

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STUDLEY WITH MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1135615

Details

Other names	STUDLEY WITH MAPPLEBOROUGH PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-04-21
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: The Charity makes an annual donation, based on funds available, to the Diocese of Coventry to support work in parishes where the congregation are unable to support the full costs of their own minister. In addition various individual fund raising events are organized each year and a portion of the profits is donated to charities decided by the Church Council.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£124,673	£149,536	-	-
2023-12-31	£136,223	£156,862	-	-
2022-12-31	£235,269	£132,249	-	-
2021-12-31	£131,034	£156,779	-	-
2020-12-31	£93,114	£170,020	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Trevor Greathead		
JANET CAROLYN GREEN		
LYNDA BARR		2013-04-27
Linda Salsbury		2025-05-01
MARK PAUL HERAUVILLE		2018-04-25
PHILIP RAYMOND PATTISON		2013-05-03
Patrick Malcolm Smith		2020-09-30

Accounts



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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green

(Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley)

(Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green)

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

with Mappleborough Green

Registered Charity Number: 1135615

Studley with Mappleborough Green

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Studley with Mappleborough Green

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 1 to 3 and Notes to the Financial Statements, numbered 1 to 9 (including also detailed notes 2 and 3 on Incoming Resources and Resources Used, for both St. Mary's and Holy Ascension), is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and Section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.



Independent Examiner
Simon Billingham FCCA
07/03/2025

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Fund)
for the year ended 31st December 2024

		2024					2023
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
		Note					
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2(a)+(b)	91,050		3,197		94,247	109,344
Income from charitable activities	2(b)(i)	822				822	2,698
Other trading activities	2(c)	4,481		10,422		14,903	16,301
Investments	2(e)	11,559		2,892		14,451	7,630
Other income	2(b)(ii)			250		250	250
Total incoming resources		107,912		16,761		124,673	136,223
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3(c)	624				624	1,441
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(b)	127,716		21,196		148,912	155,421
Other expenditure	3(d)						
Total resources used		128,340		21,196		149,536	156,862
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		-20,428		-4,435		-24,863	-20,639
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		3,665				3,665	75,892
Gross transfers between funds - out				-3,665		-3,665	-75,892
Net incoming before other gains and losses		-16,763		-8,100		-24,863	-20,639
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets			2,356			2,356	-2,174
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use							
Net movement in funds		-16,763	2,356	-8,100		-22,507	-22,813
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1st January		197,043	90,648	112,880	194,056	594,627	617,440
Total funds carried forward at 31st December		180,280	93,004	104,780	194,056	572,120	594,627

Studley with Mappleborough Green

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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

	Note	2024				2023				Year on Year Change
		Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
See Page 13 for Detail										
Fixed Assets										
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a		120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Investment assets	5b			92,712	92,712			90,356	90,356	2,356
Total Fixed Assets			120,000	166,768	286,768		120,000	164,412	284,412	2,356
Current Assets										
Debtors	6	300	1,053	900	2,253	1,286	3,090	1,721	6,097	-3,844
Short Term Deposits	8a		201,521	35,941	237,462		213,801	39,881	253,682	-16,220
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8b	16,073	24,031	11,523	51,627	18,189	21,496	19,170	58,855	-7,228
Total Current Assets		16,373	226,605	48,364	291,342	19,475	238,387	60,772	318,634	-27,292
Liabilities										
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	-5,534	-24	-432	-5,990	-6,773	-593	-1,053	-8,419	2,429
Net Current Assets		10,839	226,581	47,932	285,352	12,702	237,794	59,719	310,215	-24,863
Net Assets		10,839	346,581	214,700	572,120	12,702	357,794	224,131	594,627	-22,507
Funds										
Unrestricted		611	133,649	46,020	180,280	456	143,977	52,774	197,207	-16,927
Designated			292	92,712	93,004		292	90,356	90,648	2,356
Restricted		10,228	92,640	1,912	104,780	12,246	93,525	6,945	112,716	-7,936
Endowment			120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Total	9	10,839	346,581	214,700	572,120	12,702	357,794	224,131	594,627	-22,507

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson Date.....

Member Date.....

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Review of Financial Activities and Affairs
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1. Studley - Income from donors in 2024 was £51,202 compared with £58,222 for 2023. The main element of this was Gift Aided donations and their associated tax credits which came to £43,345 in 2024 compared with £49,744 in 2023. Income from fees was £4,305 in 2024 compared with £2,789 in 2023 as there were 4 weddings in 2024 but none in 2023. Interest on investments for 2024 was £7,701 compared with £1,822 in 2023 due to relatively high interest rates throughout the year. The total income for 2024 was £74,503 compared with £79,321 for 2023. Expenditure for 2024 was £85,716 which was a significant decrease in comparison with the 2023 figure of £99,660, however this was mainly the result of very low expenditure from the Fabric Fund, £2,164 in 2024 compared with £20,268 in 2023, with other costs showing a year on year increase. The net result was a £11,213 use of reserves compared with a £20,338 use in 2023.

Mappleborough Green income from donations and voluntary giving was £24,898 in 2024 compared with £27,965 in 2023. Fund raising and grant income was £922 in 2024 compared with £3,705 in 2023 and Fee Income was just £176 in 2024 compared with £3,643 in 2023, reflecting far lower use of the church than in 2023. Dividend income and interest was £6,700 in 2024 compared with £5,732 in 2023, with the net result that total church income in 2024 was £32,696 compared with £41,049 in 2022. Whilst church expenditure decreased slightly from £40,402 in 2023 to £39,286 in 2024 this still meant that church finances showed a deficit of £6,589 in 2024 compared with a surplus of £647 in 2023. Ankcorn House delivered a small surplus of £32, but there was a significant use of Fabric Fund of £5,229 meaning that the DCC showed an initial deficit of £11,787 that was partially offset by an unrealised gain on investments of £2,356 to give a net deficit of £9,431

2 2024 saw a slight increase in the financial and investment markets and at the end of the year the Mappleborough Green investment in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities showed an unrealised gain of £2,356 which took the investment to a closing balance of £92,712 at 31st December.

3. A total of £142,093 was spent on providing the Christian Ministry for the Parish, split between Parish £17,750 St Mary's £83,553 and Holy Ascension £40,790 (See page 16). This sum included the contribution to the Diocese for the Parish Share of £63,396. Total spend of £142,093 compares with £134,907 in 2023 with the increase representing a full year of the Family Link Worker working 30 hours per week, and the continued use of the Anna Chaplain with development of the Dementia Cafe, plus further development of music resources at Studley.

4. Routine maintenance and servicing accounted for £6,105 at Studley and £2,117 at Mappleborough Green. These costs were mainly for boiler servicing, fire extinguisher contracts, PAT Testing, minor electrical work, organ tuning & church alarm system maintenance. Major expenditure at Mappleborough Green was £4,453 relating to repairs of the lightening conductor, car park and footpath; Lighting improvements to the church, pumphouse and Ankcorn House, and repairs to the boiler in Ankcorn House. Expenditure at Studley amounted to £300 relating to a boiler repair.

5. Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances over the past year whether it has been counting the cash from collections at services, giving regularly to church funds or maintaining the accounts. In particular my thanks to Joyce Duffin, Alan Greathead and Ann Chance for their work on the accounts of the two churches. A number of people also provide a variety of resources for which they seek no payment. This is very much appreciated and it is important to bear this in mind when looking at our costs for outreach and services which often do not reflect the full cost because of the generosity of people.

Patrick Smith

1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (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 Parish Account receives funds which are provided by both churches, individually, to pay joint costs but the individual costs are reflected in the individual church financial statements which also reflect the appropriate funds. The accounts 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

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

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds set aside by the PCC for a particular project. The PCC may place these in a separate unrestricted fund called a designated fund. Funds so designated may be redesignated by the PCC and so designation does not prevent funds from being spent on other purposes. All unrestricted funds comprise income funds which the PCC must spend within a reasonable time.

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.

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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned Giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised through the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross wherever possible.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental Income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan quota, or parish share, is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. The parish share was paid in full in 2024.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land & Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Buildings are held at the 1997 insurance value currently and for the foreseeable future as agreed with our Examiner and following discussions with Church House, Coventry.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings are held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and those requiring a faculty for disposal are considered by the PCC to be inalienable property. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 1997 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over the anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. The economic life used was five years for items acquired up to 31st December 2004. Items acquired after that date have generally depreciated over three years to reflect the rapid technological changes and obsolescence in computers and such equipment.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator but was written off over twelve months due to the relatively low cost. In 2016 a second laptop was purchased for general parish use. In 2017 an additional printer was purchased for the Administration Office and a new laptop for general parish use. In line with a recommendation made by the Independent Examiner at the 2016 accounts review items costing less than £1,000 are now fully written down in the year of purchase. Therefore the items purchased in 2017 were all fully written down in the year. No purchases or disposals were made in 2018 and 2020. In 2019 a new Administration Office computer and a second hand photocopier were purchased. Both were written off during the year. In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "Live streaming" of services.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds; at the bank or building society.

Creditors include Grants that have been received but not yet spent for the specific purposes for which they were given. The figure also includes all fees paid as deposits and other advance payments for weddings and funerals

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving

Gift Aid Donations

Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid

Other Planned Giving (including CAF)

Collections (Open Plate) at all Services

Give As You Earn Scheme

Income towards FLW costs

Sundry Donations

Sub Total

Legacies

Total

2024			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	36,489	3,622	40,112
	7,216	4,796	12,012
	2,252	300	2,552
	1,419	995	2,414
		14,237	14,237
8,240			8,240
1,398	5,024	1,549	7,972
9,638	52,400	25,499	87,538
9,638	52,400	25,499	87,538

2023			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	38,007	5,419	43,426
	12,665	5,367	18,032
	2,010	300	2,310
	1,772	1,602	3,374
		14,981	14,981
7,080			7,080
1,610	7,797	1,093	10,500
8,690	62,251	28,762	99,703
8,690	62,251	28,762	99,703

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising

Grants

Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Income from DCC's for Property Maintenance

(ii) Income from DCC's for Equipment Purchases

Total

6,000	610	100	6,710
		822	822
250			250
6,250	610	922	7,782

5,400	3,230	1,011	9,641
		2,698	2,698
250			250
5,650	3,230	3,709	12,589

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines

Orders of Service

Lettings - Church/Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Memorial Trees

Other Income

Fees

Total

9,487	935	10,422	
4,305	176	4,481	
13,792	1,111	14,903	

	160	80	240
	9,069	640	9,709
	2,789	3,563	6,352
12,018	4,283	16,301	

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims

Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest

Realised Gains

Total

	7,701	6,750	14,451
7,701	6,750	14,451	

	1,822	5,808	7,630
1,822	5,808	7,630	

Total Incoming Resources

15,888	74,503	34,282	124,673
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14,340	79,321	42,562	136,223
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

3,606

1,663

5,269

4,138

2,044

6,181

St, Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

STUDLEY							
2024				2023			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
36,129		360	36,489	37,572		435	38,007
7,216		0	7,216	12,172		493	12,665
2,252			2,252	2,010			2,010
1,419			1,419	1,772			1,772
4,186	551	287	5,024	4,696	128	2,973	7,797
51,202	551	647	52,400	58,222	128	3,901	62,251
51,202	551	647	52,400	58,222	128	3,901	62,251

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising
Grants
Donations
(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events
Fund Raising - Parish Centre

Total

610			610	1,047		2,183	3,230
610			610	1,047		2,183	3,230

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Parish Centre
Other Income
Fees
Total

				160			160
	9,487		9,487		9,069		9,069
4,305			4,305	2,789			2,789
4,305	9,487		13,792	2,949	9,069		12,018

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Total

4,859		2,842	7,701	1,822			1,822
4,859		2,842	7,701	1,822			1,822

Total Incoming Resources

60,976	10,038	3,489	74,503	64,039	9,197	6,084	79,321
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

3,606

3,606

4,138

4,138

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2024				2023			
General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

3,622			3,622	5,299		120	5,419
4,796			4,796	5,287	50	30	5,367
300			300	300			300
995			995	1,602			1,602
14,237			14,237	14,981			14,981
948	601		1,549	496	597		1,093
24,898	601		25,499	27,965	647	150	28,762
24,898	601		25,499	27,965	647	150	28,762

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants
Donations
(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events
Fund Raising - Ankcorn House

Total

100			100	1,011			1,011
822			822	2,698			2,698
922			922	3,709			3,709

2c Income from Charitable & Ancilliary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Church/Ankcorn House
Charity Fund Raising
Memorial Trees
Other Income
Fees
Total

				80			80
	935		935		640		640
176			176	3,563			3,563
176	935		1,111	3,643	640		4,283

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Realised Investments
Total

6,700		50	6,750	5,732		76	5,808
6,700		50	6,750	5,732		76	5,808

Total Incoming Resources

32,696	1,536	50	34,282	41,049	1,287	226	42,562
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

1,663

1,663

2,044

2,044

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving

Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies

- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

2024			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	67	181	248
	67	181	248

2023			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	20		20
	20		20

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs (Including Family Link Worker)

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

	44,381	22,190	66,571
	800	344	1,144
	639	510	1,149
17,750	7,831	3,095	28,676
	161	81	242
	5,981	4,676	10,657
	6,103	2,116	8,219
	300	3,797	4,097
	1,150	2,170	3,320
	8,854	1,198	10,052
		656	656
	1,800		1,800
		806	806
17,750	77,999	41,639	137,388
17,750	77,999	41,639	137,388

	42,264	21,132	63,396
	624	308	932
	621	326	947
13,700	7,420	2,966	24,086
	153	84	237
	5,436	6,380	11,816
	8,324	2,107	10,431
	18,745	574	19,319
	933	2,680	3,613
	6,718	1,113	7,831
	1,220	1,053	2,273
	234		234
13,700	92,693	38,723	145,116
13,700	92,693	38,723	145,116

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

		243	243
	158	223	381
	158	466	624

		1,128	1,128
	141	172	313
	141	1,300	1,441

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

	5,280	2,640	7,920
	1,884	942	2,826
	328	201	529
	7,492	3,783	11,275

	4,796	2,398	7,194
	1,663	831	2,495
	346	250	596
	6,805	3,479	10,284

Total Resources Used

17,750	85,716	46,069	149,535
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13,700	99,660	43,502	156,861
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-1,862 -11,213 -11,787 -24,862

640 -20,339 -940 -20,639

Fund Transfers

Realised Gains/(Losses) on Investments

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

2,356 2,356

-2,174 -2,174

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-1,862 -11,213 -9,431 -22,507

640 -20,338 -3,115 -22,812

St Mary's Church, Studley
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STUDLEY							
2024				2023			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

67			67				
				20			20
67			67	20			20

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses
- Curates House Cost
- Upkeep of Services
- Other Ministry Costs (including FLW & Anna costs)
- Vicarage Maintenance
- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects - Vision 900

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre Running Costs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

44,381			44,381	42,264			42,264
800			800	624			624
639			639	621			621
7,830			7,830	7,420			7,420
161			161	154			154
5,981			5,981	5,436			5,436
2,768	3,335		6,103	1,501	6,823		8,324
		300	300			18,745	18,745
1,150			1,150	933			933
	8,854		8,854		6,718		6,718
		1,800	1,800			1,220	1,220
						234	234
63,710	12,189	2,100	77,999	58,953	13,541	20,199	92,693
63,710	12,189	2,100	77,999	58,953	13,541	20,199	92,693

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

158			158	141			141
158			158	141			141

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

5,280			5,280	4,796			4,796
1,884			1,884	1,664			1,664
204	60	64	328	216	61	69	346
7,368	60	64	7,492	6,676	61	69	6,806

Total Resources Used

71,303	12,249	2,164	85,716	65,790	13,602	20,268	99,660
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-10,327 -2,211 1,325 -11,213 -1,750 -4,407 -14,184 -20,338

Fund Transfers

-75,000 75,000

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-10,327 -2,211 1,325 -11,213 -76,750 -4,406 60,816 -20,338

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving

Church Overseas

-Missionary Societies

- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2024				2023			
General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

181			181				
181			181				

3b

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs(including FLW and Anna costs)

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Cost of Memorial Trees

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

22,190			22,190	21,132			21,132
344			344	308			308
510			510	326			326
3,095			3,095	2,966			2,966
81			81	84			84
4,676			4,676	6,380			6,380
1,880	237		2,117	1,874	233		2,107
		3,797	3,797			574	574
2,170			2,170	2,680			2,680
	1,198		1,198		1,113		1,113
		656	656				
		806	806			1,053	1,053
34,946	1,435	5,259	41,639	35,750	1,346	1,627	38,723
34,946	1,435	5,259	41,639	35,750	1,346	1,627	38,723

3c

Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

243			243	1,128			1,128
222			222	172			172
466			466	1,300			1,300

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

2,640			2,640	2,398			2,398
941			941	831			831
112	70	20	202	123	67	60	250
3,693	70	20	3,783	3,352	67	60	3,479

Total Resources Used

39,286	1,504	5,279	46,069	40,402	1,413	1,687	43,502
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-6,589 32 -5,229 -11,787 647 -126 -1,461 -940

Funds Transfers

-450 450

Amount shown as income in Financial Activities Statement

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

2,356 2,356 -2,174 -2,174

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-4,234 32 -5,229 -9,431 -1,977 325 -1,461 -3,115

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

2 Income

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants

Studley/Mappleborough Green Parish Council

Other grants

Studley Charities

Listed Place of Worship VAT Grant & Allchurches Trust

Total

Studley	
2024	2023

Mappleborough Green	
2024	2023

600	600
10	2,630
610	3,230

0	911
100	100
100	1,011

Legacies

Studley - Ronald Ward

Total

Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Parish Party

Summer Fete

Autumn Fair

Smartie Tubes

Annual Fund Raising Event/Gift Day

General Fund Raising

Maundy Supper

Fund Raising V900

Lunch Box

Other Fund Raising Events

Total

	368
552	849
269	1,481
822	2,698

Donations

Sundry

Total

Total

610	3,230
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922	3,709
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure

3a Grants

Missionary Societies

Church societies

Total

Relief & Development Agencies

Other Charities

Total

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Total

Secular Charities

Total

Total

Studley		Mappleborough Green	
2024	2023	2024	2023
		148	
		148	
67	20	33	
67	20	33	
67	20	181	

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church

Clergy Expenses

Visiting Speaker
Visiting Clergy
Expenses - Vicar
Expenses- Curate
Expenses - Associate Minister
Printing - Vicar
Printing - Curate
Postage - Vicar
Stationery - Vicar
Stationery - Curate
Telephone - Vicar
Telephone - Curate
Total

Studley	
2024	2023

Mappleborough Green	
2024	2023

151	41	20	43
322	376	161	188
121		61	
	18		9
58	38	29	19
44	49	22	24
104	49	52	25
	53		
800	624	344	308

Upkeep of Services

Worship
Messy Church
Total

394	409	486	321
245	212	24	4
639	621	510	326

Other Ministry Costs

Songs & Music
Tech - Streaming/Broadband
Church Music Licence
Service Books
Royal Society of Church Music
Readers Annual Subscription
Deanery Levy
Contribution to Family Link Worker

Contribution to Anna Chaplain

Discipling
Children & Youth
Pastoral Care
Schhol & Children
Enquirers Courses
Occasional Offices
Festivals & Community
Total

1,804	1,356	79	
343	280	22	
894	851	369	316
4,171	4,535	2,086	2,268
355		177	
	18		9
11	124	9	62
116	90	58	45
5	37	229	213
115		57	
17	34	8	17
	94		37
7,830	7,420	3,095	2,966

Running Costs

Cleaning
Electricity
Oil
Water
Rent of Ankcorn House
Insurance
Traidcraft Purchases
Sundry Costs
Total

660			23
1,047	578	569	153
1,029	1,642	1,435	2,676
191	167		
2,343	2,332	2,496	2,354
712	718	176	1,174
5,981	5,436	4,676	6,380

Maintenance

Routine Maintenance - Church
Fire Equipment - Church
Tuning of Organ & Piano
Total

2,185	1,060	1,181	1,190
223	267	351	228
360	174	348	456
2,768	1,501	1,880	1,874

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church (continued)

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Electricity	1,026	684	399	369
Gas	1,362	648		
Oil				
Insurance	1,230	1,173	234	230
Fire Extinguishers	170	412		
Garden Maintenance	1,200	1,200		
Water	191	167	289	203
Caretaker/Cleaner	2,756	2,424		
Phones & Broadband	526			
Cleaning Materials				
Lottery & Amusement Act Licence				
Sundry Expenses & Bank Charges	625	483	345	378
Total Running Costs	9,084	7,191	1,267	1,180
Repairs & Maintenance	3,165	6,411	237	233
Total Parish Centre/Ankorn House Costs	12,250	13,602	1,504	1,413

3c Fund Raising & Publicity

Stewardship Expenses			
Summer Fete Expenses			
Autumn Fair Expenses			
Parish Party Expenses			383
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Church		243	745
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Fabric			
Publicity & Advertising	158	141	222
Lottery Licence - Parish Centre			
Total	158	141	466

3d Church Management & Administration

Telephone - Parish Administrator	1,043	940	521
Postage - Parish Administrator			
Stationery - Parish Administrator	80	155	40
Printing - Parish Administrator	471	409	235
PCC Administration Costs	290	160	145
Audit Costs			
Total	1,884	1,664	941

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4 Staff Costs

St. Mary's church paid a self-employed couple to cover the duties of caretaker and cleaner for the Parish Centre. The weekly cost was £40 per week. (These costs are shown under section 3b on page 12)

The Administrator employed by the Parish was paid a salary of £7,920 for the year to 31st December 2024. This was based on the National Living Wage rate of £12.00 an hour for a 55 hour month. (These costs are shown under section 3d on pages 8b and 8c)

Stipendiary clergy have been reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their parish duties. These costs are shown on section 3b on pages 8b and 8c. .

