THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARK, PENSNETT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134073

Details

Other names	ST MARK'S PCC, PENSNETT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work,including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and thedistribution of literature.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£43,030	£50,664	-	-
2023-12-31	£25,888	£44,586	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,664	£45,423	-	-
2021-12-31	£496,514	£49,579	-	-
2020-12-31	£240,586	£60,598	-	-

Trustees

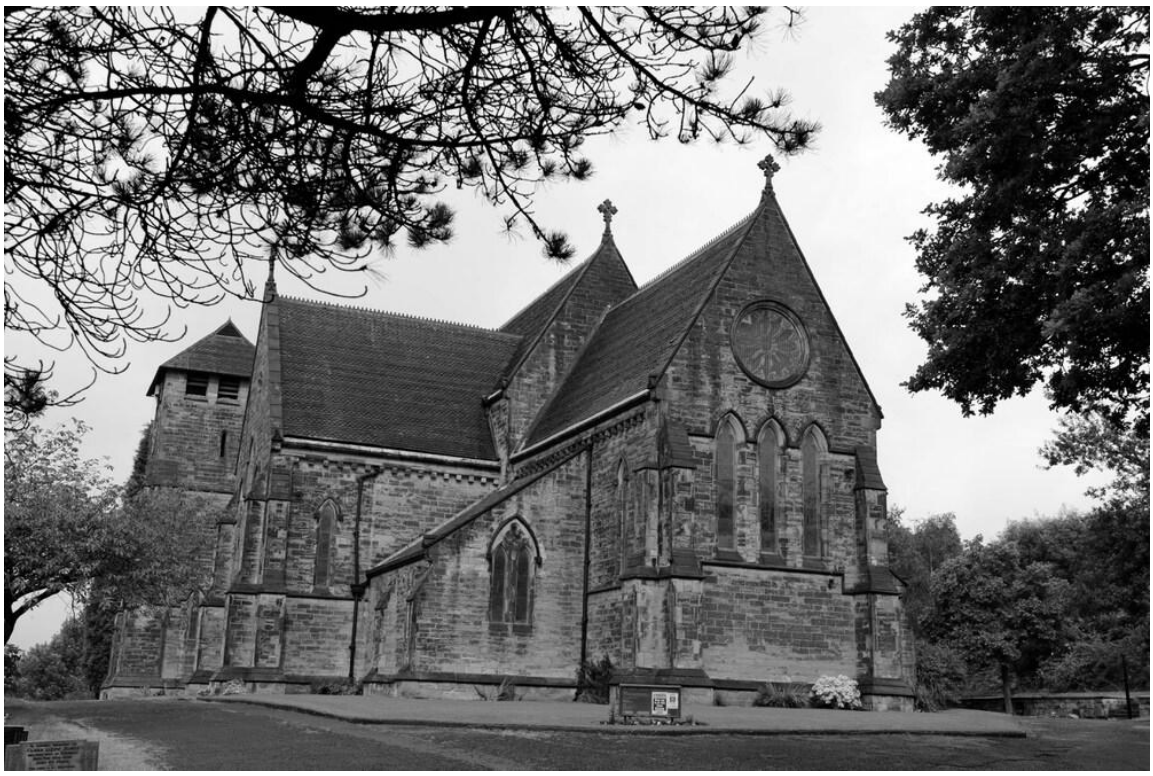
Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID GREENAWAY		2020-10-30
HAZEL HICKMAN		2021-05-31
Marion Ovenall		2022-05-22
Marva Inniss		2024-01-30
Rev Nigel Traynor		2024-01-11

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Vicars Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I write this report as I journey towards the end of the second year of my 3-year appointment to St Mark's Pensnett. I think it is worth reminding us that this post is part-time, 3 Sundays a month, and 2 days a week. The Diocese is still exploring what will happen at the end of my licence.
This past year has been no less demanding and challenging than the first year for many different, and some of the same reasons. We have spent much time with the diocese, exploring what a renewal program would look like here in the parish, but this has been put on hold until the end of the year for many reasons.

We have done some fruitful and rewarding work with St Mark's School. Working with the headmaster, Mr Keith Rondeau, I have been into the school for some assemblies, and also Christingle services. The school has made a number of visits to the church for various school assemblies. I am also on the board of governors; this is all to keep positive and fruitful connections to build upon in the future.

Our work with the Russell's Hall Hospital Chaplaincy team hospital culminated in the 'Service of Light and Hope' in December, where people who are connected to the hospital and had lost loved ones came to be part of a quiet reflective service. It was a great privilege to work with a team of chaplains from various Christian backgrounds and affiliations.

I have been exploring new orders of service offering a more relaxed service whilst not robing, this has not pleased everyone. Without a choir or musicians, I am trying to explore what type of church we can be to, and for the parish of Pensnett with the limited resources Go has given us.

As a PCC we have had to deal with some challenges: finances, safeguarding and building. I am very grateful to the parish office, working with 2 other outside people they have made enormous strides with our finances.

Firstly, changing to a software package to be compliant with the diocese and the Charity Commission. Secondly giving St Mark's a clear understanding of what money, we have and what might be done with it, and how we might use it for the Kingdom of God. We now have an electronic Tap and Go giving machine and pay our parish share on a monthly basis by direct debit. There was some unhappiness in the congregation, (not the PCC) when we held one of our PCC meetings at the Church of Ascension. This was because our church was too cold to hold a meeting in, even spending over £150 to try and heat it. Father Adam housed us for free.

One of the positive things the PCC was able to do was to give permission to explore the fitting of a ceiling in to the meeting room. Once again, I am grateful to the office for carrying out all the DAC and faculty work, allowing us to be fully compliant in all that has been agreed.

At our Lent course we studied Richard Foster's book about Prayer. During the later part of the year, we have been exploring the Gospel of Matthew and what it means to follow Jesus. This was followed by looking at Colossians and what is possible as a follower of Jesus with the changes in our lives.

It is for sure that we live in challenging and changing times. Many of the certainties we thought we could hold onto have disappeared or transformed into something new. The Church of England is facing its own difficulties, either nationally, or within our Diocese. For us as a Christian community during these times, we are given the opportunity to discover anew what it is in the Gospel that we can hold firm to; what it is in the Gospel we proclaim and how to seek the Kingdom together, to serve God and our neighbour.

Reverend Nigel Traynor, Vicar, April 2025

'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness arrayed, and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the Gospel of peace.' *Ephesians 6:14-15*

Wardens Report

It has been a privilege to serve at St Marks as Wardens during this past year. The vicar continues to work with St Marks School both as governor, and with the headmaster, Mr Keith Rondeau. The school has been into church on several occasions and have always been well received. Their choir is a credit to the school and a pleasure to listen to.

Tree Tops Nursery (Russell's Hall Hospital) held their Christmas plays in church, which were lovely to see and hear. It is always nice to meet the parents over a cup of tea afterwards.

Our Lent course went very well and was attended by a number from the congregation, and also some visitors. Each session was followed by a light lunch, and we wanted to thank those who provided this.

There was a big church clean before Easter which was well attended, and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who helped.

A number of the congregation went to Worcester Cathedral for the Chrism Service in Holy Week, where the anointing oils are blessed and distributed.

Thanks to Sue and Arthur McCarroll for organising and running a plants sale in May in aid of Church funds.

There have been several weddings, baptisms and funerals held at St Marks throughout the year, as well as the Easter, Harvest and Christmas celebrations. We acknowledge the assistance of Arthur McCarroll as our verger, who assisted at these and at Sunday services throughout the year, and his presence was greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank those who look after refreshments after Sunday service, and would like to encourage more folk to join the rota. We also want to thank everyone who gives of their time helping at St Marks, and we look forward to the coming year and what it holds for us.

Mrs Hazel Hickman & Mrs Marion Ovenall
Church Wardens, April 2025

Electoral Roll

Most years, an existing electoral roll is revised, but every six years the Church Representation Rules require that an entirely new roll must be created, and everyone must apply again to be included on it and 2025 is one of the years where a new roll must be prepared.
In summary, 2 people from the previous list have passed away, 24 did not complete forms, have left, or have not attended for a long time and 9 new applications have been received.
This means that the 2025 Electoral Roll for St Mark's, Pensnett, stands at 47 members.

