



View 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.

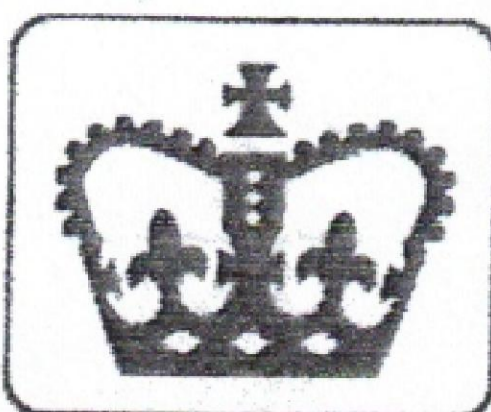
Hazel Hickman

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

Michael Bishop

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			
	<u>240,926.37</u>			
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			
	<u>104,028.27</u>			
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			
	<u>117,181.81</u>			
Total Net Worth			<u>462,136.45</u>	
Asset Value as at 31.12.2021			496,514.24	
Net Income for Year 31.12.2022			-34,377.79	
			<u>462,136.45</u>	

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	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		2022	2022	2022	2022	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		-122.90	0.00	0.00
			3,256.80	-3,256.80	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	