THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY RAWTENSTALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1134155

Details

Other names	ST MARY'S RAWTENSTALL PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-05
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: Church of England Parish Church. Provision of regular worship and related activities.

Classification

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

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£74,472	£73,473	-	-
2024-12-31	£78,429	£81,038	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,385	£86,497	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,403	£72,803	-	-
2021-12-31	£71,386	£68,812	-	-
2020-12-31	£70,767	£71,654	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Catherine Laytham		2024-04-28
Anne Dean		2015-04-26
CHRISTOPHER JOHN COTTRELL		
Catherine Louise Pedley		2024-04-28
Elizabeth Finn		2020-10-11
JEAN LANG		
Jay Dempsey		2015-04-26
MR TERRY BIRD		
Margaret Lucy Ashton		2018-05-14
PETER TERRY		2012-06-11
Paula Smithson		2026-05-10
Rev Julie Anne Barratt		2014-07-01
Ruth Metcalf		2015-04-26

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Accounts

Parish of St Mary
Rawtenstall

Annual Report
& Financial Statements

For the year ended
31st December 2025

St. Mary's Parish Church Rawtenstall – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Administrative Information

St Mary's is situated in Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1134155.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2025 until the date of this report are:

Team Vicar	The Revd Samuel Hameem
Associate Priest/ Focal Leader	The Revd Julie Barratt
Wardens	Jean Lang Peter Terry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Terry Bird
Elizabeth Finn

Elected Members

Margaret Ashton
Chris Cottrell
Anne Dean
Jay Dempsey
Maureen Heys (deceased 11 March 2026)
Brittany Kershaw
Ann Laytham
Ruth Metcalf
Catherine Pedley

Co-opted Members
Paula Smithson

P.C.C. VICE- CHAIR'S REPORT - Peter Terry

A regular pattern for taking services here continues with support for us from Revd' Janet O'Neill and Rev'd Laura Brinicombe in addition to Samuel and Julie. The average weekly attendance at our regular services was 46 adults with 8 in the Sunday School, 11 children were baptised, there were 3 funeral or thanksgiving services and 1 wedding. In addition, we hosted the Archdeacons Visitation, a Deanery Synod, a Confirmation service with Bishop Mattew and a VE Day Service. We also continued to support the Remembrance Sunday service in the Library Gardens and the annual Flag Civic Raising.

Samuel has continued to build his wider connections with the church and wider community, and in particular the day school and the ministers in other denominations with a presence in the town.

Julie has continued to be available to take monthly Communion services, and we remain very grateful that Julie has been able to work this round her caring responsibilities for David.

We have set out in the Wardens report the many thanks that are due to the lay members of our congregation who have ensured that the church has continued to offer weekly services, including Sunday School activities, as well as posting prayers and talks online, or physically distributing them to house-bound members. We are also grateful that the church has flowers and displays for weekly and special services and our thanks go to those who make that possible. It has also been encouraging to see good attendance at Make & Take once again and thanks are due to all those involved in those activities as well as the work Team St Mary's having been doing, and in particular the continuingly popular monthly Soup & Sandwich lunches. We have been able to continue church parties, with more to come. Of course, all of this work is supported by prayer, both individual and collective, including the continuing work of the Prayer Chain.

As noted above, the Rossendale Team support individual churches and we see that both in support for services, including online services through the Team You Tube channel, as well as team-based prayer meetings and courses. The reality though, is that we will always be reliant on our lay team for some services, bible study groups and other outreach as we remain faithful and continue to serve God and our community in the best way we can.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT - Jean Lang and Peter Terry

Church Fabric

The inspection of the electrical system and the lightning conductor was completed in 2023 in line with our insurers requirements. The fire alarm is tested and serviced twice a year, and a maintenance contract is in place. The boilers and heating system are serviced annually although there have been issues with the system more recently.

The architects completed the Quinquennial review during the latter part of 2023, and we now have a significant list of jobs, both large and small that we need to plan for and fund.

The major part of the work is the Tower. A specialist team looked at immediate safety issues with the tower, and there is work needed as a result, but the main project is a substantial undertaking. A message via the local authority that the clock faces were at risk of falling out led to the main door being taken out

of action for a period of time but a more detailed survey of the faces confirmed that this was not an issue and the work on the clock faces can be programmed in with work on the remainder of the tower.

Graveyard

The frequency of grass cutting by the Council in 2025 continues to be less than we would like, although it has improved, but Civic Pride do help to keep the area tidy and have planted a variety of flowers and shrubs in containers around the site. We are grateful for the good working relationship we have with them.

Working Parties

From time to time volunteers from the congregation undertake extra cleaning and work in the church and churchyard. We continue to be grateful for their help. We will need more help as we tackle those issues in the Quinquennial report that we can undertake ourselves.

Church Finances

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 show a deficit of £487 in the year after the revaluation downwards of our endowment funds by £1,486. This means that the total funds of the church amounted to £79,239 at the balance sheet date.

Parish Share payments of £25,680 were made to the Diocese and we would like to thank everyone for their continued giving which allowed us to maintain this payment at the same level as last year. This represented payment of the Parish Share in full following the negotiations with the Diocese in the year, the result of which is Parish Share payments were agreed for the next three years at amounts less than the £28,000 we have paid in recent years.

£34,362 of the church funds relate to the capital value of legacy investments that provide an annual income to the church. £17,494 is the remaining balance of the legacy given to the church by the estate of Geoffrey Bradshaw and the new legacy gift received in 2021. The other main element of church funds is the gift aid due on the giving in 2025 amounting to £11,550.

Members of the congregation have continued to give towards the cost of our Family and Children's Worker, that cost being shared with St Paul's and until recently Goodshaw church.

Whilst the overall funds position is satisfactory, the church continues to face expenditure on the fabric of the building in 2026 and beyond. The urgent repairs to the clock tower together with expenditure necessary following the Quinquennial inspection will more than absorb the available cash funds unless other sources of funding for these repairs can be accessed. Add to this the funds needed to meet the annual running costs, which have increased substantially after our four year Gas contract expired in 2023,plus the demands of the parish share (albeit reduced) and it becomes clear that the level of giving from the congregation needs to be maintained, and hopefully increased, if we are to meet all our obligations in full.

Worship

The churchwardens would like to thank all those who helped in the day-to-day running of the church during the year. Thanks go to all those who have continued to provide input to our services, by writing and leading prayers, reading lessons, preparing and giving talks, providing music and the team on the technical desk. It is great to have the Sunday School come back into church at the end of each service to show and tell us what they have been up to. Also, thanks to those who have ensured the Mothers Union continues to meet regularly.

We also thank Claire for the work she has maintained with families, children and schools.

We would also like to thank all those members of our fellowship who have maintained contact, in various ways, with those less able to get out and about.

Thanks also go to Catherine who has taken on the lead in our Eco Church journey, including producing an Eco newsletter.

Finally, but not least, thanks to Chris for his work as treasure and his continued organisation of our Lent and Harvest Project collections.

Safeguarding

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Church Wardens

Following the sudden and very sad death of Maureen Heys in March 2026, this section of the report has been pulled together by the Church wardens.

During 2025 the PCC met six times, under the chairmanship of Peter Terry (Vice Chair). All meetings were held in the foyer, although attendance by video link has been used by some PCC members when unable to attend in person. This hybrid method of meeting does not affect the PCC's ability to discuss and make decisions on all matters affecting the church, both mundane and practical, pastoral and at times, spiritual. And, our Team Vicar, the Rev'd Samuel Hameem has been able to attend most of the meetings.

A new Mission Action plan was developed during 2025 and is agreed. A copy of the Plan is available at the back of church for perusal. Please read and prayerfully consider your own involvement. The future of the church family at St Mary's is the responsibility of each and every one of us, as we work within the Rossendale Team Ministry. Our Focal Leader, Leadership team, Team Vicar and Parochial Church Council need our full support.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2025 two members were re-elected. Paula Smithson was co-opted onto the PCC at its first meeting on 12th May 2025.

During 2025 the members of the PCC, as required by the Diocese, have continued to update their Safe-guarding training.

Since the last APCM Sunday worship has continued with talks provided in part by church members, and with twice monthly Holy Communion conducted principally by Rev'ds Samuel Hameem and Julie Barratt. Rev'd Laura Brinicombe also led and spoken at services prior to her leaving the Team in March this year.

The Team Rector, Rod Bevan, retired in September 2025 and along with other Team churches we are in the process of recruiting a replacement. The loss of Rod and Laura from the Team places an even greater burden on Samule and janet, as well as all the non-stipendiary and other lay leaders of the church.

The church's online presence has continued, with talks and prayers published online and on social media. Bible Studies, Mothers' Union and other non-worship meetings have continued, with social events organised for New Year and Harvest. Team St Mary's have, along with their ongoing pastoral support, continued the monthly free lunch open to the community, with many regular, non-congregational, attendees.

Our Family and Community Worker, Claire Wood continued her work across the three churches of Goodshaw, Constable Lee and Rawtenstall especially her schools' work.

The church building has regularly been used as a venue by outside organisations with concerts by Rotary, the Rossendale Male Voice Choir, the Scouts, N.S.P.C.C. and the Hospice Light up a Life, besides the ladies' meetings for Renew.

The church family at St Mary's has continued to worship and fellowship together, and a heartfelt thanks must be given to all those people who have worked, and continue to work so hard, in all aspects of life at St Mary's, and to everyone who has contributed in any way, great or small to the spreading of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

The PCC look forward to continuing to work within the Rossendale Team, and to spreading the message of Christ Jesus with the church family at St Mary's, and to the community of Rawtenstall and Rossendale.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Nigel Bond

PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL
TO ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
To be held on 10th May 2026

	16 - 39 yrs	40 - 59 yrs	60 and over	TOTAL
Men	1	9	12	22
Women	1	15	23	39
TOTAL	2	24	35	61

The total number of members for April 2026 is	61
100.0% Electoral Roll Completed Application Forms	61
Members are resident in the parish	28
Members live outside the parish	33

Nigel Bond Electoral Roll Officer

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR' REPORT – Vicky Rhodes

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all members of the church. Our Parish follows and implements the Manchester Diocese and Church of England policies and practice for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

All Safeguarding Practice guidance is now accessed via the Church of England Safeguarding e-manual.
Safeguarding e-manual | The Church of England

PCC trustee members are subject to a DBS check where parishes undertake regulated activities with children or vulnerable adults. All our PCC members have a DBS Certificate. We renew DBS checks every 3 years and due to Data Protection laws, all our completed documentation of applicants that have applied and been processed through the Thirtyone:eight systems and are kept securely on church premises.

The Church of England online safe church training courses are a requirement for all PCC members and others who wish to work with our children, young adults and vulnerable adults. The Online Training is an important part of keeping church members up to date with the latest safeguarding knowledge and training must be completed by each DBS certificate member dependent on their role and renewed every three years. At the moment there are 19 active church members with DBS certificates.

The Safeguarding Online Parish Dashboard is being used and updated and reviewed by the PCC.
In March 2026 I attended a diocese online Dashboard drop-in session which was useful & helpful.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKER – Claire Wood

The last 12 months have been busy with events at the 3 churches proving popular with families, although it is difficult to preempt how many will attend, which can affect planning. For example, a very wet day may deter some people but mean an ideal time for others to get out of the house to join us for our Make and Take afternoons. Similar issues with attendance have been felt by St Paul's and St Mary and All Saint's Churches, which is reassuring and indicates that whilst some families want regular events and the routine this provides, others have different commitments and can only attend on an ad hoc basis.

The Big Church Party was great fun, with 25 children and adults enjoying the party games and hot dogs, along with the powerful message delivered by Jay. There were some new children who came along having seen the banner displayed outside church. The party bags were well received and any leftover party favours and treats were enjoyed by the children at Sunday School.

The primary schools have been more supportive in sharing details of these events but other avenues for how we advertise have changed, for example Rawtenstall Library no longer allowing posters to be displayed. Facebook continues to be a reliable avenue for promoting what we offer, along with word of mouth. It feels important not to focus too much on numbers of people through the doors, but more on being encouraged by all the positive comments we receive by whoever attends at any given time.

St Mary's Primary School have visited the church for events such as Harvest and Christmas and these are always well attended and enjoyed by families. This year we were able to hold a Year 6 "It's Your Move" day, also joined by children from Balladen and St Paul's School with helpers from Alder Grange who shared their experience of moving from Year 6 to Year 7. The event was led by helpers from both St Mary's and Kay Street Baptist Church, and a good example of how well we work together to support children in our community.

Balladen School suggested more church events throughout the year would support their children in getting used to the church environment, so that their Year 6 event is less daunting for them. The strengthening relationship with Balladen School is very encouraging, with some staff and children having also begun to join us at other events and me being asked to go in to help with some RE lessons. Bibles have been issued to a number of children from the Year 2 and Year 6 classes at the 3 primary schools, and funded by ourselves, St Paul's Church, Kay Street Baptist and Longholme Methodist churches.

In February we were able to welcome students from Belmont School into church, giving them the opportunity to have a look around, ask questions about the bulding and about how we worship, followed by time writing prayers. Youth work across Rossendale is also developing, with a team of people from various churches now meeting regularly to plan monthly youth worship, rotating around the churches to share the workload and be accessible to everyone.

DEANERY SYNOD – Terry Bird

The Bury and Rossendale Deanery consists of ordained ministers and lay representatives appointed by PCCs, There are 5 meetings a year and there is always an opportunity to share good news, help and advice. The recurring agenda items are Worship (first on the agenda after Welcome!), Ecochurch, Secretary's report and Treasurer's report. There is usually one special item led by a guest speaker. In 2025 the special items were: 1. The January meeting item was led by Bishop Matthew and Helen Platts.They dealt with the Manchester Diocesan Strategy and Vision, including Growing Our Churches, Growing Younger, Church Planting (not flowers! - that comes under Ecochurch!) and Parish Renewal. Helpful discussions and examples followed. 2. The February meeting was a special conference dealing with developing strategies for increasing youth involvement in our churches. 3. The May meeting item was led by Rev Phil Cansdale, the Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry. There was an exploration of the "Dry Bones" passage in Ezekiel. Thoughts were shared on how "dry" we felt our bones were as individuals and churches. He then talked about Growing Younger, A Quiet Revival, More Than Sunday and gave numerous encouraging examples from churches in the Diocese under those headings. 4.The September meeting item was led by Canon Anne Edwards, the Senior Chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester. She gave a detailed presentation about Clergy and Lay Wellbeing. This was a very timely reminder about just how much work is done by Rev Samuel, Rev Julie and our lay leaders (Peter, Jean, Maureen (sadly no longer with us) and Clare. This was brought to the PCC and a unanimous resolution was passed acknowledging the need for us to keep these people in mind. We should be praying about this regularly. 5.The November meeting was held here at St Mary's. An update report was given by the Chair on Ecochurch and the special item was the important issue of Safeguarding given by Abby Cleophane-Wilson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

RENEW: for women – Suzanne Moriarty

There is a core team of about ten ladies on the Renew Team, not all from St. Mary's but from a variety of churches in the local area.

We aim to give a word in season to 'strengthen and refresh the weary ones' through the Name and Spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4)

We held three Renew meetings in 2025.

March Renew was called 'Don't Look Back' and was led by Bishop Jill Duff. A massive 250 ladies attended!

The speaker for the June meeting was Jayne Haworth from Goodshaw Baptist who talked about how God has 'sheltered her under His wings' throughout the trials she has had to face.

October's Renew hosted the first ever male speaker, Howard Thomas who runs Ark Ministries in Fuengirola, Spain. He talked about how God wants to heal today and he prayed for our healing.

Approximate numbers are 220 at each event.

Renew is going from strength to strength and we are grateful to God for bringing along the ladies each time!

We continue to pray that God encourages each lady who comes along.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION – **Jean Lang, Anne Johnstone, Maureen Heys, Anne Dean.**

St Mary's Mothers' Union usually meet on the third Monday of the month in the foyer.

This year we have 15 members

The meetings start with prayer and singing. We have a Communion service each April and enjoy a variety of speakers throughout the year.

We enjoy a summer and winter meal out.

In November we usually make craft items to be sold at the Scout Christmas Fair.

Following a talk from Louise Cooper we coordinated the donation of Christmas gifts to the charity Kids in Rossendale and sold homemade jams to give the proceeds to them.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Jacqueline Dungworth

We've had a good year with babies and dad's joining with us in the back.

They've all taken part in the stories and parties especially Adam and his pizza party dance.

No hiding under a bushel there as he and Ben and Frederick made excellent Kings in the nativity.

We've heard bible stories and modern-day Christian stories.

Can't forget cakes and crafts.

Great big thank you for all your support.

In no particular order Jacqueline, Janet, Suzanne and Nick.

MAKE and TAKE – Jean Lang

A free afternoon of Bible based crafts with stories and songs for primary school children

There are various crafts and refreshments the sessions are held at church festivals

Mothering Sunday / Easter
Pentecost
Harvest
Nativity
Christmas Eve

Thanks for everyone involved
Jacqueline, Claire, Catherine, Rosemary, Paula, Sue, Bobbi

St MARY'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS – Elizabeth Finn

During the last academic year, the partnership between St Mary's CE Primary School and St Mary's Church has remained strong. Clergy have continued to visit school each week to lead worship linked to the school's value for the term - for example, peace and forgiveness. This regular involvement has had a positive impact on both pupils and staff, helping to ensure that positive relationships remain central to the school's ethos.

The school has also continued to attend St Mary's Church for key services throughout the year, including Harvest, Christingle, and Easter. In addition, pupils in Years 4 to 6 have taken part in Easter-focused workshops delivered by the clergy, further enriching their understanding and engagement.

Governance at St Mary's School remains robust, supported by myself, Manchester Diocese Governor Nigel Bond and Reverend Samuel Foundation Governors who contribute proactively and positively to termly meetings. Their involvement ensures that the school's Christian distinctiveness continues to be a priority. We are also supported by our new Parent Governor Emma Okafar, a regular worshiper along with her family at St Mary's. One of this year's key improvement focuses has been to further develop Christian spirituality across the curriculum. Through ongoing staff CPD and presentations at governors' meetings, the school has strengthened its ability to articulate and evidence this work across a wide range of areas. Unfortunately, the Head of Governors has stepped down, having served 25 years as a Governor and we are now looking for someone to step into this vital role.

Collective Worship continues to be delivered to a high standard, supported by ongoing CPD provided by the Diocese. Looking ahead, a key development priority for the coming term is to increase pupil involvement in the planning and delivery of Collective Worship, further embedding their voice and leadership within the school's.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

PRAYER CHAIN – Ann Laytham

The number of requests for prayer to the 26 members of the Prayer Chain has again risen. Many of the requests are for people affected by illness or bereavement, most of whom are church members or their

families , or for people known to them who have given their permission.

We prayed for regular church activities like Soup and Sandwich and Renew and prayed for God's blessing on the VE Day events and Big Church Party and on the school leaver events held in church. We asked for God's presence and blessing on all the community events and concerts hosted at St Mary's and on those attending.

In June we took part in the 24 hours of prayer session that was part of Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement.

We received many messages of thanks for prayer and we gave thanks that so many of our prayers were answered.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY TABLE - Susan Halliwell

Flowers for the Holy Table have been provided weekly by members of the congregation and distributed to members of our fellowship suffering ill health, bereavement or for a special occasion.

Thanks are extended to all those involved in this ministry whether supplying flowers, taking out to the membership or organising the rota.

If you would like to provide flowers for this ministry there is a list at the back of church for names and dates or speak to Anne Johnstone.

TEAM ST MARY'S (Pastoral Support Group) – Julie Barratt

Team St Mary's has had another successful year. We have had 4 new members, and the WhatsApp group now totals 30.

During 2025 the work of the group continued, practical help such as lifts being given, and contact maintained with those members of the congregation unable to attend in person. The talks and prayers are still distributed weekly to the one remaining non-attendee, and thanks to those who continue this work. Support within the group itself has deepened and Team members have continued to help at and organise church events, regularly providing assistance to outside users of the church, especially with refreshments.

'Team St Mary's' members organised delivery of 'encouragement' bags at Easter and Christmas to those elderly, unable to attend church or unwell. We also distributed invitations for events at Easter, Christmas, and Harvest with daffodils taken out to some of those not able to attend the Mothering Sunday service. Our aim is to maintain contact with people who have a connection to the church, and to provide encouragement and fellowship when gifts are delivered or received.

Social events, such as the VE Day Party and Harvest Supper, have been led by members of the Team and were well-attended and enjoyed by the congregation and friends. Team members were also instrumental in providing tea and coffee in support of the Civic Pride Bank Holiday Tea Party event, the Hospice Light Up

A Life event and several concerts at Christmas and during the year, plus Rossendale Team events. A new event supported by the Team was Civic Pride's Open Garden Weekend when Team volunteers provided refreshments and also enabled St Mary's church to be open for the weekend. Members are also involved in Make and Take and other activities with the life of the Church.

During the year a small number of our members have continued to provide the monthly Soup and Sandwich lunch, open to anyone, and the number of customers averages between thirty and forty, on a regular basis with one notable exception of 51 customers. The food is offered free, however donations are shared between the church, to cover expenses, and RAFT (the food bank). We see several 'regulars' each month being a mix of congregation members and people from the local community. Our aim is to provide a warm space and company and we've received feedback regarding the warmth of welcome. The helpers themselves have enjoyed increased fellowship during these times too.

Moving into 2026 we continue to seek God's will for the Team, both for the pastoral support, and on the social side. We look forward to continuing to work with the church leadership and the wider Rossendale Team in this aim.

A massive thank you to all the 'Team' who've helped make everything happen, those fully active, and those vitally supporting us through prayer and encouragement.

A special mention in remembrance of Maureen Heys for her incredible hard work and the care and love she showed to all involved whether Team members or "customers". Her organisational skills, her baking gifts, her care, her energy and her humour will be sadly missed as we move on in 2026, mourning her loss. Team St Mary's will go on but will not be the same without her.

SMALL (House) GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Jean Lang

The groups meet in the foyer on alternate Tuesday 1pm until 2pm
This year we have completed our Study of J. Johns the Lord's Prayer then a Study on Angels and the 23rd Psalm. We discuss how the readings can tell us God's will and how we can apply it to our lives.