Mrs Erin Traynor, Acting ER Officer, April 2025

Safeguarding Report

All PCC members have now been DBS Checked and are compliant with safeguarding procedures. All those with a role requiring DBS are also compliant. There have been no safeguarding issues in the past year. With the new PCC we will be appointing a new PSO and named person.

Rev Nigel Traynor

Secretary to PCC Report

During the last year we held six bi-monthly PCC meetings, and one extra-ordinary meeting in December.
These considered the usual financial considerations of the Church including fundraising and social events. The fabric of the Church and its upkeep were given considerable attention.
Safeguarding was a regular topic.

Erin Traynor, PCC Secretary, April 2025

Treasurers Report 2024

As mentioned in the Vicars report, the major change this year has been the use of a new software accounting package. As with all things new, it has taken some time and effort, but we are now seeing the benefit of easier input and report generation.

During this time, with the PCC consent, we have tidied up the numerous smaller accounts which have accumulated over the years. This has resulted in drawing St Marks funds together in a clearer way.

St Marks continues to run at a loss, even though there has been greater stewardship with the general spending throughout the year.

The larger running expenses continue to be the utility bills, insurance and general repairs and maintenance. Office expenses including administrators' salary, ongoing office copier contract and consumables. We paid approximately 40% of our Ministry Share request after receipt of a Lowest Income Communites (LInC) grant.

We have been unable to claim Gift Aid as yet, especially Small Plate Donations, due to the fact a decision was made in previous years to stop claiming due to the paperwork involved.

Mrs Erin Traynor, Acting Treasurer, April 2025

Fabric Report

At the beginning of the year the PCC agreed to apply for a faculty to install a roof/ceiling onto the glassed room at the rear of the church, so that this can be independently heated and therefore become a more useable space. This was approved in September, building quotes were obtained, and a contractor employed to carry out the work early in 2025.

There was an issue with water ingress into the adult toilet down the wall. After inspection it was found that this was due to the external guttering being blocked. This was cleared by an outside contractor, and the immediate issue was resolved.

There was general maintenance and upkeep of the heating system throughout the year. After discussions with our heating engineer at the beginning of the year, it became clear that heat is drawn out of porch area between the toilets when the door is opened. At minimal cost, a temporary 'tent roof', was set in place over the area to help stop heat loss.

There is ongoing de-cluttering of the church building, which has improved the worship space.

The garden area directly around the church was cleared by volunteers in the Autumn, when trees and shrubs were cut back, and the ground cleared. This will help protect the exterior of the building.

The church quinquennial will be booked for 2025, and this will include addressing the plaster and paint deterioration in the Morris chapel.

Mrs Maz Ovenall & Mrs Hazel Hickman
Wardens, April 2025

Mothers Union

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth, Sophie the Duchess of Edinburgh is our new Royal patron. Our worldwide president is Katleen Snow from Canada (2025-2027).
The New Trustee Board: President for Worcester Diocese is Jill Crofton, Vice-President for Dudley Arch Deaconry 'North' is Maryanne Cox, and the Vice-President for the Worcester Arch Deaconry 'South' is Gwen Clifford.

Our membership is now 16, having lost some due to illness, but enrolling 3 new members on March 3rd of this year. Our branch meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in St Marks Church which we begin with a short service.

2024 projects included knitting prayer shawls which are given to those who are ill, who can wrap themselves in the warmth and prayers that are knitted into them. We have also helped with items that are needed for the Women and Children's Refuge at Easter and Christmas. We raise money for Mothers Union Summer of Hope, and have also had a Cream Tea event.

There have not been so many speakers this year, but members have enjoyed the fellowship at our meetings.

Mrs Hazel Hickman, Branch Leader, April 2024

St Mark's Bellringers

Over the past 12 months a dedicated group of ringers has managed to ring on most Sunday mornings. However, more ringers, both male and female, of all ages, are required to enable us to continue and expand what is an enjoyable and healthy pastime. Technique is far more important than strength and most people can learn to ring. If anyone is interested in joining our band please contact myself or the Church wardens.

There are 8 bells in the tower ranging in weight from around 50 kilograms up to 460 kilograms. Next year – 1926, will mark the centenary of the installation of the bells although the bells themselves are already over 100 years old being cast by Carrs of Smethwick in the late Victorian period.

St Marks is one of numerous towers that form the Northern Branch of the Worcester & Districts Change Ringing Association and regular meetings are held throughout the branch which gives everyone a chance to visit other towers in the area.

Mr Tony Hickman, Tower Captain, April 2025

St Marks Church, Pensnett
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
	Donations and legacies	15,224.93	-	90	-	15,314.93	19,333.72
	Income from charitable activities	6,454.61	-	30	-	6,484.61	898.65
	Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Investments	10,706.07	71.38	7,043.60	3,409.74	21,230.79	14,866.34
	Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income		32,385.61	71.38	7,163.60	3,409.74	43,030.33	35,098.71
Expenditure on:							
	Raising funds	52.98	-	-	-	52.98	40.00
	Expenditure on charitable activities	44,627.54	50.00	5,933.62	-	50611.16	44,545.53
	Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	0	-
Total expenditure		44,680.52	50.00	5,933.62	0.00	50,664.14	44,585.53
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		-12,294.91	21.38	1,229.98	3,409.74	-7,633.81	-9,486.82
Transfers:							
Gross transfers between funds - in		-	3,212.13	1,510.75	-	4,722.88	-
Gross transfers between funds - out		-	-	-	-4,722.88	-4,722.88	-
Other recognised gains / losses							-
Gains/losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-12,294.91	3,233.51	2,740.73	-1,313.14	-7,633.81	-9,486.82
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		253,267.65	0.00	74,428.00	126,392.54	454,088.19	462,136.45
Total funds carried forward		240,972.74	3,233.51	77,168.73	125,079.40	446,454.38	452,649.63

St Marks Church, Pensnett
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
R105 - Giving via bank (Gift Aid)	1,771.67	-	-	-	1,771.67	
R110 - Other giving via Bank (Non Gift Aid)	560.00	-	-	-	560.00	
R125 - Giving via envelope or cheque (Non Gift Aid)	5,773.59	-	-	-	5,773.59	
R135 - Loose Plate Collection (Non GASDS)	2,670.57	-	-	-	2,670.57	
R145 - One Off Donations (Non Gift Aid)	1,093.00	-	-	-	1,093.00	
R170 - Legacies	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	
R180 - Extraordinary Income	2,356.10	-	-	-	2,356.10	
R260 - Bell Funds	-	-	90.00	-	90.00	
Donations and legacies Totals	**15,224.93**	**0.00**	**90.00**	**0.00**	**15,314.93**	**14273.77**
Income from charitable activities						
R210 - Fund raising Events	447.50	-	-	-	447.50	
R220 - Other Funds Generated	471.11	-	-	-	471.11	
R230 - Wedding & Funeral Fees	5536.00	-	-	-	5536.00	
R250 - Organ Fund	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	
Income from charitable activities Totals	**6,454.61**	**0.00**	**30.00**	**0.00**	**6,484.61**	**5,958.60**
Investments						
R300 - Bank Interest	380.84	-	59.93	-	440.77	
R310 - Share Dividends	10,325.23	71.38	6,983.67	-	17,380.28	
R320 - Share Revaluations	-	-	-	3,409.74	3,409.74	
Investments Totals	**10,706.07**	**71.38**	**7,043.60**	**3,409.74**	**21,230.79**	**14,866.34**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**32,385.61**	**71.38**	**7,163.60**	**3,409.74**	**43,030.33**	**35,098.71**

St Marks Church, Pensnett
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

	E760 - Hospitality	52.98	-	-	-	52.98	279.48
Raising funds Totals		**52.98**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**52.98**	**279.48**