Apart from the people mentioned above no other person received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and nobody received £40,000 or more per annum

5a Fixed Assets (See Page 14 for details)

Freehold Land and Buildings - Holy Ascension Church

This comprises of Ankorn House at a 1997 insurance valuation of £74,056

Freehold Land and Buildings - Studley Church

This comprises of the Parish Centre at a 1997 insurance valuation of £120,000

Church Equipment

This refers to equipment owned by the individual churches and shared equipment owned jointly through the PCC and comprises of such items as sound equipment, musical equipment, computers, printers, duplicator and projectors.

5b Investments

At the 31st December 2024 Holy Ascension Church held 6,296.64 units in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund), at £14.724 each. This valued the investment at £92,711.73 which showed an unrealised gain of £2,355.58 for the year.

	Parish Fund	St. Mary's	Holy Ascension	Total
6 Debtors				
PCC Treasurer's Account		767	405	1,172
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		262	495	757
Trade debtor	50	24		74
Amounts due from Deanery and Churches	250			250
	<u>300</u>	<u>1,053</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>2,253</u>
7 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year				
PAYE/NI Creditor				
NEST Pension Creditor				
Trade Creditor		-24	-432	-456
Amount due to PCC from Studley DCC	-964			-964
Amount due to Mappleborough Green DCC	-405			-405
Provision for Grant received but not yet spent	-3,043			-3,043
Provision for Family Link Worker's Expenses				
Amounts held for others (Agency collections)	-1,122			-1,122
	<u>-5,534</u>	<u>-24</u>	<u>-432</u>	<u>-5,990</u>
8 Bank Accounts				
(a) Short Term Deposits				
General Fund		123,679	35,941	159,620
Parish Centre				
Ankorn House				
Fabric Fund		77,842		77,842
		<u>201,521</u>	<u>35,941</u>	<u>237,461</u>
(b) Cash at Bank and In Hand				
General Fund	16,073	9,821	10,450	36,344
Parish Centre		6,398		6,398
Ankorn House			1,073	1,073
Fabric Fund		7,812		7,812
	<u>16,073</u>	<u>24,031</u>	<u>11,523</u>	<u>51,627</u>
9(a) Funds				
5a Fixed Assets and Investments		120,000	74,056	194,056
5b Investments			92,712	92,712
6 Debtors	300	1,053	900	2,253
7 Liabilities	-5,534	-24	-432	-5,990
8a Short Term Deposits		201,521	35,941	237,462
8b Bank Current Accounts	16,073	24,031	11,523	51,627
See page 15 for Fund Holdings	<u>10,839</u>	<u>346,581</u>	<u>214,700</u>	<u>572,120</u>

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Schedule of Fixed Assets
as at 31st December 2022

Schedule 5(a)

5 Assets

	Year Ending	Parish			Studley			Mappleborough			Total Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings		Total Assets
	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	Studley		M/G		
Additions at cost														
	2014	-255.01	6,352.07	Scrap Computer/photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,462.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,518.65
	2015	193.80	6,545.87	Administrator's Printer		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,656.45	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,712.45
	2016	639.99	7,185.86			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,296.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	232,352.44
	2017	841.99	8,027.85	Printer, laptop and software		21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2018		8,027.85			21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2019	1,767.99	9,795.84	Computer and Photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2021	547.70	10,343.54	Mevo Camera		21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
	2022		10,343.54		-8,000.00	13,157.10	Old sound system		9,953.48		33,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
	2023		10,343.54		10,995.80	24,152.90	New sound system		9,953.48		44,449.92	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
	2024	-7,185.86	3,157.68	scrap pre 2016 assets		24,152.90			9,953.48		37,264.06	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
Depreciation charged														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd														
	2014	-548.65	5,828.97		2,597.67	16,599.66			9,953.48		32,382.11			32,382.11
	2015	396.05	6,225.02		2,410.04	19,009.70			9,953.48		35,188.20			35,188.20
	2016	284.06	6,509.08		2,147.40	21,157.10			9,953.48		37,619.66			37,619.66
	2017	1,109.83	7,618.91	Items purchased in 2017 w/off		21,157.10			9,953.48		38,729.49			38,729.49
	2018	213.36	7,832.27			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,942.85			38,942.85
	2019	1,963.57	9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42			40,906.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		33,948.74			33,948.74
	2021	547.70	10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12			41,454.12
	2022		10,343.54		-8,000.00	13,157.10	Old sound system		9,953.48		33,454.12			33,454.12
	2023		10,343.54		10,995.80	24,152.90	New sound system		9,953.48		44,449.92			44,449.92
	2024	-7,185.86	3,157.68			24,152.90			9,953.48		37,264.06			37,264.06
Net Book Value														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd														
	2014		523.10			4,557.44					5,080.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	199,136.54
	2015		320.85			2,147.40					2,468.25	120,000.00	74,056.00	196,524.25
	2016		676.78								676.78	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,732.78
	2017		408.94								408.94	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,464.94
	2018		195.58								195.58	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,251.58
	2019											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2020											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2021											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2022											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2023											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2024											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00

Land and Buildings are not depreciated and are recorded in the accounts at the 1997 insurance valuation.

In 2013 projectors and screens were installed in St. Mary's Church just before the end of the year so depreciation will commence from 1st January 2014.

In 2014 a new laptop was purchased through the PCC for general use in the churches; the photocopier was sold and an old computer was scrapped.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator's use, but the cost was such that it was decided to write it off over 12 months.

In 2016 a new laptop was purchased for general use.

At the 2016 review of accounts the Independent Examiner recommended that any items of equipment costing up to £1,000 should be fully expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2017 a new computer was purchased through the PCC for Studley Church along with software and a printer for the administrator at a cost of £841.99 which was expensed in the year.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2018.

In 2019 a second hand photocopier was purchased for £1,000 plus VAT. It was felt that it would be prudent to write this item off in the year of purchase. A new computer was bought for the Parish Office at a cost of £567.99 and this was also written off.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2020 and there were no asset values to be depreciated in 2020

In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "live streaming" of service. As the value was under £1,000 the cost were fully written off in year. We also disposed of the photocopier which was purchased in 2005 and the open 2011 balances have been adjusted to reflect this transaction.

Fund Holdings

Funds	Parish			St. Mary's					Holy Ascension					Grand Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
Ankorn House Funds											1,073		1,073	1,073
Ankorn House Building												74,056	74,056	74,056
Chancel Restoration Fund														
Charifund Investment Fund									92,712				92,712	92,712
Children's Arts & Craft Fund				155				155						155
Christian Education											492		492	492
Churches Together														
Coffeehouse														
Dementia Café		1,370	1,370											1,370
Decor8						659		659						659
Equipment		4,362	4,362											4,362
Fabric Fund						85,257		85,257						85,257
Flower Fund											8		8	8
Friendship Group		28	28											28
General Fund	611		611		133,649			133,649		46,021			46,021	180,281
Lunch Box														
Memorials														
Mission		80	80											80
New Wine														
Parish Centre Funds						6,424		6,424						6,424
Parish Centre Building							120,000	120,000						120,000
Prepaid Funerals														
Property Refurbishment		1,470	1,470											1,470
Memorial						300		300						300
Memorial Trees											338		338	338
Outreach				137				137						137
Vision 900 Appeal														
Youth Work		2,918	2,918											2,918
Total	611	10,228	10,839	292	133,649	92,640	120,000	346,581	92,712	46,021	1,912	74,056	214,700	572,120

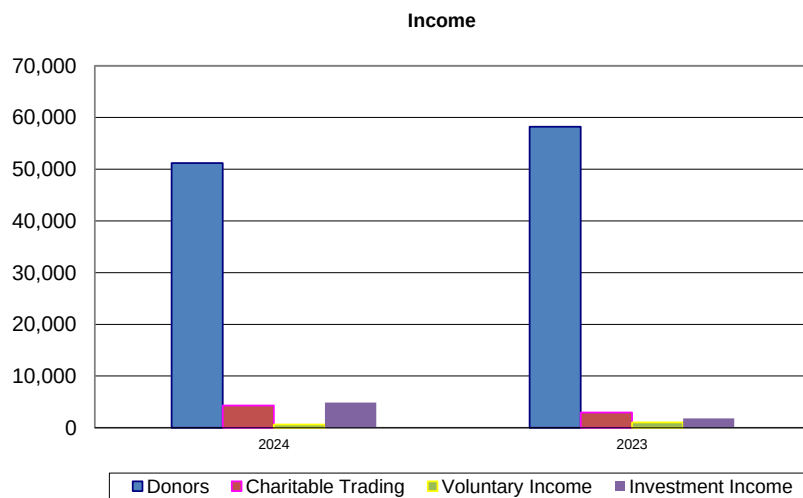
Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Christian Ministry Analysis
Year to 31st December 2022

2024										
PARISH	STUDLEY				MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN				PCC	
General Fund	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Total Resources Used	17,750	71,303	12,249	2,164	85,716	39,286	1,504	5,279	46,069	149,536
less:										
Major Repairs & Refurbishment				300	300			3,797	3,797	4,097
Parish Centre/Ankcorn House Repairs								656	656	656
Architects Fees				1,800	1,800					1,800
Professional Fees								806	806	806
Bank Charges				64	64			20	20	84
Total Ministry Costs	17,750	71,303	12,249	0	83,553	39,286	1,504	40,790	142,093	

Studley Income and Expenditure Comparison 2024 v 2023

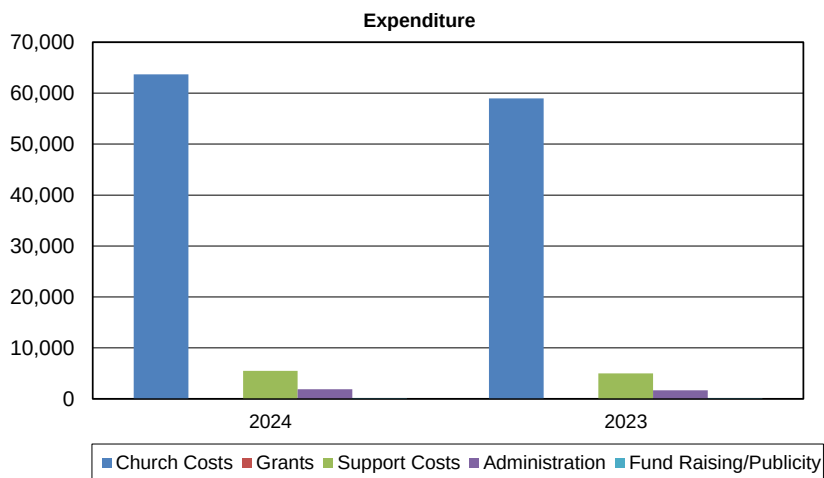
Income

	2024	2023
Donors	51,202	58,222
Charitable Trading	4,305	2,949
Voluntary Income	610	1,047
Investment Income	4,859	1,822
Total Income	60,976	64,040



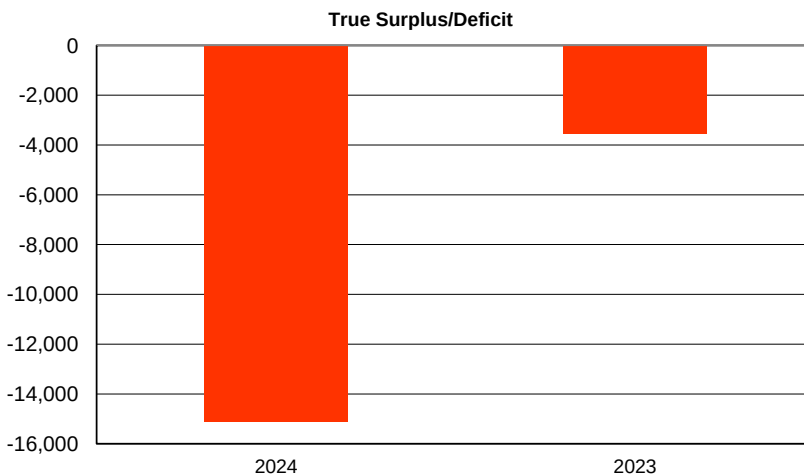
Expenditure

	2024	2023
Church Costs	63,710	58,953
Grants		
Support Costs	5,484	5,012
Administration	1,884	1,664
Fund Raising/Publicity	158	141
Total Expenditure	71,236	65,769



Net Movement

	2024	2023
Net Movement	-10,261	-1,729
Investment Income	4,859	1,822
True Surplus/Deficit	-15,119	-3,551

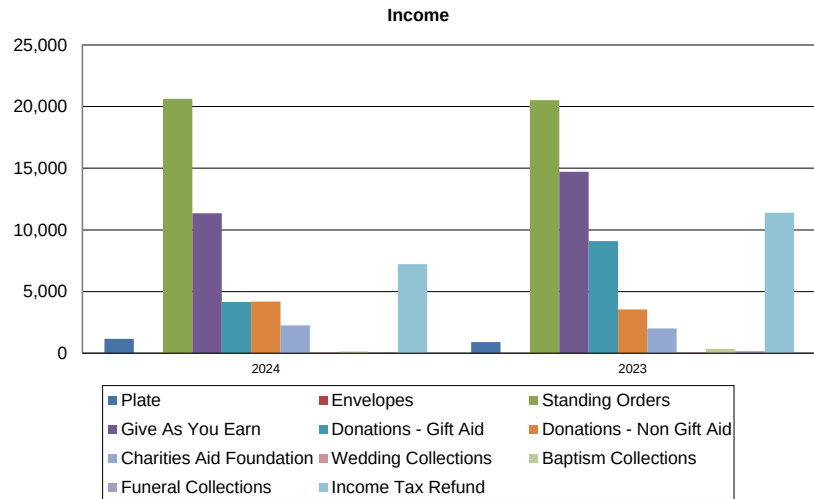


Studley Church **Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2024 v2023**

Income

Donors

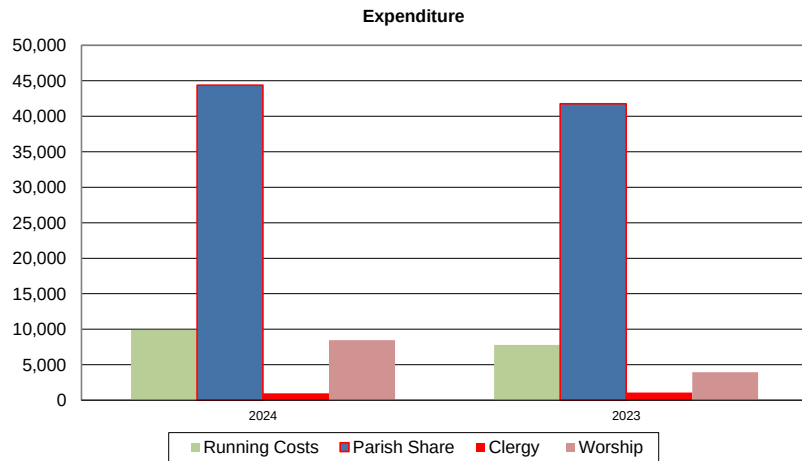
	2024	2023
Plate	1,163	905
Envelopes	0	0
Standing Orders	20,626	20,520
Give As You Earn	11,348	14,706
Donations - Gift Aid	4,155	9,091
Donations - Non Gift Aid	4,186	3,551
Charities Aid Foundation	2,252	2,000
Wedding Collections	60	45
Baptism Collections	136	336
Funeral Collections	60	174
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	7,216	11,388
Total Income - Donors	51,202	62,715



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2024	2023
Parish Share	44,381	41,774
Clergy	961	1,066
Worship	8,469	3,956
Running Costs	9,899	7,783
Total Expenditure	63,710	54,579



Average Giving 2024

£	Congregation		
	Average Number	£	
		Yearly	Weekly
Plate	1,163		
Envelopes	0		
Standing Orders	31,974		
Donations - Gift Aid	4,155		
Donations - Non Gift Aid	4,186		
Charities Aid Foundation	2,252		
Income Tax Refund	7,216		
Total	50,946	65	783.79
			15.07

Average Giving 2023

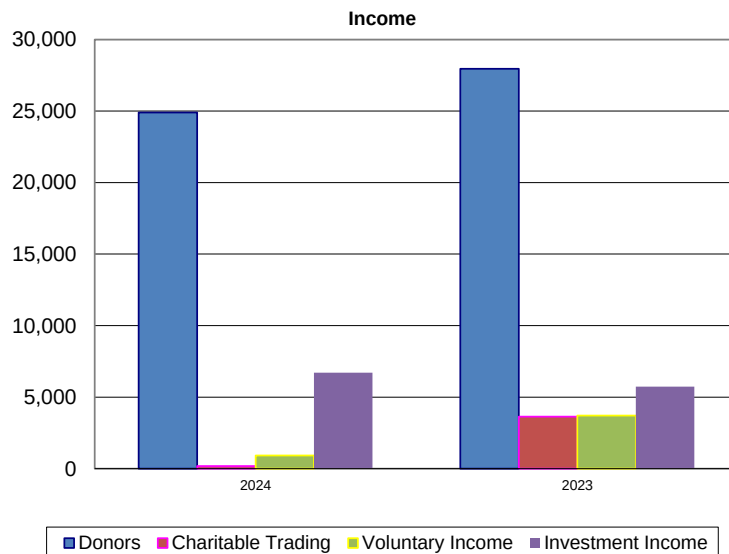
£	Congregation		
	Average Number	£	
		Yearly	Weekly
Plate	1,258		
Envelopes	0		
Standing Orders	34,932		
Donations - Gift Aid	2,640		
Donations - Non Gift Aid	4,697		
Charities Aid Foundation	2,010		
Income Tax Refund	12,172		
Total	57,709	75	769.45
			14.80

The most recent published data for Church of England shows average tax efficient giving per person per week in **2022** was **£16.20 nationally** and **£15.40 in Coventry Diocese**. Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by a tax payer.