TUESDAY EVENING GROUP – MATTHEW TAYLOR

The group originally started life as the 'Lent 2025 course' group.

When that course came to an end, the group decided to continue - albeit now as a regular Bible study group.

Whilst meetings originally took place every Tuesday, owing to the fact that most attendees worked during the day, meetings were later re-scheduled to instead take place fortnightly. This has largely remained the case since.

Since the conclusion of the 2025 Lent course, the group has studied various passages from Scripture with the assistance of commentaries to aid discussion. To date, the group has studied the book of James, has started a commentary about 'Christian Community', before temporarily shelving this book until the 2026 Lent course is completed.

The group meets in the Church foyer, and is typically comprised of four individuals (including Maureen Heys, before she sadly passed away), though is likely to expand over the coming weeks.

The modest size of the group usually ensures a more personal, intimate discussion as opposed to that found in a larger group setting.

This has been noted by the group's members, who have discussed the growing fellowship in the group.

WEDNESDAY GROUP – Nigel Bond

Our house group meeting are compassionate and friendship based, our aim is a deeper level of fellowship. A core of the group come to all the meetings, whilst others come when convenient. Members of our group share many interests and ministries.

Our house group was established in 2017 as we studied the purpose driven life, What on Earth am I here for? over the past nine years we have regularly held meetings at our house. Since last year's report we have continued to meet once a month, on a Monday at 10 am. Our meetings are founded on prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

In December we held an afternoon tea, which has now become a tradition. The friendship and fellowship of the Group continues, this being an important part of each meeting.

The Group joined in the weekly meetings for the Lent Course in 2025. We have continued and the majority of our group joined the 2026 Lent Course.

Sue and I will continue to host and lead meetings throughout 2026 serving the needs of our group

LENT COURSE - Peter

Following the success of the 2025 Lent course, the 2026 course based on Matthew's Jesus, was very well attended including attendees from other churches, with an active discussion and sharing amongst those who came along. Thanks to those who took the lead in each of the weeks of the course.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 16 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the charity, the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.;

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

FCCA.

David Stott

Metcalfes
Certified Accountant 3 St Mary's Place
Bury
Lancashire BL9 0DZ

8 April 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Funds 2024 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2a	55,581	12,668	0	68,249	73,226
Charitable activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	2d	2,617	0	0	2,617	2,660
Investments	2c	1,157	0	188	1,345	1,475
Other	2e	2,261	0	0	2,261	1,068
TOTAL		61,616	12,668	188	74,472	78,429
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3a	61,098	12,375	0	73,473	81,038
Other	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		61,098	12,375	0	73,473	81,038
NET INCOMING /(EXPENDITURE		518	293	188	999	(2,609)
Transfers between funds						
Gains/(losses) on investment assets On revaluation		0		(1,486)	(1,486)	800
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		518	293	(1,298)	(487)	(1,808)
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD AT 1 JANUARY		32,078	8,268	39,380	79,726	81,534
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD AT 31 DECEMBER		32,596	8,561	38,082	79,239	79,726

The notes form part of these accounts

Balance sheet at 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5a	0			0	0
Investments	5b		0	34,362	34,362	35,849
		0	0	34,362	34,362	35,849
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	6	9,872	1,678	0	11,550	11,454
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		22,724	6,883	3,720	33,327	32,424
		32,596	8,561	3,720	44,877	43,877
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		32,596	8,561	3,720	44,876	43,877
Total assets less current liabilities		32,596	8,561	38,082	79,239	79,726
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		32,596	8,561	38,082	79,239	79,726
PARISH FUNDS	8&9					
Unrestricted		32,596			32,596	32,078
Restricted			8,561		8,561	8,268
Endowment				38,082	38,082	39,380
		32,596	8,561	38,082	79,239	79,726

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by Peter Terry, Lay Chair and Jean Lang Church Warden.
The notes form part of these accounts

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	(444)	(3,256)
Cash flows from investing activities	10	1,345	1,475
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Change in cash in reporting period		**902**	**(1,781)**
Cash at 1st January 2025		32,425	34,206
Cash at 31st December 2025		**33,327**	**32,425**

2	**INCOME & ENDOWMENTS**	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2a	**Donations & Legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aid donations	31,384	0	0	31,384	30,890
	Tax recoverable	10,310	1,678	0	11,987	11,500
	Family Worker		10,990	0	10,990	13,580
	Other	3,955	0	0	3,955	4,620
	Collections (open plate)	1,892	0	0	1,892	2,311
	Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	0	0	0	0	2,194
	Donations, appeals	7,231	0	0	7,231	7,340
	Legacies	809	0	0	809	790
		55,581	12,668	0	68,249	73,225
2b	**Charitable activities**	0	0	0	0	0
2c	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest including	1,157	0	188	1,345	1,475
		1,157	0	188	1,345	1,475
2d	**Income from church activities**					
	Hire of church	975	0	0	975	1,100
	Fees	1,642	0	0	1,642	1,560
		2,617	0	0	2,617	2,660
2e	**Other**	2,261	0	0	2,261	1,068
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	61,616	12,668	188	74,472	78,428

3	**EXPENDITURE**	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3a	Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving					
	Overseas:					
	CPAS	1,100	0	0	1,100	1,400
	Crosslinks	750	0	0	750	750
	Bible Society	1,100	0	0	1,100	1,400
	Barnabus	0	0	0	0	0
	CAP Debt Centre	0	0	0	0	0
	Home					
	Student & Easter Gifts	80	0	0	80	80
	Other	150	0	0	150	145
	Evangelical Alliance	90	0	0	90	90
		3,270	0	0	3,270	3,865

	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	25,680	0	0	25,680	24,000
	Other ministry costs	1,998	0	0	1,998	1,105
	Church running and maintenance	18,759	0	0	18,759	23,709
	Depreciation church equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Vicarage Costs	1,971	0	0	1,971	1,957
	Family Worker		12,375	0	12,375	15,750
	Fees Paid	883	0	0	883	1,160
	General Expenses	8,536	0	0	8,536	9,492
		61,098	12,375	0	73,473	81,038
3b	**Raising funds**	0	0	0	0	0
3c	**Other**	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	61,098	12,375	0	73,473	81,038

4 STAFF COSTS

4a	Wages and salaries	£14,103

During the year the church employed two part time cleaners but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.
Together these employees relate to less than one full time employee.
On 1st December 2019 the church commenced the employment of a Family & Community Worker

4b Payments to PCC Members
Other than Verger Fees totaling £90 no payments or expenses were paid to members of the PCC.
No payments were paid to persons closely connected to PCC members or to related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

5a **Tangible**

		Moveable furnishings	Total
		£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2025	26,140	26,140
	Disposal		
	Additions at cost	0	0
	At 31 December 2025	26,140	26,140
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2025	26,140	26,140
	Withdrawn on disposals		
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2025	26,140	26,140

Moveable furnishings comprises the sound system, the chairs and the notice board.

5b **Investments**

	£
Endowment Fund	
Market value at 1 January 2025	35,849
Revaluation gain (loss)	(1,486)
	34,362

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	2024 £
6 DEBTORS					
VAT Recoverable					
Tax recoverable	9,872	1,678		11,550	11,453
	9,872	1,678	0	11,550	12,281
7 LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due in one year					
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-0	0	0	0	0
	(0)	0	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 FUNDS

The restricted fund comprises money donated to pay the Family and Childrens worker. The endowment fund is the Lord, Pilling and Buckley Charity fund.

Funds Movement	Family Worker £	2,024 £
Balance at 1 January 2025	8,268	8,848
Incoming resources	12,668	15,170
Transfer between funds	0	0
Resources expended	(12,375)	-15,750
Balance at 31 December 2025	8,561	8,268

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Investment assets			34,363	35,849
Current assets	32,596	8,561	3,720	3,531
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year	(0)	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	
	32,596	8,561	38,082	39,380

£17,494 of the Unrestricted Funds represent a legacies received from former members of the church. Although the gifts are unrestricted the PCC have decided that where possible the money should be used only for projects that improve the facilities within the church building or in reaching out to the community in accordance with the church's development plan.

10 **Cash Flows**	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	(349)	(4,084)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(96)	828
increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Funds transferred out	0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	(444)	(3,256)
Interest received	1,345	1,475
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash in investing activities	1,345	1,475

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY RAWTENSTALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1134155

Accounts

Parish of St Mary Rawtenstall

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

St. Mary's Parish Church Rawtenstall – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Administrative Information

St Mary's is situated in Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is via the PCC Secretary; Maureen Heys, 18 Peel Street Cloughfold, Rossendale BB4 7LJ.
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1134155.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2024 until the date of this report are:

Team Vicar	The Revd Samuel Hameem
Associate Priest/ Focal Leader	The Revd Julie Barratt
Wardens	Jean Lang Peter Terry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Terry Bird
Jayne Wilkinson-Smith (resigned 10th August 2024)
Elizabeth Finn (from 28th April 2024)

Elected Members

Margaret Ashton
Chris Cottrell
Anne Dean
Jay Dempsey
Maureen Heys
Brittany Kershaw
Ann Laytham (from 28th April 2024)
Ruth Metcalf
Catherine Pedley (from 28th April 2024)
Andy Roberts (resigned 10th April 2024)

Co-opted Members
Paula Smithson (co-opted 2nd September 2024)

P.C.C. VICE- CHAIR'S REPORT - Peter Terry

A regular pattern for taking services here is now established with support for us from Revd' Janet O'Neill and more recently Rev'd Laura Brinicombe in addition to Samuel and Julie. The average weekly attendance at our regular services was 50 adults with 8 in the Sunday School, 12 children were baptised, and there were 5 funeral or thanksgiving services. In addition, we hosted the Archdeacons Visitation, the Mothers Union Deanery Festival, a Deanery Synod and the Mayor's service. We also continued to support the Remembrance Sunday service in the Library Gardens and the annual Flag Civic Raising.

Samuel has continued to build his wider connections with the church and wider community, and in particular the day school and the ministers in other denominations with a presence in the town.

Julie has continued to be available to take monthly Communion services, and we remain very grateful that Julie has been able to work this round her caring responsibilities for David.

We have set out in the Wardens report the many thanks that are due to the lay members of our congregation who have ensured that the church has continued to offer weekly services, including Sunday School activities, as well as posting prayers and talks online, or physically distributing them to house-bound members. We are also grateful that the church has flowers and displays for weekly and special services and our thanks go to those who make that possible. It has also been encouraging to see good attendance at Make & Take once again and thanks are due to all those involved in those activities as well as the work Team St Mary's having been doing, and in particular the continuingly popular monthly Soup & Sandwich lunches. We have been able to continue church parties, with more to come. Of course, all of this work is supported by prayer, both individual and collective, including the continuing work of the Prayer Chain.

As noted above, the Rossendale Team do support individual churches more effectively and we see that both in support for services, including online services through the Team You Tube channel, as well as team-based prayer meetings and courses. The reality though, is that we will always be reliant on our lay team for some services, bible study groups and other outreach as we remain faithful and continue to serve God and our community in the best way we can.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT - Jean Lang and Peter Terry

Church Fabric

The inspection of the electrical system and the lightning conductor was completed in 2023 in line with our insurers requirements. The fire alarm is tested and serviced twice a year, and a maintenance contract is in place. The boilers and heating system are serviced annually.

The architects completed the Quinquennial review during the latter part of 2023, and we now have a significant list of jobs, both large and small that we need to plan for and fund.

The major part of the work is the Tower. A specialist team have looked at immediate safety issues with the tower, and there is work needed as a result, but the main project is a substantial undertaking.

Graveyard

The frequency of grass cutting by the Council in 2024 continues to be less than we would like, although it has improved in 2024, but Civic Pride do help to keep the area tidy and have planted a variety of flowers and shrubs in containers around the site. We are grateful for the good working relationship we have with them.

Working Parties

From time to time volunteers from the congregation undertake extra cleaning and work in the church and churchyard. We continue to be grateful for their help. We will need more help as we tackle those issues in the Quinquennial report that we can undertake ourselves.

Church Finances

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 show a deficit of £1,808 in the year after the revaluation upwards of our endowment funds by £800. This means that the total funds of the church amounted to £79,726 at the balance sheet date.

Parish Share payments of £24,000 were made to the Diocese and we would like to thank everyone for their continued giving which allowed us to maintain this payment at the same level as last year. This represented payment of the Parish Share in full following the negotiations with the Diocese in the year, the result of which is Parish Share payments were agreed for the next three years at amounts less than the £28,000 we have paid in recent years.

£35,849 of the church funds relate to the capital value of legacy investments that provide an annual income to the church. £17,494 is the remaining balance of the legacy given to the church by the estate of Geoffrey Bradshaw and the new legacy gift received in 2021. The other main element of church funds is the gift aid due on the giving in 2024 amounting to £11,454.

Members of the congregation have continued to give towards the cost of our Family and Children's Worker, that cost being shared with St Paul's and Goodshaw churches.

Whilst the overall funds position is satisfactory, the church continues to face expenditure on the fabric of the building in 2025 and beyond. The urgent repairs to the clock tower together with expenditure necessary following the Quinquennial inspection will more than absorb the available cash funds unless other sources of funding for these repairs can be accessed. Add to this the funds needed to meet the annual running costs, which have increased substantially after our four year Gas contract expired in 2023,plus the demands of the parish share (albeit reduced) and it becomes clear that the level of giving from the congregation needs to be maintained, and hopefully increased, if we are to meet all our obligations in full.

Worship

The churchwardens would like to thank all those who helped in the day-to-day running of the church during the year. Thanks go to all those who have continued to provide input to our services, by writing and leading prayers, reading lessons, preparing and giving talks, providing music (including Theo who reduced the average age of the music team significantly – sorry couldn't resist that! - Peter) and the

team on the technical desk. It has been great to have the Sunday School come back into church at the end of each service to show and tell us what they have been up to. Also, thanks to those who have ensured the Mothers Union continues to meet regularly.

We also thank Claire for the work she has maintained with families, children and schools.

We would also like to thank all those members of our fellowship who have maintained contact, in various ways, with those less able to get out and about.

Finally, but not least, thanks to Chris who continues to organise our Lent and Harvest Project collections.

Safeguarding

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Maureen Heys

During 2024 the PCC met six times, under the chairmanship of Peter Terry (Vice Chair). All meetings were held in the foyer, although attendance by video link has been used by some PCC members when unable to attend in person. This hybrid method of meeting does not affect the PCC's ability to discuss and make decisions on all matters affecting the church, both mundane and practical, pastoral and at times, spiritual. And, our Team Vicar, the Rev'd Samuel Hameem has been able to attend most of the meetings.

The objectives of the Mission Action Plan, agreed in 2018, continued to be considered throughout the PCC's deliberations and the leadership team have been actively working to revise it, along with input from the PCC. A copy of the previous Plan is available at the back of church for perusal, and the new one will be provided in due course. Please read and prayerfully consider your own involvement. The future of the church family at St Mary's is the responsibility of each and every one of us, as we work within the Rossendale Team Ministry. Our Focal Leader, Leadership team, Team Vicar and Parochial Church Council need our full support.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2024 one member of the PCC retired, and thanks were expressed to Andrew Roberts who resigned after many years' service to St Mary's, due to moving away from the Parish. Tributes to Duncan Ramsbottom, who passed away during 2023 were expressed, and thanks given for his long and faithful service to the Lord, especially on the PCC. One member was re-elected, and two new members were elected. During 2024 a Diocesan Synod representative (Jayne Wilkinson) resigned and we co-opted a new member to the PCC. Thanks are expressed to Jayne for her service to St Mary's over the years.

During 2024 the members of the PCC, as required by the Diocese, have continued to update their Safe-guarding training.

Since the last APCM Sunday worship has continued with talks provided in part by church members, and with twice monthly Holy Communion conducted principally by Rev'ds Samuel Hameem and Julie Barratt and we are looking forward to input from the Team curate, Revd Laura Brinicombe in the coming year, as

she returns from maternity leave. The church's online presence has continued, with talks and prayers published online and on social media. Bible Studies, Mothers' Union and other non-worship meetings have continued, with social events organised for New Year and Harvest. Team St Mary's have, along with their ongoing pastoral support, continued the monthly free lunch open to the community, with many regular, non-congregational, attendees.

Our Family and Community Worker, Claire Wood continued her work across the three churches of Goodshaw, Constable Lee and Rawtenstall especially her schools' work.

The church building has regularly been used as a venue by outside organisations with concerts by Rotary, the Rossendale Male Voice Choir, the Scouts, N.S.P.C.C. and the Hospice Light up a Life, and events held by the local Ukrainian society, besides the ladies' meetings for Renew.

The church family at St Mary's has continued to worship and fellowship together, and a heartfelt thanks must be given to all those people who have worked, and continue to work so hard, in all aspects of life at St Mary's, especially the Wardens, Peter and Jean, and to everyone who has contributed in any way, great or small to the spreading of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

The PCC look forward to continuing to work within the Rossendale Team, and to spreading the message of Christ Jesus with the church family at St Mary's, and to the community of Rawtenstall and Rossendale.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Nigel Bond

PRESENTATION OT THE ELECTORAL ROLL
TO ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11th May 2025

	16 - 39 yrs	40 - 59 yrs	60 and over	TOTAL
Men	**1**	**9**	**13**	**23**
Women	**1**	**16**	**22**	**39**
TOTAL	**2**	**25**	**35**	**62**

	The total number of members for April 2025 is	**62**
100.0%	**Electoral Roll Completed Application Forms**	**62**
	Members are resident in the parish	**23**
	Members live outside the parish	**39**

Nigel Bond Electoral Roll Officer

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR' REPORT – Vicky Rhodes

Our Parish of St Mary's Church Rawtenstall is still very much following and implementing the Manchester Diocese and the Church of England Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult Policies.

The Manchester Diocese online safe church training course is still a requirement for all members who wish to work with our children, young adults and vulnerable adults. Here at St Mary's we renew DBS checks every 3 years and due to Data Protection laws all our completed documentation, of applicants that have applied and has been processed through the Thirtyone:eight systems, is kept securely on church premises.

The PCC follow The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Guidance and Safeguarding Code of Practice. https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-e-manual

All PCC trustee members must take a DBS check where parishes undertake regulated activities with children or vulnerable adults.

This year new Declaration Forms for roles that meet the criteria for DBS Checks were introduced by The Church of England. I have implemented these new forms for our use at St Mary's. The Dioceses have brought in the use of a type of database called "Dashboard " for each church to use, to keep up to date and enter information about DBS Checks and Training. I am still getting to grips with this new tool and may need to have some training on using it from the diocese.

At the moment there are 20 active church members with DBS certificates.

Online Diocese Training is an important part of keeping church members up to date with the latest safeguarding knowledge and Training must be completed by each DBS certificate member. Well done & thank you to all those people who have completed their training.

Many Blessings, Vicky Rhodes St Mary's Rawtenstall CPO.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKER – Claire Wood

Schools

I have continued to help to organize a weekly Rota of clergy and other helpers to lead whole school worship at St Mary's School each Wednesday, following values that are set by the school, such as "Peace" and "Respect", and which change each half term. Whilst some people have been unable to help in the same way this year, new people have come forward with offers of support, and this has been welcomed by the school. The children look forward to coming into church for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services in church, which are always well-attended by family members, offering a good opportunity for conversation about the different church events that follow these school services; for example, "Soup and a Sandwich" and upcoming "Make and Take" events.

Bibles were gifted by church to those Year 2 and Year 6 children who wanted them this year. They were presented in school by clergy and governors, and those children who did not want their own copy have still been able to benefit from a loaned edition that will be theirs for their time in school.

Balladen School invited me in to help with an RE lesson; I was able to take in a collection of Bibles including a very large and very old church copy that the children were fascinated by. Helen P also joined me, and the children asked us lots of questions about God and Jesus, including "has anyone ever seen God?" One class also enjoyed a visit to church where the children had a good look around and asked us more questions before settling for a drink and snack before returning to school. Although the Year 6 teacher was hopeful for me to lead some Year 6 outdoor sessions, the school's timetable restrictions meant that, unfortunately, this could not take place. However, I was able to spend some time with Year 6, in class, presenting each child with a Good News Bible and a Scripture Union booklet and gift pack from the church, to wish them well as they move on to secondary school. Their enthusiasm for these gifts was very encouraging.

Tiddlers/Make & Take/Big Church Party

Tiddlers very sadly came to an end due to very low numbers, which may in part be due to changes to childcare provision in the Valley. Some weeks there were no children and this was – unfortunately – unsustainable. Make and Take afternoons continue to be popular, although some are more well attended than others. The Big Church Party saw a return this October, led by Jay D and a group of helpers who made this an enjoyable event for the children and adults who came. As always, posters and flyers for these events are delivered to schools, the library, families, as well as advertised via Facebook to try and reach as many people as possible.

Claire Wood – Family and Community Worker

DEANERY SYNOD – Elizabeth Finn

The Deanery Synod met 5 times this year, some meetings in person and others on Zoom.

The usual format is discussion of the titles below, a speaker or video and then breaking into groups for further discussions.

ECO CHURCH

Kath Pollard, who is in charge of Eco Church, stressed the continued importance of pushing Eco matters in our churches, especially considering the many natural disasters around the world at the moment.

An Eco stepping stones event will hopefully take place in June at St John's House, details will follow in due course. All churches need an Eco Champion and need to be in place as soon as possible. We are all encouraged to push towards Silver awards.

GROWING YOUNGER

We have been encouraged to look at the 'PRAY' booklet –

P-practising

R- resourcing

A-adapt

Y- you

THE MISSION COMMUNITY discussion on May 7th 2024

Rossendale led by Revd Rod Bevan – the group felt there was a need to draw the Mission Community (MC) together. They want to make 5th Sundays 'MC Sunday' and draw up a list to share skills of all kinds within the MC. To my knowledge this has not happened.

Donna Williams shared targets for 2030 and compared them with where we are now (data from her recent questionnaire) There will be money from Church Commissioners to achieve these goals.