Expenditure on charitable activities

	E610 - Gas & Electricity	10,446.65	-	-	-	10,446.65	12,190.03
	E630 - Water	139.78	-	-	-	139.78	134.31
	E640 - Phone/Broadband	735.25	-	-	-	735.25	809.68
	E650 - Insurance	7,478.88	-	-	-	7,478.88	6,997.47
	E660 - Refuse Collection	545.79	-	-	-	545.79	490.69
	E670 Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	35.00
	E700 - Parish Share	15,000.00	-	-	-	15,000.00	10,000.00
	E710 - Funeral & Wedding Expenses	1,179.59	-	-	-	1,179.59	1,292.00
	E720 - Flowers	14.86	-	-	-	14.86	-
	E725 - Incumbant Working Expenses	203.37	-	-	-	203.37	32.45
	E740 - Worship/Upkeep of Services	816.02	-	-	-	816.02	1,352.01
	E750 - Sunday School Expenses	-	-	189.68	-	189.68	225.40
	E755 - Parish Training & Mission	100.85	-	-	-	100.85	1,029.23
	E770 - Discretionary Fund for the Poor	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00
	E800 - Administration	839.94	-	-	-	839.94	1,861.89
	E805 - Copier Contract	2,076.00	-	-	-	2,076.00	3,598.97
	E810 - Salaries	4,678.96	-	-	-	4,678.96	-
	E910 - Cleaning	371.6	-	-	-	371.60	727.34
	E930 - Repairs & Maintenance (Minor)	-	-	3,361.16	-	3,361.16	3,339.38
	E940 - Building Works	-	-	2,001.78	-	2,001.78	-
	E950 - Organ tuning & Maintenance	-	-	45	-	45.00	140.00
	E960 - Bells	-	-	336	-	336.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals		**44,627.54**	**50.00**	**5,933.62**	**0.00**	**50,611.16**	**44,305.85**

Expenditure Grand totals	**44,680.52**	**50.00**	**5,933.62**	**0.00**	**50,664.14**	**44,585.33**

St Marks Church, Pensnett
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
Bells - Bell Fund	2,882.08	242.97	356	-	2,769.05
Bryce - Bryce	1,989.27	88.01	-	-2,077.28	-
Building - Restoration Fund	23,956.74	1,271.58	-	-	25,228.32
Building Maintenance - Morris Maintenance	27,921.09	3,017.93	5,362.94	1,510.75	27,086.83
Clergy Expenses - Visiting Clergy Expenses (ex Gibbons)	-	30.13	-	1,134.85	1,164.98
Discretionary Fund - Discretionary Fund For The Poor (ex Bryce)	-	41.25	50.00	2,077.28	2,068.53
General - General Fund	253,267.65	32,385.61	44,680.52	-	240,972.74
Gibbons - Gibbons	1,085.05	49.8	-	-1,134.85	-
Meredith - Meredith Fund	64,559.15	1,477.66	-	-	66,036.81
Morris - Morris	57,312.33	1,730.26	-	-	59,042.59
Organ - Organ Fund	14,019.18	774.11	25	-	14,768.29
Palmer - Palmer	1,446.74	64.01	-	-1,510.75	-
Sunday School - Sunday School	5,648.91	1,857.01	189.68	-	7,316.24
Totals	454,088.19	43,030.33	50,664.14	0.00	446,454.38

St Marks Church, Pensnett

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current assets			
	A001: Metro Current Account	7,113.93	12,745.80
	A002: Metro Savings 1	0.53	1,613.89
	A003: Metro Savings 2	30,947.60	38,684.28
	A004: Metro Savings 3	0.09	257.38
	A005: Barclays	-	3,777.64
	A010: Pensnett Trust Palmer	-	1,446.74
	A011: Pensnett Trust Meredith	66,036.81	64,559.15
	A012: Pensnett Trust Bryce	-	1,989.27
	A013: Pensnett Trust Gibbons	-	1,085.05
	A014: St Marks PCC Morris	59,042.59	57,312.33
	A015: St Marks PCC Morris Maintenance	30,898.85	27,921.09
	A016: St Marks PCC Geary	210,710.26	200,399.01
	A017: St Marks PCC Organ	14,763.29	14,019.18
	A018: St Marks PCC Restoration	25,228.32	23,956.74
	A019: St Marks PCC Bell Fund	3,035.05	2,882.08
	Total Current assets	**447,777.32**	**452,649.63**
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	1,322.94	-
	Total Liabilities	**1,322.94**	**-**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**446,454.38**	**452,649.63**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	-7,633.81	-9,486.82
	Z01: Starting balances	454,088.19	462,136.45
	Total Reserves	**446,454.38**	**452,649.63**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	240,972.74	251,829.09
Designated	3,233.51	-
Restricted	77,168.73	74,428.00
Endowment	125,079.40	126,392.54
Total	446,454.38	452,649.63

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

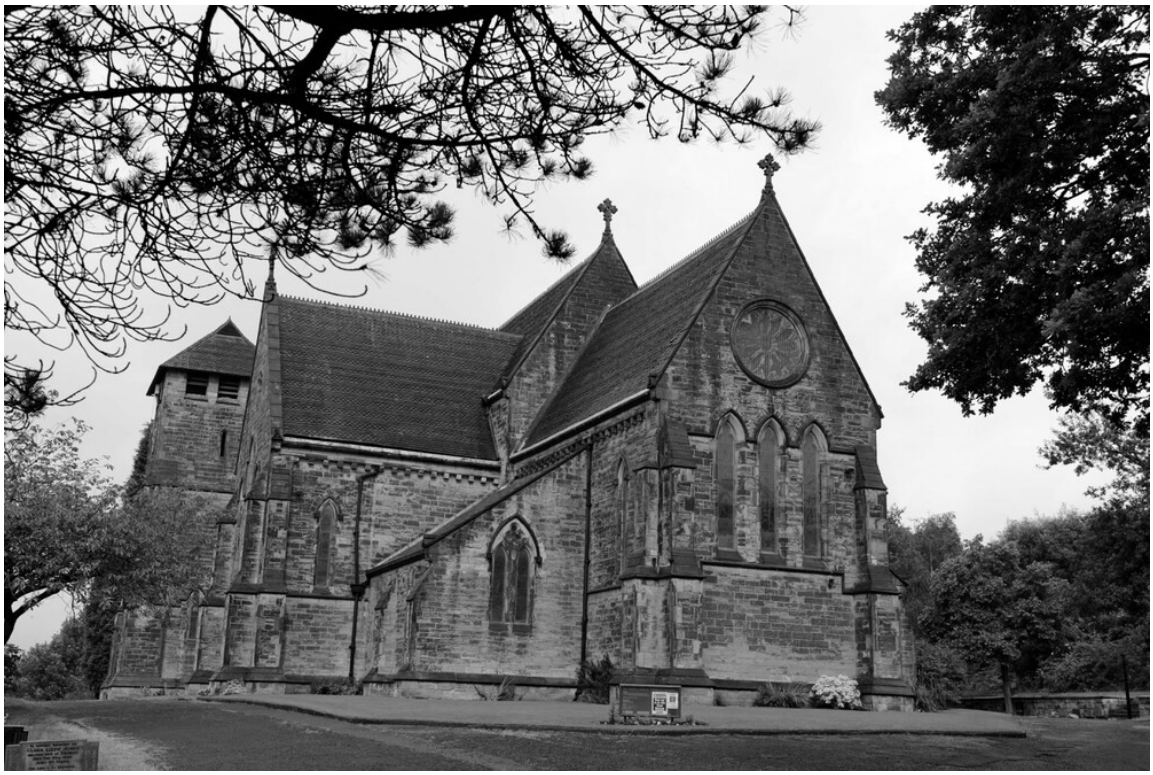
Report to the trustees	St Mark's Church Pensnett		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2024	**Charity no**	1134073
Set out on pages			
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024. As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: 1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or 2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or 3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
Signed:	D.J. England	**Date:** 2 April 2025	

Name:	David England
Address:	35 Froggatts Ride, Sutton Coldfield, B76 2TH

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Vicars Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Following prayer, waiting and then conversations with Bishop John and Bishop Martin, on the 3rd April 2023 at Worcester Cathedral I agreed with the archdeacon to be part-time, interim minister for St Marks Pensnett. The licence is for a period of 3 years. Two days a week and 3 Sundays per month. I did not visit the building or meet the congregation before saying 'yes', because Erin and I were praying for a new invitation from God, and we were at peace that this was the invitation intended for me. My appointment came from the bishop, and the congregation did not have any say in the appointment, an unusual process. Also unusual was the time between myself, and the previous incumbent - 2 months. Usually, long interregnums are the Anglican norm. However, it seems that God, and the bishop wanted St Marks to discover a new flourishing as a church without a long interregnum.