Mappleborough Green Income and Expenditure Comparison 2024 v 2023

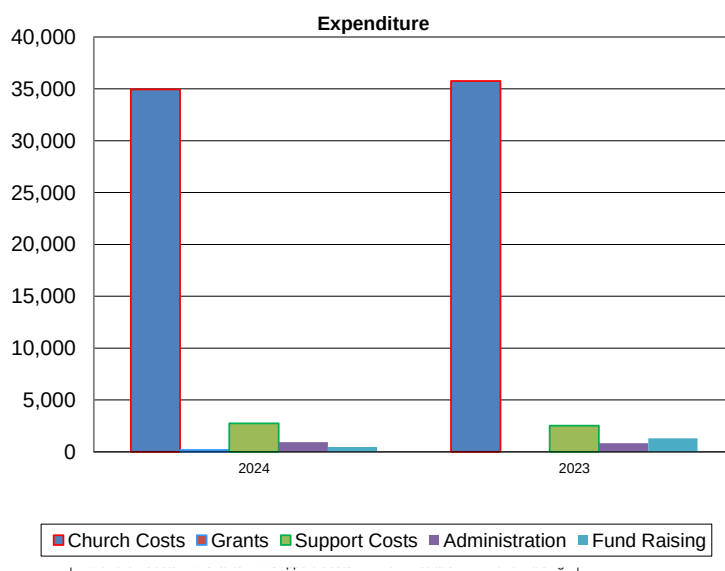
Income

	2024	2023
Donors	24,898	27,965
Charitable Trading	176	3,643
Voluntary Income	922	3,709
Investment Income	6,700	5,732
Total Income	32,696	41,048



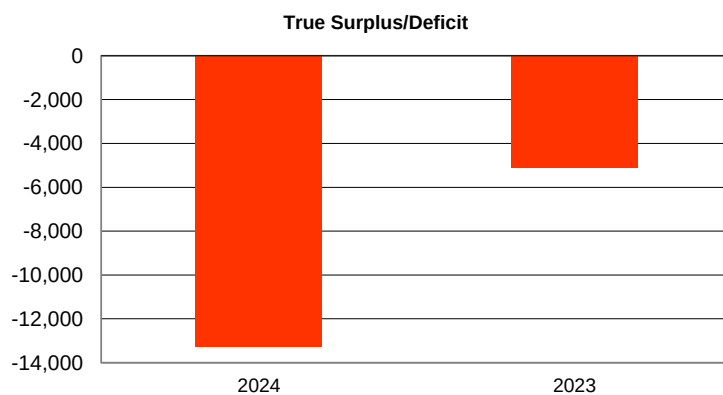
Expenditure

	2024	2023
Church Costs	34,946	35,750
Grants	181	0
Support Costs	2,751	2,520
Administration	941	831
Fund Raising	466	1,300
Total Expenditure	39,286	40,402



Net Movement

	2024	2023
Net Movement	-6,589	646
Investment Income	6,700	5,732
True Surplus/Deficit	-13,290	-5,085



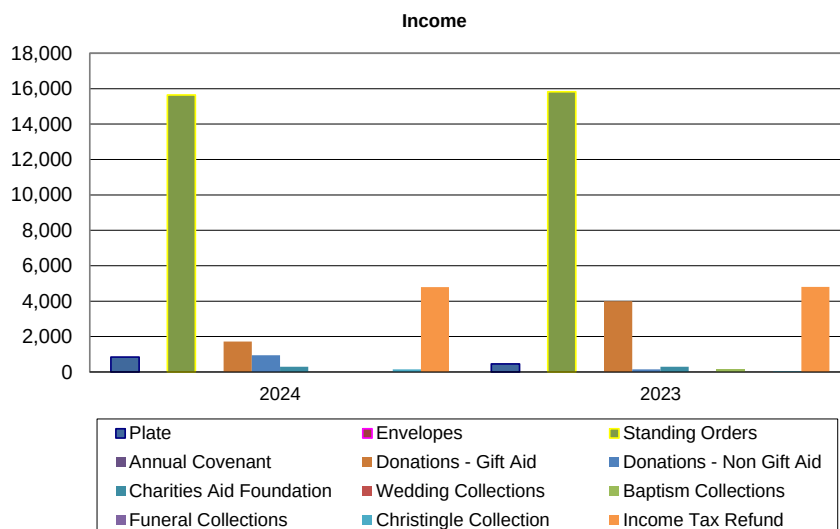
Mappleborough Green Church

Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2024 v2023

Income

Donors

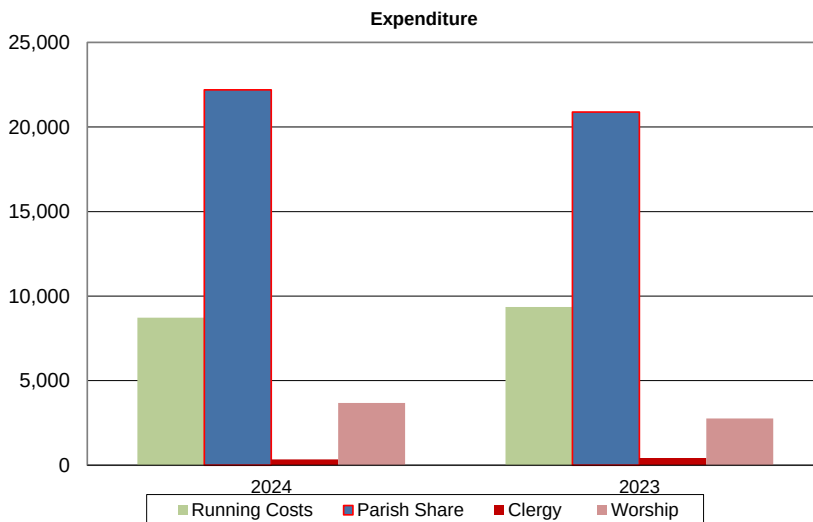
	2024	2023
Plate	847	449
Envelopes	0	0
Standing Orders	15,639	15,820
Annual Covenant	0	0
Donations - Gift Aid	1,721	3,992
Donations - Non Gift Aid	949	149
Charities Aid Foundation	300	300
Wedding Collections	0	0
Baptism Collections	0	157
Funeral Collections	0	0
Christingle Collection	148	40
Income Tax Refund	4,796	4,808
Total Income - Donors	24,398	25,716



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2024	2023
Parish Share	22,190	20,887
Clergy	344	427
Worship	3,686	2,764
Running Costs	8,726	9,353
Total Expenditure	34,946	33,431



Average Giving 2024

Congregation Average Number	£	
	Yearly	Weekly
Plate	847	
Envelopes	0	
Standing Orders	15,639	
Annual Covenant	0	
Donations - Gift Aid	1,721	
Donations - Non Gift Aid	949	
Charities Aid Foundation	300	
Income Tax Refund	4,796	
Total	24,250	
	30	808.34
		15.55

Plate	847
Envelopes	0
Standing Orders	15,639
Annual Covenant	0
Donations - Gift Aid	1,721
Donations - Non Gift Aid	949
Charities Aid Foundation	300
Income Tax Refund	4,796
Total	24,250

Average Giving 2023

Congregation Average Number	£	
	Yearly	Weekly
Plate	844	
Envelopes	0	
Standing Orders	15,641	
Annual Covenant	0	
Donations - Gift Aid	4,139	
Donations - Non Gift Aid	496	
Charities Aid Foundation	300	
Income Tax Refund	5,287	
Total	26,706	
	35	763.03
		14.67

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**Annual Report
of the
Parochial Church Council
for 2024**

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RECTOR'S REPORT

I always enjoy this annual opportunity to look back and give thanks for God's provision and blessings to us in the past year. Two passages from John's Gospel inspire me as we consider the purpose of being church in this place: John 2 **the wedding at Cana**, with its emphasis on hospitality and celebration of community, and John 15 with **the image of Jesus as the vine** emphasising our connectedness to the Lord and to each other and so bearing fruit.

In 2024 the Arden Marches churches, including Studley and Mappleborough Green congregations, continued to pay attention to our four missional values:

- Prayer: living out of a still centre, rooted and grounded in the love of God
- Relationships: cultivating homespun family-feel communities that foster deep relationships
- Hospitality: offering relaxed, bespoke hospitality to those who come to us
- Outreach: being visible and active in the local community.

We held a 24 hours of prayer to mark the start of Advent; a newcomer's welcome tea; a service to celebrate volunteers; a pet service; a Start course in January and an Alpha Course in the Spring. We now have 5 regular Life Groups where people encourage each other in their faith.

In the summer of 2024 Lynda Barr, Linda Salisbury, Alan Greathead and I attended a Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) conference. The principles we learnt there have informed and shaped our priorities since then. We have focussed on prayer, and on providing the '4Ps' range of events: steps people can take as they meet us and begin to discover the Christian faith: Prayer, Presence, Proclamation and exPloration.

Our pattern of Sunday worship continued in the same pattern as in 2023, offering a wide range of styles of worship including a traditional Communion at 8am, interactive all age services, café style services, Messy Church, Forest church..... Thank you to the many members of our congregations who contribute to our worship. Thank you to our Readers, to Revd Alan Tostevin, and to Laurence and John and all who give a lead to our music.

I am delighted that Celia has continued as our Anna Chaplain and that we have seen development of our work among the elderly, and that Angela has made such a difference to our ministry among children and families and at Studley school. Both of these have worked with congregation members – thank you all.

Since Covid we are conducting fewer Life Events services, but we still had the privilege to take services in 2024, including the funerals of much loved church members Mike Holland, Barbara Beaman and Raye Bird. The numbers of services we conducted in 2024 are shown below:

	<u>Mappleborough</u>	<u>Studley</u>	
Baptisms	-	10	
Weddings	-	4	
Funerals	3	9	plus 4 funerals at the crematorium

During 2024 we said farewell to longstanding church members who moved away, including Revd Judy Stote and Alan and Jennie Jarmy, and Keith and Sue Johnson. Judith McLelland finished her time as our church administrator – I am very grateful for all her support over the years. And I am delighted that Rachel Nicholas has taken on this vital role.

The reports following this introduction are testimony to the wide range of ministries that we are involved in – thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talents and financial support, and above all thank you to the Lord God who energises, guides and provides and who gives us each a place in his worldwide intergenerational family.

Revd Kate Mier

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2024

As of 25th February 2025 the total number on the Electoral Roll was 153 : Studley 101 and Mappleborough Green 52.

New church electoral rolls are prepared every sixth year, meaning everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. The Hubb system automatically removed everyone from the Electoral Roll, therefore information on new members and removals for the past year was not available for this report.

Rachel Nicholas, Church Administrator

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT : 2024-25

Church of the Holy Ascension - Mappleborough Green

Thank you to all who have contributed towards our varied weekly worship this past twelve months, whether it is in the planning, actual running of the services or the preparation that goes into planning of worship on a Sunday morning. As with many things in church, the services depend on more than just the people we see at the front of church, although their contribution is extremely important, including things that we don't necessarily see - the cleaning of the church, preparation of the flowers in church, preparing and playing the music, selecting hymns and readings, arranging rotas to ensure that people are notified of upcoming duties.

Our regular worship of Going Deeper on the first Sunday of each month continues to bring interesting discussions and speakers to listen to. Café Service on the third Sundays is our main family service, although it is sometimes challenging for the team to think of new and energising forums for discussion each month. Our Communion for All worship gives us the opportunity to use Angela's skills as our Family Link Worker.

This year we lost a few significant people from our Church family, through moving out of area and starting new lives closer to their families, and the sad loss last Autumn of Mike Holland especially. However, in their place we are experiencing small growth with new people choosing to worship at the Church of the Holy Ascension. A special thank you to Kate and Alan Tostevin, along with visiting retired ministers for holding us in their hearts as our clergy, doing those many things that the laity cannot do.

On 29 June 2024 the Alcester Minster Rural Mission Hub, supporting church growth in rural Warwickshire hosted a full day at Mappleborough Church and its grounds offering innovative ideas for other Deanery church delegates to experience. Guy Allen spoke and shared his experiences of Forest Church, along with Angela Corlett sharing Messy Goes Wild as part of other opportunities for different worship styles and prayer spaces. Again in June, we held an inaugural Pet Service, where admittedly dogs were the main theme, but very well supported by new and existing church members. Pat Wheeler and Charlotte need to take full credit for organising that, and we look forward to another experience in the not too distant future. Another thank you and much appreciation goes to all who

organise, run and support our fundraising events throughout the year. The Summer Cream teas, Classic Car show and a slightly different Harvest Supper of fish and chips were enjoyed by a lot of community and church members who attended.

Outside of the church we have had a wonderful opportunity this past year of unpaid workers from the Warwickshire Probationary teams, albeit on an irregular basis, helping with overgrown areas of hedges and churchyard maintenance keeping them looking so beautiful. The 2024 task list from our Quinquennial Inspection now has some ticks next to it and more tasks highlighted for roof work are planned over the next few years. Part of that inspection suggested opening up our roadside visibility, and work has already started with volunteers at the driveway entrance. When funds permit, along with planning permission new signage and display boards are proposed to illuminate our presence more within the local community.

Members of the District Church Council who serve our church in making plans for the physical running of the church have been vigilant in overseeing that things run smoothly. Maintenance contractors have regularly attended, providing their professional skills where needed. Our invaluable electrician, Peter Denscombe has managed a lot of our essential tasks this year, offering annual portable appliance testing and the provision of replacement light fittings outside the Church entrance and pathway to Ankorn House. This was very much appreciated at our evening Christingle Service. In addition, enhanced lighting above the servery has made a significant difference to support health and safety associated with use of hot water facilities. Regular annual checks for fire extinguisher certification, boiler servicing, both for church and Ankorn House, and organ tuning have also been carried out.

Ankorn House, will formally be registered with the Land Registry by the Coventry Diocese on behalf of the PCC after several years of trying to identify historical Conveyancing documentation. Sadly, bookings for this facility remain limited, but annual costs have, on the whole, been covered this year by its use, alleviating the need for the Church to totally finance the building.

We have continued to have our monthly coffee mornings at Studley Garden Centre, which is an opportunity to meet up for a chat and some fellowship. It is usually on the third Thursday of the month and all are welcome. From May we will be combining this event with 'Prayer the Powerhouse of the Church' sessions.

Thank you to our congregation for your regular attendance at services and for your giving to support the church.

Christmas Eve, we had our annual Christingle service which was very well attended along with our Christmas Day worship too.

I would like to thank you everyone who has supported me personally during my first year, especially my deputy churchwardens John Styler and Mark Crompton whose help is very much appreciated. Looking ahead to the rest of this year, we know it won't be easy whilst a new incumbent is sought, but we stay positive and open minded for our future as part of Arden Marches Churches.

Linda Salsbury, Churchwarden - Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green

The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley

Our District Church Council has met regularly throughout the year to plan and co-ordinate the mission and ministry of our Church and to oversee routine administration, including the maintenance of our buildings.

The Annual Report will no doubt include reports for various groups about the activities that we have been involved in both in the Church and the Community. Gathering together for events designed to help us to grow in our faith and activities organised to help us to grow together socially, almost all including food.

Church Building

The maintenance of the church building in particular the tower has been of some concern and having received two quotations to carry repairs to the tower that were noted in the 2023 Quinquennial we have appointed Heritage Stone Access to carry out a detailed inspection and make the tower safe by removing any loose debris at a cost of £3,500 plus vat following which they will provide a fully costed estimate for the repairs.

During the year maintenance checks have been carried out monthly. Annual/six monthly inspections have been completed by appropriately qualified contractors and any faults identified have been repaired. The checks include - Fire Extinguisher Maintenance, Portable Appliance Testing, Fire Alarm System, Portable Appliance Testing, Emergency Lighting Testing, Organ Tuning, Central Heating Boiler, Security Alarm System and the Lightning Protection System. The building team, Lynda Barr, Louise Grubb, Richard Spray, Mark Herauville and I have put together a list of jobs that need to be carried out during 2025 and we will be looking for volunteers with the appropriate skills to help.

Paul in his letter to the Colossians writes *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters”* Col 3:23

We are so blessed to have so many people willing to work wholeheartedly serving God in our church and community with over fifty members of our congregation carrying out at least one task whether that be participating in a service, behind the scenes or in the community. So, looking back over the year we can be so thankful to God for providing the resources to enable us to fulfil the work He has called us to.

It remains for me to thank our Rector Kate Mier for her faithful service during the past year and we pray that God will guide her as she looks forward to her retirement in August 2025.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the day to day life of our Church for all of the hard work you so faithfully carried out during 2024 and to those of you who have supported me personally in particular Louise Grubb who has carried a large part of the Churchwarden duties during the past year.

God Bless You.

Phil Pattison – Churchwarden

STUDLEY WITH MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PCC REPORT

The PCC as a body continue to make important decisions on behalf of Studley with Mappleborough Green Parish and will discuss and action any business or legislation directed from the Diocese. There

have been three PCC Meetings since the last APCM, each attended by 10, 14 and 12 members respectively out of a possible 14.

Items typically reported on and discussed at PCC:

Leadership and Mission, including Clergy wellbeing, Family Link Worker, Anna Chaplaincy, Arden Marches Forums, Rector's Report, matters of concern to the Church of England, Finance, Contracts, Employment and HR, Safeguarding oversight and policy reviews, Health & Safety policies. Diocesan and Deanery Synod reports. DCC reports, School Matters including the appointment of Foundation Governors.

Decisions taken and proposals voted on during the last year:

June 2024:

Approval given to initiate a schedule of repairs to Studley Church Tower as recommended in the 2023 Quinquennial Report.

Finance – all present were in favour of suggesting a 3% increase in our parish share at a future Deanery meeting.

A shortfall in the funding for our Family Link Worker led to a decision by PCC to use the money from the dormant Youth Worker Fund to make up the shortfall for this year.

Approval was given to look further into the process of Arden Marches becoming one PCC.

October 24:

Finance – PCC voted to extend the FLW contract for a further 2 years from May 2025, with reduced hours. Funding to be shared 75% from Studley and 25% from Mappleborough Green reflecting the allocation of hours.

PCC accepted the Draft Budget for 2025. Fees and staff salaries were reviewed.

There was a vote of thanks to Pat Smith who had prepared his last budget before stepping down at the APCM. Pat has served 5 years as PCC Treasurer.

All were in favour of inviting representatives from Spernal, Morton Bagot and Oldberrow PCC to attend SMGPCC meetings as observers, to aid discussions about whole benefice governance.

Annual reports from Foundation Governors for Studley and MG schools submitted. There were no new appointments this year.

All PCC members were encouraged to attend a Training Course in Coventry this month about Practical Skills for Difficult Conversations.

February 2025:

Prior Year Accounts presented by the Treasurer and approved.

The budget for 2025 was approved.

Approval was given to adopt the following policies: Health and Safety Guidance, Church Health and Safety, Lone Working, and Keeping People Safe.

Preparation for the Arden Marches vacancy from August 2025 was discussed. A date was agreed for a Vision Meeting to take place with Archdeacon Barry this month.

Approval was given for the nomination of Alan Greathead as Foundation Governor of Mappleborough Green Primary School.

Approval was given for the appointment of Rachel Nicholas as Electoral Roll Officer.

In addition to the above meetings, the Standing Committee has met in between to discuss urgent matters and draw up Agendas for PCC Meetings. PCC Forums (comprising Studley with Mappleborough PCC/DCC, representatives from the Spernal with Morton Bagot and Oldberrow PCC and other church members who wish to attend) have taken place and this past year have been in the form of Away Days at Sambourne Church in July and February, focusing on Leading Your Church into Growth, and a November evening meeting to give feedback on the October Training Course - Practical Skills for Difficult Conversations.

The minutes of all PCC meetings are available to church members and our PCC representatives are willing to discuss any non-confidential matters with church members.

Janet Green, PCC Secretary

SAFEGUARDING REPORT - Annual Safeguarding Update

Activity to date

We continue to work on our Parish Dashboards to ensure that our SG requirements are up to date and being carried out across the Parish. I can say that we are in a good place across both Parishes: Studley with Mappleborough Green, and Morton Bagot and Oldberrow.

I can confirm that the PCC has continued to comply with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

I am delighted to report that a new volunteer is interested in taking over the Parish Safeguarding role - the Safer Recruitment process will be followed. Whoever takes on the new PSO role will have my ongoing support.

1. Safer recruitment

'The Church will select and vet all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church.' The safeguarding handbook instructs that each volunteer appointment needs to have:

- Job description
- Application form
- Confidential declaration form
- Interview
- References x2
- Letter of appointment
- DBS check

Although this may seem onerous, templates are available for each of these stages. It is the Diocesan's SG policy that leaders in the church looking to make volunteer appointments to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults contact the PSO to discuss the safer recruitment requirements and that these are all completed **PRIOR TO THE INDIVIDUAL STARTING THEIR ROLE**. This not only safeguards vulnerable people but gives a clear direction to the volunteer about the job role and expectations.

As PSO, I feel it is important to make efforts to ensure that this process is being followed accordingly at all times.

2. Renew lapsed DBS checks

DBS status needs to be reviewed every 3 years. As PSO I am to contact everyone within 3 months of their DBS expiring, to ensure sufficient time to get an updated DBS in place, so as not to cause any disruption to anyone's volunteer role.

3. Ensure training is up to date

Appropriate training needs to be reviewed every 3 years. Diocesan guidelines are clear as to what level of training is required for various roles within the church. As PSO I am also monitoring all the training records for all volunteers and again aim to give 3 months' notice to those whose training is due to expire.

4. Consider safeguarding issues in our social media

As social media continues to expand and grow in our church lives, it is vital that we are following accurate SG policies. Safeguarding guidance considers the use of social media and the potential for harm and misuse. Social media includes sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok; writing or commenting on a blog, whether it is your own or the blog of another person; and taking part in discussions on web forums or message boards.

Notable updates:

We received excellent support from the Diocesan Safeguarding team in helping us with a safeguarding concern during the year. There are no current Safeguarding concerns which have been brought to our attention.

Training updates:

- The Domestic Abuse Pathway is mandatory for anyone working with children, young people or vulnerable adults. The deadline for completing this training depends upon individual circumstances but generally, if you have previously done this training then it needs to be repeated every three years.
- The Domestic Abuse Pathway is no longer mandatory for PCC members (although it is still recommended).

As you are probably now aware, there is a significant update of the training requirements, such that anyone with a regular role on the Sunday service rotas, (who has not already completed this module) is now required to complete the BASIC safeguarding training module every 3 years.

There is some in-person SG training due to be delivered in Ankorn House in September, by one of the Diocesan SG leads. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who has not yet completed these modules including: Basic, Foundation and Raising Awareness of Domestic abuse. We will keep you informed of the dates soon.

To note: we have removed the Youth group Activities from the Parish Dashboard at present, as this is not currently an active activity.

Finally, as always, just to reiterate the importance of good SG practice in helping to protect the most vulnerable of those in our communities. I am trying hard to meet more of those within the Churches and church affiliated activities, to become as familiar and approachable as possible to our wider church community.

Charlotte Fitchett, Parish Safeguarding Officer

MUSIC IN WORSHIP AT STUDLEY PARISH CHURCH REPORT

The musical aspect of worship at Studley Parish Church continues to enrich the spiritual experience of our congregation. Each month, John Parker leads the music on the first Sunday, whilst I take the lead on the second, third, and fourth Sundays.

On occasions, John Parker has been joined by Jonah Corlett, who contributes by playing music during the distribution of communion. This has been widely appreciated, with many commenting on the serene and peaceful ambience Jonah's playing brings to this meaningful part of our service. On the fourth Sunday of each month, Paul and Guy join me, playing their guitars further enhancing the music ministry of the church.

Over the past year, I have assembled choirs and large bands for festival services, drawing participants from both within and outside the Church family. This initiative not only adds depth and richness to the musical experience but also welcomes new faces to the church, often accompanied by their families. All the musicians and singers have dedicated their time to rehearsals and services, ensuring that each is special and memorable. Such efforts have been contributory in fostering a greater sense of community and shared worship.