	2024	2030
FOCAL LEADERS	12	41
MISSION COMMUNITIES WITH M.A.P.	5	5
NEW CHURCH PLANTS	2	5
PRE SCHOOL-CONGREGATIONS	3	10
FRESH EXPRESSION CONGREGATIONS	3	8
YOUTH SACRED SPACES	2	5
REVITALISATION OF SMALL CHURCHES	1	3
No of CHURCHES CLOSED	2	4
No of ENQUIRERS COURSES	3	7
No of LIFE EVENTS (marriage and funerals only)	399	550

Several events are being planned to help with this growth. A Clergy Vision Day with Archdeacon Rachel and the Lay Leaders Conference on 1.3.2025 (venue and time to be confirmed.) No information regarding this Conference have been published.

Donna referred to her Questionnaire on Growing, Nurturing & Serving.

She stressed the ongoing need for growth and was pleased with the growing number of groups for children and young people and their link to worship. The deanery Hubs will help with this. Growth in church attendance is also important. We need to increase by 6 people a year in each worship centre! There are positive signs of growth, and we need to pray that this continues.

We continually discuss 'where are there signs of growth in our churches?' but have had no feedback from the last session which was on Zoom

NEW PERSONNEL

Amelia Brummitt (Assistant Deanery Enabler.) Amelia has just been appointed and is setting up a Deanery Hub for youth workers. Her main focus is facilitating Deanery Hubs. These will be a meeting point for families and children and to connect with schools, on a termly basis.

We were informed that the process of nominations/elections to all Diocesan Boards, Councils and Committees, in readiness for the triennial period beginning on 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2027.

Currently I have no information regarding the elections.

BUDGET

At the end of September our Deanery had paid 65.8% of Parish share compared to the Diocese average of 62.8%. Half our parishes had paid 75% of their total. Barbara was involved in the Discussion and Agreement meetings and for most parishes it resulted in a more realistic amount being negotiated for parish share than the original ask. Despite this positive move, there will still be an overall deficit of £1.6 million within the Diocese

The minutes of all meetings can be provided.

Elizabeth Finn

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

RENEW: for women – Suzanne Moriarty

There is a core team of about ten ladies on the Renew Team, not all from St. Mary's but from a variety of churches in the local area.

We aim to give a word in season to 'strengthen and refresh the weary ones' through the Name and Spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4)

A tithe of the offering goes to a different charity each time.

We held two Renew meetings in 2024.

March Renew was called 'A Spring Clean for your heart' and the Speaker was Rev. Janet O'Neill from the Team in Bacup.

The speaker for the September meeting was Rachel Shelley from St. James's church Clitheroe who told us about how she had been physically healed after being prayed for.

Approximate numbers are 220 at each event.

Renew is going from strength to strength and we are grateful to God for bringing along the ladies each time!

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION – **Jean Lang, Anne Johnstone, Maureen Heys, Anne Dean.**

The Mothers' Union's aim is to support Family Life, membership is open to anyone.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the foyer and we started 2024 with fifteen members plus one indoor member. During the year we have welcomed members from the congregation at St Paul's church and St Mary's Goodshaw.

In January we had a bring, show and tell evening, which was very interesting, especially Margaret's sharing of how she arranges her Christmas cards. This was so interesting that we decided to have her share it again with everyone nearer Christmas!

In February we had a speaker from Carers Link Lancashire who told us about their work in the community and the AGM was in March.

In April we prepared for the Mothers' Union Deanery festival which we hosted in May, when the new Area Dean, Revd Donna Williams spoke and 8 of our members were enrolled.

In June we enjoyed a splendid meal and fellowship, at the Fence Gate, and in July, Carol Acton gave us an update on the work of her charity, 'Maralissa Christian Church' who work in Gambia.

After the August break, Kirsty Braithwaite (nee Stannard) spoke to us in September about her work on Mental Health Support for students at Preston College and in October, Dan Theobald joined us to speak about his Life and Faith, and the charity, The Cancer Bank, that he set up.

In November we had a very enjoyable craft evening making items for the Scout Christmas Fayre.

In December we enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal at the Whitchaff, and hosted our annual Mince pies and Carols evening, when Margaret shared her Christmas card arrangement again, to everyone's delight.

When we have speakers the evenings are opened up to the wider congregation, family and friends.

During the year we presented 12 bibles to children who were christened at St Mary's.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Jacqueline Dungworth

Where to begin!

A lot has happened since last April.

We've had lots of fun and food in a bid to learn more about God and Jesus, using familiar and not so familiar stories and crafts to enhance the theme. Numbers vary, but we have new families who come with their children and they join in with lots of enthusiasm.

A real blessing has been the teenagers who help with the younger ones.

We have taken part in a Nativity play, Christingle, Harvest and some of the children are very good at 'public speaking', when sharing with the congregation at 'Show and Tell'. This has been a real encouragement to the children, being able to share in the service.

To look forward to: Palm Sunday (with real Palm leaves) Easter, an Egg Hunt, Easter hats to decorate and I'm sure as the year progresses there will be much more to share.

Thank you for all your prayer and encouragement.

The Sunday school – children, Jacqueline, Graeme, Suzanne, Nick, Janet and all the helpers.

TIDDLERS

Sadly due to ill-health concerns and low numbers the decision was made to close Tiddlers.

MAKE and TAKE – Jean Lang

This is primarily a craft afternoon, originally started a few years ago by Julie Barratt, on the lines of Messy Church, but without the meal. It takes place on the Saturday before certain Church Festivals: Mothering Sunday, Pentecost, Harvest, Nativity and Christmas Eve.

The afternoons have been well attended by junior-school aged children, we have had up to 26 children with parents at any one time.

Refreshments are served and the afternoon is free of charge.

Each afternoon has various crafts on the theme of that event, with cakes and biscuits to decorate (although how many actually get home and shared we don't know!). There is also an appropriate story to link into the Festival.

This year we included a session on the Nativity as Sunday school and the children were performing the story in church on Advent Sunday. The children made some of the props, the Wise Mens' gifts and crowns plus Headdresses for Shepherds and Angels.

Thanks to all who help without whom this outreach wouldn't be possible, especially Rosemary Bobbi, Jacqueline, Paula Sue, Jan, Barry, Claire and Jay.

BIG CHURCH PARTY – Jay Dempsey

The Big Church party took place on Thursday 31st October 2024. It is an alternative to Halloween, highlighting the goodness and radiance of Our God, this being the opposite of the Halloween theme. The Big Church Party is mainly for Infants and Primary-school age children. But we have an open door to all ages.

About 20 Children along with parents/grandparents and carers attended. The children and adults played games like musical mats, the chocolate game and various other games suitable for all ages and abilities. There is a craft table and a table with pictures to colour, songs are sung about God's light and a story told on the same theme, God's light and love.

Hot dogs and cold drinks are provided in the interval.

It was very pleasing to see that all of the adults took part in most of the games and the children seemed to enjoy them doing so. All of the children left with a 'Goody Bag' and a smile on their face. Every parent, grandparent and carer made a point of thanking the Helpers and said that they and the children had enjoyed the party.

Last, but not least events like these do not just happen, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Big Church Party.

Jay

St MARY'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS – Nigel Bond

During my time as School Governor since 2017, I have actively attended the Full Governing Body meetings three times a year, along with the Curriculum and Standards meeting, also held three times a year. The main role of the Governor is to ask appropriate and challenging questions of the school, to ascertain development and improvement. One of my key achievements has been the giving of Bibles to years 2 and year 6. If you visit the school, bibles are now visible in all classrooms and the library and are used for reference and teaching. Obviously with a school of multi faiths then only a proportion of pupils take home the Bibles for their personal use and keeping.

The School regularly holds services at St Mary's Church for Harvest, Christingle, Carol Service, Easter and the leavers service.

The Full Governing Body has three representatives from the church, myself Nigel Bond Foundation Governor, Elizabeth Finn Manchester Diocese Governor and Rev Samuel.

Please see the following strengths and areas for future development.

Strengths:

1. The school 's Christian values are firmly embedded across all aspects of the school. This includes Daily Collective Worship, relationships between all stakeholders in school and also the implementation of the school behaviour policy. This has been highlighted in the schools recent OFSTED inspection of March 2025.

2. St Mary's CE Primary School is an inclusive and caring community and as a result of this all pupils including SEND and disadvantaged pupils thrive and achieve well.

3. St Marys school have effective relationships with St Mary's Church in Rawtenstall, which includes the local clergy attending Collective Worship in school each week. In addition to this the school attend church on a half termly basis for a variety of services including Harvest, Christingle and Easter.

Areas to develop:

1. Further enhance and develop the links with the local church including the promotion of events being held in church.

2. Develop a shared understanding of spiritual development so that planning for this enriches all aspects of the curriculum and collective worship.

3. During the academic year 2024-25 and 2025-26 school leaders and staff will attend a range of training provided by Manchester Diocese, that will assist in enhancing the Christian Distinctiveness of St Mary's CE Primary School.

Compiled by Nigel Bond Foundation Governor.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

PRAYER CHAIN – Ann Laytham

The number of requests for prayer again increased this year and the number of Prayer Chain members remains at 26 . One person left the group, and one joined us.

We again took part in the Rossendale Team 24 hours of Prayer initiative on May 18th.

With their permission we continued to pray for many people affected by illness or bereavement , not all known to us. There were also prayers for our church members and volunteers and for all the activities held in St Mary's as well as some local events.

We received many messages of thanks for prayer and we gave thanks that so many of our prayers were answered.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY TABLE - Susan Halliwell

Flowers for the Holy Table have been provided weekly by members of the congregation and distributed to members of our fellowship suffering ill health, bereavement or for a special occasion.

Thanks are extended to all of those involved in this ministry, supplying, taking out and organising the rota.

AUTUMN CLUB

Due to various reasons, activities have ceased.

TEAM ST MARY'S (Pastoral Support Group) – Maureen Heys

The 'Team' has been running for over four years now and it has continued to evolve and grow. We have had a couple of new members, and the WhatsApp group now totals 26.

During 2024 the work of the group continued practical help such as lifts being given, and contact maintained with those members of the congregation unable to attend in person. The talks and prayers are still distributed weekly to two or three non-attendees, and thanks to those who continue this work. Support within the group itself has deepened and Team members have continued to help at and organise church events, regularly providing assistance to outside users of the church, especially with refreshments.

'Team St Mary's' members organised delivery of a dozen 'encouragement' bags at Easter, and at Christmas fourteen more were distributed to those elderly, unable to attend church or unwell. We also distributed invitations for events at Easter, Christmas, and Harvest with daffodils taken out to some of those not able to attend the Mothering Sunday service. Our aim is to maintain contact with people who

have a connection to the church, and to provide encouragement and fellowship when gifts are delivered or received.

Social events, such as New Year and Harvest parties, have been led by members of the Team and were well-attended and enjoyed by the congregation and friends. Team members were also instrumental in providing tea and coffee in support of the Civic Pride Bank Holiday Tea Party event, the Hospice Light Up A Life event and several concerts at Christmas and during the year, plus Rossendale Team events. Members are also involved in Make and Take and other activities with the life of the Church.

During the year a small number of our members have continued to provide the monthly Soup and Sandwich lunch, open to anyone, and the number of customers has risen to between thirty and forty, on a regular basis. The food is offered free, however donations are shared between the church, to cover expenses, and RAFT (the food bank). We see several 'regulars' each month being a mix of congregation members and people from the local community. Our aim is to provide a warm space and company and we've received feedback regarding the warmth of welcome. The helpers themselves have enjoyed increased fellowship during these times too.

Moving into 2025 we continue to seek God's will for the Team, both for the pastoral support, and on the social side. We look forward to continuing to work with the church leadership and the wider Rossendale Team in this aim.

A massive thank you to all the 'Team' who've helped make everything happen, those fully active, and those vitally supporting us through prayer and encouragement.

SMALL (House) GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Jean Lang

The group meets in the foyer on alternate Tuesdays 1 - 2pm with on average eight people attending regularly.

At the beginning of the year we worked with the study of J. John's 'The Lord's Prayer' book discovering how much the teaching of the Old Testament is within the prayer and that God will provide for our needs if we ask Him every day. It also highlighted how much Jesus came to serve.

We joined in with the church's weekly Lent Course.

Our new study Is 'Angels Standing Guard' by Douglas Connelly through which we are finding out how Angels are God's messengers and are all powerful for God.

WEDNESDAY GROUP – Nigel Bond

Our house group was established in 2017 as we studied "The purpose driven life: what on earth am I here for?" and over the past eight years we have regularly held meetings in our home. Since last year's report we have continued to meet once a month, on a Wednesday, at 1.30pm. Our meetings are founded on prayer, fellowship and studying the bible. More recently our sessions have focused on 'Hymns we Love'.

Hymns We Love is an evangelistic series designed to introduce seniors to the good news of the gospel. Over eight sessions we covered the following hymns

How Great Thou Art
Rock of Ages
Amazing Grace
The Lord's My Shepherd
And Can it Be
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Thine Be the Glory
My Song is Love Unknown

In December we held an afternoon tea. The friendship and fellowship of the Group continues, this being an important part of each meeting.

The Group joined in the weekly meetings for the Lent Course in 2024. We have continued with the majority of our group joining the 2025 Lent Course.

Many Blessings Nigel & Sue.

LENT COURSE - Peter

Building on the Lent course held in 2024, the 2025 Lent course based on Holy Habits- following Jesus, was very well attended including attendees from other churches, with an active discussion and sharing amongst those who came along. Thanks to those who took the lead in each of the weeks of the course. A smaller evening course for people with work commitments during the daytime, was also held using the same material.

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Sadly activities ceased during 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 18 to 25

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the charity, the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (tr.e 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.;

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

FCCA

David Stott

Metcalfes
Certified Accountant 3 St Mary's
Place Bury
Lancashire BL9 0DZ

2 April 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2a	58,056	15,170	0	73,226	75,691
Charitable activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	2d	2,660	0	0	2,660	5,941
Investments	2c	1,292	0	183	1,475	976
Other	2e	1,068	0	0	1,068	4,777
TOTAL		63,076	15,170	183	78,429	87,385
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3a	65,288	15,750	0	81,038	86,497
Other	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		65,288	15,750	0	81,038	86,497
NET INCOMING /(EXPENDITURE		(2,212)	(580)	183	(2,609)	887
Transfers between funds						
Gains/(losses) on investment assets On revaluation		0		800	800	3,021
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(2,212)	(580)	984	(1,808)	3,909
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD AT 1 JANUARY		34,290	8,848	38,396	81,534	77,626
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD AT 31 DECEMBER		32,078	8,268	39,380	79,726	81,535

The notes form part of these accounts

Balance sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5a	(0)			(0)	(0)
Investments	5b		0	35,849	35,849	35,049
		(0)	0	35,849	35,849	35,049
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	6	9,864	1,590	0	11,454	12,281
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		22,214	6,678	3,531	32,424	34,205
		32,078	8,268	3,531	43,877	46,486
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	(0)	0	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		32,078	8,268	3,531	43,877	46,486
Total assets less current liabilities		32,078	8,268	39,380	79,726	81,535
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		32,078	8,268	39,380	79,726	81,535
PARISH FUNDS	8&9					
Unrestricted		32,078			32,078	34,290
Restricted			8,268		8,268	8,848
Endowment				39,380	39,380	38,397
		32,078	8,268	39,380	79,726	81,535

Approved by the Parocial Church Council on 3rd March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Peter Terry, Lay Chair and Maureen Heys, Secretary.
The notes form part of these accounts

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	(3,256)	(2,087)
Cash flows from investing activities	10	1,475	976
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Change in cash in reporting period		**(1,781)**	**(1,111)**
Cash at 1st January 2024		34,206	35,317
Cash at 31st December 2024		**32,425**	**34,206**

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with the current Charities SORP and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2005 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2	**INCOME & ENDOWMENTS**	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2a	**Donations & Legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aid donations	30,890	0	0	30,890	33,405
	Tax recoverable	9,910	1,590	0	11,500	13,407
	Family Worker		13,580	0	13,580	15,148
	Other	4,620	0	0	4,620	4,840
	Collections (open plate)	2,311	0	0	2,311	2,052
	Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	2,194	0	0	2,194	0
	Donations, appeals	7,340	0	0	7,340	6,062
	Legacies	790	0	0	790	778
		58,056	15,170	0	73,226	75,691
2b	**Charitable activities**	0	0	0	0	0
2c	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest including	1,292	0	183	1,475	976
		1,292	0	183	1,475	976
2d	**Income from church activities**					
	Hire of church	1,100	0	0	1,100	1,175
	Fees	1,560	0	0	1,560	4,766
		2,660	0	0	2,660	5,941
2e	**Other**	1,068	0	0	1,068	4,777
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	63,076	15,170	183	78,429	87,385

3	**EXPENDITURE**	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a	Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving					
	Overseas:					
	CPAS	1,400	0	0	1,400	950
	Crosslinks	750	0	0	750	750
	Bible Society	1,400	0	0	1,400	950
	Barnabus	0	0	0	0	950
	CAP Debt Centre	0	0	0	0	750
	Home					
	Student & Easter Gifts	80	0	0	80	80
	Other	145	0	0	145	406
	Evangelical Alliance	90	0	0	90	90
		3,865	0	0	3,865	4,926

	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	24,000	0	0	24,000	28,000
	Other ministry costs	1,105	0	0	1,105	3,684
	Church running and maintenance	23,709	0	0	23,709	22,091
	Depreciation church equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Vicarage Costs	1,957	0	0	1,957	1,764
	Family Worker		15,750	0	15,750	15,681
	Fees Paid	1,160	0	0	1,160	2,686
	General Expenses	9,492	0	0	9,492	7,665
		65,288	15,750	0	81,038	86,497
3b	**Raising funds**	0	0	0	0	0
3c	**Other**	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	65,288	15,750	0	81,038	86,497

4 STAFF COSTS

£16,490

4a Wages and salaries

During the year the church employed two part-time cleaners but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.
Together these employees relate to less than one full-time employee.
On 1st December 2019 the church commenced the employment of a Family & Community Worker

4b Payments to PCC Members

Other than Verger Fees totaling £120 and organists' fees of £120, no payments or expenses were paid to members of the PCC.
No payments were paid to persons closely connected to PCC members or to related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

5a **Tangible**

		Moveable furnishings	Total
		£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2024	26,140	26,140
	Disposal		
	Additions at cost	0	0
	At 31 December 2024	26,140	26,140
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2024	26,140	26,140
	Withdrawn on disposals		
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2024	26,140	26,140

Moveable furnishings comprises the sound system, the chairs and the noticeboard.

5b **Investments**

	£
Endowment Fund	
Market value at 1 January 2024	35,049
Revaluation gain (loss)	800
	35,849

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
6 DEBTORS					
VAT Recoverable					
Tax recoverable	9,863	1,590		11,453	12,281
	9,863	1,590	0	11,453	12,281
7 LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due in one year					
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-0	0	0	0	0
	(0)	0	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 FUNDS

The restricted fund comprises money donated to pay the Family and Childrens worker. The endowment fund is the Lord, Pilling and Buckley Charity fund.

Funds Movement	Family Worker £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2024	8,848	7,382
Incoming resources	15,170	16,988
Transfer between funds	159	159
Resources expended	(15,750)	-15,681
Balance at 31 December 2024	8,427	8,848

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	(0)	0	0	(0)
Investment assets			35,849	35,049
Current assets	32,078	8,268	3,531	46,486
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year	(0)	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	
	32,078	8,268	39,380	81,535

£17,494 of the Unrestricted Funds represent legacies received from former members of the church. Although the gifts are unrestricted the PCC have decided that where possible the money should be used only for projects that improve the facilities within the church building or in reaching out to the community in accordance with the church's development plan.

10 **Cash Flows**	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	(4,084)	(89)
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	828	(1,998)
increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Funds transferred out	0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	(3,256)	(2,087)
Interest received	1,475	976
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash in investing activities	1,475	976

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY RAWTENSTALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1134155

Accounts

Parish of St Mary
Rawtenstall

Annual Report
& Financial Statements

For the year ended
31st December 2023

St. Mary's Parish Church Rawtenstall – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Administrative Information

St Mary's is situated in Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is via the PCC Secretary; Maureen Heys, 18 Peel Street Cloughfold, Rossendale BB4 7LJ.
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1134155.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2023 until the date of this report are:

Team Vicar	The Revd Samuel Hameem
Associate Priest	The Revd Julie Barratt
Wardens	Jean Lang Peter Terry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Terry Bird
Jenny Hutchinson (retired April 2023)
Jayne Wilkinson-Smith
Elizabeth Finn

Elected Members

Margaret Ashton
Chris Cottrell
Anne Dean
Jay Dempsey
Maureen Heys
Brittany Kershaw
Ruth Metcalf
Duncan Ramsbottom (until May 2023)
Andy Roberts

Co-opted Members

Sara Ford (from July 2023)

P.C.C. VICE- CHAIR'S REPORT - Peter Terry

It was great to be able to welcome Rev'd Samuel Hameem and his family at the licensing service here at St Mary's on 11th December 2022. Samuel has been with us for over 15 months now and a pattern for taking services here and in other churches in the Team has been established. Samuel has taken a number of baptism, wedding and funeral services and has built his wider connections with the church and wider community, and in particular the day school and the ministers in other denominations with a presence in the town.

More recently Julie has been available to take monthly Communion services, and this has enabled us to establish a regular pattern of worship. We are very grateful that Julie has been able to work this round her caring responsibilities for David.

We have set out in the Wardens report the many thanks that are due to the lay members of our congregation who have ensured that the church has continued to offer weekly services, including Sunday School activities, as well as posting prayers and talks online, or physically distributing them to house bound members. We are also grateful that the church has flowers and displays for weekly and special services and our thanks go to those who make that possible. It has also been encouraging to see good attendance at Make & Take once again and thanks are due to all those involved in those activities as well as the work Team St Mary's having been doing and in particular the increasingly popular monthly Soup & Sandwich lunches. We have even been able to have a couple of church parties, with more to come. Of course, all of this work is supported by prayer, both individual and collective, including the continuing work of the Prayer Chain.

The Rossendale Team is now able to support individual churches more effectively and we have seen that both in support for services, including more recently online services through the Team You Tube channel, as well as team-based prayer meetings and courses. The reality though, is that we will always be reliant on our lay team for services and other outreach as we remain faithful and continue to serve God and our community in the best way we can.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT - Jean Lang and Peter Terry

Church Fabric

The inspection of the electrical system and the lightning conductor was completed in 2023 in line with our insurers requirements. The fire alarm has been tested and serviced and a new maintenance contract has been put in place.