It is no secret that what I came to, was the aftermath of a serious storm within the congregation. The building and people who seemed very isolated from the local community and diocese.
In Matthew 8, we find Jesus and the disciples in the middle of a storm. What we needed to do at St Marks is to rediscover the Jesus who calms the storm and brings peace. Then as we find the peace and healing, we needed discern what new possibilities God wants for St Marks. That discernment is an ongoing process that will reach throughout the year. For out of our chaos God brings new life and order like in the Genesis 1 story. I have endeavoured to explore my role here through my presence, my teaching, and at the Eucharistic table, whilst also building relationships within, and outside of St Mark's.

This new sense of order and possibility has also come through the refurbished church office. The diocese has now sold the vicarage which meant that we needed a new base in which to organise ourselves as a parish church and to facilitate our mission to our people. This has been and continues to be facilitated by Erins work in the parish office.

One of the privileges of a parish priest is to meet people who say yes to the kingdom of God, even if we are unsure of the outcome. I want to thank those who have said ‘Yes’, and encourage others here at St Mark’s to say yes to exploring new ways in which the kingdom of God could, and will come to this parish and church.

Reverend Nigel Traynor, Vicar, April 2024

Electoral Roll

It has been a little complicated in identifying a correct Electoral Roll this year. The last list as of the AGM of 2023 consisted of 49 names. During the year 2 of those have died, and 2 have moved away.

However, when looking at the Roll, there were many regular attenders who were not named, and these have now completed forms, and there have been 14 new names added.

Therefore, making a total of 63.

Mrs Erin Traynor, Acting ER Officer, April 2024

Safeguarding Report

Sarah Stratten and Matthew Marsh have been appointed as Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO) for St Marks Church.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will see a safeguarding board appear at the back of the church. This board will include a church roles ladder to indicate who does what in the church and identify who people should see/contact for different issues. The board will also include safeguarding posters and contact details.

As part of safeguarding, it has been advised that all PCC members should be DBS checked and the process of this is already started.

In the summer months the Worcester diocese is to undergo a safeguarding audit. The auditors will be visiting at least 3 churches in the diocese. We are not sure currently if this will affect St Marks church. As part of this we would like to conduct a safeguard questionnaire to find out how much the congregation know about safeguarding in the church and identify the areas the church is successful in and areas the church need to develop.

Sarah Stratten & Matthew Marsh, PSO, April 2024

Secretary to PCC report

During the last year we held some six PCC meeting and similar Standing Committee meetings.
These considered the usual financial considerations of the Church including fundraising and social events. The fabric of the Church and its upkeep were given considerable attention.
Safeguarding was a regular topic.
The early part of the year also included the and appointment of our new Vicar 'Nigel'.

Mr David Greenaway, PCC Secretary, April 2024

Deanery Synod Report

There were four Deanery Synod meetings at which the Church was represented.

Mr David Greenaway, Deanery Synod Rep, April 2024

Vergers Report

Since accepting the role of Verger six months ago, I have enjoyed learning more about the role, working alongside the wardens, and being able to welcome people into church for Sunday services, and funerals.

Mr Arthur McCarroll, Verger, April 2024

Wardens Report

2023 was a time of great change for the parish. Reverend Ness left for pastures new in April, and fortunately we were only in interregnum for a few months.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to welcome Reverend Nigel Traynor to St Mark's church on Sunday 16th July as our new part-time, Interim Vicar. Also, his wife Erin who has supported by giving time and energy in sorting our church governance. She is now our church administrator and what a difference she has made to the running of the church office.

Nigel is very much a people's vicar, a good listener, (and also makes a good cuppa, and washes up!) He is leading us into a new phase of worship and mission here in the parish, and what a joy it is.

Links with St Marks school have been strengthened through the year. Rev Nigel regularly meets with the headmaster, Mr Keith Rondeu, taking part in assemblies and services, both at the school and in church. The school choir sang at our Christmas Carol Service in church, and have shown interest in doing more.

Tree Tops Nursery (Russells Hall Hospital), used the church on three occasions, to hold their Christmas plays, which were lovely and well attended.

Church events included a plant sale, organised By Sue McCarroll, supported by Arthur. Instead of a Christmas Fayre, Sue was also responsible for organising a November Table Top sale which was well supported. Thanks to all who helped to make these events happen.

A children's lunch party was held at Christmas after the Christingle service, when food and games were enjoyed by all in attendance. This was organised by Chris While, assisted by other congregation members.

We would like to thank everyone who take care of refreshments after Sunday morning services, for tea and coffee, and also everyone who bakes the cakes that we all enjoy.

We are happy to report that our congregation is steadily growing, as we have had a number of new families join us, which is wonderful. We still hold monthly baptisms, when asked to do so. There have been no weddings but we hope that more couples will choose St Marks in the future.

Thank you also to the PCC for their time and commitment through this past year. God Bless.

Mrs Chris While and Mrs Marion Ovenall, Church wardens, April 2024

On a personal note…

I would like to thank Chris who is standing down as warden this year to enable her to fully concentrate on her new role as ALM here at St Mark's. We have worked well together for the past few years.

Thank you, Chris!

Mrs Marion Ovenall

Treasurers Report 2023

Losses for 2023 are less than in 2022. This being due to an increase in the value of our share; weekly plate giving; donations; interest and dividends. We also received a generous inheritance from our good friend Mr. Barry Cartwright of £2000.

Due to uncertainties in the year with our bank “Metro” we were advised by the Diocese to move monies from our general funds into the Geary Trust. The Geary is unrestricted therefore we can draw from the fund if we need to.

Utility bills have risen by £7107.11, more than double from 2022. Insurance costs have also increased along with many other expenses.
Computer costs have also increased due to the requestion of a more friendly printer/copier and the broadband being updated. The copier we lease has found to be complicated and more costly than we thought.

A new boiler has been installed to comply with regulation.
The church underwent a deep clean with the removal of years of dust and cobwebs, from places we are unable to reach. The gutters were cleaned out at a cost of £500.

Mrs Chris While, April 2024

Fabric Report

The church office has been cleared and reorganised to facilitate its use as the Parish Office, now that the Vicarage is sold. The telephone line and broadband connections were upgraded. The existing computer was refurbished and a small desktop printer was purchased. Other office furniture purchased included lockable filing cabinets and chairs (all upcycled).

There has been a lot of de-cluttering out of the old vestry, and the church building, which has improved the worship space.

The heating system was serviced, and the hot water tank was replaced in December.

A company was employed to do high level vacuum cleaning of internal walls, window ledges, lights and inner glass doors and windows. The same company also cleaned the blocked gutters and drains (which had been requested by the most recent quinquennial inspection).

There are some issues which will need attention during the next year, including the paint deterioration in the Morris chapel.

The next Quinquennial is due in 2024.

Mrs Maz Ovenall & Mrs Chris While, Wardens, April 2024

Mothers Union

After Covid 2022, St Mark's Mothers Union slowly started back up again. It was strange to be meeting again with everyone. Bob, our branch leader, had died, and it was also the year when we had a cream tea and planted a rose for the Queens Jubilee; both sad and happy times.

As a group we started 2023 with our Christmas lunch at the Lodge. Our next meeting in February had no speaker, and we discussed what we should do for the rest of the year. Sandra Shepherd took on the role of finding interesting speakers for us.

Our members meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 2pm. There is a short service of hymns and prayers, followed by a speaker, then a chat and refreshments.

We have projects that we are all involved with, including knitting hats and matinée coats for premature babies for the local hospitals in Worcester (the Diocese we belong to). We have also made teddies for prisons, and prayer shawls for those who are sick or just need our prayers and love. Other branches have other projects. We raise funds to send families in need of breaks for holidays or trips out.