I arrange the music for Paul and Guy on the fourth Sundays and all the music for the bands and choir during festival services. These arrangements are tailored to suit the diverse skill levels of the musicians involved, ranging from professional players to students working at Grade 2. By providing appropriate instrumental parts, it creates opportunities for developing musicians to play in a professional-quality band, encouraging growth in their artistry and their attendance at church services.

In addition to coordinating the musical performances, I select hymns and songs for every Sunday. These selections are shared with the worship leaders, allowing for adaptations to suit the needs of individual services. Once finalized, PowerPoint presentations are prepared for all songs. I also maintain records of all songs performed, enabling accurate reporting for the annual CCLI return.

The dedication of all involved in the music ministry at Studley Parish Church continues to enrich our worship experience, foster community engagement, and inspire heartfelt praise and reflection. We are deeply grateful for the efforts and talents of everyone who contributes to this vital aspect of our church life.

Laurence Nicholas, Music leader

FAMILY LINK WORKER'S REPORT

I am approaching 3 years in the role as Family Link Worker. Below is a snapshot of some of the key areas in which we have seen change / growth in the last year.

Sunday Services

Provision for children has become embedded at both Mappleborough and Studley and we now have a number of children accessing age-appropriate provision to help encounter Jesus and learn about the Bible.

- Studley children's church meets twice a month on first and third Sundays with between 5 and 10 children attending regularly, an increase on last year in the number of families attending

church. The children are now following their own programme – a chronological study of the Bible. We continue to develop our age-appropriate worship, teaching, storytelling, and role play and prayer activities. We are using Scripture Union resources in our planning to help us meet the needs of the group which has a wide age range – 18 months to 14yrs. The same resources are used at Mappleborough on a second Sunday with 2-3 children regularly attending. Thank you to the volunteers whose commitment to the children make this happen.

- The 'pray and play' space has continued to develop into a space where families can explore the Bible and a relationship with Jesus. We now have 4 Bible Story boxes available for families to use both on a Sunday and when they visit the church during the week. They contain a Bible story and activities / toys / games to help children explore the story.
- The number of families frequently and actively involved in the Sunday services has seen significant growth over the last year – a wonderful answer to prayer. Young people have been invited and agreed to take on diverse roles on a Sunday morning including reading, chalice, communion music, sound and projector, bellringing, sharing testimony, sharing what they have learned in their groups Please continue to pray for growth.

Youth

Sadly, we had to take the decision to wind up the youth group. Numbers had shrunk and having enough leaders was a challenge. 2 of the group have now joined a church youth group in Alcester, and one is now attending a church youth group in Redditch with a friend.

Sunbeams

Sunbeams continues successfully. The volunteer teams welcoming and making cakes continue to be invaluable in making the group a success, as have the leaders and helpers who come every week to set up / pack away, provide drinks / snacks, run craft tables. The format of the group is continuing to be popular, with free play, snack time (for adults and children) music/songs and story time. We have moved from entirely secular stories to including 2 Bible stories a half term which we explore through craft and interactive storytelling. We haven't implemented Bubble Church concepts as it was felt that smaller steps needed to be taken to help families access faith. We intentionally offer prayer which a number of parents have been grateful for. We also sign-post Messy Church and worship for all and we have seen several Sunbeams families join us at Messy Church.

Baptisms

There has been varying success with delivering Baptism boxes to families. Some families have been difficult to maintain contact with in this way. Those whom we have visited have enjoyed receiving the boxes and welcome the prayers and invitations from the church to church events. Thank you to those who gave up their time to put these together and to those who are sponsoring families.

More sponsors are needed please.

Baptism packs are available at all Baptisms to help children engage with the service and explore what baptism is both during the service and afterwards at home.

Mappleborough Green School

Linda and I had a successful launch of 'Messy Church Goes Wild' at the school. It met fortnightly straight after school, providing families with the opportunity to explore faith and spirituality through active outdoor and science activities. We had 5 families join us until the weather changed and we made the decision to stop running with the possibility of restarting spring/summer 2025. Linda and I have been exploring with the headteacher the best way for the church to serve the school community.

Linda and I set up the Easter prayer space in their library again this year where a variety of reflective activities enabled children to reflect on the events and their own emotions. This was very well received by the children who engaged well with the activities – there were some very thoughtful responses.

Links with Studley St Mary's Junior School

Links between the school and church communities with teams of volunteers working in the school and the church building to help the children explore Easter, Harvest, the church building itself and the challenges of transition from infants to juniors continue this year. Year 6 Leaver's service in the summer of 2024 was a good opportunity to increase links between church, school, and home as all Year 6 and their parents came to the church to celebrate the children's successes over their time at Studley St. Mary's. Years 3 and 4 came to the church again to perform their nativity to a packed audience of adults and supported by members of the congregation. Thank you to those who helped with parking, sound, serving refreshments and welcoming school families to the church. The whole school also came to the church for their Carol service in the last week of the autumn term.

Year 6 requested to come to church this year to support their work in RE (they have not been during the year in previous years). 55 children and their teachers visited the church for a Murder Mystery style exploration of the death of Jesus. The children and staff loved using the interactive stations and the experience led to some good conversations both at school and in families' homes. This is still available for people in the community to access over the Easter holidays.

In the last year I have developed a permanent prayer and reflection space in the school which will be available for children to use during 2 lunchtimes per week. There is a wide range of activities available to help children reflect on themselves and God.

I have also developed a curriculum for the school worship teams to help them explore what worship is so they can then share their understanding of spirituality with the school community. There are now 2 worship teams which I meet with weekly.

Having 2 worship teams in school has enabled the links between school and church to develop. We have had 2 services which the worship teams from school have come to with their families to help lead through drama, role-play and prayers. The teams will be invited to do this once each term.

My role in school has also developed over the course of this year. I continue to work with small groups and individual vulnerable children who are struggling emotionally. Because of time constraints, I have been unable to launch the Parenting Course.

Collective Worship

This continues to happen weekly in both schools with Linda Salsbury and Joe Bevan from the Baptist Church recently joining the team. This is an important part of the church's link with the schools.

Church Links with families in the Community

The messy church team have continued to provide free events for families during the school holidays. There are churchyard trails at both Mappleborough and Studley churches which are changed periodically to reflect the seasons / church festivals – each currently has a different trail to help families learn more about Easter.

At Christmas and Easter there are trails around the shops in the village and families are invited to a celebration event / service.

Craft activities have also been offered inside the church during the snowdrop teas and as part of the churchyard trails.

In the summer we trialled 'hobbyhub' - two sessions of arts and crafts at the Parish Centre – these had some attendance, but it was significantly lower than film showings we've done in previous years – so this might be something we return to.

Last summer I also helped to run a deanery wide praise party to which children were invited to come and learn some new worship songs, learn about God and perform a concert at the end of the morning for friends and family. There was a great atmosphere and the children had a lot of fun.

The Easter Murder Mystery developed for Year 6 was turned into a trail round the church that anyone could do to explore the meaning of Easter.

A huge thank you to all who have committed so much time, energy and prayers to our work with children and families. It has been another enjoyable and successful year.

Angela Corlett, Family Link Worker

MESSY CHURCH REPORT

We continue to thrive at Messy Church, assisted by a committed team of volunteers, led by me.

We meet once a month, with additional events at Easter and Christmas.

Members of the congregation also assist with generous donations of food which we serve to everyone who comes. (We couldn't do without Linda Moffat's tuna sandwiches!)

Advertising is done through emails to families who have signed up, and through local social media pages – Studley Matters, Studley Chatters, Enjoyably Studley and the Arden Marches pages on Facebook and Instagram.

The activities and storytelling vary every month, though we follow a basic plan – Welcome, song, story, message, activities, prayer and tea.

All the families who come regularly say how enjoyable they find it; the children all engage in the activities and the parents get to chat to church members and other like-minded parents.

We now promote other family friendly services that happen in the month, and one or two of our regulars have been to these services in church.

Thanks to all the team, without any of whom it would not be possible – Mary, Angela, Linda, Ruth, Jenny, Mercia, Bob, Caroline, Lynn, Ann, and our young helpers Keeley and Amy.

We have been joined this year by 2 young people who are using Messy Church as part of their Duke of Edinburgh awards (volunteering). Toby and Pippa will be very helpful.

Ann Bond, Messy Church Leader

ANNA CHAPLAINCY REPORT

'Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?' Job 12:12

September marked the 2nd anniversary of Anna Chaplaincy in the Arden Valley and Arden Marches.

The ministry continues to grow and become better established.

Care Home Services

The regular Care Home services have resulted in special relationship between the residents, staff and the church. 3 Four Acres residents died over Christmas 2023 and the families of two of them

specifically thanked the Care Home for the Chaplaincy services and Church visits.

In April, Joan Lock started taking Holy Communion to residents on a more regular basis.

To continue building our relationship with the Care Homes, dates are in the diary for monthly services for the whole of 2025.

There have been special services held for Remembrance Day (at Sebright in Leamington Spa) and all the homes had Christmas services which included a re-telling of the Christmas story and a special Christmas blessing.

Various people have joined me at the services: Ron Robinson and Rev Jo Parker (from Arden Valley), Joe Bevan (Studley Baptist Church) and Ray and Sue with Teddy the dog.

Dementia Cafe

After a meeting with volunteers, it was agreed to start a second Café each month – on the 3rd Thursday. This began on October 17th with Claire Fowler leading singing.

Fliss took a break at the beginning of the year and in March introduced us to baby Theo! We've enjoyed watching him grow over the year. At the end of the year, Fliss announced that she had been promoted and so May 2025 would be her last Café.

Pastoral Care for the Elderly Meetings

VISION of Arden Marches

to value and cherish people into their old age.

to foster their continuing spiritual growth through the changes that old age brings.

- How is the vision being addressed through activities and events in the Arden Marches?
- Are the church services meeting the spiritual needs of older people?
- What training support is needed for volunteers?

Meetings have been held on March 6th, August 29th and November 15th. They are proving invaluable in sharing news and highlighting areas of concern.

During this year, I had the opportunity to meet up with Birmingham Anna Chaplains, attended online training (Faith in Later Life, talk with Ian Knox) and spoke at several Arden Marches services.

Regular meetings have taken place with Kate to monitor the ministry and to provide advice and supervision.

Celia Spiers, Anna Chaplain

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2024 was a fairly "normal" year for me, working my usual hours at the vicarage.

There was all the usual publicity via Facebook, website, and email. Producing weekly news sheets, notices, and posters for, amongst others, Christmas, Messy church and Easter, with input from Kate and others.

There have also been service booklets to produce and PowerPoints to create. And also there have been the usual funeral, wedding and baptism enquiries to process.

There was more work involving the HUBB, the website and also time spent preparing for and handing over my role, as I retired at the end of the year.

Judith McLelland, Church administrator

ANKCORN HOUSE REPORT

Ankorn House building offers a meeting capacity of up to 40 people, depending on the room layout and catering facilities within the combined kitchen area.

Historical data had been reviewed regarding the Title Deed for Ankorn House ownership. On 23 May 2022 the Jaffrey family solicitors were requested to confirm acceptance that Ankorn House had been conveyed to the Church. Unfortunately, despite communication between our Incumbent and the solicitors; the matter remained unresolved almost two years later. Support from the Coventry Diocese Legal Registrar and team to progress this matter during 2024 reached a satisfactory conclusion in March 2025 when archived conveyancing documents were discovered identifying the transfer of the property to Coventry Diocese and PCC Trustees. Formal notification will be sent to the Land Registry to formally register the ownership of the building.

Following actively promoting the venue, Ankorn House has secured regular monthly paying users, from the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) and the West Warwickshire Pony Club. In addition regular Church Committees/Groups for administrative meetings plus Arden Marches PCC Forums use the facilities, but with no financial contribution towards the running costs from these bookings. Nominal annual rental fees are also recouped from storage within Ankorn House from the local Parish Council and immediate neighbours. However some of the storage fees will be affected in the next twelve months when the current neighbour sells their house and relinquishes the storage shed rental agreement.

New potential users have been identified only this month, for regular weekly social events and it is hoped that this will benefit not only the local community but also assist with some financial support.

Although the last twelve months' rentals have improved financial income, the venue continues to only just break even and continues to be subsidised by the General Church funds for its heating costs.

Linda Salisbury, Booking Coordinator

PARISH CENTRE REPORT

The Parish Centre has had a very successful year in the period under review and continues to consolidate its operating position with increased levels of hire since my last review in April 2024. Many of our local user groups, including Live & Local Cinema, Brownies, Sunbeams, Rainbows, Souper Bowls, Tea Cake & Friendship and Messy Church all meet at the hall on a regular weekly or fortnightly basis. The start of 2025 has seen a steady increase in interest from family party booking enquiries with the hall already almost fully booked at weekends for the first half of the year.

We continue to attract several local fitness organisations on a regular basis, including Pilates, Yoga and a Martial Arts group Wing Chun. At various times over the winter months, we have also attracted interest in using the hall from Studley Tennis Club and Studley Karate Group. In June 2025 our Dementia Café will celebrate its second anniversary since launching its regular meetings on the first

Thursday each month back in June 2023. The Café now also operate a monthly 'Singing for Fun' session on the third Thursday each month which is proving to be a popular addition to the group's activities. The Dementia Café is a much valued service to our local community, helping to relieve some of the considerable pressures on families faced with a loved one diagnosed with this challenging illness.

We have recently been approached by some new and exciting groups aiming to provide valuable support services to our community. Glowing Mamma, a postnatal support group, started regular weekly sessions every Wednesday afternoon from March 2025. The Studley Repair Café will start monthly sessions at the hall every second Saturday of the month from April 2025. Most recently, All Round Voices, a community choir venture, will start weekly sessions on Monday mornings from May 2025 to fill a demand for singers of all abilities who want to meet during the daytime.

Upkeep of the fabric of the Centre continues to be a challenge. We experienced a major pipe burst during December 2024 which has now been successfully repaired and a new mini wall heater installed in the entrance foyer to replace the failed unit. Our Wi-Fi and Bluetooth facilities continue to benefit all hall users along with our new remote Wi-Fi heating controller system which offers more flexibility and reliability than our previous manual systems. Our hire pricing points remain the most competitive in the area.

My thanks go to Phil Pattison for his continued support and encouragement to me during the last year, and for taking over the day to day supplier contact management duties at the hall from January 2025 due to my recent spell of ill health. I will continue to concentrate my future activities at the hall to handling all booking enquiries at the hall until further notice

These changes mean that we are now looking to set up a dedicated **Studley Parish Centre Fabric Management Team** to drive the hall development forward onto the next level. This will ensure that there will be wider local involvement in the successful operation of our valuable local facility. If this is something you can offer, your skill set and commitment, however large or small, could help the Parish Centre continue to thrive. Come and join us. Our contact details are:

Mike Moffat - Parish Centre Bookings - parish-centre@ardenmarches.co.uk

Phil Pattison - Parish Centre Acting Coordinator - 07594 948534.

Mike Moffat, Parish Centre Bookings manager

STUDLEY CHURCHYARD REPORT

'Doesn't the churchyard look lovely', 'I like the way you keep areas for wildlife and wild flowers' and 'the churchyard is a disgrace, why isn't it kept like the cemetery across the carpark? These are typical comments that we receive about the churchyard and we just know we can't please all the people all the time.

At the beginning of the year it does look beautiful when carpeted with snow drops. These are followed by daffodils, primroses, cowslips, violets. Then come the bluebells and garlic and the grass gets longer. Hogweed comes in summer and waves its heavy white heads which then turn into large seed heads. Brambles have become an increasing problem and we try to keep pathways clear of these.

We have a small group of volunteers who try to meet up on the first Saturday of each month to maintain the churchyard and garden of remembrance. Numbers, age, fitness and mobility are limiting factors to what we can do, not to mention the weather – we had a lot of wet first Saturdays in 2024.

We are a church with a bronze eco award and we try to maintain a balance in the churchyard between areas that are kept neat and low, areas which are cut two or three times a year and areas that are cut once a year when the wild flowers have seeded. Compost heaps are now hidden in the corner of the churchyard and these are turned and emptied as appropriate.

Unfortunately there is still an area in the south west corner that is not really managed by us at all due to the limitations mentioned and it being an area of many graves, which are not arranged in straight lines with paths between them. If anyone would like to tackle this area you would be very welcome to join us!

Thank you to all those who come and help – not all are church people. More volunteers are always welcome.

Hilary Volrath, Coordinator

BELLRINGERS REPORT

In July William Blizzard was selected to ring in the Ringing world National youth Competition in London culminating with 900 ringing members in St Pauls Cathedral.

On Thursday 5th September, 20 Wayfarers ringers visited to ring on the bells, and they held their annual meeting in the church.

In September, Richard, Ethan and I went on the Worcestershire Guild southern branch outing to Bath. We thoroughly enjoyed the day, ringing at five different towers. The tenor bell at Bath Abbey weighing over 1.5 tons took two people to ring the bell up into the ringing position. Ethan, being the youngest on the outing was one of the ringers who was roped in for the task. The day was made extra special as we were able to go out onto the roof of the Abbey and look over into the Roman Baths. This year we are going to Nottingham.

Also in September, with the help of local ringers we attempted to ring a peal which takes around three hours to complete. Unfortunately, after 61 minutes it was brought to a halt! We are going to attempt this again on Thursday 26th June to coincide with June and Richard Spray's Diamond wedding anniversary who met through bellringing.

On Saturday 5th October, Richard and I were selected to represent the Southern branch of the Worcestershire Guild bellringing Association Inter Branch striking competition at Malvern Link. We were part of the 6-bell competition. The test piece was 120 of Plain Bob Minor and we came first. In November, a team from Studley Tower entered the Southern Branch striking competition held at Norton, we entered a rounds and call changes band.

During the year, we have been out and about visiting other towers. Alcester, Inkberrow, Evesham Belltower, Eckington, Pershore Parish Centre and Pershore Abbey which, for those people who have visited will tell you, is an experience just getting up into the ringing chamber. We have also visited towers with the Arden Cluster Group, Coughton, Alveston, Sherbourne and Barford.

During the year, Ethan has joined the Coventry Guild and Worcester Guild of Bellringers and Dave and Stuart the Worcestershire Guild.

We have all purchased matching sweatshirts with the Worcestershire guild logo and Studley tower. We are going to copy this for the Coventry Guild in due course.

To attract new bell ringers, we have held two open days. We were visited by Daniel who is now attending regularly, visitor from the castle and a family from church who will hopefully join us when they have settled in their new home. We also saw the return of Rob, a bellringer from some years ago.

We have invited the Studley Beavers and Church Rainbow group to come and visit, date to be arranged.

Dave, who is a member of Henley in Arden Tower, has supported Studley every Sunday morning and Thursday evening practice, we thank him for this. I would also like to extend a thank you to everyone who has dedicated their time, attending Thursday practices and to keep the bells ringing out across Studley, calling people to worship each Sunday morning.

As we approach the 80th Anniversary of VE day, Studley church bells will ring out in a special act of remembrance and to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in a free world. On Thursday 8th May, parishioners have been invited to come and have a go at chiming the bells with the rest of the nation at 6.30pm, this has been advertised in the Parish Council news sheet. An exhibition of bellringing in Studley since the second world war has been set up in the church.

Louise Grubb, Tower Captain

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

We have continued to enjoy close links with Mappleborough Green Church of England Primary School. Kate or Angela have led Collective Worship nearly every week. We are very encouraged by the children's knowledge of Christian stories and values. We use the story of Jesus aged 12 in the Temple as a focus for our school vision for our children to be living and learning in the love of God: 'Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and people'. The whole school is always warmly welcomed into church for Christmas, Easter, Harvest and the Leavers service, and it has been lovely to welcome their families too. (The harvest service was held in school in 2024). The children's nativity and Easter performances of the accounts of the central moments in Jesus' life are always deeply moving.

We welcomed the new Reception Class parents with pastries and hot drinks in the autumn term. Angela and Linda Salisbury offered an after school family outdoor Messy worship event in the school grounds over the warmer months – which involved quite a lot of fire – and was much enjoyed by the few families who attended. We gave children's Bibles to all new starters, and holding crosses to Year 6 leavers together with 'it's your move' books to support them through the transition to High School.

Diane Pannell volunteers in school every week, and Linda and Kate are Foundation Governors. Alan Greathead is applying to be a Foundation Governor. Linda now also works in the school, so we have even stronger connections. If you would like to get involved in volunteering at school do speak to us.

Revd Kate Mier, Foundation Governor

STUDLEY ST MARY'S CE ACADEMY REPORT

Predictably, this has been a busy year for staff and pupils alike at Studley St Mary's and there is much to report since this time last year. Academically, the school continues to forge ahead, going from strength to strength, and 2024's Year 6 SATs results were an admirable reflection of four years' diligent hard work and effort, whereby the school's results overall were above national figures in every subject. Similarly, attendance figures are also above the national average which further shows that the children are happy and settled in their school life.

Within the community, the children have been playing their part with continued enthusiasm and gusto. For example, if you attended the village Christmas lights switch on in November, you would have heard the children singing carols (and perhaps joined in!). Links with the church remain strong and all year groups have attended events at the church. The school's worship group have begun to play an increasing role at church, leading the worship recently in March in enacting the story of Zacchaeus, ably led and supported by our family link worker, Angela Corlett. In a similar vein, the Prayer and Reflection Shed at school has been transformed into a warm, quiet and comfortable space at school where children can step back and take what they need with a little help from prayer and the Bible. Anyone from church who has a little time, is a good listener and would like to support this is encouraged to speak to Angela for further information.