The architects completed the Quinquennial review during the latter part of 2023, and we now have a significant list of jobs, both large and small that we need to plan for and fund.

The major part of the work is the Tower. A specialist team have been booked to look at immediate safety issues with the tower, but the main project is a substantial undertaking.

Graveyard

The frequency of grass cutting by the Council in 2023 continues to be less than we would like but Civic Pride do help to keep the area tidy and have planted a variety of flowers and shrubs in containers around the site. We are grateful for the good working relationship we have with them.

Working Parties

From time to time volunteers from the congregation undertake extra cleaning and work in the church and churchyard. We continue to be grateful for their help. We will need more help as we tackle those issues in the Quinquennial report that we can undertake ourselves.

Church Finances

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 show a surplus of £3,909 in the year after the revaluation upwards of our endowment funds by £3,021. This means that the total funds of the church amounted to £81,535 at the balance sheet date.

Parish Share payments of £28,000 were made to the Diocese and we would like to thank everyone for their continued giving which allowed us to maintain this payment at the same level as last year.

£35,049 of the church funds relate to the capital value of legacy investments that provide an annual income to the church. £17,494 is the remaining balance of the legacy given to the church by the estate of Geoffrey Bradshaw and the new legacy gift received in 2021. The other main element of church funds is the gift aid due on the giving in 2023 amounting to £12,281.

Members of the congregation have continued to give towards the cost of our Family and Children's Worker, that cost being shared with St Paul's and Goodshaw churches.

Whilst the overall funds position is satisfactory, the church continues to face expenditure on the fabric of the building in 2024 and beyond. The urgent repairs to the clock tower together with expenditure necessary following the Quinquennial inspection will more than absorb the available cash funds unless other sources of funding for these repairs can be identified. Add to this the funds needed to meet the annual running costs, which have increased substantially as our four year Gas contract expired in 2023 and we are now paying 250% more for our gas, plus the demands of the parish share and it becomes clear that the level of giving from the congregation needs to be maintained if we are to meet all our obligations in full.

Worship

The churchwardens would like to thank all those who helped in the day-to-day running of the church during the year. Thanks go to all those who have continued to provide input to our services, by writing and leading prayers, reading lessons, preparing and giving talks, providing music and the team on the technical desk. Also, thanks for the team involved with the Tiddlers group and for those ensuring the Mothers Union meets regularly.

We also thank Claire for the work she has maintained with families, children and schools.

We would also like to thank all those members of our fellowship who have maintained contact, in various ways, with those less able to get out and about.

Safeguarding

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Maureen Heys

During 2023 the PCC met six times, under the chairmanship of Peter Terry (Vice Chair). All meetings were held in the foyer, although attendance by video link has been used by some PCC members when unable to attend in person. This hybrid method of meeting does not affect the PCC's ability to discuss and make decisions on all matters affecting the church, both mundane and practical, pastoral and at times, spiritual. And, we have had the benefit of the attendance at most meetings of our Team Vicar, the Rev'd Samuel Hameem

The objectives of the Mission Action Plan, agreed in 2018, have continued to be considered throughout the PCC's deliberations and the leadership team have been looking to revise it over the last year, however a copy of the previous Plan is available at the back of church for perusal and to then get prayerfully involved. The future of the church family at St Mary's is the responsibility of each and every one of us, as we work withing the Rossendale Team Ministry. Our Focal Leader, Leadership team and Team Vicar need our full support.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2023 five members of the PCC retired, and thanks are due to Gareth Davies for his service. Three members were re-elected, one moved to Deanery Synod representative and two new members were elected. During the year we sadly lost our longest-serving member, Duncan Ramsbottom, and co-opted a new member.

During 2023 the members of the PCC, as required by the Diocese, have continued to update their Safe-guarding training.

Since the last APCM St Mary's Sunday worship has continued with talks provided in part by church members, and with twice monthly Holy Communion (now with dipped wafer) conducted principally by Rev'ds Samuel Hameem and Julie Barratt. The church's online presence has continued, with talks and prayers published online and on social media. Bible Studies, Mothers' Union and other non-worship meetings have continued, with social events organised for New Year, the Coronation and Harvest. Team St Mary's have, along with their ongoing pastoral support, continued the monthly free lunch open to the community and attendance has slowly increased.

Our Family and Community Worker, Claire Wood continued her work across the three churches of Goodshaw, Constable Lee and Rawtenstall especially her schools' work.

The church building has been used as a venue by outside organisations with concerts by Rotary, the Rossendale Male Voice Choir, the Scouts, and the Hospice Light up a Life, and events held by the local Ukrainian society, besides the ladies' meetings for Renew.

The church family at St Mary's has continued to worship and fellowship together, and a heartfelt thanks must be given to those many people who have worked, and continue to work so hard, in all aspects of life at St Mary's, especially the Wardens, Peter and Jean, and to all who have contributed in any way, great or small to the spreading of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

The PCC look forward to continuing to work within the Rossendale Team, and to spreading the message of Christ Jesus with the church family at St Mary's.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Nigel Bond

	16 - 39 yrs	40 - 59 yrs	60 and over	TOTAL
Men	2	3	16	21
Women	3	3	40	46
TOTAL	5	6	56	67

The total number of members for April 2024 is	67
100.0% Electoral Roll Completed Application Forms	67
Members are resident in the parish	28
Members live outside the parish	39

Leavers sadly the following died during the year
Duncan Ramsbottom
Trevor Lang
Brenda Whipp
The following have been removed from the Roll, either due to relocation, or have not attended regular worship over the last six months.

Denise Cave
Gareth & Debra Davies
Tina Harris
Jennifer Hutchinson
Paul John Packes
Duncan & Margaret Rae
Andrew Michael Smith
Jennifer Broadhead
Andrew & Vivienne Roberts
Peter Barlass

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR' REPORT – Vicky Rhodes

Our Parish of St Mary's Church Rawtenstall is still very much following and implementing the Manchester Diocese and the Church of England Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult Policies.

The Manchester Diocese online safe church training course is still a requirement for all members who wish to work with our children, young adults, and vulnerable adults. Here at St Mary's, we renew DBS checks every 3 years and due to Data Protection laws all our completed documentation of applicants that have applied and has been processed through the Thirtyone:eight systems, are kept securely on church premises.

In 2018 the Church of England published the Parish safeguarding Handbook and St mary's parish follows this handbook. The new hand-book is available for viewing on the diocese website, at http://www.manchester.anglican.org/safeguarding and a copy is available in the vestry,

PCC trustee members must take a DBS check where parishes undertake regulated activities with children or vulnerable adults.

At the moment there are 21 active church members with DBS certificates.

Online Diocese Training is an important part of keeping church members up to date with the latest safeguarding knowledge, and Training must be completed by each DBS certificate member.

Many Blessings Vicky Rhodes St Mary's Rawtenstall CPO

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKER – Claire Wood

My contract was renewed in November 2022 for another 12 months until the end of November 2023.

Baptisms

St Mary's Church has seen the baptism of several children which has been a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families into the church, but it continues to be difficult to encourage these families to attend regular Sunday services after baptism.

Tiddlers/Make & Take/Big Church Party

Tiddlers saw a long break due to the personal circumstances of the helpers, which was unfortunate, but we can hopefully build relationships with new families now that we have been able to reopen. Numbers remain small, with feedback indicating an afternoon group can be difficult to attend due to the timing of baby/toddler naps. The children continue to enjoy sing-song time to the piano, and we are grateful to Sara for her help with this. Families are always notified of upcoming events at church and the Make and Take

afternoons continue to be popular, except for the Easter craft afternoon. The Big Church Party did not take place this year due to low numbers of volunteers.

Schools

St Mary's and St Paul's Primary Schools are supported each week with whole school worship, with a regular team of people from the churches leading the services which link to the schools' half-termly "values. The school worship team includes me, Revd. Samuel Hameem, Revd. David Burrow, Pastor Stephen Crook, Grahame Long and the Open the Book team. St Mary's School has also held services in church including Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Year 6 Leavers', which are well attended by families.

Bibles were provided by the Rawtenstall churches to St Mary's and St Paul's schools as well as Balladen, but this was offered differently this year due to some families not wanting their child to receive a Bible. Whilst Balladen does not have weekly worship, I have built a good relationship with some of the staff there and the Infants walked down to church to have a look around and to ask myself and Samuel some questions which they had put a lot of thought into. All three schools received Year 6 Leaver packs which I put together and which included the Scripture Union Book "It's Your Move", Bible verse bookmarks, stickers, pens, a notebook and wooden cross.

Training

I attended Blackburn Diocese Children's Ministry conference in February and attended the Manchester Diocese's "EQUIP" training in April 2023. These training events offer fantastic teaching but also an opportunity to learn from other children's workers.

Claire Wood – Family and Community Worker

DEANERY SYNOD – Terry Bird

The Deanery Synod met four times in 2023, the earliest in January being on Zoom.

On the agenda for each meeting is Eco Church. We are registered with the Diocese and are currently on Bronze status. There is an Eco Church section on the Diocesan website which contains relevant information and useful links.

The main item on each agenda is a talk or presentation. The April talk was given by Mike McGurk the head of Evangelism and Growth. He challenged churches to work towards evangelism. The September talk was given by Bishop Matthew Porter. He spoke on what it means to be a Christian and the gift of grace. The meeting split into small groups for discussion. The Head of Lay Development Kim Morgan-Jones spoke at the November meeting. She outlined what courses and materials were available to lay church members.

Should anyone like to see the minutes of the Synod please ask me.

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

RENEW (and related activities) – Suzanne Moriarty

There is a core team of about ten ladies on the Renew Team, not all from St. Mary's but from a variety of churches in the local area.

We aim to give a word in season to 'strengthen and refresh the weary ones' through the Name and Spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4)

A tithe of the offering goes to a different charity each time.

We held three Renew meetings in 2023.

March Renew was a record in terms of numbers with around 230 ladies coming along to hear Rev Dr. Jill Duff, The Bishop of Lancaster speak about her book, 'Lighting the Beacons'.

June Renew hosted the wonderful speaker Cath Taylor from Ellel Grange (Ellel Ministries) in Lancaster who spoke on the theme, 'Free to Be'.

November was a full day on a Saturday which was based on Isaiah 62:2-4 entitled 'Crowned with love and compassion'. Sessions were led by Jayne Haworth (Goodshaw Baptist), Suzanne Moriarty and Jilly MacDonald (St. James's Clitheroe). Karen Duffy wrote a 'Word' for each lady which was read over them and was very 'moving' and in some cases life changing. Approximately 150 ladies attended.

Renew is going from strength to strength and we are asking God for 'More for 24'.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION – Jean Lang, Anne Johnstone, Maureen Heys, Anne Dean.

The Mothers' Union's aim is to support Family Life.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the foyer and during 2023 we had thirteen members plus one indoor member. During the year we have welcomed members from the congregation at St Paul's church and St Mary's Goodshaw.

Our monthly meetings have been varied and when we have had speakers, the meetings have been opened up to the wider congregation. During 2023 we heard about life as a Scout Leader, the charity Rossendale to Gambia, the work and writings of Canon Pam Daunton relating to bullying in schools etc, and a return visit to update us about Mercy Ships. Several of our members enjoyed a trip to the Ribble Valley for an excellent summer lunch, for the Christmas Lunch we enjoyed the delights of Sykeside House. In November we made Christmas candle arrangements and planted bulbs to support and raise funds for the Scouts at their Christmas Fayre. This was followed in December by our usual Carols and Mince Pies meeting, which was again opened up to the general congregation.

We've also attended some MU Deanery events, enjoying fellowship within the wider Bury and Rossendale area.

As a group we look forward in 2024 (with 15 members and one indoor member) to working towards the support of family life, in the church, the Rossendale Team Ministry and the local community.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Suzanne Moriarty

Sunday School has around twelve children on its register, many of whom are brought by Grandparents, although on average eight children attend each week, which allows us to build good relationships with each child.

We have more children in the group than last year, and the children are mostly under the age of six.

We try to keep Sunday School fresh and interesting by varying the session each week to include treasure hunts, obstacle courses, bible stories, games, craft and baking.

We aim to provide fun, quality time for the children whilst teaching them about Jesus and how He can impact their day to day lives at school and home in a real and practical way.

In addition to Janet Terry and Suzanne and Nick Moriarty, Jacqueline Dungworth has been an amazing new leader this year offering Godliness, enthusiasm, and quality craft activities, stories, baking as well as general fun!

TIDDLERS - Jean Lang

Tiddlers meets every Monday during Term time with up to 10 attendees. The children learn to share and play together. There are easy crafts available to do with our help or pictures to colour, usually pictures showing the Bible Story they have been listening to.

Sara Bird plays for the children to enable to sing Nursery Rhymes and easy choruses, mostly with actions, which the children enjoy.

Unfortunately, this year we had to temporarily suspend operations due to ill-health, but thanks are due to all the helpers.

Claire, Linsey, Rosemary and Jean

MAKE and TAKE – Jean Lang

This is primarily a craft afternoon, originally started a few years ago by Julie Barratt, on the lines of Messy Church, but without the meal.

It is held 4 or 5 times a year: Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Christmas, for children of nursery and junior school age (and this year we tried one in the School Summer Holidays). We have suitable crafts for each occasion, we tell a story and at Christmas there is a song, light refreshments are also provided. We have had several non-church families join us for these events.

I would like to thank all the helpers (especially those happy to get glue and glitter etc. over them) without whom this outreach wouldn't be possible.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

PRAYER CHAIN – Ann Laytham

The number of requests for prayer increased again this year. The number of Prayer Chain members remains at twenty-six. Two new people joined but sadly we lost two long serving members.

Eleven members took part in the 24 hours of prayer initiative on 27th and 28th May.

We continued to pray for people affected by illness or bereavement, not only in St Mary's.

There were prayers for our church members and volunteers and for our activities, especially when the local community was involved. We also prayed for the community events held in or around our church
We received many messages of thanks for prayer and we gave thanks that so many of our prayers were answered.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY TABLE - Susan Halliwell

Flowers for the Holy Table have been provided weekly by members of the congregation and distributed to members of our fellowship suffering ill health, bereavement or for a special occasion.

Thanks are extended to all of those involved in this ministry.

AUTUMN CLUB – Susan Halliwell

As May 2023 was the month of the King's Coronation and the church had a celebration for this event, we didn't hold a summer Autumn Club Tea.

In December Rev'd Samuel came and spoke about his life in Pakistan and how he came to the ministry, a talk enjoyed by all who were there. The afternoon opened with prayers and a reading and closed with the singing of carols.

Thanks go to Ruth and Sara for providing the music and to everyone who helps to make the event a success.

TEAM ST MARY'S (Pastoral Support Group) – Maureen Heys

The 'Team' has now been running for over three years and it has continued to evolve and grow. We now have 26 members in the WhatsApp group.

During 2023 the work of the group continued with lifts being given when needed and contact maintained with members of the congregation unable to attend in person. The talks and prayers are still distributed weekly to several non-attendees and support within the group itself has developed. Team members have also helped organise church events and provided assistance to outside users of the church, often providing refreshments.

'Team St Mary's' members organised delivery of sixteen 'encouragement' bags at Easter, and at Christmas fifteen more were distributed to those unable to attend church. We also distributed around 100 cards and invitations for events at Easter, Christmas, Harvest and the Coronation with flowers distributed on Mothering Sunday. All of these initiatives have been with the aim of maintaining contact with people who have a connection to the church, and to provide encouragement and fellowship when gifts are delivered or received.

Members of the Team have continued to lead the organisation of social events such as the New Year, Coronation and Harvest parties, all of which were well attended by the congregation and friends. Team members are instrumental in organising both the summer and Christmas Autumn Club events and providing tea and coffee at the Civic Pride Bank Holiday Tea Party event, the Hospice Light Up A Life event and several Christmas concerts.

During the year a small group of 'Team members' have been providing a monthly Soup and Sandwich lunch, open to anyone, and the number of customers has risen from just over twenty to around forty on a regular basis. The food is offered free, however any donations towards the food are shared between the church, to cover expenses, and RAFT (the food bank). We see a mix of congregation members and people from the local community, with several 'regulars' each month. We aim to provide a warm space and company to those who come and have had feedback regarding the warmth of welcome. The Team themselves have enjoyed increased fellowship during these times too.

Moving into 2024 we continue to seek God's will for the Team, both for the pastoral support, and on the social side. We look forward to continuing to work with the church leadership and the wider Rossendale Team in this aim.

A massive thank you to all the 'Team' who've helped make everything happen, those fully active, and those supporting us in 'the background', through prayer and encouragement.

SMALL (House) GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Jean Lang

We meet in the foyer every other Tuesday, 1pm until 2 pm. This year we have been studying J. John's "The Lord's Prayer', which we have enjoyed despite being challenging.

We also took part in the Lent Course (open to all the congregation) which again was very enjoyable and enlightening.

The group consisted of up to nine people, but we unfortunately lost Duncan in June, he is much missed.

WEDNESDAY GROUP – Nigel Bond

Our house group was established over seven years ago, over the past year we have continued to meet once a month, on a Wednesday at 1.30pm. Our meetings are founded on prayer, fellowship and studying the bible. More recently our sessions have focused on Hymns we love.

In December we held an afternoon tea. The friendship and fellowship of the Group continues to blossom, this being an important part of each meeting.

The Group joins the weekly meeting on Tuesday for the Lent Course.

Many Blessings Nigel & Sue.

LENT COURSE - Peter

Building on the Lent course held in 2023, the 2024 Lent course based on the Beatitudes was very well attended with an active discussion and sharing amongst those who came along. We hope to build on this in the future. Thanks to those who took the lead in each of the weeks of the course.

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP – Nigel and Sue Bond

Following the Harvest Walk in September 2023, we established a walking group, our first walk was held on the 7th October 2023, with just five participants.

The idea of the walking group is to have extended fellowship of church members, suitable for all abilities. Enjoying God's creation and our local environment, we include a café stop, supporting local businesses, spending time chatting and sharing experiences. Often discussing when and where the next walk will take place.

We have some 12 members signed up to the walking group with a WhatsApp group as our means of communication, which is also used by the Walk's Leader to make walkers aware of any safety issues, clothing and footwear requirements needed for the walk.

Clearly all the walks have been successfully enjoyed by all that come along, the café stops are an enjoyable part of the experience.

We shall continue to arrange walks for 2024.

As Leader, I detail a risk assessment for each walk, giving a short briefing at the beginning of every walk. My planning is to ensure all participants are more than capable of being comfortable and enjoying the walk. We are fair weather walkers, and our main focus is fellowship.

The more walks we do we are better able to assess the groups capability, which is most important for future planning.

Please join our group if you feel this is of interest.

Many Blessings Nigel & Sue.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 15 to 23

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the charity, the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.;

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... FCCA.

David Stott

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3 April 2024

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2a	58,703	16,988	0	75,691	72,398
Charitable activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	2d	5,941	0	0	5,941	4,493
Investments	2c	795	0	181	976	464
Other	2e	4,777	0	0	4,777	2,047
TOTAL		70,216	16,988	181	87,385	79,403
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3a	70,817	15,681	0	86,497	72,803
Other	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		70,817	15,681	0	86,497	72,803
NET INCOMING /(EXPENDITURE		(601)	1,307	181	887	6,599
Transfers between funds		(159)	159			0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets On revaluation		0		3,021	3,021	(4,235)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(760)	1,466	3,202	3,909	2,365
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD AT 1 JANUARY		35,050	7,382	35,194	77,626	75,262
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD AT 31 DECEMBER		34,290	8,848	38,396	81,535	77,627

The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5a	(0)			(0)	(0)
Investments	5b		0	35,049	35,049	32,027
		(0)	0	35,049	35,049	32,027
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	6	10,441	1,840	0	12,281	10,283
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		23,849	7,008	3,348	34,205	35,317
		34,290	8,848	3,348	46,486	45,600
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	(0)	0	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		34,290	8,848	3,348	46,486	45,600
Total assets less current liabilities		34,290	8,848	38,397	81,535	77,627
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		34,290	8,848	38,397	81,535	77,627
PARISH FUNDS	8&9					
Unrestricted		34,290			34,290	35,051
Restricted			8,848		8,848	7,382
Endowment				38,397	38,397	35,194
		34,290	8,848	38,397	81,535	77,627

Approved by the Parocial Church Council on 4th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by
Peter Terry, Lay Chair and Maureen Heys, Secretary.
The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	(2,087)	6,007
Cash flows from investing activities	10	976	464
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Change in cash in reporting period		**(1,111)**	**6,471**
Cash at 1st January 2023		35,316	28,845
Cash at 31st December 2023		**34,205**	**35,316**

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with the current Charities SORP and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2005 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2a	**Donations & Legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aid donations	33,405	0	0	33,405	31,254
	Tax recoverable	11,567	1,840	0	13,407	10,875
	Family Worker		15,148	0	15,148	15,348
	Other	4,840	0	0	4,840	6,167
	Collections (open plate)	2,052	0	0	2,052	1,740
	Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	0	0	0	0	2,625
	Donations, appeals	6,062	0	0	6,062	3,616
	Legacies	778	0	0	778	774
		58,703	16,988	0	75,691	72,398
2b	**Charitable activities**	0	0	0	0	0
2c	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest including	795	0	181	976	464
		795	0	181	976	464
2d	**Income from church activities**					
	Hire of church	1,175	0	0	1,175	725
	Fees	4,766	0	0	4,766	3,768
		5,941	0	0	5,941	4,493
2e	**Other**	4,777	0	0	4,777	2,047
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	70,216	16,988	181	87,385	79,403

3 EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3a	Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving					
	Overseas:					
	CPAS	950	0	0	950	750
	Crosslinks	750	0	0	750	750
	Bible Society	950	0	0	950	750
	Barnabus	950	0	0	950	1,000
	CAP Debt Centre	750	0	0	750	750
	Home					
	Student & Easter Gifts	80	0	0	80	60
	Other	406	0	0	406	657
	Evangelical Alliance	90	0	0	90	90
		4,926	0	0	4,926	4,807

	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	28,000	0	0	28,000	28,000
	Other ministry costs	3,684	0	0	3,684	1,549
	Church running and maintenance	22,091	0	0	22,091	13,727
	Depreciation church equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Vicarage Costs	1,764	0	0	1,764	83
	Family Worker		15,681	0	15,681	15,760
	Fees Paid	2,686	0	0	2,686	2,392
	General Expenses	7,665	0	0	7,665	6,484
		70,817	15,681	0	86,497	72,803
3b	**Raising funds**	0	0	0	0	0
3c	**Other**	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	70,817	15,681	0	86,497	72,803

4 STAFF COSTS

4a Wages and salaries	£17,903

During the year the church employed two part time cleaners but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.
Together these employess relate to less than one full time employee.
On 1st December 2019 the church commenced the employment of a Family & Community Worker

4b Payments to PCC Members
Other than Verger Fees totalling £240 and organists fees of £480, no payments or expenses were paid to members of the PCC.
No payments were paid to persons closely connected to PCC members or to related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

5a **Tangible**

		Moveable furnishings	Total
		£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023	26,140	26,140
	Disposal		
	Additions at cost	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	26,140	26,140
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023	26,140	26,140
	Withdrawn on disposals		
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	26,140	26,140

Moveable furnishings comprises the sound system, the chairs and the notice board.