These past few years our main project has been our Lenten collection of items that are needed for the Women's Refuge. On this topic, we also put on displays such as highlighting Modern Day Slavery, abuse and many more. We made knitted chains to hang around the church.

The highlight of 2023 was being asked to hold the Diocesan festival here at St Mark's, when other branches came together to celebrate. President Judith, Vice-President Jen and Deanery Leader Liz were welcome, and Mother Victoria led a very uplifting service, ending with the banners being

carried from the church. The service was followed by refreshments and fellowship with friends and members, new and old.

I am looking forward to 2024, to see what the future brings.

Mrs Hazel Hickman, Branch Leader, April 2024

St Mark's Bellringers

There are 8 bells in the tower ranging in weight from around 50 kilograms up to 460 kilograms. The bells are over 100 years old being cast by Carr's of Smethwick, who were not a renowned maker of bells but it does make them different from the majority of bells in the area. They have been in situ since 1926 only being taken out in 2005/2006 when they were taken to Loughborough by Taylors bell foundry to be retuned and subsequently rehung which greatly improved the tone and handling of the bells.

In the 98 years that the bells have been in the tower there have been 49 peals (change methods) rung, with the first peal of Stedman Triples being rung on Saturday 12th June 1926, and the last, Yorkshire Surprise Major, on Saturday 3rd May 2008.

The bells are rung most Sunday mornings and on special occasions e.g. the Kings coronation, by a dedicated band of 5 or 6 ringers both male and female but new comers, of all ages, are always welcome. Technique is far more important than strength and most people can learn to ring.

Mr Tony Hickman, Captain of the Tower, April 2024

Knit & Natter

The Knit & Natter club was started after Easter 2023. It was for anyone that could knit, or who wanted to learn a skill. Meeting on Wednesday at 1.30 and finishing around 3.30, we enjoy a hot drink, biscuits and cake, alongside a time to chat and learn new skills. Nine people came and there were a few who could not knit, and were taught, starting with the basics. We began by knitting baby hats and cardigans for the premature baby unit at Russells Hall Hospital. This was followed by knitting items for the Mothers Union, which are given to those in need, and still carries on. The group did not meet during the winter months, because of the cold, but has now started again. All are welcome.

Mrs Sue McCarroll, Knit & Natter, April 2024

St. Marks Pensnett	Profit & Loss Account year ending 31st December 2023	
Income	**2023**	**2022**
Interest Received	2,532.00	886.47
Dividends Received	3,123.61	3,379.70
Open Plate	7,360.95	2,312.42
Gift Aid	1,320.00	5,659.15
Non Gift Aid	95.00	2,386.20
Candles	246.48	223.63
Church Hire	265.00	155.00
Donations	2,986.34	2,632.68
Funeral/Baptism Fees	4,207.05	2,195.67
War Graves	13.50	13.50
HMRC	0.00	0.00
Inheritance B Cartwright	2,000.00	1,000.00
Use of Photocopier	100.00	
Stone Mason	35.00	
Shares Revaluation	9,210.73	-18,090.05
Parking Action Heart	480.00	480.00
Prize Donations	0.00	0.00
Smartie Tubes		13.50
Wedding Fees	209.00	1,562.40
Xmas Raffle		2,490.90
Xmas Panto		294.21
Xmas Fayre		1,387.12
Table Top Sale	635.36	
Plant Sale	80.00	
Harvest	60.00	
Carol Concert	23.62	
Knit & Natter	77.50	
Kingdom People	22.17	
Childrens Society	15.40	
Youth Club		695.15
Total Income	35,098.71	9,677.65
Expenditure		
Parish Share	10,000.00	20,790.00
Assigned Fees	1,292.00	1,986.00
Vicar X's	32.45	123.64
Electricity/Gas	12,190.03	5,082.92
Insurance	6,997.47	6,493.07
Phone	809.68	851.47
Water rates	134.31	127.15
Rubbish bins	490.69	463.10
Hygiene/Cleaning	727.34	719.36
Organ Fees/Repairs	140.00	1,180.00
Candles	238.20	72.70
Wafers/Wine	153.42	
Choir/Bell Ringers		478.00
Vicar/Vergers	555.59	175.00
Funeral/Wedding X's		264.00
Flowers		253.95
Repairs General	865.80	354.26
Repairs Heating	1,973.58	571.20
Photocopier	3,598.97	2,145.60
Service X's Link	288.62	318.92
Sunday School X's	225.40	
Postage/Stationery	185.93	549.98
Kitchen Costs	89.54	
Event costs		-15.81
Palm Crosses	76.38	
Sundry X's	0.00	
Bank Charges	35.00	60.00
Bibles/ Books etc	633.93	298.95
Liturgical Supplies etc		194.63
Donations Poppies	40.00	40.00
Computer Costs	635.96	68.97
New Computer/Printer	778.00	
Office Furniture	262.00	
New Lighting		-166.28
Advertising Costs		57.97
Fund Raising Costs		142.80
Xmas Gifts/Food	189.94	
Gutter Clean	500.00	
Discretion Fund	50.00	
Licences	395.30	373.89
Total Expenditure	44,585.53	44,055.44
Total Excess Income	-9,486.82	-34,377.79

St Marks Pensnett	Year ending 31st December 2022 2023				
Statement of Financial Activities					
	Unrestricted Funds 2023	**Restricted Funds 2023**	**Endowment Funds 2023**	**Total Funds 2023**	**Total Funds 2022**
Income Resources					
Voluntary Income	19,333.72			19,333.72	19,315.80
Fund Raising	898.65			898.65	4,185.73
Investment Income	49.85	2,482.15	3,123.61	5,655.61	4,266.17
	20,282.22	2,482.15	3,123.61	25,887.98	27,767.70
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating					
voluntary income	44,545.53			44,545.53	44,015.44
Charitable Activities	40.00			40.00	40.00
	44,585.53	0.00	0.00	44,585.53	44,055.44
Net Resources less expenditure	-24,303.31	2,482.15	3,123.61	-18,697.55	-16,287.74
Transfers between	1,888.28		-1,888.28	0.00	0.00
Funds		1,235.33	-1,235.33	0.00	0.00
Revaluation Gains			9,210.73	9,210.73	-18,090.05
Net Movement	-22,415.03	3,717.48	9,210.73	-9,486.82	-34,377.79
Total Funds at 1st January 2023	261,350.61	95,304.14	139,859.49	496,514.24	452,649.63
Total Funds at 31st December 2023	238,935.58	99,021.62	149,070.22	487,027.42	418,271.84

St Marks Pensnett		Year Ending 31st December 2023		
Balance Sheet				
Unrestricted Funds				
Edna Geary 9004	200,399.01			
Slade 4763	3,777.64			
Main account 5904	12,745.80			
Sunday School 0176	1,613.89			
Youth Club (HSBC)	0.00			
	218,536.34			
Restricted Funds				
Bell Fund 9001D	2,882.08			
Restoration Fund 9002D	23,956.74			
Organ Fund 9003D	14,019.18			
Morris Maint 9006D	27,921.09			
Sunday School 4083	38,684.28			
Sunday School 2840	257.38			
	107,720.75			
Endowment Funds				
Meredith 1508S	64,559.15			
Bryce 1443S	1,989.27			
Gibbons 1442S	1,085.05			
Palmer 1441S	1,446.74			
Morris 9001F	57,312.33			
	126,392.54			
Total Net Worth			452,649.63	
Asset Value as at 31.12.2022			462,136.45	
Net Income for Year 31.12.2023			-9,486.82	
			452,649.63	