Sport plays an increasingly important role in the school's co-curricular life and at the end of the academic year 2024 in July over 40 fixtures and tournaments had been played over the course of the year, involving 60 different children playing in a team of their choice. The school has also hosted and attended regional American football events. Within the teams there is a mentoring system in place between Year 6 and Year 5, encouraging children to support each other in a practical way and live out the school values.

The PTFA has also been very active in its fundraising and support of the school. In July 2024 £3418 had already been raised with the aim of funding new playground equipment and some fun activities for the children e.g. a visit to the pantomime. Breakfast with Santa towards the end of term in December was, not surprisingly, a popular treat, followed closely by a more traditional Christmas raffle. The school and the church are immensely grateful for this group's energy, imagination and hard work in supporting the school and their children.

Various workshops have been held throughout the year to inform and support the children's families. In addition to the regular curriculum evenings, a workshop on understanding children's behaviour was held at school in November, led by Warwickshire Children and Family Support. Likewise, the school communicates a wide range of parenting courses offered by Warwickshire and FACE (Family Advice, Communication, Education) via the school Sway.

Mental health is central to being able to live out the school vision of 'Living life in all its fullness' and the offer at St Mary's is fully embedded. Staff know their children and families very well and so the ability to offer support for children's well-being and mental health is well established, for example:

Time to Talk Boxes, Boomerang Resilience groups and Mental Health Ambassadors. More significant needs are supported through the school's mentoring programme and access to a fully trained counsellor is available too. The appointment of a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO) in September 2024 is also strengthening the offer even further, and children are becoming more comfortable in identifying and articulating their own needs.

Within the sphere of SEND, there has been a significant update recently regarding the school's provision for those children with high levels of need. The school currently has in operation an unofficial provision, the Base, for children unable to access mainstream school for a whole day. The Base has been brilliantly and ably run by two teaching assistants for two years now with no additional funding. The Headteacher, Mrs Gordon, has recently successfully worked with the Local Education Authority to formalise this provision, thus securing full funding and enabling the recruitment of a specialist SEND teacher for the Base for the next academic year. In addition to this recognition from the LEA of the hard work and strength of the school in this area, it will also help to streamline transition from the infant school which already has a local authority resource base.

Support for Salford Priors CoFE Academy has continued throughout the year, supporting the school through their Ofsted inspection and further. From January, Mrs Gordon became Executive Head of St Mary's and Salford Priors and the Deputy Head, Adam Clark, became the Head of School at Studley. This was indeed further evidence of the journey St Mary's has been on over the past few years and confirmation from the Coventry Diocese MAT that the school is considered stable, secure and a beacon school in the group. As many of you will know, Mrs Gordon is leaving St Mary's at Easter and so we take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and single-minded focus in transforming the school in the years she has been with us, wishing her every success in her next endeavour. Sad though we are to see her leave, looking ahead, the good news is that Adam Clark has been confirmed as her successor and all at St Mary's feel reassured and confident that the school will continue seamlessly on its current positive and upward trajectory.

Shirley Stout, Foundation Governor

TEA, CAKE AND FRIENDSHIP REPORT

Tea, Cake and Friendship continues to be popular. Recently there have been some weeks when we have had to set out more tables as we have had some new "Friends" come to join us. We are delighted that Alan Greathead has rejoined us on the helpers' team. Thank you to all our helpers and to everyone who supports the group.

Joan Lock, Coordinator

THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP REPORT

This year I also organised a New Years Day Bring & Share lunch, in Ankorn House at 12 clock, along with Jacket potatoes and home made desserts on 1st January 2024, followed by a quiz for anyone who was one their own today. It went very well and 21 people arrived and enjoyed our time together. I was unable to arrange to do this for 2025, but hopefully will do again in 2026.

The lunches started on 22nd March 2024 our first outing was to The Guild at Bromsgrove. It was nice to meet up again with the 30 members who came. The rest of our outings during the year averaged 35.

Due to all the rising costs this year, I decided that we would have a change of venue for our Christmas meal, as over the last 8 years we have enjoyed our meals at Kings Court Hotel. This year we went to The Nevill Arms on 6th December, it went very well and I had 42 members, everyone had enjoyed their meals. But I was told they had missed Kings Court!

During this year, we have had 2 member who have sadly passed away - we will always remember the happy times we all shared together with fondness and love.

The Friendship Group has now been running for 13 years, it is nice to see how friendships have grown over the years, and that I always have new members wanting to join.

Once again I would like to thank all of my volunteer drivers, as without them, this mission of outreach would not be possible.

I look forward to our next year together.

God Bless

Margaret Lee, Coordinator

2ND STUDLEY (ST. MARY'S) RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES REPORT

2024/25 has been another busy action packed year.

Both Brownies and Rainbows run over subscribed units once a week during term time. Currently Brownies have 32 girls, Rainbows 28, with still long waiting lists for both.

Brownies:

Again this year they have supported a homeless charity, providing 40 shoe boxes full of essential items.

They've had a Science based sleepover.

Studley in bloom visited and Brownies helped with planting around the Parish Centre

Rainbows:

Raised money for the Red Squirrel Trust through a Bring and Buy sale.

They Visited 4 Acres Care home, in the Summer to plant in their raised beds and pots, We try to visit them twice a year.

A Stratford Division afternoon was organised by me in Alcester where 60+ Rainbows attended including 20 from Studley.

Rainbows finished the spring term with a forest school in Bidford where we explored the grounds, built dens and toasted marshmallows over a fire we lit.

Rainbows use the church once a term for their "Promise Night" This is where our newest Rainbows make their promise and parents come along to watch. We are very appreciative of this facility which makes for a very special evening which is always well attended by our parents.

Girlguiding Studley:

For "Thinking Day" We (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) walked across the fields to the church where we ate hot dog sausage rolls and drank hot chocolate. All the groups had made lanterns for our walk and guides explored the grounds in the dark with torches. Over 50 girls were in attendance.

The Guide unit in Studley meets at the Methodist church, but we still don't have a church aided guide unit (10-14yr olds) .

We do worry going forward that this unit will also be lost if new leaders aren't found as the two current leaders would like to take a step back.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the church for being so accommodating to our needs at the Parish Centre and when we want to use the church itself.

Pamela Winfield, leader in charge of Rainbows and District Commissioner

ARDEN FOODBANK REPORT

The Arden Foodbank opened in April 2013, as part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank network and serves Alcester, Studley and the surrounding area. Food is given out on 2 afternoons a week, on Tuesdays from Studley Methodist church and on Fridays from the Eric Payne centre in Alcester having moved from Alcester Methodist church during the year.

Care professionals, such as health visitors, schools, citizens advice and social workers, as well as local church ministers and others, identify people in crisis and issue them with vouchers. Vouchers vary from a single person to a large family. We then redeem the voucher for three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food, the amount of food given depends on the number of people the voucher is for.

When we opened our doors, eleven years ago, the hope was that within a couple of years the need would no longer be there. The figures show that we are needed more each year. In 2024 from Studley , (Alcester numbers in brackets), we fulfilled 218 (558) vouchers. We fed 280 (826) adults and 185 (604) children. Whilst the total number of adults over both centres was 40 less than in 2023 , the number of children fed rose by 140 from 2023. 13,337 kg of food was given out to clients. All this food had been given or bought, was sorted, dated and stored in the warehouse and then transported to the centres to fill the small cupboards kept there as required, usually weekly.

For the fourth year running at Christmas, we distributed 226 food boxes to families, identified by the local schools in our area as being in need. Again thanks very much for the use of the parish centre for a day and a half for packing and distributing these parcels.

In November our manager, Susan Kinnersley, said she would resign in April 2025. Susan has been involved with the foodbank since its inception in 2013, having been her idea initially to set up a foodbank. She has been an inspiration and we thank her for her all her work for the foodbank. Early in the year we had a new communication manager, Helen Watson. Helen has raised our profile online, looking after the day to day running of our website and social media. We were on Midlands Today in August with the Ready, Steady, Cook, event in Studley. Helen is willing to take on the role of manager if we can find someone to replace her.

We have had stalls or been represented at various events in Alcester and Studley.

We continue to receive generous donations from companies, organisations and individuals who have continued to support us with food or money during the last year, without these donations we could not continue to operate and help local people in our community.

We are a totally volunteer run foodbank, quite a rarity, and have a very loyal and dedicated group of volunteers, without whom we would not be able continue. They not only work at the distribution centres and warehouse but also in other roles that keep the foodbank running smoothly.

Hilary Volrath, Coordinator

STUDLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER REPORT

All the churches in Studley are struggling with numbers and leadership but representatives of most churches meet 4 or 5 times a year to hear about what we are doing as individual churches and plan what we can do together.

The year starts with the week of prayer for Christian unity in January and instead of a combined service we had a breakfast in the Methodist church hall followed by a short worship session. Lent brings a busy time for the churches, and we try to make many events open to all the churches starting with an Ash Wednesday service. This is followed by the combined churches Lent course which in 2024 was based on the film 'The greatest showman' - which we started in 2020 but couldn't finish. Some of the Methodist church joined us for the Maundy supper, then the next day, Good Friday, we had a walk of witness round the village stopping at various points for prayer and handing out hot cross buns to people we saw.

Another combined service was held on Ascension Day and a tea was held for Pentecost which also was part of Christian Aid week in 2024. Once again envelopes were delivered to every house in Studley for Christian Aid week.

During the summer churches together had a stall at the D-Day celebrations and again at the village flower and vegetable show. The churches were asked to lead the worship at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday with Kate Meir giving the talk.

The Christmas period started with carol singing at the lights switch on, followed by the tree festival at the Methodist church and every house in Studley being given a card with details of Christmas services at all the village churches.

With changes of personnel at the churches during the we had to say goodbye to Anne Batchelor who has helped run the churches together meetings as she has moved to other responsibilities within the Methodist circuit. Fortunately, we have been able to welcome a new leader from the Baptist church, Joe Bevan, who has brought more involvement from that church with him. Sadly, we still have no current involvement from the Roman Catholic church, but we keep them informed of our activities. Please support churches together events and show the village God's love by working together not in competition.

Hilary Volrath, Coordinator

ALCESTER DEANERY SYNOD PARISH REPORT

Studley with Mappleborough Green Parish is one of twenty three parishes in the Alcester Deanery. This year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) should include the election of Deanery Synod Representatives. The Deanery Synod is an important part of the governance of the Church of England, and shares the mission of the Church in local areas. They are places for sharing good practice between the Parishes of a Deanery, and act as a communication line between the Diocesan Synod and the Parishes. It is really important that Parishes are well represented at Deanery Synod, and would strongly encourage people to stand for election.

The number of deanery synod representatives that our parish can elect is based on our electoral roll numbers:

Studley Parish	3 Deanery Synod Representatives
Mappleborough Green	2 Deanery Synod Representatives

Studley and Mappleborough Green currently have 1 vacancy each.

Once elected, Deanery Synod representatives are ex officio members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC) until the next election at APCM in 2026.

The Deanery Synod is regulated by the 1969 Synodical Government Measure which sets out five functions:

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England and other matters of religious or public interest;
- to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deaneries, to discuss and formulate common policies, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deaneries the whole mission of the Church;
- to make known and put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and to sound parochial opinion;
- to raise matters with the Diocesan Synod.

Alcester Deanery Synod met on 18 June and 17 October in 2024 and on 4 March 2025. At each of these events Speakers were invited to attend and share their experiences and knowledge of their faith and spiritual journeys:

Archdeacon Barry Dugmore and **Gareth Fitzpatrick, Evangelism Enabler** shared with us ways to communicate the 'good news' of Jesus clearly and effectively through their Sharing Jesus training experience. Which our PCC partially took forward as part of its Growing Healthy Churches discussions looking at BEN's and ANN's.

Canon for Worship & Welcome, Nitano Muller introduced himself to the Alcester Deanery after only a few weeks of being in the UK. Nitano's life in South Africa led him on many pathways but experienced a great opportunity of working alongside Bishop Desmond Tutu. His story was fascinating and the opportunity to join Coventry Diocese from a small fishing village in South Africa was a true story of faith.

Newly appointed clergy to the Deanery **Revd Jo Parker** and **Revd Cath Rindl** highlighted their callings to ministry and what had drawn them to be part of the Alcester Deanery. As vicar for Arden Valley group of churches, Revd Jo will be bringing her knowledge and experience of working with the elderly and is keen to develop the Anna Chaplaincy role within the Deanery. Rev Cath has chosen to focus on

children and families and hopes she can help bring all age worship and link generations together, and consequently encourage families to encounter God through more community worship.

All of these speakers offered valuable advice and support to Parish Deanery Representatives, and an opportunity to share the information with their church communities, to support developing faith within our churches.

In addition to these varied speakers, the Deanery Synod Representatives receive reports from the **Coventry Diocesan Synod** and **Deanery Leadership Team** on initiatives and proposals for the Parishes within the Alcester Deanery. **Deanery funds and general accounts** are reviewed quarterly, of which appropriate amounts of money are identified as Parish Shares; for the parishes to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends (living costs) and their housing. Unfortunately, the long-standing Deanery Treasurer left the Diocese this year, and there is an urgency to fill this vacancy as part of essential management for the Alcester Deanery.

Whilst some discussions may seem quite challenging and focussed on issues outside of one's own Parish, the experience of being a Deanery Synod representative has been rewarding by appreciating that we are not alone, and other parish churches within the Deanery are feeling the same as ourselves. The Deanery Synod members can share and support one another as part of these meetings, and also outside as part of their normal church duties.

As our own Parish moves towards a period without our own vicar, the Alcester Deanery Leadership Team are seeing the vacancy of two other clergy posts within the Deanery. An opportunity to look at ourselves and open up new opportunities for sharing across parish boundaries.

Linda Salisbury, Deanery Synod Representative

Accounts

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RECTOR'S REPORT

Our Annual Report gives you a flavour of the rich and varied ministry and mission of Studley and Mappleborough congregations as part of the Arden Marches benefice. Morton Bagot and Oldberrow churches also have significant ministries, but lie outside the scope of this report – I just wanted to acknowledge them here because they are important, and they belong with us.

Our Annual Report demonstrates that many people contribute in a wide variety of ways to our life together – thank you to everyone involved. Here in my Rector's Report I will just highlight a few things that may not be covered elsewhere in the report.

This past year we have been discerning our way post-covid lockdowns and post Dan Corlett. Dan, who was such an able inspiring curate, moved on in July. We were blessed to have Dan's support and skills through the lockdowns. His parting gift to us was setting up the Hubb Church website and church management system which is a great help to us, though we still have much to develop to use it to its full capacity.

During the early months of 2022 I spent time with the Mappleborough congregation praying and discerning together our next steps in outreach and growth. One outcome was the third Sunday Café style service which has proved a great encouragement to us and attracted new worshippers.

I also facilitated an Alpha course in the vicarage with members of both Studley and Mappleborough congregations, and newcomers too. It culminated in a wonderful Confirmation Service with Bishop John Stroyan in July.

Really significant for us has been the appointment of Angela Corlett as our Family Link Worker, and Celia Spiers as Anna Chaplain. In their reports you will read something of the impact for good they are making. I am thrilled to be working with them, and at how God is at work.

I am very grateful to Lynda Barr as Lay Chair of PCC, to David Lee and the other members of the Governance Review task team for their hard work in bringing greater clarity and order to the work of our PCC and DCCs. And thank you to all who serve on these committees which are vital to the good ordering and management of our church life.

We continued to hold Arden Marches PCC Forums through the year – a chance for PCC members and members of all the Arden Marches congregations to come together to discern how we can grow and develop. We have continued to hold on to our four missional values:

- Prayer: Living out of a still centre, rooted and grounded in the love of God
- Relationships: Cultivating homespun family-feel communities that foster deep relationships
- Hospitality: Offering relaxed, bespoke hospitality to those who come to us
- Outreach: Being visible and active in our local community

Our Forum meetings considered outreach to baptism families, living out our faith in everyday life, meeting our Family Link Worker and Anna Chaplain, and planning a calendar of events that welcome our wider communities. A beetle drive and snowdrop teas in Studley Church were lovely recent events, and the earlier Mappleborough MiniFest was such a warm welcoming event supported by people across all our congregations and much enjoyed by people from the wider community.

Prayer is a vital part of our life: Monthly Thursday morning Arden Marches prayer times have been very encouraging and significant. We have continued to offer weekday Morning Prayer on Facebook, and prayer in each church over the Advent Gift Day.

Our church schools are wonderfully welcoming to us, and I hope we can strengthen our involvement. We would love more people to serve as Foundation Governors. At present I am a Foundation Governor at both schools as well as Chaplain because of the lack of others to serve in this way, and we still have vacancies.

Dan Corlett led an Eco group for the whole benefice. They produced regular items for the news sheet, and played a significant part in the Studley Eco Festival, and in gaining Bronze Eco Church awards for all our churches. Since he left the group continues to meet to help us develop greater care for creation.

In Lent 2023 a small group of us visited the Amasango School for streetchildren in Grahamstown/Makhanda in South Africa to strengthen our links with this Cross of Nails school. A wonderful Arden Marches quiz evening on our return that raised much appreciated funds for the school.

New people have joined our congregations through the year which has been a great encouragement. Sadly, several much valued members have died including Sue Ludlow, Carole Holt, Jim Green, David Chatterley, Pat Wilcox, and John Evans.

We conducted the following Life Events services in 2022:

14 baptisms at Studley and 5 at Mappleborough

7 weddings, 1 wedding blessing, and 1 renewal of vows at Studley

13 funerals at Studley Church, 4 at Mappleborough Church and 8 at Redditch Crematorium

Our thanks to Rev Judy Stote and Alan Greathead for their ministry to families through Life Events. And thanks too to all our Ministers and others who lead public worship. and I would like to express particular thanks to Erica Hayton who has moved away for her love and dedication to the Mappleborough congregation in her work as churchwarden.

As we continue together, let's trust God to guide and provide:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Kate Mier

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2022-23

The number of names entered upon the Church Electoral Roll was slightly reduced from the previous years, there were no additions but sadly a few deletions of members who have died or moved away.

As of 18th April 2023 the total number on the Electoral Roll is 136: Studley 88 and Mappleborough Green 48.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT- 2022

Holy Ascension - Mappleborough Green

Over the past year the activities of the church have returned to what we would recognise as a more regular pattern, following the upheaval of Covid. Sunday services are, once again, held in church each week with a regular pattern of Morning Worship on the first Sunday of the month, Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays and Café Church on the third Sunday. On 5th Sundays, churchgoers are encouraged to go out into the community to bear witness. Our congregations' numbers have sadly not returned to pre-pandemic levels, partly due to having sadly lost some church members and partly to some people attending less regularly than prior to the Covid pandemic.

There are many tasks in church that need to be undertaken to ensure that services can take place on a Sunday, it isn't something that happens at the wave of a magic wand. The church needs to be cleaned

regularly, flowers are put in church each week by a dedicated but very small band of volunteers, who mostly meet the cost of the flowers themselves. Could you help perhaps once every month or two, you do not need to be a skilled flower arranger? Rubbish and recycling need to be removed, chairs need to be arranged for each service, brasses polished, candles filled with oil. Rotas need to be prepared and distributed. I am sure I have missed a number of other things! On Sundays our service co-ordinators ensure that services run smoothly and people appointed to a duty on the day are aware of it and are going to turn up. So, to all those volunteers and to the people who lead services week by week and our deputy churchwardens, John Styler and Linda Salisbury, a huge thank you for your dedication and all that you do in church and behind the scenes to make sure that our services do indeed take place every week.

Of course, it isn't just Sundays that require a lot of input. Outside the pathways and the church grounds need to be kept tidy and free of debris and dead flowers. Ankorn House requires regular cleaning and bookings for hire to be taken. Again, this is all done by volunteer labour and a huge thank you to those who volunteer to carry out those tasks and to Linda Salisbury and John Styler who organise the work parties.

Alongside the work of our volunteers there are also other tasks which we have to employ professional companies to carry out. During the past year the organ has had two routine services plus some additional work on the soundboard and stops. Outside lighting was repaired where needed and additional lighting was installed in Ankorn House car park. Boiler and heating services were carried out on the church and Ankorn House boilers and some additional work was undertaken on the church fan driven radiators, along with the installation of a boiler override switch to operate the heating manually as required. Fortnightly grass cutting is undertaken and the septic tank emptied as required. Rainwater diverters were professionally made, to match the downpipes on the church, and fitted. Our own team installed water butts to collect rainwater from the church roof. Work was undertaken to remedy damp in the skirting boards and lower wall in Ankorn house and redecoration carried out as necessary.

The church has gained its bronze award on the EcoChurch dashboard. The hay meadow in the churchyard continues to thrive and helps to support a variety of wildlife.

A Minifest was held on August Bank Holiday Saturday, attracting both members of the church family and people new to us – the intention was to be a low-key family day out with barbecue, drinks, music and a bouncy castle. Many thanks to Charlotte Fitchett, her family, Diane Pannell, Vicky Davis and their team of ladies who organised and ran this most successful event. Also, thanks to all who helped with the set-up and dismantling of equipment on the day. The Harvest 'Supper' was very much an evening of home-grown entertainment with a bring and share supper enjoyed by all who attended. An Advent Giving Day brought some welcome and generous donations. A Christingle service was held but was not attended by as many as in the past. We were pleased to be able to continue the monthly coffee mornings with an average dozen people attending. It is worth noting that this is intended to be for anyone from any of our churches.