5b **Investments**

	£
Endowment Fund	
Market value at 1 January 2023	32,027
Revaluation gain (loss)	3,021
	35,049

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
6 DEBTORS					
VAT Recoverable					
Tax recoverable	10,441	1,840		12,281	10,283
	10,441	1,840	0	12,281	10,283
7 LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due in one year					
Accruals for utilities and other costs	(0)	0	0	0	0
	(0)	0	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 FUNDS

The restricted fund comprises money donated to pay the Family and Chidrens worker.
The endowment fund is the Lord, Pilling and Buckley Charity fund.

Funds Movement	Family Worker £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2023	7,382	7,382
Incoming resources	16,988	16,988
Transfer between funds	159	159
Resources expended	(15,681)	(15,681)
Balance at 31 December 2023	8,848	8,848

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	(0)	0	0	(0)
Investment assets			35,049	32,027
Current assets	34,290	8,848	3,348	45,600
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year	(0)	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	
	34,290	8,848	38,397	77,627

£17,494 of the Unrestricted Funds represent a legacies received from former members of the church. Although the gifts are unrestricted the PCC have decided that where possible the money should be used only for projects that improve the facilities within the church building or in reaching out to the community in accordance with the church's development plan.

10 Cash Flows

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	(89)	6,135
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(1,998)	(128)
increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Funds transferred out	0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	(2,087)	6,007
Interest received	976	464
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash in investing activities	976	464

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY RAWTENSTALL

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Accounts

Parish of St Mary Rawtenstall

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2022

St. Mary's Parish Church Rawtenstall – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Administrative Information

St Mary's is situated in Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is via the PCC Secretary; Maureen Heys, 18 Peel Street Cloughfold, Rossendale BB4 7LJ.
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1134155.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2022 until the date of this report are:

Associate Priest	The Revd Julie Barratt
Wardens	Jean Lang
	Peter Terry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Terry Bird
Jenny Hutchinson
Jayne Wilkinson-Smith

Elected Members

Margaret Ashton
Chris Cottrell
Gareth Davies
Anne Dean
Jay Dempsey
Elizabeth Finn
Maureen Heys
Duncan Ramsbottom
Andy Roberts

Co-opted Members

Ruth Metcalf

P.C.C. VICE- CHAIR'S REPORT - Peter Terry

In my report last year, I mentioned that the latest position was that the Bishop's Leadership team had agreed that the vacant Team Vicar post could be advertised nationwide and that hopefully would lead to the right candidate coming forward. I hesitated to say that, once again, September might be the best estimate of when a Team Vicar will be in place.

Well, as we now know, a Team Vicar has been appointed, albeit in December not September and it was great to be able to welcome Rev'd Samuel Hameem and his family at the licensing service here at St Mary's on 11th December 2022. Samuel is now settled in, taking services and baptisms here and building his wider connections with the church and wider community.

In addition to the weekly services, in 2022 there were fourteen baptisms at St Mary's, two weddings and six funerals all of which needed clergy to officiate. We have received support in this regard from Revd's, Scott Richardson, Derek and Leila Allen, Janet O'Neill and Rod Bevan as well as services conducted by Julie and Lee. Going forward of course Samuel is now taking Occasional Services.

We have set out in the Wardens report the many thanks that are due to the lay members of our congregation who have ensured that the church has continued to offer weekly services, including Sunday School activities, as well as posting prayers and talks online, or physically distributing them to house bound members. We are also grateful that the church has flowers and displays for weekly and special services and our thanks go to those who make that possible. It has also been encouraging to see good attendance at Make & Take once again and thanks are due to all those involved in those activities as well as the work Team St Mary's having been doing and in particular the monthly Soup & Sandwich lunches. We have even been able to have a couple of church parties, with more to come. Of course, all of this work is supported by prayer, both individual and collective, including the continuing work of the Prayer Chain.

The Rossendale Team is now able to support individual churches more effectively and we have seen that both in support for services, including more recently online services through the Team You Tube channel, as well as team-based prayer meetings and courses. The reality though, is that we will always be reliant on our lay team for services and other outreach as we remain faithful and continue to serve God and our community in the best way we can.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT - Jean Lang and Peter Terry

Church Fabric

Not a lot of work has been undertaken during 2022. The inspection of the electrical system and the lightning conductor has been completed in line with our insurers requirements. Interestingly the lightening conductor would not have been effective as it had corroded under the metal shield that surrounds it. This is all now resolved. The gate to the bell tower came off and has been remounted. The fire alarm has been tested and serviced and a new maintenance contract has been put in place.

We still have the major works to the Tower to raise funds for and to undertake.

Graveyard

The frequency of grass cutting by the Council in 2022 was not as often as when we employed our own groundsman, but we are grateful to Nick Lord who undertook additional grass cutting at the front of the church which kept that area more presentable. Civic Pride also carried out some tidying up as part of their activities in the area.

Working Parties

From time to time volunteers from the congregation undertake extra cleaning and work in the church and churchyard. We continue to be grateful for their help.

Church Finances

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 show a surplus of £2,364 in the year after the revaluation downwards of our endowment funds by ££4,235. This means that the total funds of the church amounted to £77,627 at the balance sheet date.

Parish Share payments of £28,000 were made to the Diocese and we would like to thank everyone for their continued giving which allowed us to maintain this payment at the same level as last year.

£32,027 of the church funds relate to the capital value of legacy investments that provide an annual income to the church. £17,494 is the remaining balance of the legacy given to the church by the estate of Geoffrey Bradshaw and the new legacy gift received last year. The other main element of church funds is the gift aid due on the giving in 2022 amounting to £10,283.

Members of the congregation have continued to give towards the cost of our Family and Children's Worker, that cost being shared with St Paul's and Goodshaw churches.

Whilst the overall funds position is satisfactory, the church continues to face expenditure on the fabric of the building in 2023 and beyond. The urgent repairs to the clock tower together with expenditure necessary following the Quinquennial inspection will more than absorb the available cash funds unless other sources of funding for these repairs can be identified. Add to this the funds needed to meet the annual running costs and the increased parish share and it becomes clear that the level of giving from the congregation needs to be maintained if we are to meet all our obligations in full.

Worship

The churchwardens would like to thank all those who helped in the day-to-day running of the church during the year. Thanks go to all those who have continued to provide input to our services, by writing and leading prayers, reading lessons, preparing and giving talks, providing music and the team on the technical desk. Also, thanks for the team involved with the Tiddlers group and for those ensuring the Mothers Union meets regularly. Thanks also

to Julie for leading communion services in the period prior to David's relapse and also for her work as Focal Leader.

We also thank Claire for the work she has maintained with families, children and schools.

We would also like to thank all those members of our fellowship who have maintained contact, in various ways, with those less able to get out and about.

Safeguarding

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Maureen Heys

During 2022 the PCC met six times, under the chairmanship of Peter Terry (Vice Chair) during the Team Ministry vacancy. All meetings were held in the foyer, although attendance by video link has been used by one or two PCC members when unable to attend in person. This hybrid method of meeting does not affect the PCC's ability to discuss and make decisions on all matters affecting the church, both mundane and practical, pastoral and sometimes spiritual.

The new Team Ministry commenced early in 2022 although it wasn't until December 2022 that the Rev'd Samuel Hameen was installed as third Team Vicar, based in Rawtenstall.

The objectives of the Mission Action Plan agreed in 2018, although curtailed by the pandemic and interregnum, have continued to be considered throughout the PCC's deliberations. The Mission Action Plan began to be revised towards the end of the year by the leadership team, however a copy of the previous Plan is available at the back of church for perusal and to then get prayerfully involved. The future of the church family at St Mary's is the responsibility of each and every one of us, as we engage fully with the new Team Ministry. Our Focal Leader, Leadership team and Team Vicar need our full support.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2022 three members of the PCC were re-elected and one member co-opted for 12 months.

During 2022 the members of the PCC, as required by the Diocese, have continued to update their Safe-guarding training.

Since the last APCM St Mary's has returned to 'pre-pandemic' style Sunday worship with talks provided mainly by church members, but with a regular monthly Holy Communion (now with dipped wafer) conducted by Rev'd Julie Barratt and other clergy members of the Rossendale Team. The church's online presence has continued, with talks and prayers published online and on social media. Most of the non-worship meetings resumed in-person and several social events occurred for Easter, Harvest and Christmas, with a regular free lunch, open to the community, started in the summer by Team St Mary's, along with their ongoing pastoral support.

Our Family and Community Worker, Claire Wood continued her work across the three churches of Goodshaw, Constable Lee and Rawtenstall, maintaining contact with the schools, and as pandemic restrictions eased, resuming her work within the schools.

As pandemic restrictions were lifted the church building has been able to be used as a venue by outside organisations with concerts by Rotary, the Scouts, and the Hospice Light up a Life resuming. There has been no use by the CAP Job club this year, which relocated to Bacup.

Despite another challenging year, the church family at St Mary's has continued to worship and fellowship together, and a heartfelt thanks must be given to those many people who have worked, and continue to work so hard, in all aspects of life at St Mary's, especially the Wardens, Peter and Jean during the interregnum, and to all who have contributed in any way, great or small to the spreading of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

The PCC look forward with anticipation to working with our new Team Vicar and the Rossendale Team, and all this will mean to the work of spreading the message of Christ Jesus by the church family at St Mary's.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Nigel Bond

PRESENTATION OT THE ELECTORAL ROLL
TO ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
16th April 2023

	16 - 39 yrs	40 - 59 yrs	60 and over	TOTAL
Men	1	12	17	30
Women	2	21	28	51
TOTAL	3	33	45	81

	The total number of members for April 2023 is	81
100.0%	Electoral Roll Completed Application Forms	81
	Members are resident in the parish	41
	Members live outside the parish	40
	Nigel Bond Electoral Roll Officer	

Leavers
David Laytham
Judith Nuttall

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR' REPORT – Vicky Rhodes

Our Parish of St Mary's Church Rawtenstall is still very much following and implementing the Manchester Diocese and the Church of England Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult Policies.

The Manchester Diocese online safe church training course is still a requirement for all new members who wish to work with our children, young adults and vulnerable adults. Here at St Mary's we renew DBS checks every 3 years and due to Data Protection laws all our completed documentation of applicants that have applied and has been processed through the Thirtyone:eight systems and are kept securely on church premises.

In January 2017 Manchester Diocese revised their Safeguarding Policy for children & vulnerable adults and St Mary's parish is following this new revised policy. The revised policy and the new hand-book is available for viewing on the diocese website at http://www.manchester.anglican.org/safeguarding

Following new practice guidance all PCC trustee members must take a DBS check where parishes undertake regulated activities with children or vulnerable adults. At the moment there are 19 active members with DBS certificates which I am in the process of updating.

Online Diocese Training is an important part of keeping church members up to date with the latest safeguarding knowledge and Training should be completed by each DBS certificate member.

As St Mary's CPO I took part and completed an intense two-day Leadership Safeguarding course on Zoom with the Diocese of Manchester in September 2022.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKER – Claire Wood

The last year has seen a welcome return to opportunities for face-to-face work with children and families in our community.

<u>Baptisms</u>
There have been lots of Baptisms taking place at St Mary's Church and it has been wonderful to welcome so many new faces into these special services. Some Baptism families have attended children's events at the three churches which has opened conversations about church services, Sunday school and faith.

<u>Big Church Party</u>
The Big Church Party made a welcome return this year, with help from Longholme Methodist Church and donations of refreshments and prizes from Rawtenstall Tesco.

<u>Schools</u>
This year has seen a return to the children sharing in full school worship at both St Mary's and St Paul's Primary Schools; each week Bible stories and teachings are linked to the

school's half-termly "values", such as: "Trust", "Peace", "Justice" and "Thankfulness". The team of people who help to deliver the church-school worship is gradually growing and includes myself, Revd. David Burrow, Pastor Stephen Crook, Grahame Long and the Open the Book team. The children's enjoyment is visible during their worship time as is their learning and understanding of the Christian faith. St Mary's have been able to return to the church for their Harvest service and would have at Christmas except for the weather, families have also resumed attendance. Feedback from parents is how happy they are to be able to come back into church for these services, to see their children celebrate. There are dates in place for Easter. Both St Mary's and St Paul's schools had their SIAMS inspections this year and were awarded overall grades of "Good", with St Mary's School receiving "Good" in the "Impact of Collective Worship" assessments.

Bibles were provided by the Rawtenstall churches to the above schools, as well as Balladen, where the church link has been strengthening via weekly support to children through 1:1 therapeutic sessions, a church visit by their Infants to learn about Baptism, and a Year 6 outdoor bushcraft and archery time, to celebrate the end of their school year/transition to secondary school. I worked closely with Alder Grange in the run up to these sessions, gaining permission from the schools to offer a year 10 student the chance to gain valuable work experience by helping me each day.

Training

I have been fortunate to have been able to attend the Blackburn Diocese Children's Ministry conference, gaining some new ideas to share with the churches and schools. In April '23 I will join with youth and children's ministry workers at Manchester Diocese's "EQUIP" training.

Finally, at Christmas I was approached by someone who knew of my role and who had been offered some money to make up hampers for people in the community. This was a wonderful link between several people that resulted in me being able to gift 10 households over the three churches, with a box full of goodies at Christmas time. I felt very blessed to be involved in delivering these to some very surprised people who were grateful for the care shown to them. The strength we have as a community in Rossendale is really quite special, as is the love and compassion shown by so many in our parishes.

DEANERY SYNOD – Terry Bird

During 2022 there have been three meetings, a mix of zoom and in person meetings.

Throughout the period the Area Dean has been preparing a draft Deanery Mission Action Plan and this was finally brought forward and discussed at the October meeting. This was to be submitted to the Diocese by the end of 2022. The mission goals of the Deanery MAP are Growth, Nurturing, Serving and Sustainability. The approved plan will be brought to PCCs during 2023.

At the February meeting there was a presentation "Stepping Stones for Growth" (Mike Starkey - Head of Church Growth). At the June meeting there was a presentation "Eco Church" (Reverend Clive Hamilton). A Bury and Rossendale Support Group has been formed and should prove a useful link for St Mary's.

Though it does not form part of the report the meeting may wish to know that the next Deanery Synod meeting will be at St Mary's on 24th April 2023.

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

RENEW (and related activities) – Suzanne Moriarty

There is a core team of about ten ladies on the Renew Team, not all from St. Mary's but from a variety of churches in the local area.

We aim to give a word in season to 'strengthen and refresh the weary ones' through the Name and Spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4)

A tithe of the offering goes to a different charity each time.

We held two Renew meetings in 2022.

The first was a full day, on a Saturday in May, which was based on the seasons, and in particular being rooted in God's love. Approximately 150 ladies attended.

In September we held a meeting on a Monday evening with about 180 in attendance. The speaker was Sue Eldridge from Presence Ministries who spoke on 'Holding on to Hope'.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION – Jean Lang, Anne Johnstone, Maureen Heys

The Mothers' Union's aim is to support Family Life.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the foyer and during 2022 we had fifteen members plus one indoor member. As surrounding MU groups have not re-opened after Covid, we now have members from the congregation at St Paul's church, and some of the ladies from the late Goodshaw group have joined us for several of our meetings.

We were pleased to be able to continue 'face-to face' meetings in the foyer and have had various speakers ranging from Open the Book to the MU Deanery Leader, Tricia Stokes, besides group discussions. Several of our members had an excursion by X43 and a superb Summer Tea at The Ivy in Manchester, and we held two Christmas events, a meal at the Red Hall, Walmsley, and we joined with our members from St Paul's for their Christmas Afternoon Tea at the beginning of December. This was followed up by our usual Carols and Mince Pies meeting in December, which was again opened up to the general congregation.

As a group we look forward in 2023 (with thirteen members) to working towards the support of family life, in the church, the Rossendale Team Ministry and the local community.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP – Judith Barlass

The Ladies Fellowship met fortnightly, to provide fellowship for the older, less active, ladies of the congregation and, until Covid, had been meeting with friends at Longholme.

Unfortunately, we have not met this year as, apart from myself there is now only one member able to come to church independently, we no longer have a pianist and contact with the Longholme Ladies has not been forthcoming.

For these reasons, and due to a change in my circumstances whereby I can no longer commit to the Fellowship, it has been suspended, pending interest from new members and a new leader coming forward, who I would be happy to share information with.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Suzanne Moriarty

Sunday School has around twelve children on its register, many of whom are brought by Grandparents, although on average eight children attend each week, which allows us to build good relationships with each child.

We have more children in the group than last year, and the children are mostly under the age of six.

We try to keep Sunday School fresh and interesting by varying the session each week to include treasure hunts, obstacle courses, bible stories, games, craft and baking.

We aim to provide fun, quality time for the children whilst teaching them about Jesus and how He can impact their day to day lives at school and home in a real and practical way.

TIDDLERS - Jean Lang

Tiddlers meet every Monday in term time, in the church foyer, from 1pm until 2:30pm, at a cost of £1.50 per family The children learn to play together and share toys, and mum's can talk about the differences in each child. The children are aged from a few weeks old up to three or four years, when they either start school or nursery.

When appropriate we have a short bible story and sing songs and choruses accompanied by Sara on the piano sometimes. Refreshments are various fresh fruits for the children and cake/biscuits with tea or coffee for parent/carers.

Thanks to Linsey, Claire and Rosemary for their help.

MAKE and TAKE – Jean Lang

This is primarily a craft afternoon, started originally a few years ago by Julie Barratt, on the lines of Messy Church, but without the meal.

It is held 4 or 5 times a year: Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Christmas, for children of nursery and junior school age (and this year we tried one in the School Summer Holidays). We have suitable crafts for each occasion, we tell a story and at Christmas there is a song, light refreshments are also provided. We have had several non-church families join us for these events.

I would like to thank all the helpers (especially those happy to get glue and glitter etc. over them) without whom this outreach wouldn't be possible.

FRIDAY CLUB – Jean Lang

Friday Club runs/ran every other Friday in Term Time for over 7's. Activities involved: studying a Bible story, a relevant craft, having toast/crumpets & hot chocolate, playing a game, praying and then home .

This was the original format. We don't have many children in that age group now, and since Covid we have not met, however we have kept in touch with the children with cards, gifts and invitations to Church events.

Perhaps we should now reluctantly think of closing or suspending until there is a demand to keep open.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

PRAYER CHAIN – Ann Laytham

The Prayer Chain had an increased number of requests this year and one other person joined our home-based prayer group, making it 26. We continued to have a high number of requests for people who were ill or bereaved or who had social needs. We prayed for our own church members, for church and community events and groups, and for the people attending them. Our prayers for them go on for as long as there is need.

Eleven members of the Prayer Chain took part in the 24 Hours of Prayer initiative on 4th and 5th of June.

We were greatly encouraged when a good number of our prayers were answered, and we received many messages of thanks.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY TABLE - Susan Halliwell

From January 2022 flowers for the Holy Table have been provided by members of the congregation on a weekly basis and have been distributed to members of our fellowship suffering ill health, bereavement or for a special occasion.

Thanks are extended to all of those involved in this ministry.

AUTUMN CLUB – Susan Halliwell

This year we were able to hold two teas, one in summer when Rev'd Janet O'Neil spoke about her life and ministry, and in December our speaker Anthony Black spoke about photography and showed a section of his photographs including ones of the Rossendale Valley.

Both afternoons closed with the singing of favourite hymns or carols, thanks go to Ruth and Sara for playing and to everyone who helps to make the events a success.

TEAM ST MARY'S (Pastoral Support Group) – Maureen Heys

The 'Team' has now been running for over two years and it has continued to evolve and grow. We now have 25 members in the WhatsApp group and one member not online.

During 2022 the work of the group has expanded; lifts have been given when needed, contact has been maintained with members of the congregation unable to resume attendance, the talks and prayers are still distributed weekly to several non-attendees and support within the group itself has developed. Team members have also organised church events and provided assistance to outside users of the church.

'Team St Mary's' members organised delivery of over twenty 'encouragement' bags at Easter, and at Christmas around a dozen more were distributed to those unable to attend church. We again distributed over 100 cards and invitations for events at Easter, Christmas, Harvest and the Jubilee. Flowers were distributed on Mothering Sunday and for Father's Day the men in the congregation received the gift of a pen inscribed with an inspiring verse. All of these initiatives have been with the aim of maintaining contact with people who have a connection to the church, and to provide encouragement and fellowship when gifts are delivered or received.

The Team started to resume social events with a Soup and Sandwich lunch being held for the congregation after the Palm Sunday service, followed by a party for the Queen's Jubilee, when over 100 people attended. Team members were instrumental in organising both the summer and Christmas Autumn Club events and we helped provide tea and coffee at the Civic Pride Bank Holiday Tea Party event, the Hospice Light Up A Life event, several Christmas concerts and Rev'd Samuel's licencing. At Harvest a good number of the congregation enjoyed a Pie and Peas Supper held after a guided Walk and the Make and Take event.