St Marks		Year ending 31st December 2023					
Statement of Funds						**Transfer**	
		Brought	**Incoming**	**Resources**	**Revaluation**	**between**	**Carried**
		Forward	**Resources**	**Expended**	**In/Out**	**Funds**	**Forward**
Unrestricted Funds							
Geary Trust 8202		386.62	12.39			200,000.00	200,399.01
Slade Trust 4763		1,862.93	26.43			1,888.28	3,777.64
General Funds		238,676.82	22,355.70	46,672.83		-200,000.00	14,359.69
Total		240,926.37	22,394.52	46,672.83	0.00	1,888.28	218,536.34
Restricted Funds							
Bell Fund 8198		2,792.57	89.51				2,882.08
Restoration Fund 8200		23,212.79	743.95				23,956.74
Organ Fund 8201		13,583.83	435.35				14,019.18
Morris Maint 8203		25,842.58	843.18			1,235.33	27,921.09
Sunday School 1262		38,341.12	368.16	-25.00			38,684.28
Sunday School 2692		255.38	2.00				257.38
Total		104,028.27	2,482.15	-25.00	0.00	1,235.33	107,720.75
Endowment Funds							
Meredith Trust 7816		58,963.25	1,764.69		5,595.90	-1,764.69	64,559.15
Bryce Trust 7768		1,816.84	54.39		172.43	-54.39	1,989.27
Gibbons Trust 7767		991.00	29.65		94.05	-29.65	1,085.05
Palmer Trust 7766		1,321.34	39.55		125.40	-39.55	1,446.74
Morris Account 8199		54,089.38	1,235.33		3,222.95	-1,235.33	57,312.33
Total		117,181.81	3,123.61	0.00	9,210.73	-3,123.61	126,392.54
Total Funds		462,136.45	28,000.28	46,647.83	9,210.73	0.00	452,649.63
Please note							
The Flower Club Bank Account balance of £1508.50 has been transferred into the main account							
Also the youth club account No.6994 ammount £635.15 has also been transferred into the main							
account until such times as it may be re started							

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St. Mark's Pensnett for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) The accounting records were not in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act: or

(2) The accounts do not accord with those records: or

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

Signed: M J Bishop **Dated:** 28 March 2024

Michael Bishop (BA)
23 Dorchester Road
Stourbridge
DY6 0XD

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARK, PENSNETT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134073

Accounts



Drawing of Pensnett St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church Pensnett

Annual Report 2022

Secretary to PCC report.

During the last year we held some five PCC meetings.

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held in May.

These considered the usual financial considerations of the Church including fundraising and social events. The fabric of the Church and its upkeep were given considerable attention.

Safeguarding was a regular topic.

Churchwardens Report 2022

Recovering from Coronavirus lockdown as been long and has effected many people. Worship has returned to near normal with just a few coronavirus safety concerns remaining e.g. not shaking-hands during the peace and not sharing the common cup. Hopefully these with disappear in the near future.

Baptisms, weddings and funeral services continue to fall in number. Unfortunately we lost Robert Parsons in the early part of the year and he is sorely missed by the majority of the congregation.

During the year St. Mark's hosted services for the Mayor of Dudley and St. John's Ambulance. The annual Remembrance Day Service was attended by our local Brownie Troop and St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Advent and Christmas was very busy. Unfortunately the planned Christingle service had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Russell's Hall Hospital Nursery came to perform their nativity play, which was attended by parents. This was enjoyed by all who attended. St. John's area Carol Service was held at St. Mark's in which individuals donated toys to the Mayor's Toy Appeal. The Parish Carol Service in which St. Mary's School sang. This was utterly delightful. All this was "topped off" with our Panto on Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass.

Our annual Christmas Fayre and Raffle was a great success. Raising much needed funds. These activities would not have taken place without the dedication and hard work of Hazel Hickman and Marion Overnall – Thank You!

Our school held their Harvest and Christmas celebrations in Church. Rev. Ness continued to take regular worship in the school. It is hoped that we can continue to forge stronger links with Mr K Rondeau, the headteacher, and his staff in the next year.

Fortunately there were no major fabric repairs during 2022.

God's Blessing

Christine Ann While (May 2023)

Deanery Synod Repoprt

I took over as the Parish Representative part way through the year following the death of Bob Parsons.

I have attended two meetings where the main subject has been the Deanery's request for money to fund ''Resourcing Churches'',

David Greenaway

Incumbents Report 2022-2023

This has been a difficult year for St Marks. We were very glad to slowly come out of the epidemic years and regain some sort of normality with our Eucharist services, but we have, to old age and illness, lost many of our former members who committed so much to the welfare of the church. We miss Barry Cartwright, and also miss our dear friend Arthur Williams who not only played the organ for us each Sunday but contributed to PCC as well as offering valuable insights and being a constant friend whom we could all rely on. We have continued to welcome some new people who are contributing to the church-some by volunteering to do a knit and natter, others offering kind words and a smile, and I warmly welcome them. However, with the loss of numbers for our services our income continues to be down, although we have been supported by the diocese with parish share. Also the lack of volunteer help has made it difficult for me to do the outreach I would like and I feel it is now time for me to go, so I am leaving for pastures new in April.

The children's work has been an absolute delight, with the children loving the Art and Craft and leaving with big smiles on their face. One little boy said it was the best day at school he had ever had!. Pauline has worked very

hard at this, and I thank her. Chris While and Hazel Hickman have said they will continue to work with the children, I am very grateful.

We have had some good times with our panto last year, the Christmas and Easter services, and the little miracles that happen along the way when old and new friends are met. I am extremely grateful for help that has been offered, but must offer my sincere thanks to Hazel Hickman, Marion Ovenall and Christine While. These three work diligently for the church and have supported me endlessly. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. With all my best wishes for St Marks, and a line from my favourite hymn-

"I'll live in you if you live in me.

I am the lord of the dance," said he.

God bless

Rev Ness, April 2023

Mother's Union Report 2022

St. Mark's Mothers Union meets once a month on the second Tuesday at 2.00pm. We start the meeting with a short service followed where possible with a talk on a topical subject.

New members are welcome and the Mother's Union is open to all. Including males, married or single persons who have been baptised.

Activities participated in during 2022:
A Cream Tea with the planting of a Rose Bush in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II platinum jubilee
A Mary Sumner Display
Lent collection of domestic materials for the local women's refuge
A display of knitted chains around the church for "Stop the Slave Trade".

Mr. Robert Parson passed away in the earlier part of the year and is sorely missed. It is hoped we can continue his good work in 2023.

Hazel Hickman
Mothers Union Leader
May 2023

Safeguarding Report for 2021

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).There have been no concerns in regard to safeguarding this year. All of our DBS forms are now complete and submitted but we need help to complete the CO training and are looking discussing options at PCC.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of St Mark's Church Pensnett

On accounts for the year ended 2022 **Charity no (if any)**

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed: MJBishop **Date:** 02/05/23

Name: Michael Bishop

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): BA

Address: 23 Dorchester Road, Stourbridge, DY9 OXD

St Marks Pensnett		Year Ending 31st December 2022
Balance Sheet		
Unrestricted Funds		
Edna Geary 9004	386.62	
Slade 4763	1,862.93	
Main account 5904	236,438.03	
Sunday School 0176	1,603.64	
Youth Club (HSBC)	635.15	
	240,926.37	
Restricted Funds		
Bell Fund 9001D	2,792.57	
Restoration Fund 9002D	23,212.79	
Organ Fund 9003D	13,583.83	
Morris Maint 9006D	25,842.58	
Sunday School 4083	38,341.12	
Sunday School 2840	255.38	
	104,028.27	
Endowment Funds		
Meredith 1415F	0.00	
Meredith 1508S	58,963.25	
Bryce 1443S	1,816.84	
Gibbons 1442S	991.00	
Palmer 1441S	1,321.34	
Morris 9001F	54,089.38	
	117,181.81	
Total Net Worth		462,136.45
Asset Value as at 31.12.2021		496,514.24
Net Income for Year 31.12.2022		-34,377.79
		462,136.45