Finally, I would like to thank Erica Hayton who has served our church faithfully as Churchwarden for a number of years, but has sadly now moved home, which means that she will no longer be our Churchwarden. Thank you, Erica, for undertaking the task with incredible efficiency, willingness, enthusiasm and commitment.

Alan Greathead - Acting Churchwarden

The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley

The new pattern of 10am Sunday services continued through the year. The band of people preparing and leading worship remains rather small compared to before the pandemic. However Laurence Nicholas has joined us in recent months to lead and enable music in worship on 2nd and 3rd Sundays. His music and singing have given our worship a great boost. We have much appreciated John Parker's faithful continued music ministry on 1st Sundays and for funerals and weddings, and also Guy Allen and Paul Adams playing on 4th Sundays (and on 3rd Sundays in Mappleborough). A questionnaire to review how Sunday morning

worship is going was undertaken in Spring 2023, the responses are still being processed at the time of writing. Early in 2022 a Centrepont-like service was held monthly on a Sunday afternoon in the Junior School, with a view to offering a second event each month for Messy Church families. It did not attract significant numbers of participants, and so was stopped while we prayerfully consider next steps. On 5th Sunday mornings we have met in the Parish Centre and gone out from there into the community to bless and pray.

The way Messy Church and Sunbeams are reaching new families and significant numbers of people is a great encouragement to us, and a challenge as to how we can give more support to these families as they seek to follow Jesus.

Our regular 8am Communion services and monthly 6pm Communion in the Parish Centre have continued through the year and provide warm fellowship and peaceful, deep prayer for all who take part.

A Goodbox card payment machine was installed in church and has been well used. Many people visit the church during the week, including a lot of guests at the Warners Hotel, some of whom join us for worship on Sunday mornings which is encouraging and refreshing.

Lynda Barr has overseen work on the fabric of the church. Key work that has been undertaken is noted in the PCC report. In December we were very blessed to receive a generous bequest of £100,000 from the estate of Mr Ronald Ward to be used for the maintenance and restoration of Studley Parish Church building.

Life Groups continued to meet for mutual encouragement, sharing of life and faith, and prayer through the year. The daytime group that focussed on pastoral care and gathered worship has evolved into a monthly prayer group. There is a Tuesday evening group with a focus on our community outreach, and a Thursday evening group with a focus on our work with children and families. These groups would welcome new members. The Alpha Course participants have continued to meet together with a focus on encouraging developing people in ministry and evangelism, and plan to deliver another Alpha Course in 2023. The bellringers have arranged several social gatherings that also encourage members in their Christian faith. Our young people meet for a monthly youth group.

In response to the cost of living crisis over the winter a team offered home made soup and a roll every Tuesday lunchtime in the Parish Centre – this has reached a few people in hardship need, and has been a lovely social community event for others from the wider community as well as from our congregations.

There is great teamwork at Studley Church with many people giving their time to enable the life and outreach of the church. Those who tend the church building and serve refreshments are probably not mentioned anywhere else in this report, so I note here how much we appreciate gathering in a clean, welcoming, inviting church. Many visitors comment on the beauty and peace of the building, and the welcome they feel. Thank you to everyone who contributes to that. Thanks go too to Alison Concannon for undertaking the role of churchwarden this year, and to Phil Pattison and Mark Herauville and others for all their support.

Kate Mier

STUDLEY + MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PCC

The PCC has met three times since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). There were also three occasions when business was conducted by email under the Church of England's Business by Correspondence Model Rule M29.

The following decisions were made:

15 June 2021

Recommendations from the Governance Task Team covering the updating of the 'PCC/DCC Members Handbook' including the addition of PCC functions that are delegated to the DCCs, the development of a greater mission-focus for the church council, the role of the Standing Committee, the setting up of a PCC Finance Sub-committee, financial procedures and the training and equipping of PCC members were agreed along with plans for the implementation of these recommendations.

The following existing Safeguarding policies and procedures were reviewed and approved:

'Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders'

'Procedure for Responding to a Safeguarding Concern or Allegation'

'Promoting a Safer Church Safeguarding Policy'

The following new Safeguarding policies and procedures were approved:

'The Safer Recruitment of Volunteers and Paid Staff'

'Whistleblowing Policy'

23 July 2022 (Business by Correspondence)

The PCC agreed to appoint Celia Spiers as Anna Chaplain in the parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green.

12 October 2022

Executive summaries of the minutes of PCC and DCC meetings will be placed on the notice boards of the two churches as appropriate.

A Parish Share of £63,396.00 will be paid for 2023.

The charge for heating, where discretionary services are provided, will be increased to £100.

The Finance Sub-Committee membership was agreed as Pat Smith (PCC Treasurer), Ann Chance, Erica Hayton (Mappleborough Green DCC Treasurer) and Mike Moffat.

A List B faculty application will be made to the Diocese to cover the inspection and repair of the entire Studley church roof covering. The cost of the work is estimated to cost £5,860+vat and this will be paid from the Fabric Account.

An application will be submitted to the Diocese to turn the Temporary Re-Ordering Licence granted on 5 October 2021 by the Archdeacon for the formation of a family area in the South Aisle of the Studley church into a full faculty.

The audio system in the Studley church will be updated at an estimated cost of £10,000 paid from a legacy.

7 November 2022 (Business by Correspondence)

The PCC agreed to nominate Shirley Stout to be appointed as Foundation Governor at Studley St Mary's Church of England Academy.

15 February 2022

Further work on the development of a Dementia Café was approved.

The 2022 Accounts were approved subject to any comments from the Independent Examiner.

The Mappleborough Green and Studley budgets for 2023 were approved.

A 'Finance Policy' was approved subject to the inclusion of cash procedures for each church.

A 'Social Media Policy' was approved.

The updated 'Church Health and Safety Policy with guidance notes' for Studley Church and the Parish Centre was approved.

25 March 2022 (Business by Correspondence)

The PCC agreed to go ahead with the maintenance of the 'Great Soundboard' in the Studley organ chamber, the cleaning of the chamber and the removal and cleaning of the pipes for the sum of £4,721.00+vat.

David Lee PCC Secretary

SAFEGUARDING REPORT FOR 2022

Throughout the year we have consolidated the ongoing activity to keep people safe within our church activities.

Safer Recruitment: The PCC has adopted the Safer Recruitment policy of the Church of England which hopes to ensure that all our volunteers understand their roles and the support they will have from the church. The policy involves Risk Assessments for all activities as well as volunteer application forms, references, interviews (usually informal) and DBS checks. The process safeguards those children and vulnerable adults we work with and values the volunteers for their commitment. This is a large undertaking for an active church so progress is slow but steady in achieving coverage of all our activities and volunteers. All DBS checks are now current for all those in volunteer roles within church where this is necessary or advisable. As new activities begin, DBS checks continue to be a feature of the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) role.

Training: Online training has been completed by a number of volunteers over this year and for those who have been unable to access the online training a face-to-face Basic Safeguarding training was held recently. This will be followed up by a face-to-face Foundation level training course within the next few months. The PSO has now been able to enrol on the required safeguarding leadership training which will take place in June.

Parish Dashboards: Throughout the year we have continued to update the Parish Safeguarding Dashboards attending to the outstanding areas. The engagement with the safeguarding activity has been so successful that our dashboards have been raised from Level 2 to Level 3. We now have further additional responsibilities that have appeared and are currently being addressed in particular with relation to non-church activities taking place on church premises.

New resources: All volunteers are required to understand the nature of creating a safer environment for all activities. A leaflet detailing how to make sure we all stay safe has now been produced and is being circulated to all volunteers via their activity leaders.

Social Media is a key area of keeping people safe and has recently hit the headlines, revealing what can go wrong if guidelines are ignored. The PCC has now agreed and adopted a social media Policy. A new handout resource to support this policy is available to all church members to help us all to understand our responsibility with regard to social media. In addition, to these two new resources a small card is now available in church giving contact details for anyone wanting to report a concern or just to talk through any issues they are having.

If anyone would like any further information about safeguarding responsibilities or safeguarding training, please do contact Sue, the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Sue Johnson

FAMILY LINK WORKER

I am approaching a year in the role as Family Link Worker and a very busy and rewarding year it has been. Below is a snapshot of some of the key areas in which we have seen growth.

Sunday Services

We have explored a variety of ways of engaging and discipling families and children during our Sunday morning services.

The extension of the crèche area has worked well for very young children and is often used effectively during Baptisms. The aim of this area is to explore the themes of the main service through age appropriate activities and to provide parents with young children with time when they can focus on the service. We have also begun to provide take-home sheets for families to explore the Bible readings and themes of the service together over the following week.

For a time, we trialled sessions for both children and youth during the third Sunday 'Going Deeper' service where the groups were each offered the opportunity to have their own age-related teaching apart from the main congregation. This was met with enthusiasm by the children, but the lack of leaders to develop this area, the very small numbers of children and the lack of consistency in family attendance made this difficult to sustain.

We have also trialled encouraging families to join the main body of the church rather than using the creche area, so as to increase their level of engagement in the service. This has met with varying success. The most successful service was the recent Easter morning worship for all where families were invited to sit centrally where they could see and children were given a service bingo sheet to help them engage with what was being said. The fast pace and variety of activities used to help the congregation explore the themes / ideas enabled all ages to access and enjoy the service.

Therefore, in conjunction with the reflection on the nature and pattern of the Sunday services generally, we are prayerfully considering the nature of the provision for children and families. An area for growth remains the number of families frequently and actively involved in the Sunday services. This is an area which would benefit from deeper prayer and consideration from the wider church community. It also presents the opportunity to explore our outreach as a church further and consider ways in which we can engage with families in a meaningful way beyond the church building / Sunday services.

Youth

The youth group is now a year old and continues to meet monthly with a committed core of 8/9 young people attending, 3 of whom were confirmed at the end of last year. This is still headed up by Kay and supported by Angela and Jane Odell. We continue to work on increasing the discipleship nature of the group and are exploring ways in which we can enable the young people who attend to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Many of the group continue to serve on a Sunday morning, helping with sound and PowerPoints, bell-ringing, helping in the crèche and on the reading rota. We are exploring a range of possibilities to develop our provision further, including Youth Alpha, links with Joe Bevan, (the youth worker at Youth for Christ in Redditch) and monthly week day Bible study groups.

Sunbeams

Sunbeams continues to be a successful baby and toddler group after its relaunch in October 2022. After the initial weeks where numbers in attendance was exceptionally high, the group has settled down with many families returning each week as well as new faces coming after the group has been recommended to them. The volunteer teams welcoming and making cakes have been invaluable in making the group a success, as have the leaders and helpers who come every week to set up / pack away, provide drinks / snacks, run craft tables. The format of the group is also proving popular, with free play, snack time (for adults and children) music/songs and story time. In the near future, we also hope to be able to offer parents access to health visitor support during the session once a month. Through relationships developed at Sunbeams, we have seen growth in attendance at Messy Church, and at the Christmas and Easter services. We are exploring ways in which Sunbeams families can be moved on in a journey of faith.

Messy Church

Messy Church has been increasingly successful at reaching families in the community, especially those with younger children. There is a large core of families who return every month and who appreciate the spiritual input they receive. The innovative and creative team have gone from strength to strength in helping Messy Church congregations explore faith and we continue to pray into new ways of developing our discipleship. The team has worked hard to encourage those who attend Messy church to attend church, particularly at

Christmas and Easter and it was encouraging to see a number of Messy Church families attending on Easter morning and we aim to build on this success.

The team has also started 'Messy Extra' to develop links and initiate relationships in the wider community. This has included Christmas and Easter trails run with the keen support of Studley businesses. Each trail culminated in celebration events in the Parish Centre which were well attended, largely by non-Messy Church families. We have also run film events during the school holidays, providing families with breakfast or lunch and a film. These have also been well attended by members of the local community.

Baptisms

Following the forum in the last year where we discussed how we connect and build relationships with baptism families, a group has met to work on producing 'baptism boxes' which can be given to each family by a sponsor after the baptism as a means of following up after the day. Strategies to use this to maintain links and relationship with the families were also discussed. We will be asking each of the congregations for sponsors in due course. I have also developed a pack of resources which can be given to all children attending a baptism at both Studley and Mappleborough Green with activities that can be used both during the service and at home to help them explore what baptism is.

Links with Studley St Mary's Junior School

We have forged stronger links between the school and church communities with teams of volunteers working in the school and the church building to help the children explore Easter, Harvest, the church building itself and the challenges of transition from infants to juniors. I have begun to consider ways in which the relationship between church and school can be further developed.

My role in school has also developed over the course of the year. As well as coordinating links between church and school, on a weekly basis I work with small groups and individuals who are struggling emotionally. I currently run 4 lunchtime groups and support 5 children in 1 to 1 sessions. I also work to develop relationships with families / parents who need extra support beyond the capacity of the school. I have successfully advocated for families in need, referred others to Acts 365 and signposted others to a variety of help and support to meet different needs. I currently meet 1 to 1 with 4 parents on a regular basis to provide listening support.

Angela Corlett (Family Link Worker)

ANNA CHAPLAINCY

In September, I was licensed as an Anna Chaplain for the Arden Valley and Arden Marches Benefices at a joyful service in the Parish Centre led by Rev Kate Mier. Debbie Ducille, the Anna Chaplaincy Church Lead spoke eloquently on the history and nature of Anna Chaplaincy.

The service was well attended by people from both benefices – a supportive and inspiring beginning.

My initial brief was to:

- familiarise myself with the Arden Marches and the church communities
- understand the existing support given to older people
- identify areas where Anna Chaplaincy can complement existing provision
- identify areas where older people are not currently served
- develop a model of chaplaincy for Arden Marches
- establish a local team to continue the work after the first year

At this time, there are now regular visits to the three Care Homes (Studley Rose, Four Acres and Hayward Lodge) with monthly services. Two members of the Methodist church join me on the monthly visits to Studley Rose and Four Acres, spending time afterwards talking with the residents and staff.

In addition, there have been visits for special occasions (e.g. carol singing at Christmas with support from members of the church communities, singing to celebrate a 100th birthday). I've had the use of the church keyboard and this has been a great feature of the visits.

It has been heart-warming to see the healing, uplifting effect of singing familiar hymns and songs as well as the inspiration of hearing all joining in with the Lord's Prayer.

Another focus has been to draw up a list of Older Friends to contact/visit – this has been possible thanks to input and guidance from key people in the Arden Marches and has grown from the phone-ministry during the lockdowns. Everyone who wanted a visit has been visited at least once and I end all visits with a time of prayer. It is a pleasure to hear the many fascinating stories of long lives lived well and I have enjoyed warm hospitality and much laughter.

It soon became clear that there was a need to offer support to those with dementia and their carers in Studley. This led to the planning and setting up of the first Studley Dementia Café, planned initially for the first Thursday of each month at the Parish Centre. We are fortunate to have Dr. Felicity Jones involved and dedicating half a day a week to the Café. She will be able to take the project forward after the end of my year here.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the Arden Marches supporters for their enthusiasm, wisdom and on-going involvement. Supporters outside the church include: Colin Summers (current chair of Studley Parish Council), Carole Zambonini (Alcester Dementia Centre), Churches Together, Social Subscribers (Poole Medical Centre). It is encouraging that so many groups and individuals recognise the need - and are keen to work together to see the success of this venture.

It has been a privilege to serve the older members of the Arden Marches communities, working alongside Kate and the dedicated people in these congregations. I have been struck time and time again by the wealth of warmth, the neighbourly kindness and generous love. The Holy Spirit is moving in this place.

Celia Spiers

THE PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre has had an encouraging year under review and consolidated its operating position with increased levels of hire since my last review in April 2022. Many of our long-standing regular user groups including Brownies, Sunbeams and Rainbows are now meeting at the Centre at their pre-pandemic levels. The start of 2023 has seen a tremendous increase in interest from family party booking enquiries with the hall fully booked at weekends during the first quarter.

Messy Church, Parish Communion and Compassion Groups continue to be held at the Parish Centre and between December 2022 and March 2023 we launched our weekly Souper Bowls gatherings to assist those in our community by providing a regular warm place of fellowship over the winter months as well as a hot soup lunch. Our plans continue for using the now completely renovated Jaffray Room as a wellbeing, multipurpose counselling suite, with the objective of enhancing the usability of the Parish Centre as a valuable community facility. Sessions from specialist outreach workers at the Refuge National Domestic Violence Agency continue on a monthly basis. Discussions are also in place to use the facility by locally based Social Prescribers as we plan the launch opening of a Dementia Café at the Centre later in June 2023.

Upkeep of the fabric of the Centre remains an ongoing challenge. Early in 2023 our venerable heating system failed yet again! Given that this was first installed back in 1997 that perhaps should not be a surprise. The positive outcome is that new compatible radiators were installed in March 2023. This will now provide a reliable medium-term solution to a perennial problem over recent years and enable church council members to research and debate more dynamic heating options and other structural improvements and developments to the site in the coming years.

My thanks go to Phil Pattison for his continued support and encouragement and to Mike Bond for his regular watch on lighting and heating systems, always a challenge in ageing buildings! Also to Rob and Catherine our cleaners and 'caretakers' and to Ian Nichol, our gardener, who looks after our gardens, including the car park. A special mention to Studley in Bloom who include the Parish Centre grounds and building in their maintenance of several planters located around the building itself.

Finally, can I encourage anyone reading this report who would like to join a small team at the Parish Centre to help from time to time with opening and locking up the hall, to contact me? This would certainly help operations particularly during busy holiday times. I would also encourage you to visit our website at www.ardenmarches.co.uk and scroll to Our locations/Parish Church Centre. This provides a pictorial and factual outline of the facilities we have on offer at the Parish Centre .

Mike Moffat

ANKCORN HOUSE REPORT 2022-23

Ankcorn House building offers a meeting capacity of up to 40 people, depending on the room layout and catering facilities within the combined kitchen area.

- Basic refurbishment work was undertaken in April 2022 on the female toilet, external wall to remove mould, seal with damp-proof paint and repaint walls as required. Recent issues with the kitchen back door locking had come to light and mechanical repairs were necessary to address the issue.
- Historical data had been reviewed regarding the Title Deed for Ankcorn House ownership. On 23 May 2022 the Jaffrey family solicitors were requested to confirm acceptance that Ankcorn House had been conveyed to the Church, and a response from them is still awaited. Support from the Coventry Diocese Legal Secretary to progress this matter would be required to reach a conclusion.
- Despite actively promoting the venue, Ankcorn House fails to secure continuous regular users, with no apparent negative reason highlighted. Throughout the last twelve months Pilates and Holistic groups have rented the facilities on and off, with the main regular users being Church Committees/Groups and Mappleborough Parish Council for administrative meetings. Nominal annual rental fees are recouped from storage within Ankcorn House from the local Parish Council and immediate neighbours. In addition Arden Marches courses such as Lent, Safeguarding and Alpha use the facilities, but with no financial contribution towards the running costs from these rentals, the venue continues to be subsidised by the General Church funds.

Linda Salisbury

STUDLEY CHURCHYARD

A small but dedicated group of volunteers, not all church people, turn out on the first Saturday of every month to help maintain the churchyard at Studley. The hope is to combine the needs for somewhere that looks 'neat and tidy' and can be used for outdoor activities and events such as Messy church, picnics and services, and to provide an environment which attracts wild life and flowers and glorifying Gods creation. Certain areas are mown neatly, others are left and cut less frequently with paths mown between them, others have to be left unkempt as it is too big a job with the limited workforce to maintain them (this is mainly the uneven, irregular grave area in the south west corner of the churchyard). The yellow rattle we set at the end of 2021 did flower in 2022 so we are waiting to see whether it seeded itself and will have spread further in 2023, and whether it has had the intended outcome of reducing the grass in that area to allow flowers to flourish. The spring flowers, snow drops, daffodils, crocus and primroses along with the autumn cyclamen continue to flourish. We hope we will have more summer flowers soon.

The big project for one group was to tackle the 'compost pile' which was a very large mound of sticks, brambles, weeds, grass cuttings, etc. in a dip at the bottom of the churchyard. Over several months we have reduced the pile, extracted well rotted compost and created some compost 'pens' out of pallets. This will not only help us to produce more useable compost in the future but also help towards the churches next level eco award. We continue to keep the areas around the cremation stones tidy and maintain the garden of remembrance. This year saw some new volunteers joining us and others no longer able to help or handle trimmers like they used to. Many thanks to all of them. We can only do as much as we have volunteer help to do and we could always use more help. *Hilary Volrath*

BELLRINGERS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Throughout the year the bells at Studley Parish Church have rung out for every Sunday morning service, calling people to worship and half muffled for remembrance Sunday. There were also several weddings that requested the bells during 2022. We have continued with our once-a-month Saturday practice which have proved beneficial for the progress of our band.

At the end of May we held a taster session for our church youth group. This proved to be a very fruitful evening, resulting in 8 learners. By holding additional practices on a Tuesday evening, 7 out of the 8 can now handle a bell and 2 have now rang their first quarter peal, congratulations to Ethan Pomeroy and Noah Corlett. During the year we have also welcomed Laurence and Peter Nicholas to our band, already accomplished bellringers.