Since the school summer holidays the Team has been providing a monthly Soup and Sandwich lunch, open to anyone, and this is to be continued into 2023. A relatively small team provide this and are encouraged by a rise in customer numbers to just under twenty on a regular basis. We see a mix of congregation members and people from the local community, and we are now seeing 'regulars' each month. We aim to provide a warm space and company to those who come, but have seen increased fellowship amongst the Team too, as we work and eat together.

Moving into 2023 we continue to seek God's will for the Team, both with the pastoral support, and also on the social side. We look forward to working with the church leadership, especially our new Team Vicar and maybe even the wider Rossendale Team in this aim.

A massive thank you to all the 'Team' who have helped make everything happen, both those fully active, and also those who support us in 'the background', especially with prayer and encouragement.

SMALL (House) GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Jean Lang

We meet in the foyer every other week on a Tuesday, from 1pm until 2pm, with around 7 to 8 people present.

This year we have studied books of Hebrews and Esther, also the Lord's Prayer by J. John. Most of these have been around six- or seven-weeks study, but occasionally longer when the subjects relate to things going on at the moment and provoke much discussion.

During Lent '23, when we will meet weekly, we will using a Pilgrim Course book, Church and Kingdom.

WEDNESDAY GROUP – Nigel Bond

Our house group was established over six years ago, over the past year we have met once a month, on a Wednesday at 1.30pm. Our meetings are founded on prayer, fellowship and studying the Bible.

In December we held an Afternoon Tea. The friendship and fellowship of the Group continues to blossom, this being an important part of each meeting.

The Group will join the weekly meeting on Tuesdays for the Lent Course.

Many Blessings Nigel & Sue.

CAP RAWTENSTALL JOB CLUB

The CAP Job Club has now closed. Thanks to those who had worked at the Job Club over the years it has been in operation at St Mary's and more recently at Bacup. The Rossendale CAP Debt centre, which we support, continues with a new manager, Donna Bancroft.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 15 to 23

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the charity, the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Stott FCCA

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31 March 2023

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2a	55,435	16,963	0	72,398	69,032
Charitable activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	2d	4,493	0	0	4,493	2,169
Investments	2c	284	0	180	464	185
Other	2e	2,047	0	0	2,047	0
TOTAL		62,260	16,963	180	79,403	71,386
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3a	57,043	15,760	0	72,803	68,812
Other	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		57,043	15,760	0	72,803	68,812
NET INCOMING /(EXPENDITURE		5,216	1,203	180	6,599	2,574
Transfers between funds		364	(364)		0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets On revaluation		0		(4,235)	(4,235)	4,540
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,580	839	(4,055)	2,364	7,114
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD AT 1 JANUARY		29,470	6,543	39,249	75,262	68,148
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD AT 31 DECEMBER		35,050	7,382	35,194	77,627	75,262

The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5a	(0)			(0)	(0)
Investments	5b		0	32,027	32,027	36,262
		(0)	0	32,027	32,027	36,262
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	6	8,668	1,615	0	10,283	10,155
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		26,382	5,767	3,167	35,316	28,845
		35,050	7,382	3,167	45,599	39,000
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	(0)	0	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		35,050	7,382	3,167	45,599	39,000
Total assets less current liabilities		35,050	7,382	35,194	77,627	75,262
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		35,050	7,382	35,194	77,627	75,262
PARISH FUNDS	8&9					
Unrestricted		35,050			35,050	29,470
Restricted			7,382		7,382	6,543
Endowment				35,194	35,194	39,249
		35,050	7,382	35,194	77,627	75,262

Approved by the Parocial Church Council on 6th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by
Peter Terry, Lay Chair and Maureen Heys, Secretary.
The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	6,007	3,133
Cash flows from investing activities	10	464	185
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Change in cash in reporting period		**6,471**	**3,318**
Cash at 1st January 2022		28,845	25,527
Cash at 31st December 2022		**35,316**	**28,845**

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with the current Charities SORP and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2005 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2	INCOME & ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2a	**Donations & Legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aid donations	31,254	0	0	31,254	30,832
	Tax recoverable	9,260	1,615	0	10,875	9,697
	Family Worker		15,348	0	15,348	14,148
	Other	6,167	0	0	6,167	5,661
	Collections (open plate)	1,740	0	0	1,740	1,766
	Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	2,625	0	0	2,625	0
	Donations, appeals	3,616	0	0	3,616	6,180
	Legacies	774	0	0	774	748
		55,435	16,963	0	72,398	69,032
2b	**Charitable activities**	0	0	0	0	0
2c	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest including	284	0	180	464	185
		284	0	180	464	185
2d	**Income from church activities**					
	Hire of church	725	0	0	725	200
	Fees	3,768	0	0	3,768	1,969
		4,493	0	0	4,493	2,169
2e	**Other**	2,047	0	0	2,047	0
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	62,260	16,963	180	79,403	71,386

3	EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3a	Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving					
	Overseas:					
	CPAS	750	0	0	750	750
	Crosslinks	750	0	0	750	750
	Bible Society	750	0	0	750	750
	Barnabus	1,000	0	0	1,000	750
	CAP Debt Centre	750	0	0	750	750
	Home					
	Student & Easter Gifts	60	0	0	60	60
	Other	657	0	0	657	934
	Evangelical Alliance	90	0	0	90	90
		4,807	0	0	4,807	4,834

	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	28,000	0	0	28,000	28,000
	Other ministry costs	1,549	0	0	1,549	142
	Church running and maintenance	13,727	0	0	13,727	11,766
	Depreciation church equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Vicarage Costs	83	0	0	83	259
	Family Worker		15,760	0	15,760	16,103
	Tower Project	0			0	1,886
	Fees Paid	2,392	0	0	2,392	1,103
	General Expenses	6,484	0	0	6,484	4,719
		57,043	15,760	0	72,803	68,812
3b	**Raising funds**	0	0	0	0	0
3c	**Other**	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	57,043	15,760	0	72,803	68,812

4 STAFF COSTS

	£17,454

4a Wages and salaries

During the year the church employed two part time cleaners but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.
Together these employess relate to less than one full time employee.
On 1st December 2019 the church commenced the employment of a Family & Community Worker

4b Payments to PCC Members
Other than Verger Fees totalling £210 and organists fees of £60, no payments or expenses were paid to members of the PCC.
No payments were paid to persons closely connected to PCC members or to related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

5a **Tangible**

		Moveable furnishings	Total
		£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2022	26,140	26,140
	Disposal		
	Additions at cost	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	26,140	26,140
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022	26,140	26,140
	Withdrawn on disposals		
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	26,140	26,140

Moveable furnishings comprises the sound system, the chairs and the notice board.

5b **Investments**

	£
Endowment Fund	
Market value at 1 January 2022	36,262
Revaluation gain (loss)	(4,235)
	32,027

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
6 DEBTORS					
VAT Recoverable					
Tax recoverable	8,668	1,615		10,283	10,155
	8,668	1,615	0	10,283	10,900
7 LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due in one year					
Accruals for utilities and other costs	(0)	0	0	0	0
	(0)	0	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 FUNDS

The restricted fund comprises money donated to pay the Family and Chidrens worker.
The endowment fund is the Lord, Pilling and Buckley Charity fund.

Funds Movement	Family Worker £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2022	6,543	6,543
Incoming resources	16,963	16,963
Funds transfer	(364)	-364
Resources expended	(15,760)	(15,760)
Balance at 31 December 2022	7,382	7,382

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	(0)	0	0	(0)
Investment assets			32,027	36,262
Current assets	35,050	7,382	3,167	39,000
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year	(0)	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	
	35,050	7,382	35,194	75,262

£17,494 of the Unrestricted Funds represent a legacies received from former members of the church. Although the gifts are unrestricted the PCC have decided that where possible the money should be used only for projects that improve the facilities within the church building or in reaching out to the community in accordance with the church's development plan.

10 Cash Flows

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	6,135	2,389
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(128)	744
increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Funds transferred out	0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,007	3,133
Interest received	464	185
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash in investing activities	464	185

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY RAWTENSTALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1134155

Accounts

Parish of St Mary
Rawtenstall

Annual Report
& Financial Statements

For the year ended
31st December 2021

St Mary's Parish Church Rawtenstall – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information

St Mary's is situated in Rawtenstall, Rossendale Lancashire. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is via the PCC Secretary; Maureen Heys, 18 Peel Street, Cloughfold, Rossendale, BB4 7RLJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1134155.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2021 until the date of this report are:

Associate Priest The Revd Julie Barratt

Wardens Jean Lang
Peter Terry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod
Terry Bird
Jenny Hutchinson
Jayne Wilkinson - Smith

Elected Members

Margaret Ashton
Chris Cottrell
Gareth Davies
Anne Dean
Jay Dempsey
Elizabeth Finn
Maureen Heys
Duncan Ramsbottom
Andy Roberts

Co-opted Members
Ruth Metcalf

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT – Peter Terry

In my report last year, I cautioned that it would be unlikely that we would have a paid minister in place much before September 2021. Clearly hindsight shows that was optimistic.

Interviews did take place in June 2021 and as a result Janet O'Neill was appointed to the Bacup Benefice pending completion of the formalities relating to the team proposals, after which she has now become a Team Vicar in the Rossendale Team. A service marking the launch of the Rossendale Team was held at St Mary's in February this year.

Unfortunately, the second team minister covering our end of the valley has yet to be appointed notwithstanding two subsequent attempts to fill the post. The latest position is that the Bishop's Leadership team have now agreed that the post can be advertised nationwide and hopefully this will lead to the right candidate coming forward. I hesitate to say that, once again, September might be the best estimate of when a Team Vicar will be in place.

Through much of 2021 we did have valuable support from Rev'd Lee Longden until his secondment came to an end at the start of the Autumn, and of course, Julie and our own lay team have ensured that we have been able to continue with our weekly Sunday services.

With the formation of the Rossendale Team each church nominated a Focal Leader and we are grateful that Julie agreed to take on that role for St Mary's.

In addition to the weekly services, in 2021 there were nine baptisms at St Mary's, two weddings and two funerals all of which needed clergy to officiate. We have received support in this regard from Revds Scott Richardson, Derek and Leila Allen and Rod Bevan as well as services conducted by Julie and Lee.

We have set out in the Wardens report the many thanks that are due to the lay members of our congregation who have ensured that the church has continued to offer weekly services, including Sunday School activities, as well as posting prayers and talks online, or physically distributing them to house bound members. We are also grateful that the church once again has flowers and displays for weekly and special services and our thanks go to those who make that possible. It has also been encouraging to see Make & Take once again and thanks are due to all those involved in those activities. And of course all of this work is supported by prayer, both individual and collective, including the continuing work of the Prayer Chain.

The pressures on the limited resources of the stipenadary team in the valley do mean that we are still very much dependenat on Julie and our own lay team. Rod Bevan is begining the process of making the Team Ministry a reality but he himself is hampered by the current vacancy for the second Team Vicar. Consequntly, as I concluded last year, we need to remain faithful and continue to serve God and our community in the best way we can.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT - Jean Lang and Peter Terry

COVID

We continued to spend time and energy this year on keeping the church available for worship, as and when allowed, and making sure that we have a Covid secure environment. Appropriate Risk Assessments have been prepared with updates as guidance from the Church of England has been issued.

Church Fabric

During 2021 it has not been possible to carry out much in the way of work relating to the Church Fabric. The Tower project has had to be postponed although we have started the process of revisiting this. Sadly, the church architect, who was also our architect when the church was remodelled in 2005/6, had died suddenly. We now need to appoint a new architect. The project that has been possible has been the continued work on the bells. This work was undertaken under the supervision of Dr George Lee, the Diocesan Bell Advisor. The bells are now in a position where they are safe to ring. The only work outstanding is a new set of bell ropes.

Graveyard

The process of closing the graveyard was completed and Rossendale Borough Council took responsibility for maintaining the graveyard. The frequency of grass cutting in 2021 was not as often as when we employed our own groundsman and further discussions are needed with the Council about the service level.

Working Parties

From time to time volunteers from the congregation undertake extra cleaning and work in the churchyard. This has been restricted again this year, but we continue to be grateful for their help.

Church Finances

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 show a surplus of £7,114 in the year after the revaluation upwards of our endowment funds by £4,540. This means that the total funds of the church amounted to £75,262 at the balance sheet date.

Parish Share payments of £28,000 were made to the Diocese and we would like to thank everyone for their continued giving which allowed us to maintain this payment at the same level as last year.

£36,262 of the church funds relate to the capital value of legacy investments that provide an annual income to the church. £17,494 is the remaining balance of the legacy given to the church by the estate of Geoffrey Bradshaw and the new legacy gift received last year. The other main element of church funds is the gift aid due on the giving in 2021 amounting to £10,155.

Members of the congregation have continued to give towards the cost of our Family and Children's Worker, that cost being shared with St Paul's and Goodshaw churches.

Whilst the overall funds position is satisfactory, the church continues to face expenditure on the fabric of the building in 2022 and beyond. The urgent repairs to the clock tower together with expenditure necessary following the Quinquennial inspection will more than absorb the

available cash funds unless other sources of funding for these repairs can be identified. Add to this the funds needed to meet the annual running costs and the increased parish share and it becomes clear that the level of giving from the congregation needs to be maintained if we are to meet all our obligations in full.

Worship

The churchwardens would like to thank all those who helped in the day-to-day running of the church during the year, taking into account the restrictions placed on us by COVID-19 rules, at certain times. Thanks go to all those who have continued to provide input to our services, both face to face and online, by writing and leading prayers, talks and providing music, particularly once we were able to sing again in church.. Thanks also to Julie for leading communion services and being a willing participant in leading worship by video when needed.

We also thank Claire for adapting so willingly to the restrictions of COVID-19, and managing to maintain contact with families, children and schools in a difficult environment for such work.

We are fortunate that in a time of interregnum, made more difficult by COVID-19, we have such a good team of people who have stepped up to make sure that worship has continued.

We would also like to thank all those members of our fellowship who have maintained contact, in various ways, with those less able to get out and about.

Safeguarding

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Maureen Heys

During 2021 the PCC met six times, under the chairmanship of Peter Terry (Vice Chair) during the interregnum. Due to the pandemic five meetings were conducted online, with members joining by video and phone, and one meeting was held in the foyer, with two attendees by video. This method of meeting did not affect the PCC's ability to discuss and make decisions on all matters affecting the church, both mundane and practical, pastoral and sometimes spiritual.

A great deal of the PCC's time was spent in consideration and discussion of the Diocese's proposals for the Rossendale Team Ministry to cover the Rossendale deanery, along with the re-structuring of Deaneries which resulted in the new Rossendale and Bury Deanery coming into existence June to July 2021 with a new Area Dean. The new Team Ministry is due to commence early in 2022 although as at the end of 2021 only two of the three Team Vicar roles had been filled.

The objectives of the Mission Action Plan agreed in 2018, although curtailed by the pandemic and interregnum, have continued to be considered throughout the PCC's deliberations, and full support has been given to the new pastoral support group, "Team St Mary's". A copy of the Plan is available at the back of church for perusal and to then prayerfully get involved. The future of the church family at St Mary's is the responsibility of each and every one of us, even more so as, as we move out of interregnum and into the new Team Ministry, our Focal Leader and Team Vicar (when appointed) will need our full support.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2021 one member of the PCC was re-elected and one member co-opted for 12 months.

During 2021 the members of the PCC, as requested by the Diocese, have been updating their Safe-guarding training.

Since the last APCM ST Mary's has continued to open for social-distanced Sunday worship with talks provided mainly by church members, but with a regular monthly Holy Communion (in one-part only) conducted by Rev'd Julie Barratt. The church's online presence has continued, with talks, prayers and reflections published online and on social media. Many of the non-worship meetings continued online until restrictions on meeting inside were relaxed in the last quarter of the year, with one in-person church social event taking place at Harvest with appropriate social distancing /pandemic measures in place.

Our Family and Community Worker, Claire Wood continued her work across the three churches of Goodshaw, Constable Lee and Rawtenstall, maintaining contact with the schools, despite the difficulties thrown up by pandemic restrictions. Claire has also maintained contact with baptism families resulting in nine taking place during 2021 although sadly, due to lack of clergy available during the morning services plus pandemic restrictions, most baptisms took place outside of regular services.

Due to the pandemic restrictions the church building has not been able to be used as a venue by outside organisations until December when the Hospice held a socially distanced Light up a Life event successfully, albeit with limited numbers. There has been limited use by the CAP Job club which will hopefully increase as we move into 2022, and looking to the new year, we already have some bookings in place from regular outside organisations.

Despite another challenging year, the church family at St Mary's has continued to worship and fellowship together, and a heartfelt thanks must be given to those many people who have worked, and continue to work so hard, in all aspects of life at St Mary's, especially the Wardens, Peter and Jean during the interregnum, and to all who have contributed in any way, great or small to the spreading of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

The PCC look forward with anticipation to the start of the Team Ministry early in 2022, and to all it will mean to the work of spreading the message of Christ Jesus, by the church family at St Mary's.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Nigel Bond

PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL
TO ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8th May 2022

	16 - 39 yrs	40 - 59 yrs	60 and over	TOTAL
Men	1	12	19	32
Women	2	21	28	51
TOTAL	3	33	47	83

	The total number of members for May 2022 is	83
100.0%	Electoral Roll Completed Application Forms	83
	Members are resident in the parish	42
	Members live outside the parish	41
	Nigel Bond Electoral Roll Officer	

Leavers
Lynda Kesterton

Died
Ken Whittaker

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR' REPORT – Vicky Rhodes

Our Parish of St Mary's Church Rawtenstall is still very much following and implementing the Manchester Diocese and the Church of England Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult Policies.

The Manchester Diocese online safe church training course is still a requirement for all new members who wish to work with our children young adults and vulnerable adults. Here at St Mary's we renew DBS checks every 3 years and due to Data Protection laws all our completed documentation of applicants that have applied and has been processed through the Thirtyone:eight systems are kept securely on church premises.

In January 2017 Manchester Diocese revised their Safeguarding Policy for children & vulnerable adults and St Mary's parish is following this new revised policy. The revised policy and the new hand book is available for viewing on the diocese website at http://www.manchester.anglican.org/safeguarding

Following new practice guidance all PCC trustee members must undertake a DBS check where parishes undertake regulated activities with children or adults at risk. Furthermore other church

posts that require a DBS check must not be worked by the applicant until the DBS check has come back and been approved.

2021 has been a little easier this year with less church closures due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. At the moment there are 19 Active members with DBS certificates. Online Diocese Training is an important part of keeping church members up to date with the latest safeguarding knowledge and Training should be completed by each DBS certificate member.

Many Blessings Vicky Rhodes St Mary's Rawtenstall CPO

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKER – Claire Wood

Baptisms

We have welcomed several new families into St Mary's Church via baptisms over the last 12 months, with more planned for the summer months. Some families have visited the church services and, prior to Christmas, I delivered cards, and invitations to the various events being held across the 3 churches to each of the families. Gifts were delivered on Mothering Sunday 2021. The Mothering Sunday and Easter events are another ideal opportunity for me to deliver some fliers and invites too.

Schools

Although the start of this year meant continued restrictions, I have been able to maintain regular contact with the local schools, which has been wonderful.

I have been able to go into St Mary's Primary School to deliver weekly worship, and this has been shared between myself, Revd. David Burrow and the Open the Book Team who also took gifts into the children just before Christmas. St Mary's School have been able to enjoy returning to church for their Harvest, Christingle, and Christmas Carol Services.

Balladen Primary School have not yet returned to having full school assemblies, but I have been able to start going into school to offer some of my time to support some of the children, which I know the school appreciate. Once school recommence assemblies, David Burrow and I will liaise with the headteacher to facilitate this. I have been in regular contact with their RE lead, and she has welcomed input from myself and David, although this is still in the early planning stages.

Each school has said they would like Bibles for their year 2 and year 6 children again, and I am hoping to approach Crawshawbooth Primary to gauge their interest in providing all children with a new Bible.

Unfortunately, the year 6 day at St Mary's Church could not go ahead again, but each child at the 3 schools was issued with a goodie pack including the Scripture Union "It's Your Move" handbook. I include a wooden cross and Bible verse bookmark in each pack, along with stickers, pens, and a notebook. Hopefully some form of year 6 event will now be possible at St Mary's Church during the summer term.

Tiddlers

Tiddlers began in September 2021 and whilst the initial weeks were very quiet there is now a regular group of children attending with their parents and grandparents. We are blessed to now

have Sara joining us to play the piano at the end of each session so the children can enjoy a singsong and dance, which they all love.

Training

I completed the Ecology & Creation training with Manchester Diocese as well as children's ministry training via Blackburn Diocese. I have also recently attended their "Step By Step" conference, which was fantastic. These have given me lots of ideas for ways to try and reach more families over the coming months.

Claire Wood – Family & Community Worker

DEANERY SYNOD – Terry Bird

During 2021 until it ended in the spring, the Rossendale Deanery Synod concentrated almost entirely on the formation of the new Team Ministry for the nine Rossendale parishes and the formation of the new Bury and Rossendale Deanery. The new Deanery (one of just seven in the Manchester Diocese) is led by a full time stipendiary Area Dean, as opposed to the former situation, where the Area Dean was effectively part-time with their duties being in addition to the normal parish role.

The last meeting of the Rossendale Deanery Synod was held in March and was in effect a celebration of the Deanery in years past, and a somewhat uncertain look to the future.

The first meeting of the Bury and Rossendale Deanery Synod was chaired by the new Area Dean, Rev'd Rachel Mann, and was largely a welcome meeting with some explanation of what would be happening in the future. The first business meeting was on 14th September when necessary appointments were voted on, and elected. Also the new ten year Diocesan Vision (Growing Nurturing and Serving) was outlined.

Since that, there have been two further meetings (all on Zoom) in 2022. This report is concerned with 2021 but, to keep the congregation in the picture, more detailed plans as to the Diocesan Vision, the Diocesan Mission Action Plan and the new proposed Mission Communities are being prepared. It is intended that these plans will be bought to the next Deanery Synod which is to take place towards the end of March. This will be the first in-person meeting of the new Deanery Synod.

I have to say that it is largely a question of "watch this space" concerning both the Team Ministry and the new Deanery. However we should not just watch, but watch and pray.

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

RENEW (and related activities) – Suzanne Moriarty

There is a core team of about ten ladies who pray before each Renew and are there to help on the night. Under normal circumstances we hold three evenings a year.