St Marks	Year ending 31st December 2022					
Statement of Funds					**Transfer**	
	Brought Forward	**Incoming Resources**	**Resources Expended**	**Revaluation in/Out**	**between Funds**	**Carried Forward**
Unrestricted Funds						
Geary Trust	381.60	5.02				386.62
Slade Trust	1,738.28	1.75			122.90	1,862.93
General Funds	259,230.73	26,378.04	45,423.45		-1,508.50	238,676.82
Total	261,350.61	26,384.81	45,423.45	0.00	-1,385.60	240,926.37
Restricted Funds						
Bell Fund	2,756.32	36.25				2,792.57
Restoration Fund	22,911.45	301.34				23,212.79
Organ Fund	13,407.48	176.35				13,583.83
Morris Maint Fund	23,953.53	329.04			1,560.01	25,842.58
Sunday School 4083	36,607.86	36.47			1,696.79	38,341.12
Sunday School 2840	255.13	0.25				255.38
Total	99,891.77	879.70	0.00	0.00	3,256.80	104,028.27
Endowment Funds						
Meredith Trust 1415F	68,039.94	1,696.79		-9,076.69	-60,660.04	0.00
Meredith Trust 1508S	0.00				58,963.25	58,963.25
Bryce Trust	2,058.03	54.09		-241.19	-54.09	1,816.84
Gibbons Trust	1,122.56	29.48		-131.56	-29.48	991.00
Palmer Trust	1,496.75	39.33		-175.41	-39.33	1,321.34
Morris Account	62,554.58	1,560.01		-8,465.20	-1,560.01	54,089.38
Total	135,271.86	3,379.70	0.00	-18,090.05	-3,379.70	117,181.81
Total Funds	496,514.24	30,644.21	45,423.45	-18,090.05	-1,508.50	462,136.45
Please note						
The Flower Club Bank Account balance of £1508.50 has been transferred into the main account						
until such times as it may be re started.						

St Marks Pensnett	Year ending 31st December 2022				
Statement of Financial Activities					
	Unrestricted Funds 2022	**Restricted Funds 2022**	**Endowment Funds 2022**	**Total Funds 2022**	**Total Funds 2021**
Income Resources					
Voluntary Income	19,315.80			19,315.80	21,512.88
Fund Raising	4,185.73			4,185.73	1,705.69
Investment Income	6.77	879.70	3,379.70	4,266.17	3,833.88
	23,508.30	879.70	3,379.70	27,767.70	27,052.45
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	44,015.44			44,015.44	49,478.94
Charitable Activities	40.00			40.00	100.00
	44,055.44	0.00	0.00	44,055.44	49,578.94
Net Resources less expenditure	-20,547.14	879.70	3,379.70	-16,287.74	-22,526.49
Transfers between Funds	122.90	3,256.80	-122.90 -3,256.80	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
Revaluation Gains			-18,090.05	-18,090.05	-8,636.88
Net Movement	-20,424.24	4,136.50	-18,090.05	-34,377.79	-31,163.37
Total Funds at 1st January 2022	261,350.61	95,304.14	139,859.49	496,514.24	527,677.61
Total Funds at 31st December 2022	240,926.37	99,440.64	121,769.44	462,136.45	496,514.24

St. Marks Pensnett	Profit & Loss Account year ending 31st December 2022	
Income	**2022**	**2021**
Interest Received	886.47	36.65
Dividends Received	3,379.70	3,797.23
Open Plate	2,312.42	2,160.27
Gift Aid	5,659.15	6,399.14
Non Gift Aid	2,386.20	1,433.52
Candles	223.63	40.23
Church Hire	155.00	0.00
Donations	2,632.68	4,613.00
Flower Club	0.00	40.00
Funeral/Baptism Fees	2,195.67	2,179.96
War Graves	13.50	13.50
HMRC	0.00	2,237.26
Inheritance R Horton	1,000.00	0.00
Fund Raising		1,705.69
Shares Revaluation	-18,090.05	-8,636.88
Parking	480.00	0.00
Prize Donations	0.00	100.00
Smartie Tubes	13.50	616.00
Wedding Fees	1,562.40	1,680.00
Xmas Raffle	2,490.90	0.00
Xmas Panto	294.21	0.00
Xmas Fayre	1,387.12	0.00
Youth Club	695.15	0.00
Total Income	9,677.65	18,415.57
Expenditure		
Parish Share	20,790.00	17,476.00
Assigned Fees	1,986.00	827.59
Vicar X's	123.64	47.26
Electricity/Gas	5,082.92	5,462.27
Insurance	6,493.07	6,319.34
Phone	851.47	596.54
Water rates	127.15	187.91
Rubbish bins	463.10	450.77
Hygiene/Cleaning	719.36	930.55
Organ Fees/Repairs	1,180.00	2,847.50
Candles Cost	72.70	31.80
Choir/Bell Ringers	478.00	0.00
Funeral/Wedding X's	264.00	1,229.74
Flowers	253.95	0.00
Repairs General	354.26	6,395.32
Repairs Heating	571.20	0.00
Photocopier	2,145.60	2,145.60
Service X's Link	318.92	486.20
Subscriptions	0.00	57.00
Postage/Stationery	549.98	582.94
Event costs	-15.81	654.07
Sundry X's	0.00	560.00
Bank Charges	60.00	0.00
Books/Booklets	298.95	908.20
Refreshments	0.00	250.00
Liturgical Supplies etc	194.63	144.56
Donations	40.00	100.00
Computer Costs	68.97	112.21
New Lighting	-166.28	-365.43
Advertising Costs	57.97	126.00
Fund Raising Costs	142.80	0.00
Licences	373.89	20.00
Memorial Stone Flavell	0.00	995.00
Verger Fees	175.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	44,055.44	49,578.94
Total Excess Income	-34,377.79	-31,163.37

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Trustees	**Rev. Vanessa Tobin**	**Vicar**
	Mrs. Christine While	**Warden**
	Mr. Robert Parsons	**Warden & Parish Administrator**
	Mr. David Greenaway	**Parish Secretary**
	Mr. Arthur Williams	**Lay Chair**
	Mr. Geoffrey Carter	
	Mrs. Sue Greenaway	
	Mrs. Hazel Hickman	
	Mrs. Georgina Lodge	
	Mrs. Marion Ovenall	
	Mrs. Sandra Parsons	
	Ms. Cindy Pfannenstiel	
	Ms. Sandra Shepherd	

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mark, Pensnett (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees confirm that the annual report and accounts of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

1.Structure, Governance and Management

a. Constitution

The Primary object of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. St Mark's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. Method of Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, and the Treasurer. Where necessary the Standing Committee may review the planning of any major campaign. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. There is no formal training offered to members of the PCC but guidance can be and is provided by colleagues and the Diocese as required. Allocation is based on their areas of interest and specialism. Currently the sub-committees, whose memberships consist of PCC members and co-opted representatives, are as follows:

i. Fabric
ii. Worship Group

iii. Mission Group

All members of the PCC give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year.

Our Risk Management policy is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all our employees, casual labour and voluntary helpers, and to provide such information, training and supervision, as they need for this purpose.

We will also endeavour to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, visitors and others who may visit the church, its surrounding grounds and any associated buildings.

2.Objectives and Activities

a. Health and Safety

The allocation of duties for safety matters and the particular arrangements that we will make to implement the policy are set out in the Health & Safety Document currently in force. The policy will be kept up to date, particularly in the light of any changes to our buildings or activities. To ensure this, the policy and the way in which it is operated will be reviewed regularly and the appropriate changes made. Employees and voluntary workers will be consulted on a regular basis in order to seek their views on health and safety matters.

b. Objectives

The Primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. St Mark's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
The PCC produced a 'statement of purpose' which is as follows:

- To be open to God through prayer and worship
- To recognise that we are part of Christ's worldwide church in a world where resources are not shared equally
- To become a community of mutual care and hospitality, growing in the love of Jesus Christ together
- To help people to discover faith in Jesus Christ and to enrich and deepen their faith
- To be alert to the needs of our local community and wider world and to respond to them in practical action
- To be a place of welcome for everyone, young and old alike

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Mark's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish.

c. Volunteers

We would like to thank the small band of volunteers who work so hard to reach the community. In particular we want to mention our church warden Christine While together with Robert Parsons who with Barry While has managed the church's finances during the past year; and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry.

3.Achievements and Performance

a. Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. Review of the Year

Since last Easter 2021 we have cautiously emerged from the pandemic and have slowly begun to return to our Eucharistic services. We are now at the point of walking up to the altar table to receive communion and we are now able to sing hymns once again. It is also good to see each other on Wednesdays when we meet to do administration or to clean, and I feel that people are very glad to have that companionship again.

