penton or Jennifer Rudd.

House Group Co-ordinator

Liz Jowett

Annual Report for Holy Trinity Church. 2019.

Our church services haven't done so well recently especially the Wednesday morning we have a number of our members who find it difficult to come through an illness or have gone to Retirement Homes. Alan Griffiths also does the Morning Prayer service but not many come to that as there isn't communion the Healing Service still takes place the Vicar takes that service and we do have a few members attend.

The Hot Cross Bun service went very well, as usual, we had a good number of adults and children and it was very interesting and tea and buns were enjoyed afterwards, the number attending this service is very encouraging more seem to come each year.

Our Holy "T" service hasn't been very well attended so we have stopped it for a while.

During the month of August, we had the interior of the church painted so it looks nice and fresh again.

Harvest went well and we had a Messy Harvest and that was very well attended with lots of children and parents.

Our Carol Praise service was very different this year we had some readings but we also had some sketches which the adults took part in we also sang and the Handbell Group played, when we had finished, we had mince pies and tea.

A good number from St Paul's joined us on Christmas morning we had very few children present this year some had gone away to families.

Iris Jones

Mothers Union Annual Report 2019

We had our A.G.M. in January chaired by our Vicar Robert. Iris Jones became Branch Leader, Anita Stock Secretary Viv Lewis. Programme Secretary and Clive Garrish Treasurer our Committee Members are Yvonne Garrish Bidy O'Kane and Joyce Phillips.

We have had some very good speakers again this year and we also went to Clyne Gardens and a visit to the Lamplighter in Bishopston.

Our Wave of Prayer service went well and quite a few members came and did the readings.

A few of us went to Brecon in May to the Diocesan Festival we went with Killay and shared their bus.

A few of us went in September to St Mary's church to meet our World-Wide President Sheron Harper it was a nice afternoon.

Christmas came and we went out to lunch.

Iris Jones.

Parish Centre Report - Parish Centre PCC Sub-Committee 2019

Membership: Vicar (Chairperson), Mike Johns (Treasurer), Jayne Cooper (Parish Administrator), Jane Watkeys, Andrea Gould, Angela Ball. Kylie Davies has now left the group.

Aims: Considers practical matters relating to the Parish Centre and make policy recommendations about lettings, publicity and Centre use, including hire rates. The Committee meets twice a year.

The Parish Centre hosted approximately 10 Church Groups, 22 regular groups (such as The Gower Society, National Trust; National Osteoporosis Society) and 31 one-off events including, birthday parties, AGMs, a book launch and in August a musical event was held for people with Dementia. We also started 'Cafe Church' on the first Sunday of the month, which is proving to be very popular. Eco Church meetings also started this year. In January WOW held their last meeting after coming here for approximately 20 years. Weekends remain popular for birthday parties and one-off events. The hall is still in demand and a file is being held holding details of people who would like to hire the hall once is available.

It would be impossible for the hall to be hired out without the help of church members who kindly volunteer to open and close at all hours for us.

After 8 years of working at the Parish Centre, Tim Gale our Cleaner finished in November 2019. The following month Mark Davies joined us.

Jayne Cooper



PARISH OF SKETT

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACT
AND FUNDS FINANCING TH**

**Note for more details on all of the Parish accounts
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PARISH OF SKETT	
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACT	
Category	Sub Category
INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME	
Voluntary Income	Planned Giving
	Loose Collections
	Donations
	Donations for Churchyard
	For Mission
	Tax Refunds
	Grants
Generated Income	Money Raising
	Fees
	Fees Churchyard (Restricted)
Investment Income	Investment income
Other Income Sources	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES/INCOME	
RESOURCES EXPENDED / EXPENDITURE	
Support for Ministry	Ministry share
	Parochial expenses of clerics
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services
	General Parish Expenses
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches
	Maintenance of Other Property
	Exceptional Expenditure
Grant & Other	Mission:Parish
	Mission:Home/World
	Cost of Money Raising
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED/EXPENDITURE	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	
Unrealised Capital Gain or Loss in Investments	

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ACTIVITIES, BALANCE SHEET NET TOTAL ASSETS 2020

Accounts, please see the individual Church
Accounts 2020, published separately
Accounts excluded

apply due to figures input from other sources.

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ACTIVITIES 31ST DECEMBER 2020			
General Funds	Churchyard Restricted	2,020 Total	2,019 Total
£ 66,957		£ 66,957	£ 74,879
£ 2,418		£ 2,418	£ 6,875
£ 1,312		£ 1,312	£ 723
	£ 750	£ 750	£ -
£ 606		£ 606	£ 739
£ 17,721		£ 17,721	£ 19,209
£ 10,303		£ 10,303	£ 3,000
£ 5,940		£ 5,940	£ 22,391
£ 1,390		£ 1,390	£ 6,574
	£ 5,247	£ 5,247	£ -
£ 5,690		£ 5,690	£ 6,075
£ 283		£ 283	£ -
£ 112,621	£ 5,997	£ 118,618	£140,465
£ 50,883		£ 50,883	£ 82,898
£ 2,529		£ 2,529	£ 1,920
£ 3,121		£ 3,121	£ 6,436
£ 5,325		£ 5,325	£ 10,005
£ 6,795		£ 6,795	£ 13,200
£ 6,755	£ 1,712	£ 8,467	£ 19,199
£ 17,043		£ 17,043	£ -
£ 1,340		£ 1,340	£ 1,591
£ 1,140		£ 1,140	£ 2,237
£ 376		£ 376	£ 220
£ 95,307	£ 1,712	£ 97,019	£137,704
17314	£ 4,285	£ 21,599	£ 2,761
10174		£ 10,174	£ 24,046

PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA - BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMB

		2020
INVESTMENTS		
St Paul's Church	COIF Income Fund	£ 168,553
St Paul's Church	COIF Deposit Fund	£ 101,546
Holy Trinity Church	N S & I Account	£ 28,392
Parish Centre	COIF Deposit Fund	£ 17,844
		£ 316,336
CURRENT ASSETS		
St Paul's Church	Cash at CAF Bank	£ 30,512
Holy Trinity Church	Barclays Current Account	£ 8,222
	Business Premium Account	£ 15
Parish Centre	Petty Cash	£ 43
	Cash at CAF Bank	£ 3,072
Sundry Debtors		
	St Paul's Church	£ 5,632
	Holy Trinity Church	£ 777
	Parish Centre	£ 351
Pre-Payments		
	St Paul's Church	£ 7,073
	Holy Trinity Church	£ 244
	Parish Centre	£ 1,803
Parish Small Organisations	Cash at Bank	£ 12,079
		£ 69,823
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors		
	St Paul's Church	-£ 4,711
	Holy Trinity Church	-£ 514
	Parish Centre	-£ 1,323
Income Received in Advance		
	St Paul's Church	-£ 580
	Holy Trinity Church	-£ 778
	Parish Centre	-£ 778
		-£ 7,906
NETT CURRENT ASSETS		£ 61,917
TOTAL ASSETS		£ 378,253
Represented by the following funds:		
Accumulated Fund	General	£ 261,888.00
Small Organisations' a/c's	Restricted	£ 12,079.00
Churchyard Maintenance	Restricted	£ 4,285.00
Contingency	Designated	£ 100,000.00
		£ 378,252

ER 2020

2019	
£	158,379
£	101,280
£	25,177
£	26,275
£	311,111
£	7,721
£	10,100
£	15
£	54
£	1,468
£	6,835
£	86
£	294
£	966
£	12,964
£	40,503
-£	1,670
-£	1,979
-£	600
-£	4,249
£	36,254
£	347,365
£	234,401.00
£	12,964.00
£	-
£	100,000.00
£	347,365.00

**PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA
FUNDS FINANCING THE**

	St Paul's	Holy Trir
Accumulated Funds	£ 172,238	
Excess income/Expenditure	£ 21,328	
Increase in Investment Fund	£ 10,174	
Churchyard	£ 4,285	
Contingency Fund	£ 100,000	
	£ 308,025	
Small Organisations		
TOTAL ASSETS		

: BALANCE SHEET (2)
TOTAL ASSETS

Quantity	Parish Centre	Totals
£ 35,292	£ 26,870	£ 234,400
		£ -
£ 1,844	-£ 5,858	£ -
		£ 17,314
		£ -
		£ 10,174
		£ 4,285
		£ 100,000
£ 37,136	£ 21,012	£ 366,173
		12079
		£ 378,252

PARISH	
Consolidated	
	St Paul's
Income	
Planned Giving	£ 59,616
Loose Collections	£ 1,811
Donations	£ 728
Donations to Churchyard	
For Mission	£ 606
Tax Refunds	£ 14,418
Grants	£ 10,303
Money Raising	£ 243
Fees	£ 1,390
Fees Churchyard (Restricted)	
Investment income	£ 5,406
Other Income	£ 283
	£ 94,805
Expenditure	
Ministry share	£ 44,930
Parochial expenses of clerics	£ 2,529
Maintenance of Services	£ 1,038
General Parish Expenses	£ 2,506
Maintenance of Churches	£ 3,515
Maintenance of Other Property	
Exceptional Expenditure	£ 17,043
Mission:Parish	£ 1,340
Mission:Home/World	£ 200
Cost of Money Raising	£ 376
	£ 73,477
Net Movement of Funds	
Surplus Income/Expenditure	£21,328
Parish small organisations showing an excess of expendit	

OF SKETTY, SWANSEA			
income and Expenditure 2020			
St Paul's Churchyard			
(restricted)	Holy Trinity	Parish Centre	Sketty Parish
	£ 7,341		£ 66,957
	£ 607		£ 2,418
£ 750	£ 508	£ 76	£ 1,312
			£ 750
	£ 3,303		£ 606
			£ 17,721
	£ 2,147	£ 3,550	£ 10,303
£ 5,247			£ 5,940
			£ 1,390
	£ 215	£ 69	£ 5,247
			£ 5,690
			£ 283
£ 5,997	£ 14,121	£ 3,695	£ 118,618
	£5,953		£ 50,883
	£2,083		£ 2,529
	£21	£ 2,798	£ 3,121
£ 1,712	£3,280		£ 5,325
		£ 6,755	£ 6,795
			£ 8,467
			£ 17,043
			£ 1,340
	£940		£ 1,140
			£ 376
£ 1,712	£12,277	£ 9,553	£ 97,019
£4,285	£1,844	-£5,858	£21,599
ure over income of £885 excluded			

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF SKETTY SWANSEA**

I report as an Independent Examiner for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and following guidance from the Church in Wales that an Audit is not required for this year under Section (142) of the Charities Act 2011 an Independent Examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

*examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out with reference to the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parish and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the Parochial Church Council, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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

Following my examination of the Parish records, no matter has come to my attention :

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met: or*
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.*

Signed



*Matthew Walters FCCA
1 Eliot Close, Killay
Swansea
SA2 7DN*

Date: 30/12/2021