It's great to see ladies from a variety of churches working together.

A tithe of the offering goes to a different charity each time.

We aim to give a word in season to 'strengthen and refresh the weary ones' through the Name and Spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4)

Renew couldn't hold any meetings this year due to the pandemic.

Whalley Abbey Day Retreat was not held in December 2021 due to the pandemic.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS UNION – Jean Lang, Anne Johnstone, Maureen Heys

The Mothers' Union's aim is to support Family Life. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the foyer and during 2021 we had fifteen members.

During lockdown we had started to meet online and enjoyed a quiz run by Judith, a discussion around 'Grave Talk' and, making use of being online, we were able to have a guest speaker at two meetings. Christine Sharpe, CEO Manchester Diocese Mothers' Union gave us an insight into the work of MU in the diocese, and in July we enjoyed a presentation by Kathryn Dungworth, daughter of Jacqueline and Graeme, just prior to her return to working on Mercy Ships, a Christian charity working overseas. We finished off meeting online with another quiz and a home-grown activity where, by discussing a hobby or something special to us, we learnt something new about our fellow members.

We were pleased to be able to resume 'face-to face' meetings in the foyer, (albeit still with masks) in November, with a splendid Christmas meal (non-masked!), prepared by Bobbi Buchanan (thank you Bobbi) and this was followed up in December by our usual Carols and Mince Pies meeting, which was open to the general congregation.

As a group we look forward in 2022 to being able to resume working towards the support of family life, in the church, the Rossendale Team Ministry and the local community.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP – Judith Barlass

Pre-covid we met monthly with our friends from Longholme, however the Fellowship has been unable to meet during 2021.

Our Members have been self-isolating and are currently safe and well. We have kept in touch by phone and there have been doorstep visits.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Suzanne Moriarty

Sunday School has around twelve children on its register, many of whom are brought by Grandparents, although on average four children attend each week, which allows us to build good relationships with each child.

We try to keep Sunday School fresh and interesting by varying the session each week to include treasure hunts, obstacle courses, bible stories, games, craft and baking.

We aim to provide fun, quality time for the children whilst teaching them about Jesus and how He can impact their day to day lives at school and home in a real and practical way.

Sadly, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we could not hold Sunday School from March 2020, but we continued to pray for the children until we restarted in October 2021.

TIDDLERS - Jean Lang

We meet Monday afternoon 1pm until 2:30pm. Since we restarted in September, we have about 7 to 9 children most weeks, plus adults. The children learn to play and share toys, parents & carers chat and we are always there as a friend to listen to any worries they may have.

The older ones get a short Bible story and then we sing nursery rhymes accompanied by Sara on the piano.

Linsey Rosemary Jean and Claire

FRIDAY CLUB – Jean Lang

Friday Club has not met since lockdown started, although we have kept on contact with the members and they received small Christian gifts at Christmas and will again at Easter 2022. No decision has been made as yet on when we will re-start, with new schools etc..

Ruth, Rosemary and Jean

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

PRAYER CHAIN – Ann Laytham

The 25 members of the Prayer Chain have the privilege of being able to respond to requests for prayer not just for St Mary's members but for anyone in need of prayer.

The number of requests was similar to last year's and again covered mainly health issues, including Covid, for individuals or families. Other requests were for community groups , for countries in need , and for people in situations where social support was needed.

The prayer requests are completely confidential and those being prayed for must give their permission. The requests are passed to the coordinator by those who identify the need for prayer, and she emails them to the group who can then pray at home. Updates and many expressions of thanks are alsosent to the Prayer Chain members .

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY TABLE - Susan Halliwell

During 2021, as a result of the covid restrictions, flowers were only provided for Easter, Harvest and Christmas and were not distributed.

From January 2022 the weekly rota for putting flowers on the Holy Table has re-commenced, and distribution will be made to those of our fellowship suffering ill-health or bereavement. Thanks are extended to all those involved in this ministry.

AUTUMN CLUB – Susan Halliwell

During 2021 covid lock-downs and social distancing restriction meant that we were unable to hold the usual Autumn Club events in church. Instead we delivered a cream tea in summer and a Christmas tea in December, both of which were most appreciated by around 26 of the older members of the congregation.

We are hopeful that (covid-permitting) we will be back to normal in 2022 and able to hold the events in church.

TEAM ST MARY'S (Pastoral Support Group) – Maureen Heys

The 'Team' has now been running for just over 12 months and has evolved and grown over that time with 22 members in the WhatsApp group and one member not online.

During 2021 the work of the group has evolved; lifts have been given when needed, contact has been maintained via telephone with members of the congregation unable to resume attending church, the talks and prayers are distributed weekly to half a dozen non-attendees and much more, as support within the group itself has grown.

'Team St Mary's' assisted in the distribution of around forty 'goody' bags to those needing encouragement, at Easter, and around twenty at Christmas, along with the distribution of around 100 cards and invites for Easter, Christmas, Harvest and lesser numbers in-between. Flowers were distributed on Mothering Sunday and for Father's Day we attempted to reach all the men in the congregation with the gift of a pen, inscribed with an inspiring verse. All of these initiatives have been with the aim of maintaining contact with people and fellowship, with deliverers encouraged, where and when possible (and allowed), to have a word with the recipient.

Members of the Team helped with the preparation and delivery of the Autumn Club 'food deliveries' and in October we held a socially-distanced Harvest Event, with tea and cakes, which included exhibits from groups within church and also superb arts & crafts from the congregation. With lifts provided, this event allowed several members of the congregation, who hadn't at that time made it back to worship in church, to meet up with friends and several members of the wider community dropped in too. The Team also helped provide tea and coffee at a Civic Pride event and the Hospice event, and members have resumed provision of refreshments after the Sunday service, as lockdown has eased.

As pandemic restrictions begin to ease further, we are looking forward to continuing the work into 2022, and several new initiatives are underway, to increase fellowship for members of the congregation via social events.

A massive thank you to all the 'Team', who have helped support this important work, especially through prayer, but also through deliveries, telephone calls, ideas and encouragement.

SMALL (House) GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Jean Lang

We meet in the foyer every other week on a Tuesday, from 1pm until 2pm, with around 7 to 8 people present now that we are back 'live', after meeting online during lockdown.

This year we have studied the Gospel of Mark and the book of Hebrews, which have provoked much discussion, besides learning about our faith. During Lent '22, when we will meet weekly, we will study the Passion of Christ based on 2 Corinthians.

WEDNESDAY GROUP – Nigel Bond

Our house group was established over five years ago, we have continued to meet throughout the period either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, this flexibility has helped the group to strengthen and grow. Our meetings are founded on fellowship and studying the Bible.

When lockdown eased in the summer of 2021, we started meeting fortnightly and continued all year. We had been studying the Book of James using the Journey Through Books, a 30-day study, using one day for each evening, we completed the Book of James in May 2021.

In June we started a study of the Book of Ruth using the Journey Through Books, we spent four evenings discussing the questions presented in the book.

In September we held a meeting of the full group to review the way forward. In doing this we asked each person what do we bring? How often should we meet? What should we do next? We decided to continue with the Journey Through Books and a study of the Philippians. This study will see us through into 2022.

In December we held an afternoon tea. The friendship and fellowship of the Group continues to blossom, this being an important part of each meeting. We met during Advent, when we sang carols and read nine Christmas readings.

Over winter we moved the meetings from evening to lunch time and reduced the frequency to monthly.

In addition to our group meetings, we have held several **Prayer Meetings** on zoom with a forty-minute duration. The times of open prayer have been very rewarding and uplifting.

We await to see how the Team Ministry will develop the employment of House Groups throughout the Churches.

In December 2021 an Advent Course was run as a part of the pending Team Ministry, this course was most refreshing and rewarding as we discussed the scriptures with a range of people from different churches across the valley.

Currently a number of us have joined the course, Living in Love and Faith, being run nationally, but hosted locally by the Bury and Rossendale Deanery. The course is held weekly over five

evenings, the outcome may impact the future teaching of the church, it's important that we hold this in prayer and remain faithful to the Word.

Many Blessings Nigel & Sue.

CAP RAWTENSTALL JOB CLUB

The activities of the Job Club were curtailed through Covid, but discussions have taken place and the Job Club is now active again with Jim Barrie as manager, supported by Catherine Pedley. Course are currently being held in Bacup in conjunction with Trinity Baptist.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 16. to 24

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the charity, the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.;

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Stott FCCA.

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14 April 2022

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2a	53,294	15,738	0	69,032	68,311
Charitable activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	2d	2,169	0	0	2,169	1,838
Investments	2c	9	0	176	185	253
Other	2e	0	0	0	0	364
TOTAL		55,473	15,738	176	71,386	70,767
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3a	52,709	16,103	0	68,812	71,654
Other	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		52,709	16,103	0	68,812	71,654
NET INCOMING /(EXPENDITURE		2,763	(365)	176	2,574	(888)
Transfers between funds		(1,307)	1,307		0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets On revaluation		0	838	3,701	4,540	2,023
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,456	1,781	3,877	7,114	1,135
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD AT 1 JANUARY		27,122	6,493	34,534	68,148	67,013
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD AT 31 DECEMBER		28,578	8,273	38,411	75,262	68,148

The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Balance sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5a	(0)			(0)	(0)
Investments	5b		0	36,262	36,262	31,722
		(0)	0	36,262	36,262	31,722
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	6	8,515	1,640	0	10,155	10,900
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		20,955	4,903	2,987	28,845	25,527
		29,470	6,543	2,987	39,000	36,426
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	(0)	0	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		29,470	6,543	2,987	39,000	36,426
Total assets less current liabilities		29,470	6,543	39,249	75,262	68,148
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		29,470	6,543	39,249	75,262	68,148
PARISH FUNDS	8&9					
Unrestricted		29,470			29,470	27,072
Restricted			6,543		6,543	6,543
Endowment				39,249	39,249	34,534
		29,470	6,543	39,249	75,262	68,148

Approved by the Parocial Church Council on 7th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by
Peter Terry, Lay Chair and Maureen Heys, Secretary.
The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	3,133	(3,346)
Cash flows from investing activities	10	185	253
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Change in cash in reporting period		**3,318**	**(3,093)**
Cash at 1st January 2021		25,527	28,619
Cash at 31st December 2021		**28,845**	**25,527**

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with the current Charities SORP and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2005 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
2a	**Donations & Legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aid donations	30,832	0	0	30,832	30,207
	Tax recoverable	8,107	1,590	0	9,697	11,227
	Family Worker		14,148	0	14,148	15,350
	Other	5,661	0	0	5,661	5,105
	Collections (open plate)	1,766	0	0	1,766	1,085
	Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	0	0	0	0	100
	Donations, appeals	6,180	0	0	6,180	4,514
	Legacies	748	0	0	748	723
		53,294	15,738	0	69,032	68,311
2b	**Charitable activities**	0	0	0	0	0
2c	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest including	9	0	176	185	253
		9	0	176	185	253
2d	**Income from church activities**					
	Hire of church	200	0	0	200	0
	Fees	1,969	0	0	1,969	1,838
		2,169	0	0	2,169	1,838
2e	**Other**	0	0	0	0	364
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	55,473	15,738	176	71,386	70,767

3 EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3a	Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving					
	Overseas:					
	CPAS	750	0	0	750	750
	Crosslinks	750	0	0	750	750
	Bible Society	750	0	0	750	750
	Barnabus	750	0	0	750	750
	CAP Debt Centre	750	0	0	750	750
	Home					
	Student & Easter Gifts	60	0	0	60	60
	Other	934	0	0	934	625
	Evangelical Alliance	90	0	0	90	90
		4,834	0	0	4,834	4,525

	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	28,000	0	0	28,000	28,000
	Other ministry costs	142	0	0	142	292
	Church running and maintenance	11,766	0	0	11,766	12,551
	Depreciation church equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Vicarage Costs	259	0	0	259	397
	Family Worker		16,103	0	16,103	16,361
	Tower Project	1,886			1,886	804
	Fees Paid	1,103	0	0	1,103	1,441
	General Expenses	4,719	0	0	4,719	7,284
		52,709	16,103	0	68,812	71,654
3b	**Raising funds**	0	0	0	0	0
3c	**Other**	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	52,709	16,103	0	68,812	71,654

4 STAFF COSTS

4a	Wages and salaries	£17,439

During the year the church employed two part time cleaners but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.
Together these employess relate to less than one full time employee.
On 1st December 2019 the church commenced the employment of a Family & Community Worker

4b Payments to PCC Members
Other than Verger Fees totalling £120 and organists fees of £150, no payments or expenses were paid to members of the PCC.
No payments were paid to persons closely connected to PCC members or to related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

5a **Tangible**

		Moveable furnishings	Total
		£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2021	26,140	26,140
	Disposal		
	Additions at cost	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	26,140	26,140
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2021	26,140	26,140
	Withdrawn on disposals		
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	26,140	26,140

Moveable furnishings comprises the sound system, the chairs and the notice board.

5b **Investments**

	£
Endowment Fund	
Market value at 1 January 2021	31,722
Revaluation gain (loss)	0
	31,722

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
6 DEBTORS					
VAT Recoverable					
Tax recoverable	8,515	1,640		10,155	10,900
	8,515	1,640	0	10,155	10,900
7 LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due in one year					
Accruals for utilities and other costs	(0)	0	0	0	0
	(0)	0	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 FUNDS

The restricted fund comprises money donated to pay the Family and Chidrens worker.
The endowment fund is the Lord, Pilling and Buckley Charity fund.

Funds Movement	Family Worker £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2021	4,607	4,607
Incoming resources	15,738	15,738
Funds transfer	1,307	1,307
Resources expended	(16,103)	(16,103)
Balance at 31 December 2021	5,549	5,549

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	(0)	0	0	(0)
Investment assets			36,262	31,722
Current assets	29,470	6,543	2,987	36,426
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year	(0)	0	0	0
Amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	
	29,470	6,543	39,249	68,148

£17,494 of the Unrestricted Funds represent a legacies received from former members of the church. Although the gifts are unrestricted the PCC have decided that where possible the money should be used only for projects that improve the facilities within the church building or in reaching out to the community in accordance with the church's development plan.

10 Cash Flows

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	2,389	(1,141)
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	744	(313)
increase in creditors	0	(1,891)
Depreciation	0	0
Funds transferred out	0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,133	(3,346)
Interest received	185	253
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash in investing activities	185	253

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY RAWTENSTALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1134155

Accounts

Parish of St Mary
Rawtenstall

Annual Report
& Financial Statements

For the year ended
31st December 2020

St Mary's Parish Church Rawtenstall – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Administrative Information

St Mary's is situated in Rawtenstall, Rossendale Lancashire.
It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is via the PCC Secretary;
Maureen Heys, 18 Peel St, Cloughfold, Rossendale, BB4 7LJ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1134155.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2020 until the date of this report are:

Associate Priest	The Revd Julie Barratt
Wardens	Jean Lang
	Peter Terry

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Jenny Hutchinson
Duncan Ramsbottom *(until October 2020)*
Jayne Wilkinson – Smith
Terry Bird *(from October 2020)*

Elected Members

Margaret Ashton
Terry Bird *(until Oct 2020)*
Chris Cottrell
Gareth Davies
Anne Dean
Jay Dempsey
Elizabeth Finn
Maureen Heys
Andy Roberts
Ruth Metcalf (*co-opted until 2021*
Duncan Ramsbottom *(from Oct 2020)*

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT – Peter Terry

At our AGM in October last year, I gave an update on the first nine months of 2020, the text of which forms most of this report.

As we came out of 2019, we were looking to build the benefice team by recruiting a half-time clergy post and a family worker. We were not successful with the clergy post, but we were very successful in recruiting Claire as our Family and Children's worker.

Then in February Chris left us, and as we lost Chris, we gained COVID-19.

We went into lockdown and suddenly technology and social media became the means of communicating. Zoom, Facebook and the web, together with some good old telephone calling became our means of staying in contact with each other.

We need to thank all the people who have kept the church going in its new format and that includes all the people who continue to write our prayers each week, write the talks, for Sarah and her flute, Ruth on the keyboard, for Julie and her sermons, reflections and for leading video recorded services, for the Bible study groups that have continued on Zoom, and of course for Jay and his regular encouragement notes. There is also Nick who has kept our website up to date each week. We should not forget the work that Chris our treasurer does on a regular basis, ensuring that we use our resources in a way that honours our commitments in terms of parish share and our missionary giving. Of course, he could not do that without our members continuing to give money to the church, as they have through lockdown.

Claire also kept working and developed the ARK Facebook page and done what she can to maintain contact with primary schools, including ensuring that packs went out to the year 6 students in place of the "it's your move day" that would have happened in July. We were also able to send out packs to replace the Make & Take event that would have taken place at Christmas.

Our thanks go also to those involved with the Prayer Chain and Prayer Diaries who harness the power of prayer in supporting our church and community.

Rod Bevan as Area Dean has provided support to us, and the Archdeacon arranged for us to have support from the Rev Lee Longden. Unfortunately, Lee's family circumstances took a turn for the worse and he was unable to provide the support originally intended, although an improvement in those family circumstances mean he is now back working with us.

But we were not the only church in Rossendale to lose a vicar, Newchurch and Bacup were in the same situation. That led to the Archdeacon and the area Dean coming to the PCC with an outline proposal for a team ministry in Rossendale in place of a straight replacement of the post that had been vacated. This was driven to a large extent by the fact that the diocese has significant financial problems and cannot provide support for the number of paid posts that Rossendale has had historically.

Several initial meetings took place around June and July and a more detailed proposal was prepared and considered by the PCC. A meeting took place in November when representatives of the PCC

were able to discuss the proposal with the Archdeacon and area Dean. We are now waiting for the formal proposal to be issued and considered by the PCC.

Whatever happens regarding the team ministry proposal, or indeed any other proposal, it is highly unlikely that we will have a paid minister in place much before September next year. The diocese itself has a temporary ban on recruitment as they try to resolve the financial issues.

This means that we will continue to need the ongoing support of our own team, supplemented where we can buy ministers from both within the deanery and outside. We will continue to be restricted by the lockdown rules relating to COVID-19 and church for the time being will continue to be different.

One day COVID-19 will be over, and we will have new ministers in the valley but that will not reduce the demands on our lay team. The new model for our deanery, and for the Church of England more broadly, depends much more on lay involvement. Where we might once have supported our full-time minister, we will now very much be working alongside the valley ministry team. We need to remain faithful and continue to serve God and our community in the best way we can.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT - Jean Lang and Peter Terry

COVID

Much of our time and energy this year has been focussed on keeping the church available for worship, as and when allowed, and making sure that we have a COVID-19 secure environment. Appropriate Risk Assessments have been prepared with updates as guidance from the Church of England has been issued.

Church Fabric

During 2020 it has not been possible to carry out much in the way of work relating to the Church Fabric. The Tower project has had to be postponed although we will need to revisit this as soon as possible post COVID-19. The only project that has been possible is the removal, refurbishment and reinstallation of the bell clappers in all eight of our bells. This work was undertaken under the supervision of Dr George Lee, the Diocesan Bell Advisor and was carried out by the John Taylor Foundry.

Graveyard

The cutting of grass by our contractors has continued and a thorough cleaning of the flags around the church was completed prior to the winter.

The process of closing the graveyard is now complete and a meeting with Rossendale Borough Council will take place shortly to determine how the graveyard is managed in the future.

Working Parties

From time to time volunteers from the congregation undertake extra cleaning and work in the churchyard. This has been restricted this year, but we continue to be grateful for their help.

Church Finances

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 show a surplus of £361 in the year after the revaluation upwards of our endowment funds by £2,023. This means that the total funds of the church amounted to £67,374 at the balance sheet date.

Parish Share payments of £28,000 were made to the Diocese and we would like to thank everyone for their continued giving which allowed us to maintain this payment at the same level as last year.

£31,722 of the church funds relate to the capital value of legacy investments that provide an annual income to the church. £17,568 is the remaining balance of the legacy given to the church by the estate of Geoffrey Bradshaw and the new legacy gift received last year. The other main element of church funds is the gift aid due on the giving in 2020 amounting to £10,125.

Members of the congregation have continued to give towards the cost of our Family and Children's Worker, that cost being shared with St Paul's and Goodshaw churches.

Whilst the overall funds position is satisfactory, the church continues to face expenditure on the fabric of the building in 2021 and beyond. The urgent repairs to the clock tower together with expenditure necessary following the Quinquennial inspection will more than absorb the available cash funds unless other sources of funding for these repairs can be identified. Add to this the funds needed to meet the annual running costs and the increased parish share and it becomes clear that the level of giving from the congregation needs to be maintained if we are to meet all our obligations in full.

Worship

The churchwardens would like to thank all those who helped in the day-to-day running of the church during the year, taking into account the restrictions placed on us by COVID-19 rules, including making sure that we had a Christmas tree and flowers at appropriate points in the year.

We also thank Claire for adapting so willingly to the restrictions of COVID-19, and managing to maintain contact with families, children and schools in a difficult environment for such work.

We are fortunate that in a time of interregnum, made more difficult by COVID-19, we have such a good team of people who have stepped up to make sure that worship has continued.

We would also like to thank all those members of our fellowship who have maintained contact, in various ways, with those less able to get out and about.

Safeguarding

We confirm that the PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Maureen Heys

During 2020 the PCC met eight times, once under the Chairmanship of Rev Chris Casey and after his departure in February under the Chairmanship of Peter Terry. Due to the pandemic one meeting was held by email and six meetings online with members joining both by video and phone, however this did not affect the PCC's ability to discuss and make decisions on all matters affecting the church, both mundane and practical, and sometimes spiritual, during this time of interregnum.

A great deal of its time was spent in consideration and discussion of the Diocese's proposals for a Team Ministry to cover the Rossendale deanery, along with the Diocese's re-structuring of Deaneries within the diocese, further details of which can be found on the Diocesan website.

The objectives of the Mission Action Plan agreed in 2018, although curtailed by the pandemic restrictions, have continued to be considered throughout the PCC's deliberations, and new initiatives, such as 'Team St Mary's' our pastoral support group, have been heartily supported. Copies of the Plan are available at the back of church and all are urged to read these prayerfully and to get involved. The future of the church family at St Mary's is the responsibility of each and every one of us, even more so now while we are in an interregnum, our churchwardens' work has increased, and we are looking forward to Team Ministry.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was delayed due to lockdown and was held on 11th October 2020. Four members of the PCC were re-elected, and one member co-opted for 12 months. Three Deanery synod members were each elected for a three-year term. Following the 2020 APCM Terry Bird stood down as PCC Secretary.