Christmas at St. Mark’s went well with good attendance for our extra Christmas services. The Christmas eve pantomime went particularly well with a lot of good humour and joining in.
This Easter was the first one since my being here that we were able to run a full list of services including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday ‘Hour before the Cross’, Easter vigil, as well as Easter Day. These were all highly enjoyable to lead and felt very special. Those who attended got a great deal out of them.

Our children’s work has gone extremely well with an excellent community picnic in the summer. Our mission enabler Amy Stokes then left to have a baby and was replaced by Emma Cartwright who has worked to develop

children's activities with ourselves and St John's. Whilst our children's attendance is not good on Sundays, our contact with children outside Sundays has gone well with children from St. Mark's school, under Emma's guidance, attending not only the school services but also an Easter trail, a Shrove Tuesday session and a Mother's Day gift session at St. Johns, Brockmoor. All of these events went well but the Easter trail was particularly enjoyable. Emma will soon be leaving us but Pauline Broadhead has volunteered to do regular art and craft sessions with St. Mark's school children, on a biblical theme, so we are looking forward to seeing this develop.
Every church has been affected by the pandemic. Although St. Mark's has welcomed a couple of lovely new families we have seen a reduction in numbers with many of our regulars suffering from illness and some of them moving into long time care. The low attendance has meant a drastic difference in our income and we are struggling to make ends meet. Combined with this, has been a lack of energy and an unwillingness from some to help, leaving the few that do help, overwhelmed. I thank those who help, warmly. However, in order to sustain the church we need not only income, but also volunteer help, as a few people cannot do everything. Dealing constantly with administration tasks means there is little energy left to engage with the community, which is what church should be about. I don't know what the future for St. Mark's is, but it is not going to be possible long term for the church to provide in the way it has in the past. I hope our members will embrace doing things in different ways as it is not feasible for it to stay the same.

To end, I would like to remember our late members Pat Harper, John Lodge, Doug Earnshaw and Bob Parsons. Bob was both warden and parish administrator and did so much for this church. But he was also a friend whose support and wisdom were second to none. My deepest thanks go to Bob.

Reverend Ness Tobin

4.Reserves Policy

It has long been our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund, and we shall continue to follow this strategy.

5.Plans for the Future

a. Future Developments

i. Strengthen faith and discipleship by focusing on prayer, worship and Bible study for the good of all and developing lay leadership by with training for our worship group.

ii. Continue the work in the parish communities, particularly with St Marks school via acts of worship and craft, at community events, and with Russell's Hall Hospital.

iii. Encourage church growth through the new service format, a focus on publicity and outreach and an all age service.

6.Trustees Responsibility Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed 29th March 2022 on their behalf by:

Mrs. Christine While
Trustee
[verified electronically]

Mr. Robert Parsons
Trustee
[verified electronically]

Independent Examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Mark's Pensnett for the year end 31 December 2021

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Ac or

(2) The accounts do not accord with those records: or

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accou to be reached.

Signed: MyBishop date: 15 March 2022

MICHAEL BISHOP (BA)
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Profit and Loss Account

Income	
Interest Received	36.65
Dividends Received	3,797.23
Open Plate	2,160.27
Gift Aid	6,399.14
Non Gift Aid	1,433.52
Candles	40.23
Donations	4,613.00
Flower Club	40.00
Wedding Fees	1,680.00
Funeral/Baptism Fees	2,179.96
War Graves	13.50
HMRC	2,237.26
Fund Raising	1,705.69
Shares Revaluation	-8,636.88
Prize Donations	100.00
Smartie Tubes	616.00
Total Income	18,415.57

Expenditure	
Parish Share	17,476.00
Assigned Fees	827.59
Vicar Expenses	47.26
Electricity/Gas	5,462.27
Insurance	6,319.34
Phone	596.54
Water rates	187.91
Rubbish bins	450.77
Hygiene/Cleaning	930.55
Organ Fees/Repairs	2,847.50
Candles Cost	31.80
Funeral/Wedding Expenses	1,229.74
Repairs	6,395.32
Photocopier	2,145.60
Service Expenses Link	486.20
Subscriptions	57.00
Postage/Stationery	582.94
Event Expenses	654.07
Sundry Expenses	560.00
Books/Booklets	908.20
Refreshments	250.00
Liturgical Supplies	144.56
Donations	100.00
Computer	112.21
New Lighting	-365.43
Advertising Costs	126.00
Licenses	20.00
Memorial Stone Flavell	995.00
Total Expenditure	49,578.94
Total Excess Income	-31,163.37

Balance Sheet

Unrestricted Funds		
Edna Geary 9004		381.60
Slade 4763		1,738.28
Main account 5216		255,941.69
Sunday School 0176		1,651.59
Flower Club 7367		1,637.45
		261,350.61
Restricted Funds		
Bell Fund	9001D	2,756.32
Restoration Fund 9002D		22,911.45
Organ Fund 9003D		13,407.48
Morris Maint 9006D		23,953.53
Sunday School 4083		36,607.86
Sunday School 2840		255.13
		99,891.77
Endowment Funds		
Meredith 1415F		68,039.94
Bryce 1443S		2,058.03
Gibbons 1442S		1,122.56
Palmer 1441S		1,496.75
Morris	9001F	62,554.58
		135,271.86
Total Net Worth		496,514.24
Asset Value as at 31.12.2021		527,677.61
Net Income for Year		-31,163.37
		496,514.24

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Reverend Vanessa Tobin
[verified electronically]

Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

b. Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the direction of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

c. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the accounts of activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognized where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relations to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognized at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognized at the time the investment income is recoverable.

d. Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the

charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e. Investments

Fixed Asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognized at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realized or unrealized, are combined and shown in a separate heading in the statement of financial activities.

f. Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

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Accounts

St Marks Pensnett		Year Ending 31st December 2020		
Balance Sheet				
Unrestricted Funds				
Edna Geary	381.40			
Slade	1,619.26			
Main account	279,172.63			
Sunday School 0176	2,769.79			
Craft Club	439.23			
Flower Club	1,782.70			
	286,165.01			
Restricted Funds				
Bell Fund	2,754.88			
Restoration Fund	22,246.54			
Organ Fund	15,479.71			
Morris	22,179.75			
Sunday School 4083	34,687.89			
Sunday School 2840	255.09			
	97,603.86			
Endowment Funds				
Meredith	72,846.11			
Bryce	1,799.31			
Gibbons	981.44			
Palmer	1,308.59			
Morris	66,973.29			
	143,908.74			
Total Net Worth			527,677.61	
Asset Value as at 31.12.2019			347,689.10	
Net Income for Year			179,988.51	
			527,677.61	

St. Marks Pensnett Profit & Loss Account year ending 31st December 2020

Income	
Interest Received	287.95
Dividends Received	4,702.42
Open Plate	1,323.01
Gift Aid	4,037.65
Non Gift Aid	4,254.81
Candles	125.44
Legacies	211,211.96
Donations	4,074.40
Craft Group	599.23
Flower Club	0.00
Wedding Fees	1,032.00
Funeral/Baptism Fees	1,241.33
War Graves	13.50
HMRC	2,402.25
Fund Raising	225.20
Shares Revaluation	4,880.06
Other	174.87
Total Income	240,586.08
Expenditure	
Parish Share	27,055.00
Assigned Fees	676.20
Vicar X's	1,072.90
Electricity/Gas	7,749.22
Insurance	6,263.38
Phone	1,332.43
Water rates	179.20
Rubbish bins	441.93
Hygiene/Cleaning	1,726.47
Organ Fees/Repairs	890.00
Candles Cost	248.76
Funeral/Wedding X's	324.90
Repairs	1,129.44
Photocopier	1,942.03
Service X's Link	459.42
Subscriptions	104.95
Sunday School X's	625.70
Postage/Stationery	586.18
Event X's	670.80
Sundry X's	645.30
Refreshments	144.14
Donations	745.00
Computer	1,819.99
New Lighting	603.82
Advertising Costs	2,799.08

Licences	361.33
Total Expenditure	60,597.57
Total Excess Income	179,988.51