In July, myself, Richard Spray and William Blizzard attended the Ringing World National Youth festival and striking competition at Exeter with the Coventry Spires Youth group. Taken by coach, William represented the group in the competition. It was an excellent day, with many exhibitions, mini rings and simulators for everyone to enjoy and have a go on in Exeter Cathedral. Everyone had the opportunity to ring on the cathedral bells, 2nd heaviest ring of bells in the country. This year there have been several other events held by the Coventry Spires which some of our young ringers have attended, a trip to Loughborough bell foundry to see how bells are cast and ringing on the foundry bells, a ringing outing to Leamington, ringing at Coventry Cathedral and a recent quarter peal which included William Blizzard and Ethan Pomeroy in the band.

Our congratulations also go to Chris Eldridge for his first quarter peal on the treble and to William Blizzard for his first quarter on an inside bell.

During the Summer holidays, we spent a day at the church with learners, advancing their bell handling, playing handbells and at the end of the day, we enjoyed a fish and chip supper.

Sadly, Thursday 8th September 2022 saw the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The bells at Studley were rang in accordance with Operation London Bridge, a document set out by the Royal household and Lambeth Palace. The following day, the Tenor bell was tolled for one hour and the Sunday morning service ringing was half muffled. On the day of the funeral the bells were rang for one hour prior to the funeral and on Thursday 15th September a quarter peal was rung to commemorate her life.

In October we hosted the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association interbranch striking competition.

At the end of the year, we were invited by the Inkberrow bellringers to join them on their outing. Most of our bellringers attended, ringing at Stoke Prior, Droitwich, lunch at the Rose and Crown at Feckenham followed by afternoon ringing at Feckenham.

At Christmas, we rang the handbells for our church carol service, we also decorated a bellringers Christmas tree for the Methodist church Christmas tree festival.

In January, on two separate evenings, the two Studley Beaver packs visited us after their evening hike. We gave them a tour of the tower, showing them the bells and giving them a go at chiming before they headed back down the stairs for their mug of hot chocolate.

Several ringers attended the Coventry Guild meeting at Henley in Arden and Beaudesert, ringing at both towers, followed by a meeting with refreshments. We have also attended a few of the Worcestershire Guild southern branch Saturday practices.

During March we held a bellringers breakfast attended by 14. A lovely morning, enjoying each other's company and sharing our faith together.

At the end of March, we attended the Studley Junior school Easter experience arranged by our church family link worker to give the pupils a taster session on the handbells.

All Studley quarter peals, and special ringing occasions are documented on Bell board.

Louise Grubb Tower Captain

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Representatives from the Studley churches continue to meet about 4 times a year to plan what they can do together and inform each other of what is happening in their own churches, always with an invitation that

anyone can join in. The main joint activities have been around the week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, Easter, Christian Aid week, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. This year saw some pared down activity due both to lack of church leaders and support from congregations. Joint 'special' services are never well attended so other than Ash Wednesday we have concentrated on more what we do together. Once again we had a walk of witness on Good Friday but this year we focused more on praying round the village and not going inside each church. Envelopes were delivered to each house for Christian Aid week and a cream tea was held in place of a big breakfast. We had a stall at the village Jubilee jamboree in June, not to sell things but to provide a quiet space for people to sit and talk. Unfortunately rain stopped play for a Pentecost picnic in the park which had to move into the parish centre for the hardy few who turned out. The Eco-fest in July was supported by the churches ending with a barbecue for all who took part – again it had to be moved inside due to rain. The churches again organised the service at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday though disappointingly the sound system was not good enough for most people to hear. The arrangements for the Studley Christmas Lights switch on were much improved on the previous year. The churches together sang carols outdoors in Millenium square in the afternoon when there were few people around but it did give children a chance to sing down a microphone, and then in the evening inside the village hall after the lights had been switched on. Christmas cards were delivered again to every house in Studley giving details of the Christmas services of all the churches. A small group sang carols in the care homes.

As the Ukrainian crisis developed a meeting was held about setting up a support group for refugees and their carers. As there were no known families being hosted in Studley the group wasn't formed but we have had continued updates at the meeting on the refugees and their needs in Redditch, supporting where we can. We also heard from a hospital chaplain and our Anna chaplain.

Once again the churches together committee has been mainly the Methodists and Anglicans due to the Baptist and Roman Catholic churches struggling with leadership and congregations. Hopefully we will see more involvement from the Baptists in 2023.

Hilary Volrath

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I think for me this last year has been approximately what one might call normal, whatever that is. Working my usual hours at the vicarage.

There was all the usual publicity via Facebook, website, and email. Producing weekly newssheets, notices, and posters for, amongst others, Christmas, Messy church and Easter, with input from Kate and others.

There have also been service booklets to produce and PowerPoints to create. And also there have been the usual funeral, wedding and baptism enquiries to process.

The main difference this year has been the moving of our databases, rotas, bulk emails and website across to the HUBB system. I worked with Dan while he was here, setting things up and now am using HUBB daily for many things. Other people are using it for rotas and to upload things like PCC minutes for PCC members to access.

Judith McLelland

COMPASSION

We have had some changes to the teams this year: Helen Turney is no longer able to join us but Irene Freeman continues to help the team and we have been joined by Lynn Gilbert who is a real asset.

Our thanks go again to Alan Greathead who helps us considerably by putting out the tables and chairs for our meetings even though he is unable to attend.

Numbers have fluctuated at the meetings mainly because of the Parish Centre being very cold at times but attendance has been much higher since the new heaters have been installed.

Members still enjoy the lunches organised by Margaret Lee and these are well attended and appreciated.

Friendships between the members still flourish and continue to bring pleasure and comfort and the weekly meetings are greatly appreciated.

Joan Lock

ARDEN FOODBANK

The Arden Foodbank opened in April 2013, as part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank network and serves Alcester, Studley and the surrounding area. Care professionals, such as health visitors, schools, citizens advice and social workers, as well as local church ministers and others, identify people in crisis and issue them with vouchers. These are redeemed at a foodbank session for three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. We do also offer cleaning products, toiletries and petfood that we have available. Demand on our foodbank has been up this year, due in part, to the energy crisis. This year, (last year in brackets), we fulfilled 440 (294) vouchers which fed 592 (433) adults & 338 (230) children. We distributed 11542Kg (9500kg) of food our clients, and to other foodbanks during the year. In December, we made up and distributed to schools 201 (163) Christmas food boxes for families, identified by 10 local primary schools in the area as being in need. We have received some extremely generous donations from companies, organisations and individuals who have continued to support us with food or money during the last year, without these we could not continue to operate and help local people in our community. Neither could we operate without a dedicated group of volunteers man the distribution centres and warehouse. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support the work of the foodbank by volunteering, donations and prayers.

Hilary Volrath

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

After the long lock down from covid 19, it was really lovely to see everyone again, also very encouraging to receive 38 replies for our first outing to The Golden Goose on 24th June 2022. It was also exiting to meet up with a few new members and trying to remember names. But it was also very sad to think that since our last Christmas meal in 2019 to 24th June 2022 we had lost 9 of our dear members. But as always we will remember the happy times we all had together with fondness & love. We only had 6 outings this year as I had started later, but everyone looked forward to them. The last meal was at Kings Court for our Christmas lunch on 9th December 2022 and was enjoyed by 47 members. Father Christmas was busy this year, so not able to make an appearance. But Jan & John Parker very kindly arranged a christmas sing a long, which everyone enjoyed. We also ran a Christmas raffle, which Vicky & Linda very kindly helped organise for me. The donation was given to the church. I really appreciate all the help received this year. It is a very happy group and besides new members I have 3 new volunteer drivers who join the group if and when needed. I am so pleased that this group is still able to meet up. Also once again a very big thank you to all my drivers, as without you, this mission of outreach would not be possible.

God Bless

Margaret Lee

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has been growing steadily month by month. We are a strong team of dedicated volunteers who prepare, organise, create and lead. We have many families now registered, not all who come every time, and we are still attracting new families. I believe that once they have been to one session, they are more likely to come to others. As well as the regular monthly services, we have put on 4 extras this year - 2 film shows in October and February half terms and 2 trails at Christmas and Easter. These have also been well attended and so we'll continue with these. My thanks go to everyone on the team for their constant support and members of the congregation who provide some of the food we offer and all your prayers.

Ann Bond

2ND STUDLEY (ST. MARY'S) RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

2nd Studley (St Mary's) Brownies have been getting back to normal since Covid pandemic. We sang live for Aunty Jen to help entertain the community last June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Completed badges on the girlguiding programme and even a countdown to Christmas badge which Brownies had a Selfie Challenge Treasure hunt to complete. Brownies had another successful night helping Radiate Redditch by donating 42 packed Christmas shoeboxes for their appeal. We even managed to have a successful Summer Seaside themed annual sleepover at Mappleborough Green Village Hall.

It's been a busy year at Rainbows, we have a very large group of 32, 4-7 yr olds and a long waiting list, we are trying our best to accommodate as many girls as possible.

We have had a book and bear sale raising money for Wythall Animal sanctuary and donated treat food items to the Arden Foodbank. The girls love doing their "interest" badges which has meant many have litter picked with the parents around the village.

We've had a day out at Hatton Country World with Rainbows from around the whole of the Midlands and we have a county day coming up in Compton Verney. We continue to have our "Promise" ceremony at the Church, which both the girls and the parents thoroughly enjoy as it feels so special. We have some plans afoot for the Big Help Out, which we are very excited about.

As Studley District we got together to celebrate the Queen's jubilee at the Entaco, which was attended by over 70 girls.

We have a Kings Coronation planned too!

As always our biggest problem is getting leaders. We are still very much concerned that we will lose our Guide Unit for 10-14yr olds as we have had no interest from anyone which is very disappointing

Once again thank you to the Church team for their continued support. Rainbows have held their Promise Evenings in Studley Church this past year.

Pamela Winfield leader in charge of Rainbows and District Commissioner for Studley

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2022

On 27 May school held Queens Platinum Jubilee fete, and a church team supported with fundraising undertaking manning and preparing refreshments.

As part of the Enjoyably Studley Community group Jubilee events, Erica Hayton organised and managed an exhibition in church of the Ogham tree Tapestries in June 2022. The school visited Church to view the display and afterwards Erica and volunteers assisted some children with needlecraft in school, making their own mini tapestries.

Lighting the Candle Collective Worship concluded with the current group leading the school assembly. New children will be invited in the new term to join this learning group; about helping with worship assemblies.

Summer Term 2022

On 28 June, the whole school attended a School Celebration Service in Church where a freestyle art activity afternoon was undertaken by the teachers outside, in Holy Ascension church grounds. The school provided the children with a picnic lunch on the grass, and the sun shone on the day to enhance the children's experience. The Church funded coaches to allow all the school to visit safely.

The school children and their families were invited to celebrate all the learning and activities that had taken place at MGPS during this school year as part of the regular café style All Age Service in July.

To conclude the summer term, there was a Year 6 Leavers Service in Church on 20 July, where the book 'It's your Move' Secondary School Survival Guide paperback by Scripture Union was presented to the children leaving primary school.

Autumn Term 2022

On 8 September the parents of the new Reception children were invited to a 'welcome breakfast' and it was lovely to do this back indoors and sit and share family stories all together.

The new school children and their families were also invited to say hello as part of the regular café style All Age Service.

Studley's Harvest Experience, arranged through Angela Corlett, Family Link Worker was supported by Alan Greathead and Linda Salisbury; prior to the MGPS children and their families attending a Harvest Service in Holy Ascension Church on 4 October led by the school Faith Alive Group. The school generously donated to Arden Marches Foodbank specifically on this occasion.

The School Carol Service took place in Holy Ascension Church for the first time since 2020 pandemic. The event was well supported by friends and families, as well as the whole school in attendance. This year's Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was not very well supported compared with pre-Covid events, but some school families did attend; which was seen as a positive.

Spring Term 2023

The school's curriculum continues to be implemented effectively and makes learning relevant and exciting for all pupils. The head teacher (Alex Finch), his leadership team and staff continue to work diligently to respond to the issues raised in the Ofsted inspection in March 2022. The Christian values this Spring have focussed on Truthfulness and Perseverance.

Collective Worship continued to be delivered to the school regularly on Wednesday mornings involving Revd Kate Mier, Angela Corlett and Keith Johnson.

Unfortunately, Church volunteers continue to be depleted within the school support mechanism, as Erica Hayton moved away from the area and the Jarmys not able to return pending their own move. It is hoped that more involvement from Church congregational members will return in the not-too-distant future.

Volunteers prepared to listen to children reading is really appreciated by staff, along with those with other vocational skills. On 30 March, the whole school attended an Easter service at the church. This service was well prepared and presented by Class 3 and 4 acting out Jesus's final week. The Service was supported by many parents and families.

The new Lighting the Candle Group held their Collective Worship assembly and received their Bronze Awards. The six pupils chose to continue and develop their Christian knowledge and work towards the Silver Award after Easter. In addition, five new pupils joined the Lighting the Candle Group to commence on their journey towards the Bronze Award. The LTC Group supported by Linda Salisbury will be jointly held each week with eleven pupils working towards and learning about Collective Worship.

Community volunteers and Foundation Governors are actively being sought to support the Christian faith within Mappleborough Green Primary School.

Linda Salisbury

STUDLEY ST MARY'S CE ACADEMY

This has been another tough year for the school, as with all schools. However, hard work and determination from the Headteacher and her staff, as well as the pupils, means that significant progress is being made.

Many of the after effects of the lockdowns have been tackled and the emphasis on a wider curriculum which was brought in nationally last year has been successfully implemented. The school is a calm and purposeful place in which to learn. The threat of Ofsted has been hanging over the school since last September with still no sign of an inspection happening. This has, of course, put an unacceptable extra strain on the staff.

Church members continue to lead assemblies and support the school in other ways. Please ask if you feel you would like to help in some way as we seek to strengthen the links between church and school. Our Family Link Worker plays a vital role in this and has become a much-valued member of the school's staff. Various year groups have visited the church during the year, learning more about how a church works and about the major festivals in its calendar.

There will soon be a vacancy for a foundation governor. If you would like to know more about this important role, please speak to Keith or Kate.

Keith Johnson

DEANERY SYNOD

Studley with Mappleborough Green Parish is one of twenty three parishes in the Alcester Deanery. This year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) must include the election of Deanery Synod Representatives. The Deanery Synod is an important part of the governance of the Church of England, and shares the mission of the Church in local areas. They are places for sharing good practice between the Parishes of a Deanery, and act as a communication line between the Diocesan Synod and the Parishes. It is really important that Parishes are well represented at Deanery Synod, and would strongly encourage people to stand for election. The number of deanery synod representatives that our parish can elect is based on our electoral roll numbers:

Studley Parish 3 Deanery Synod Representatives

Mappleborough Green 2 Deanery Synod Representatives

Once elected, Deanery Synod representatives are ex officio members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC) until the next election (at APCM in 2026).

The Deanery Synod is regulated by the 1969 Synodical Government Measure which sets out five functions:

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England and other matters of religious or public interest;
- to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deaneries, to discuss and formulate common policies, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deaneries the whole mission of the Church;
- to make known and put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and to sound parochial opinion;
- to raise matters with the Diocesan Synod.

Alcester Deanery Synod met on 12 July and 20 October in 2022 and on 9 February 2023. At each of these events Speakers from Coventry Diocese were invited to attend and share their experiences and knowledge of their faith and spiritual journeys:

Neil Masih, Coventry Diocese Intercultural Mission Enabler informed those present that his background was a third generation Asian-Christian family member, acting as Church Warden at St Paul's; a diverse congregation based in Foleshill area of Coventry. As part of his presentation Neil explained about UKME (United Kingdom Minority Ethnic) and GMH (General Majority Heritage) being identified as the current terminology for previously describing BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) groups. He highlighted the needs and benefits of having an intercultural mission, and how race and ethnicity, with varied backgrounds was a positive factor amongst our wider society, and how the Church could be key to developing change in communities, and welcome all.

Clive Hicks, Coventry Diocese Healthy Churches Development Enabler highlighted healthy principles Churches should consider to grow their involvement within their congregation and the community. The 8 Essential Qualities were shown as a way to help our members identify their gifts, commit to our faith through our lives and practices, and inspire and develop worship and holistic small groups. (Clive will be presenting at Studley Parish Centre on 30 April as part of the Joint Arden Marches breakfast discussions on Healthy Churches Questionnaire)

Revd Canon Mary Gregory, Coventry Diocese Canon for Arts & Reconciliation informed those present that part of her background was being a Prison Governor in a top security prison. Part of this experience was an occasion when she was seconded to work at HM Maze Prison in Northern Ireland used to house paramilitary prisoners during the N.I. 'Troubles'. Whilst there Mary was asked to investigate the death of a significant sectarian, loyalist murderer whilst he was in custody at HM Maze Prison, prior to the Good Friday Agreement being signed. This experience formed part of her foundation and interest in reconciliation.

During discussion those present were asked to consider the following questions;

- How have we used the arts in our ministry in our own Parish? How was that received? What difference did it make to the overall 'experience'?
- How could we use the arts as a way of helping people explore questions of faith?
- How could we use the arts to explore the conflicts that may exist in our communities?

All of these speakers offered valuable advice and support to Parish Deanery Representatives, and an opportunity to share with their church communities to support developing faith within our churches. In addition to these varied speakers, the Deanery Synod Representatives receive reports from the Coventry Diocesan Synod and Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) on initiatives and proposals for the Parishes within the Alcester Deanery. Deanery funds and general accounts are reviewed quarterly, and identify appropriate amounts of money as Parish Shares annually for the parishes to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends (living costs) and their housing. Whilst some discussions may seem quite challenging and focussed on issues outside of one's own Parish, the experience of being a Deanery Synod representative has been rewarding by appreciating that we are not alone, and other parish churches within the Deanery are feeling the same as ourselves. The Deanery Synod members can share and support one another as part of these meetings, and also outside as part of their normal church duties. Belonging and sharing opportunities offered from Coventry Diocese can only be seen as a positive!

Linda Salisbury

FOREST CHURCH (AN ENVIRONMENT GROUP INITIATIVE)

Arden Marches Forest Church has hosted two well attended meetings at Morton Bagot Church. The aim has been to enable outdoor worship through engagement with the natural world. We have used a combination of circle meeting with readers at cardinal points (North, East etc) and short activities away from the circle, some singing and finishing at the circle.

The Divine has been referenced where possible with non binary pronouns and titles such as Great Spirit instead of Lord, in an effort to include those not used to Christian church liturgy. Stories and readings have been chosen to inspire awe in the natural world drawing us closer to the Divine.

The events have run for less than an hour and are held outside with refreshments afterwards in the chapel.

The next event is to support the Bluebell Walk with appropriate contemplation or activity and then in June the summer solstice celebration.

Dogs and children have been welcome however with their family's care only. The content is for all ages but not yet able to offer children's activities as well.

Guy Allen

PCC TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

I feel I should start this report with something close to an apology, as the accounts that you are being asked to approve are statutory accounts and as such, they have to be in the format presented. I appreciate that this is not a format that is easy to read and often information that you feel to be important is buried deep in the report, so I will try and highlight what I feel to be the significant facts.

Overview

2022 was a good year for the PCC as a whole, but that was mainly due to the fact that Studley DCC received a legacy of £100,000 in December. Without that legacy the PCC would have nominally made a small loss of £2,440. The reason I use the word nominally is because part of the figure is an "unrealised" loss of £5,459 and without this theoretical loss the PCC would have made a small surplus of £3,019.

For information an unrealised gain or loss will always appear in the accounts as long as we hold investments in the form of shares as we are required to give those shares a value based on their stock market price at the end of year. The value is then compared with the value of those shares at the end of the previous year. If the "value" is higher you get an unrealised gain and if it is lower you get an unrealised loss. The stock market wasn't particularly strong at the end of 2022 so we have an unrealised loss, but since then it has risen by 5.4% and if we valued the shares today it would wipe out all but £424, of the theoretical loss.

In reality you only get a true profit or loss when you sell shares, so the unrealised loss is not something to worry about.

Central Expenditure

The main expenditures that are controlled centrally by the PCC are the payment of salaries to the Parish Administrator and Family Link Worker and the payment of our Parish Share to the Diocese. Most expenditure for 2022 was included in the budget and actual payments came out slightly lower than the budgeted amounts resulting in a small repayment to the churches at the end of the year.

The one expenditure that was not budgeted was the Family Link Worker as the details weren't known in late 2021 when the budgets were prepared. The Family Link Worker cost a total of £11,971 but £10,000 of this cost was paid for by a £3,000 grant from the Edward Cadbury Trust, and £7,000 from Studley Junior School. The remaining £1,971 was funded partially by PCC reserves and partially by contributions from the 2 churches.

The other main item of expenditure was completion of works on the Jaffray room in order to use the space for mental health counselling and related work. These costs were covered by a grant received from Warwickshire County Council in 2021. The project is now complete with the exception of a few hundred pounds which is to be spent on artwork and furnishings. The project has remained on budget throughout and has required no use of PCC reserves.

Studley

In 2022 as we came out from the main effects of COVID, Studley seemed to recover quickly, and this had a positive impact on income. Income from donors was up by more than £11,600 compared with 2021 although this was partially due to a significant Advent gift for 2021 actually being received in the first weeks of January 2022. Even so income from most sources increased in 2022. Opening up the church for 5 days each week brought significant "casual" income in the form of donations from visitors; it also brings regular positive comments in the visitors' book as people clearly get great pleasure from visiting the church.