Since the last APCM St Mary's has continued to open for social-distanced Sunday worship, with talks provided mainly by church members. The church's online presence has increased, with talks, prayers and reflections published online and on social media. Due to all non-worship meetings in the church building being prohibited, Zoom video meetings are now a regular feature allowing various church groups to meet weekly or monthly and social events to take place online.

Our Family and Community Worker, Claire Wood commenced working 20 hours a week across the three churches at the beginning of the year, just as Rev Chris left. She has maintained contact with baptism families and the schools during the difficult times of the pandemic restrictions.

The church building as not been able to be used as a venue by any outside organisation since the beginning of the pandemic and it has been impossible for the Job Club to meet in person, however it expects to resume online in Spring 2021

Despite the challenging times recently, the church family at St Mary's has continued to worship and have fellowship together and thanks must be given to those many people who have worked, and continue to work, so hard, in all aspects of life at St Mary's, especially the Wardens during this interregnum, and to all who have contributed in any way, great or small to the spreading of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

On behalf of the PCC can I also extend a huge thank you to Terry for all his work on their behalf over the past six years, and on a personal note for all his help and advice since I took over the role.

ELECTORAL ROLL – Nigel Bond

PRESENTATION OT THE ELECTORAL ROLL				
TO ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING				
25th April 2021				
	16 - 39 yrs	40 - 59 yrs	60 and over	TOTAL
Men	1	12	21	34
Women	2	21	28	51
TOTAL	3	33	49	85
The total number of members for April 20201 is			85	
100.0%	Electoral Roll Completed Application Forms		85	
Members are resident in the parish			44	
Members live outside the parish			41	
Nigel Bond - Electoral Roll Officer				

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT - Vicky Rhodes

Our Parish of St Mary's Church Rawtenstall is still very much following and implementing the Manchester Diocese and the Church of England Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult Policies.

The Church of England online safe church training course is still a requirement for all new members who wish to work with our children young adults and vulnerable adults. Here at St Mary's we renew DBS checks every 3 years and due to Data Protection laws all our completed documentation of applicants that have applied and has been processed through the Thirtyone:eight systems are kept securely on church premises.

The Church of England have produced a Parish Safeguarding Handbook for children & vulnerable adults and St Mary's parish is following this guidance. The Safeguarding policy and the handbook are available for viewing on the diocese website at http://www.manchester.anglican.org/safeguarding and a copy is available in the vestry at church.

Following new practice guidance all PCC trustee members must undertake a DBS check where parishes undertake regulated activities with children or adults at risk. Furthermore, other church posts that require a DBS check must not be worked by the applicant until the DBS check has come back and been approved.

2020 has been a challenging year for DBS Checks because of the Covid 19 Pandemic and church closures. Only one check was completed in 2020 just before we went into the first lockdown in March.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKER – Claire Wood

I took up the post on December 1st 2019, and spent several weeks visiting the 3 churches, meeting with schools and gathering relevant information from Rev Chris Casey before he moved on to his new Parish. In the first few weeks I attended Christmas services and activities such as school Christmas fairs and the *Make & Take* at St Mary's on Christmas Eve, followed by the nativity at St Mary & All Saints that same evening. I was asked to join the weekly morning worship timetables at the 3 schools and began preparing and presenting these in January 2020. I felt sad to have to put this on hold when the schools closed their doors to visitors, and then later to pupils, early in the year.

In addition to the above I had begun to visit St Mary's School weekly to work with their GIFT Team (*Growing In Faith Together*) to encourage the children to take an active part in weekly worship. We were planning our Easter services together when unfortunately, the national lockdown occurred. The children came up with some fantastic suggestions and I was encouraged by their enthusiasm.

Prior to March 2020 I was also helping at the *Tiddlers* each Monday afternoon (St Mary's) and *Little Angels* Toddler group at St Mary & All Saints on Wednesday mornings, gradually introducing myself to families, and I had begun joining the *Friday Club* at St Mary's. Although this group's numbers are low it is a lovely group which I pray will reach more children because it is perfect just as it is. Sadly, each of these groups is currently on hold until it is safe to reopen.

I have tried to adapt to the changing environment by offering to support the 3 schools remotely (including providing morning worship videos and Easter crafts for St Paul's School for the key worker children to use in school). Because the Year 6 Transition day could not take place this year I compiled and distributed "It's Your Move" packs to Balladen, St Paul's and St Mary's Schools as well as individually to 12 pupils from Crawshawbooth Primary School who I had learned about from friends, neighbours and family. I have also delivered regular craft packs to one family who I have come to know through my schools work and who has begun to follow the ARK page.

The Facebook page *ARK* has been challenging and having been provided with a laptop (thank-you!) this has been much easier to manage. My posts vary in their levels of engagement and the approximate "reach" for music videos that I share is 30 upwards with my Elvis posts reaching as many as 680 people for the most popular one! Although I intended the page to reach local people I have been surprised by responses to my posts from across the world and Elvis has become a valued work colleague. Watch this space for his next adventures...

As an alternative form of outreach in place of the Big Church Party I made up some Autumn craft bags to distribute to children who would normally attend and was able to offer these to other children locally whose parents found out about them through word of mouth. At Christmas, an easing of the Covid rules meant Jean and Rosemary were able to help get these packed and they were issued to 25 families (50 children in total). We are currently planning what to add to Easter activity bags, and there are more families who have asked me if they can be included in receiving these, which is great news.

Christmas felt like a good time to try and reach out to adults across the 3 parishes who might have been finding the darker days coupled with shielding and lockdown very isolating. With God's encouragement the adult outreach bags evolved, including handmade contributions from children at St Paul's School and a friend of a friend who kindly made the little angels. Lots of helpers enabled these to go out to 50 adults (across the three churches) who hopefully drew comfort that we are all thinking about them and including them in our prayers.

In addition to the above I have been involved in supporting a group of year 10 boys in an alternative curriculum outdoor group at Alder Grange School, alongside Dena Lord from the White Horse Project, in response to Covid-19. These weekly sessions took place from September up to Christmas and enabled the students to achieve several AQA awards including Forest School Skills, Den-Building, Campfire Cooking and Painting and Decorating. Alder Grange have appreciated this input and hopefully it has been a step towards making new church-school links.

I have continued to work with families enquiring about baptisms and one was able to take place during the easing of the restrictions. Moving forward I am thinking about ways of developing a stronger church-home link for those families who have expressed an interest in having their child baptised, as well as those new families who have begun to access the craft bags.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and encouragement over the last 12 months. I have felt incredibly well supported and overwhelmed by your love and care.

DEANERY SYNOD – Jayne Wilkinson

There were no meetings held between January 2020 and September 2020 because of COVID-19 after which Zoom meetings began. The main talking points for the meetings have been Team Proposals, The Deanery Mission Action Plan (MAP) and Deanery Communications

Team Proposals

In June a short briefing paper on the Team Ministry proposals was published and there was an open meeting on Zoom with Bishop Mark and Alan Simpson; following which all PCC's were asked to meet, discuss and feedback as part of the consultation, the outcome being 8 PCC's in favour and 1 against. Before their vote St Mary's Rawtenstall raised further questions with Archdeacon Jean. On 16th July, the proposals were presented to the Diocesan Pastoral Committee who instructed work to commence on outlining a formal framework from which to progress.

Bishop Mark, Archdeacon Jean and Rod have met on several occasions to work on draft details and Alan Simpson is working on the legal framework; the outcome being that documents in draft form are being produced that cover:

- Structure of the team
- Team Rector role description
- Team Vicar role description
- SSM and Focal Minister role description
- Process for appointment of Focal Ministers
- Worship in the team.

Deanery Mission Action Plan (MAP).
Despite Covid, the merger with Bury Deanery is slowly moving forward however Rod encouraged us to revisit the deanery MAP document
The meeting looked at the current issues:

- Concern about age profile of congregations – we had started to look at youth across the Deanery; one youth event took place which went well but then lockdown started.
- Communication
- Buildings – we have a simple building audit.
- Structure of Deanery – more effective deployment of staff.
- Growth – reversing the decline. The last six months have proved difficult in this area.
- Sharing of resources.
- Discipleship.
- Culture – how do we 'do' Church that connects with Society?
- Service – people to fill essential roles – gaps that need to be filled.

Goals within the MAP:

- establishing viable worship centres.
- growth and nurture.
- developing a supportive network of Churches.

Prayer link – a contact person from each Parish is now set up to act as a link person for prayer initiatives and information sharing. Several people were recognised and approached. This is also being integrated into the new Microsoft 365 platform to enable easy (private) sharing of prayer requests across the Deanery.

Simple building audit – Rod Bevan has put together a simple building audit questionnaire which has been completed by PCCs to help understand all the facilities available in the individual parishes.

Youth – Jill reported that since lockdown there have been no further developments around cross-deanery youth work. The White Horse project have been meeting on-line and St Anne's have started a new Tuesday night group on Zoom. A Youth Alpha course began in October and an invitation was extended to anyone wanting to get involved either to assist or for young people to attend.

Communications.
There was a presentation exploring various options and platforms for communication and management of documentation that would be a shared resource across the Deanery with Churches and individuals having secure access. The deanery now has a system (tenancy) configured on Office 365 utilising charity licensing (very low cost). This will be primarily identified using the domain name @rossendalecofe.church, and users are in the process of being added to this and provided with their access information.

Deaneries Reorganisation.
The Pastoral Order for the seven Deaneries is being put together. Advertisements for recruiting the new Area Deans are going live with interviews planned for mid-February with a 1st June start.

Living in love and faith.
This is a national Church initiative on gender and sexuality – Rod showed a short video which can be seen on the following link and there is a whole library of documents and other videos on this topic which parishes are encouraged to explore.
https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith

ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

RENEW (and related activities) – Suzanne Moriarty
Renew held only one meeting in 2020 which was in March, with the theme of receiving God's peace. A number of ladies spoke on how they felt God's peace in their lives during challenging and difficult times.
Over 200 ladies attended.
There is a core team of about ten ladies who pray before each Renew and are there to help on the night. It's great to see ladies from a variety of churches working together. A tithe of the offering goes to a different charity each time.
We aim to give a word in season to 'strengthen and refresh the weary ones' through the Name and Spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4)

Whalley Abbey Day Retreat was not held in December 2020 due to the pandemic.

ST. MARY'S MOTHERS UNION – Jean Lang & Anne Johnstone
Usually, the Mothers Union meets on the third Monday of the month in the Church Foyer, however, during 2020 we were unable to meet due to Covid restrictions.
Currently we have 13 members.
We had a planning meeting in February 2020, where we discussed topics and speakers we would like to include, but sadly these could not take place.
In December 2020 we held a virtual Carol and Mince Pie evening on Zoom, which was open to all and it was lovely to see everyone.
We pray that 2021 will see us being able to meet and share with each other, not only on Zoom.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP -Judith Barlass
We normally meet monthly with our friends from Longholme, however the Fellowship has been unable to meet during most of 2020, due to Covid restrictions.

Our Members have been self-isolating and are currently safe and well. We have kept in touch by phone, and there have been doorstep visits.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Suzanne Moriarty
Sunday School has around twelve children on its register, many of whom are brought by Grandparents, although on average three children attend each week, which allows us to build good relationships with each child.

We try to keep Sunday School fresh and interesting by varying the session each week to include treasure hunts, obstacle courses, bible stories, games, craft and baking.

We aim to provide fun, quality time for the children whilst teaching them about Jesus and how He can impact their day to day lives at school and home in a real and practical way.

Sadly ,we have not held Sunday School since March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but we continue to pray for the children.

TIDDLERS – Jean Lang

Tiddlers (a National Childbirth Trust group) normally meets weekly during term time. However, to comply with NCT instructions there have been no meetings since the Coronavirus pandemic began. Some of the children who would normally have attended did receive 'make and take/children's activity bags' during the year, distributed by Claire, our Family and Community Worker.

FRIDAY CLUB – Jean Lang

Friday Club normally meets every other week in term time 4 pm until 5 -30, commencing with toast and hot chocolate and then a bible story followed by craft and then games.

Thanks are due to Ruth and Rosemary for all their help at the beginning of the year. As a result of the pandemic the Club has not met since February although knitted Christmas trees were produced, with a chocolate orange, and distributed at Christmas.

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Prayer Chain – Ann Laytham

The Prayer Chain consists at present of 25 people who respond to requests for prayer, mainly around health issues but also for people in difficult situations.
There was an increased number of requests in 2020 and many involved Covid-19. Prayers were requested for individuals and also for groups in the community.
All prayer requests are completely confidential. They are sent out by the coordinator by email or phone. Updates when available are passed on .
This ministry is very much appreciated by those requesting prayer.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY TABLE

The year began with members and friends of St Mary's providing flowers for the Holy Table week-by-week distributed to those of our fellowship suffering ill health or bereavement. As a result of closure of the church during lock-down, and social-distancing restrictions, flowers were only provided for Harvest and Christmas and were not distributed. Thanks are extended to all those involved in this ministry in normal times.

AUTUMN CLUB – Jean Lang

Autumn Club normally meets twice a year for afternoon tea for the over 70s. Sadly, we have not been able to have our usual Summer and Christmas teas, however contact has been maintained through phone calls, with most our members.

SMALL (House) GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON – Jean Lang

The group has a core of eight members, meeting weekly in the Foyer to study the Bible. Since the pandemic we moved online via zoom and had an average attendance of five. Besides a Lent course studying the events of Easter week, we've been studying the Gospel of Mark, which has provoked some very interesting discussions.

MONDAY EVENING – Nigel Bond

Our house group was established over four years ago, we have continued to meet throughout the period either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, this flexibility has helped the group to strengthen and grow. Our meetings are founded on fellowship and studying the bible.

At the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 we decided to meet weekly using zoom, we welcomed new members Anne Dean and Janet Terry. At first, we studied Jesus's Final Week, 8 studies for

groups written by Cindy Bunch. This was followed by the Bible Society's Lyfe in the Spirit. We used sheets prepared by the Bible Society on different themes.

When lockdown eased in the summer, we started meeting fortnightly which has continued all year, we have been studying the Book of James using the Journey Through Books, a 30-day study, we use one for each evening, so we have covered the first three chapters.

For Lent 2021 we have decided to meet weekly for seven weeks, we hope to look at the ministry of Jesus using the four gospels, comparing and contrasting the events of his life, starting with the temptation in the desert and ending with the resurrection.
We feel the house group is continuing to work well and thanks to Maureen for organising and hosting the zoom meetings. Also, to all the group for their valuable contributions to the meetings.
Many Blessings Nigel & Sue.

TEAM ST MARYS – PASTORAL SUPPORT GROUP – Maureen Heys

The Team was set up in October as a response to the coronavirus lockdowns, with the aim to provide help such as shopping/meals if members of the church family were ill or having to isolate.

A group of 21 people are involved communicating mainly via a WhatsApp group.

Although no physical help has been required so far, the team has increased contact with several people on the fringes of the church family along with members living alone or having to shelter, via socially distanced doorstep 'Hello's, phone calls and by post.

Seventy **Christmas cards** were sent out to members of the church family, the majority hand-delivered by members of the team, along with eighteen Christmas 'joy' bags which had kindly been prepared by Claire Wood.

There are various initiatives being planned, to maintain and even increase contact, in 2021.
A huge thank you is extended to all involved, to those who have delivered, telephoned and written, and especially those who've supported by prayer.

CAP RAWTENSTALL JOB CLUB

Due to pandemic restrictions only one online course was run over the Summer. The Club is expecting to restart in summer 2021.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 14 to 22

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the charity, the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.;

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention.

1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Stott

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31 March 2021

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2a	51,321	16,990	0	68,311	60,814
Charitable activities	2b	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	2d	1,838	0	0	1,838	6,498
Investments	2c	81	0	172	253	342
Other	2e	364	0	0	364	2,594
TOTAL		53,604	16,990	172	70,767	70,248
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3a	55,293	16,361	0	71,654	67,283
Other	3c	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		55,293	16,361	0	71,654	67,283
NET INCOMING /(EXPENDITURE		(1,689)	629	172	(888)	2,965
Transfers between funds		(1,307)	1,307		0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets						
On revaluation		0	0	2,023	2,023	4,649
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(2,996)	1,936	2,195	1,135	7,614
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD AT 1 JANUARY		30,068	4,607	32,339	67,013	59,399
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD AT 31 DECEMBER		27,072	6,543	34,534	68,148	67,013

The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Balance sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5a	(0)			(0)	(0)
Investments	5b		0	31,722	31,722	29,699
		(0)	0	31,722	31,722	29,699
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock		0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	6	9,260	1,640	0	10,900	10,586
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		17,812	4,903	2,811	25,527	28,619
		27,072	6,543	2,811	36,426	39,205
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	(0)	0	0	0	1,891
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		27,072	6,543	2,811	36,426	37,314
Total assets less current liabilities		27,072	6,543	34,534	68,148	67,013
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		27,072	6,543	34,534	68,148	67,013
PARISH FUNDS	8&9					
Unrestricted		27,072			27,072	30,068
Restricted			6,543		6,543	4,607
Endowment				34,534	34,534	32,339
		27,072	6,543	34,534	68,148	67,013

Approved by the Parocial Church Council on 1st March 2021 and signed on its behalf by
Peter Terry, Lay Chair and Maureen Heys, Secretary.
The notes form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Rawtenstall
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	10	(3,346)	1,058
Cash flows from investing activities	10	253	342
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
Change in cash in reporting period		**(3,093)**	**1,400**
Cash at 1st January 2020		28,619	27,219
Cash at 31st December 2020		**25,527**	**28,619**

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with the current Charities SORP and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2005 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2 INCOME & ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
2a	**Donations & Legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aid donations	30,207	0	0	30,207	31,116
	Tax recoverable	9,587	1,640	0	11,227	10,693
	Family Worker		15,350	0	15,350	6,015
	Other	5,105	0	0	5,105	5,901
	Collections (open plate)	1,085	0	0	1,085	2,082
	Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0
	Legacies	100	0	0	100	250
	Donations, appeals	4,514	0	0	4,514	4,055
	Legacies	723	0	0	723	702
		51,321	16,990	0	68,311	60,814
2b	**Charitable activities**	0	0	0	0	0
2c	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest including	81	0	172	253	342
		81	0	172	253	342
2d	**Income from church activities**					
	Hire of church	0	0	0	0	1,425
	Fees	1,838	0	0	1,838	5,073
		1,838	0	0	1,838	6,498
2e	**Other**	364	0	0	364	2,594
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	53,604	16,990	172	70,767	70,248

3 EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3a	Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving					
	Overseas:					
	CPAS	750	0	0	750	750
	Crosslinks	750	0	0	750	1,000
	Bible Society	750	0	0	750	750
	Barnabus	750	0	0	750	750
	CAP Debt Centre	750	0	0	750	750
	Home					
	Student & Easter Gifts	60	0	0	60	60
	Other	625	0	0	625	1,425
	Evangelical Alliance	90	0	0	90	90
		4,525	0	0	4,525	5,575

	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	28,000	0	0	28,000	28,461
	Other ministry costs	292	0	0	292	3,790
	Church running and maintenance	12,551	0	0	12,551	13,782
	Depreciation church equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Vicarage Costs	397	0	0	397	2,382
	Family Worker		16,361	0	16,361	1,409
	Tower Project	804			804	3,426
	Fees Paid	1,441	0	0	1,441	3,452
	General Expenses	7,284	0	0	7,284	5,006
		55,293	16,361	0	71,654	67,283
3b	**Raising funds**	0	0	0	0	0
3c	**Other**	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	55,293	16,361	0	71,654	67,283

4 STAFF COSTS

4a	Wages and salaries	£17,148

During the year the church employed two part time cleaners but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.
Together these employess relate to less than one full time employee.
On 1st December 2019 the church commenced the employment of a Family & Community Worker

4b Payments to PCC Members
Other than Verger Fees totalling £120 and organists fees of £180, no payments or expenses were paid to members of the PCC.
No payments were paid to persons closely connected to PCC members or to related parties.

5 FIXED ASSETS

5a **Tangible**

		Moveable furnishings	Total
		£	£
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2020	26,140	26,140
	Disposal		
	Additions at cost	0	0
	At 31 December 2020	26,140	26,140
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2020	26,140	26,140
	Withdrawn on disposals		
	Charge for the year	0	0
	At 31 December 2020	26,140	26,140

Moveable furnishings comprises the sound system, the chairs and the notice board.

5b **Investments**

Endowment Fund	£
Market value at 1 January 2020	29,699
Revaluation gain (loss)	2,023
	31,722

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
6 DEBTORS					
VAT Recoverable					
Tax recoverable	9,260	1,640		10,900	10,586
	9,260	1,640	0	10,900	10,586
7 LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due in one year					
Accruals for utilities and other costs	(0)	0	0	0	1,891
	(0)	0	0	0	1,891
Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

8 FUNDS

The restricted fund comprises money donated to pay the Family and Chidrens worker.
The endowment fund is the Lord, Pilling and Buckley Charity fund.

Funds Movement	Family Worker £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2020	4,607	4,607
Incoming resources	16,990	16,990
Funds transfer	1,307	1,307
Resources expended	(16,361)	(16,361)
Balance at 31 December 2020	6,543	6,543

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	(0)	0	0	(0)
Investment assets			31,722	29,699
Current assets	27,072	6,543	2,811	39,205
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year	(0)	0	0	1,891
Amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	
	27,072	6,543	34,534	67,013

£17,494 of the Unrestricted Funds represent a legacies received from former members of the church. Although the gifts are unrestricted the PCC have decided that where possible the money should be used only for projects that improve the facilities within the church building or in reaching out to the community in accordance with the church's development plan.

10 Cash Flows

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	(1,141)	2,623
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(313)	(146)
increase in creditors	(1,891)	(1,419)
Depreciation	0	0
Funds transferred out	0	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	(3,346)	1,058
Interest received	253	342
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash in investing activities	253	342