Fee income for 2022 was £7,123 which was £4,385 more than was received in 2021, as people had the opportunity to have weddings which had previously been planned for 2020 or 2021, but postponed due to COVID.

Levels of activity at the Parish Centre also recovered and this saw income increase to £9,746 compared with £5,218 in 2021. This increase in income meant that the parish centre showed an operational surplus of £1,430.

Fabric fund expenditure was £7,900 which covered the roof repairs and a deposit for the new sound system that was installed in January 2023. The receipt of the £100,000 legacy for the maintenance and improvement of the fabric of the building means that this area of expenditure should be fully funded for many years to come. The receipt of this legacy effectively frees up funds from earlier legacies to be used for mission.

Mappleborough Green

Unfortunately, 2022 was not a good year financially for the church, as it lost several committed members of the congregation, with a resultant fall in income from donors (£26,326 in 2022 compared with £28,195 in 2021)

Also, fee income fell from £2,529 in 2021 to £1,424 in 2022. Fortunately, this appears to have been a bit of an anomaly as fee income for the first 4 months of 2023 has already reached the figure for the whole of 2022.

Ankorn House only generated income of £1,338 and had running cost of £1,951 meaning that it ran at a small loss of £613 for the year. As little can be done to decrease running cost the only way to make it profitable is to increase the usage of the building for revenue generating activities.

There was a small amount spent on fabric £5,860 which was partially funded by grant income of £4,277, but still resulted in a net outflow of money of £1,583.

The net effect of all these factors was that Mappleborough Green DCC posted a small loss of £4,219 for 2022. Whilst this is slightly concerning, the overall church finances are still quite strong with over £61,000 in bank accounts and short-term deposits and approximately £95,000 in shares.

Pat Smith



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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green

(Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley)

(Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green)

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

with Mappleborough Green

Registered Charity Number: 1135615

Studley with Mappleborough Green

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Studley with Mappleborough Green

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 1 to 3 and Notes to the Financial Statements, numbered 1 to 9 (including also detailed notes 2 and 3 on Incoming Resources and Resources Used, for both St. Mary's and Holy Ascension), is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and Section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Independent Examiner
Simon Billingham FCCA
10/03/2023



Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Fund)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

		2022					2021
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
		Note					
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2(a)+(b)	199,350		6,412		205,762	110,161
Income from charitable activities	2(b)(i)	2,257				2,257	2,458
Other trading activities	2(c)	8,627		10,654		19,281	10,625
Investments	2(e)	6,142		78		6,220	6,050
Other income	2(b)(ii)			1,750		1,750	1,740
Total incoming resources		216,376		18,893		235,269	131,034
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3(c)	274				274	29
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(b)	107,833		24,142		131,975	156,797
Other expenditure	3(d)						-50
Total resources used		108,107		24,142		132,249	156,777
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		108,269		-5,249		103,020	-25,743
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		104		25,900		26,004	12,539
Gross transfers between funds - out		-25,900		-104		-26,004	-12,539
Net incoming before other gains and losses		82,473		20,547		103,020	-25,743
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets				-5,458		-5,458	11,563
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use							
Net movement in funds		82,473	-5,458	20,547		97,562	-14,181
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1st January		191,340	98,281	36,202	194,056	519,879	534,060
Total funds carried forward at 31st December		273,813	92,823	56,749	194,056	617,441	519,879

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	2022				2021				Year on Year Change
		Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments (Page 7(a) to 7(c) for Detail)										
Donations and Legacies	2(a+b)	7,220	165,152	30,488	202,861	2,007	64,931	43,224	110,162	92,699
Other Trading Activities	2(c)		16,922	2,359	19,281		7,956	2,669	10,625	8,656
Income from Charitable Activities	2(b)(i)			2,159	2,159			2,458	2,458	-299
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2(b)(ii)	4,750			4,750	1,740			1,740	3,010
Investments	2(e)		793	5,427	6,220		1,069	4,981	6,050	170
Total Income & Endowments		11,970	182,868	40,432	235,270	3,747	73,955	53,333	131,034	104,236
Expenditure (Page 8(a) to 8(c) for Detail)										
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3(b)	10,450	76,957	44,560	131,966	1,465	88,912	66,422	156,799	-24,833
Raising Funds	3(c)		183	91	274		19	10	29	245
Other Expenses	3(d)	10			10		-33	-17	-50	60
Total Resources Used		10,460	77,140	44,651	132,251	1,465	88,897	66,415	156,778	-24,527
2(a)										
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		1,510	105,728	-4,218	103,019	2,282	-14,942	-13,082	-25,743	128,762

Gains and Losses on Investments

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

Note	2022				2021				Year on Year Change
	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
- Realised									
- Unrealised			-5,458	-5,458			11,562	11,562	-17,021
Depreciation Charged in Year (Page 14 for Detail)									
Net Movement in Funds	1,510	105,728	-9,676	97,562	2,282	-14,942	-1,521	-14,181	111,743
Balance Brought Forward at 1st January	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879	8,270	287,345	238,444	534,059	-14,180
Balance Carried Forward at 31st December	12,061	378,131	227,248	617,441	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,878	97,563

2(b)

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

See Page 13 for Detail

Fixed Assets

Note	2022				2021				Year on Year Change
	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a	120,000	74,056	194,056	120,000	74,056	194,056		
Investment assets	5b		92,530	92,530		97,989	97,989		-5,459
Total Fixed Assets		120,000	166,586	286,586	120,000	172,045	292,045		-5,459

Current Assets

Debtors	6	456	580	954	1,990	431	3,423	3,209	7,063	-5,073
Short Term Deposits	8a		136,979	39,481	176,460		136,186	39,304	175,490	970
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8b	15,638	120,573	21,664	157,875	26,529	12,995	22,396	61,920	95,955
Total Current Assets		16,094	258,132	62,099	336,325	26,960	152,604	64,909	244,473	91,851

Liabilities

Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	-4,033		-1,438	-5,471	-16,409	-200	-30	-16,639	11,168
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Net Current Assets		12,061	258,132	60,661	330,854	10,551	152,404	64,879	227,834	103,019
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Net Assets		12,061	378,132	227,247	617,440	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879	97,560
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Funds

Unrestricted		508	220,725	52,580	273,813	644	135,195	55,501	191,340	82,473
Designated			292	92,530	92,822		292	97,989	98,281	-5,459
Restricted		11,553	37,115	8,081	56,749	9,907	16,917	9,378	36,202	20,547
Endowment			120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Total	9	12,061	378,132	227,247	617,440	10,550	272,404	236,924	519,879	97,560

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson

Collier Date *5 April 2023*

Member

L. Bann Date *6 April 2023*

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Review of Financial Activities and Affairs
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1. Studley - Income from donors in 2022 was £62,715 compared with £49,080 for 2021. The main element of this was Gift Aided donations and their associated tax credits which came to £55,705 in 2022 compared with £45,631 in 2021. Whilst some of this increase reflects genuine growth the apparent growth has been somewhat skewed by a significant Advent Gift for 2021 being banked in January 2022. Income from fees was £7,123 in 2022 compared with £2,738 in 2021, a reflection that levels of baptism, wedding and funeral services are returning to pre-pandemic levels. The church also benefitted for a £100,000 legacy which was received in December 2022. This legacy is specifically for the upkeep of buildings and has so far been used to pay for the roof repair and the deposit for the new sound system, with the balance being paid in 2023. This legacy will also contribute to the interest/dividends earned but arrived too late in 2022 to have any major impact that year.

Mappleborough Green income from donations and voluntary giving was £25,716 in 2022 compared with £27,721 in 2021 reflecting the loss of a few members of the congregation due to a variety of reasons. Fund raising income was £2,259 in 2022 compared with £2,638 in 2021 and Fee Income was £1,451 in 2022 compared with £2,539 in 2021, not reflecting the recovery seen in other churches. Dividend income and interest was £5,391 in 2022 compared with £4,922 in 2021, and this increase partially offset the income losses from other areas. The net result was that total church income in 2022 was £34,817 compared with £37,840 in 2021. At the same time church expenditure rose from £35,858 in 2021 to £36,838 in 2022 meaning that church finances showed a deficit of £2,021 in 2022 compared with a surplus of £1,982 in 2021. This loss was further increased by the need to transfer £900 to support Anckorn House.

2 2022 saw a slight fall in the financial and investment markets and at the end of the year the Mappleborough Green investment in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities showed an unrealised loss of £5,458 which took the investment to a closing balance of £92,530 at 31st December.

3. A total of £118,416 was spent on providing the Christian Ministry for the Parish, split between Parish £10,460, St Mary's £69,167 and Holy Ascension £38,789 (See page 16). This sum included the contribution to the Diocese for the Parish Share of £62,661. The Parish Share included a sum of almost £8,500 paid to the Diocesan Support Fund, to assist churches that are unable to pay the full cost of their clergy. This represents 14% of the full cost of a clergy post. During the year Mappleborough Green raised £290 for outward giving.

4. Routine Maintenance and Servicing accounted for £3,231 at Studley and £1,957 at Mappleborough Green. These costs were mainly for boiler servicing, fire extinguisher contracts, PAT Testing, minor electrical work, organ tuning & church alarm system maintenance. Major expenditure at Studley was £7,900 mainly relating to repairs to the roof and the purchase of items of equipment for the new sound system. Expenditure at Mappleborough Green amounted to £5,404 which mainly relates to organ repairs, rainwater diverters and improvements to the heating system at church and lighting improvements at the church and Anckorn House.

5. Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances over the past year whether it has been counting the cash from collections at services, giving regularly to church funds or maintaining the accounts. In particular my thanks to Joyce Duffin and Erica Hayton for their work on the accounts of the two churches. A number of people also provide a variety of resources for which they seek no payment. This is very much appreciated and it is important to bear this in mind when looking at our costs for outreach and services which often do not reflect the full cost because of the generosity of people.

Patrick Smith

1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (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 Parish Account receives funds which are provided by both churches, individually, to pay joint costs but the individual costs are reflected in the individual church financial statements which also reflect the appropriate funds. The accounts 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

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

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds set aside by the PCC for a particular project. The PCC may place these in a separate unrestricted fund called a designated fund. Funds so designated may be redesignated by the PCC and so designation does not prevent funds from being spent on other purposes. All unrestricted funds comprise income funds which the PCC must spend within a reasonable time.

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.

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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned Giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised through the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross wherever possible.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental Income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan quota, or parish share, is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. The parish share was paid in full in 2022.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land & Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Buildings are held at the 1997 insurance value currently and for the foreseeable future as agreed with our Examiner and following discussions with Church House, Coventry.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings are held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and those requiring a faculty for disposal are considered by the PCC to be inalienable property. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 1997 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over the anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. The economic life used was five years for items acquired up to 31st December 2004. Items acquired after that date have generally depreciated over three years to reflect the rapid technological changes and obsolescence in computers and such equipment.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator but was written off over twelve months due to the relatively low cost. In 2016 a second laptop was purchased for general parish use. In 2017 an additional printer was purchased for the Administration Office and a new laptop for general parish use. In line with a recommendation made by the Independent Examiner at the 2016 accounts review items costing less than £1,000 are now fully written down in the year of purchase. Therefore the items purchased in 2017 were all fully written down in the year. No purchases or disposals were made in 2018 and 2020. In 2019 a new Administration Office computer and a second hand photocopier were purchased. Both were written off during the year. In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "Live streaming" of services.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds; at the bank or building society.

Creditors include Grants that have been received but not yet spent for the specific purposes for which they were given. The figure also includes all fees paid as deposits and other advance payments for weddings and funerals

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving

Gift Aid Donations

Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid

Other Planned Giving (including CAF)

Collections (Open Plate) at all Services

Give As You Earn Scheme

Income towards FLW costs

Sundry Donations

Sub Total

Legacies

Total

2022			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	44,707	4,772	49,479
0	11,393	4,868	16,260
	2,000	300	2,300
	1,460	646	2,106
		15,160	15,160
7,220			7,220
	4,896	580	5,476
7,220	64,455	26,326	98,001
	100,000		100,000
7,220	164,455	26,326	198,001

2021			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

1,415	39,684	7,266	48,366
387	8,953	5,207	14,546
	120	300	420
	1,342	578	1,920
		13,873	13,873
205	2,702	971	3,878
2,007	52,801	28,195	83,003
	500		500
2,007	53,301	28,195	83,503

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising

Grants

Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Income from DCC's for Property Maintenance

(ii) Income from DCC's for Equipment Purchases

Total

	98		98
3,000	600	4,161	7,761
		2,159	2,159
250			250
1,500			1,500
4,750	698	6,320	11,768

	11,629	15,029	26,658
		2,458	2,458
240			240
1,500			1,500
1,740	11,629	17,487	30,856

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines

Orders of Service

Lettings - Church/Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Memorial Trees

Other Income

Fees

Total

	53	27	80
	9,746	908	10,654
	7,123	1,424	8,547
	16,922	2,359	19,281

	5,218	130	5,348
	2,738	2,539	5,277
	7,956	2,669	10,625

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims

Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest

Realised Gains

Total

	793	5,427	6,220
	793	5,427	6,220

	1,069	4,981	6,050
	1,069	4,981	6,050

Total Incoming Resources

11,970	182,868	40,432	235,270
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3,747	73,955	53,333	131,034
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

8,681 2,410 11,091

4,025 2,275 6,300

St, Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

STUDLEY							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
44,317		390	44,707	37,221		2,463	39,684
11,388		5	11,393	8,410		543	8,953
2,000			2,000	120			120
1,460			1,460	1,342			1,342
3,551		1,345	4,896	1,987		715	2,702
62,715		1,740	64,455	49,080		3,721	52,801
100,000			100,000			500	500
162,715		1,740	164,455	49,080		4,221	53,301

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising
Grants
Donations

98			98				
600			600	1,200	2,158	8,271	11,629
698			698	1,200	2,158	8,271	11,629

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre

Total

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Parish Centre
Other Income
Fees
Total

53			53				
	9,746		9,746		5,218		5,218
7,123			7,123	2,738			2,738
7,176	9,746		16,922	2,738	5,218		7,956

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Total

750	43		793	1,068		1	1,069
750	43		793	1,068		1	1,069

Total Incoming Resources

171,338	9,789	1,740	182,868	54,086	7,376	12,493	73,955
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

8,681

8,681

4,025

4,025

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
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2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

4,652		120	4,772	7,146		120	7,266
4,808		60	4,868	5,177		30	5,207
300			300	300			300
646			646	578			578
15,160			15,160	13,873			13,873
149	430		580	647	24	300	971
25,716	430	180	26,326	27,721	24	450	28,195
25,716	430	180	26,326	27,721	24	450	28,195

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants
Donations
(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events
Fund Raising - Ankcorn House

Total

100		4,061	4,161	200		14,829	15,029
2,159			2,159	2,458			2,458
2,259		4,061	6,320	2,658		14,829	17,487

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Church/Ankcorn House
Charity Fund Raising
Memorial Trees
Other Income
Fees
Total

27			27				
	908		908		130		130
1,424			1,424	2,539			2,539
1,451	908		2,359	2,539	130		2,669

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Realised Investments
Total

5,391		35	5,427	4,922		59	4,981
5,391		35	5,427	4,922		59	4,981

Total Incoming Resources

34,817	1,338	4,277	40,432	37,840	154	15,338	53,332
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

2,410

2,410

2,275

2,275

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving

Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies

- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

2022			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

		290	290
		290	290

2021			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

		190	190
		190	190

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs (Including Family Link Worker)

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

	41,774	20,887	62,661
	877	427	1,304
	821	591	1,412
10,450	3,135	2,104	15,689
	189	69	258
	5,808	6,807	12,615
	3,231	1,956	5,187
	7,900	4,095	11,995
	844	1,461	2,305
	6,197	1,019	7,216
		1,310	1,310
		396	396
10,450	70,776	41,122	122,348
10,450	70,776	41,122	122,348

	40,955	20,477	61,432
	803	401	1,204
	491	338	829
917	2,175	2,264	5,356
	191	95	286
0	5,258	5,390	10,648
	1,567	2,407	3,974
	18,761	28,106	46,867
	1,056	1,842	2,898
	10,377	630	11,007
		829	829
	1,620	759	2,379
	240		240
917	83,494	63,538	147,950
548			548
1,465	83,494	63,538	148,498

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

	183	91	274
	183	91	274

	19	10	29
	19	10	29

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme)

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

	4,457	2,228	6,685
	1,380	690	2,070
10			10
	345	229	574
10	6,182	3,147	9,338

	4,180	2,090	6,270
	1,167	583	1,750
	37	4	41
	5,384	2,677	8,061

Total Resources Used

10,460	77,140	44,651	132,251
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1,465	88,897	66,415	156,778
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Net Resource Before Transfers

1,510 105,728 -4,219 103,019

2,282 -14,942 -13,083 -25,743

Fund Transfers

Realised Gains/(Losses) on Investments

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

-5,458 -5,458

11,562 11,562

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

1,510 105,728 -9,676 97,562

2,282 -14,942 -1,521 -14,181

St Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

STUDLEY							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses
- Curates House Cost
- Upkeep of Services
- Other Ministry Costs
- Vicarage Maintenance
- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects - Vision 900

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre Running Costs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

41,774			41,774	38,957			38,957
877			877	1,125			1,125
821			821	836			836
3,135			3,135	662			662
189			189	770			770
5,808			5,808	6,211			6,211
1,131	2,100		3,231	933	634		1,567
		7,900	7,900			18,761	18,761
844			844	1,056			1,056
	6,197		6,197		10,377		10,377
						1,620	1,620
						240	240
54,578	8,297	7,900	70,775	51,862	11,011	20,621	83,494
54,578	8,297	7,900	70,775	51,862	11,011	20,621	83,494

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

183			183	19			19
183			183	19			19

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme)

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

4,457			4,457	4,180			4,180
1,380			1,380	1,167			1,167
210	62	73	345	26	5	6	37
6,047	62	73	6,182	5,373	5	6	5,384

Total Resources Used

60,808	8,359	7,973	77,140	57,254	11,016	20,627	88,897
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Net Resource Before Transfers

110,530	1,429	-6,233	105,728	-3,168	-3,641	-8,134	-14,942
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Fund Transfers

-25,000		25,000		-39	39		
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Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

85,530	1,430	18,767	105,728	-3,207	-3,601	-8,134	-14,942
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Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

290			290	190			190
290			290	190			190

3b

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Cost of Memorial Trees

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

20,887			20,887	20,478			20,478
427			427	401			401
591			591	338			338
2,104			2,104	2,264			2,264
69			69	95			95
6,807			6,807	5,389			5,389
1,085	872		1,957	2,174	233		2,407
		4,094	4,094			28,106	28,106
1,461			1,461	1,842			1,842
	1,019		1,019		630		630
		1,310	1,310			829	829
		396	396			759	759
33,430	1,891	5,800	41,120	32,981	863	29,694	63,538
33,430	1,891	5,800	41,120	32,981	863	29,694	63,538

3c

Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

91			91	10			10
91			91	10			10

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

2,228			2,228	2,090			2,090
690			690	583			583
108	61	60	229	4			4
3,027	61	60	3,147	2,677			2,677

Total Resources Used

36,838	1,951	5,860	44,649	35,858	863	29,694	66,415
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-2,021 -614 -1,583 -4,218 1,982 -710 -14,355 -13,083

Funds Transfers

-900 900 -12,500 12,500

Amount shown as income in Financial Activities Statement

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

-5,458 -5,458 11,562 11,562

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-8,379 286 -1,583 -9,676 1,044 -710 -1,855 -1,521

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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Supplementary Detail

2 Income

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants

Studley/Mappleborough Green Parish Council
 Studley Charities
 Listed Place of Worship VAT Grant & Allchurches Trust
 Total

Studley	
2022	2021

Mappleborough Green	
2022	2021

	600
600	8,871
600	9,471

	100
4,061	14,829
4,061	14,929

Legacies

Studley - Ronald Ward
 Total

	500
100,000	
100,000	500

Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Parish Party
 Summer Fete
 Autumn Fair
 Smartie Tubes
 Annual Fund Raising Event/Gift Day
 General Fund Raising
 Maundy Supper
 Fund Raising V900
 Lunch Box
 Other Fund Raising Events
 Total

98	
98	

220	634
1,203	922
736	902
2,159	2,458

Donations

Sundry
 Total

Total

100,698	9,971
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6,220	17,387
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure

3a Grants

Missionary Societies

Church societies

Total

Studley	
2022	2021

Mappleborough Green	
2022	2021

40	
40	

Relief & Development Agencies

Other Charities

Total

250	190
250	190

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Total

Secular Charities

Total

Total

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290	190
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church

Clergy Expenses

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Visiting Speaker	16		8	
Visiting Clergy	24			
Expenses - Vicar	387	312	193	156
Expenses- Curate	361	296	181	148
Expenses - Associate Minister		8		4
Printing - Vicar	29		15	
Printing - Curate	28	29	14	15
Postage - Vicar	1			
Stationery - Vicar		15		8
Stationery - Curate				
Telephone - Vicar	7		4	
Telephone - Curate	24	143	12	71
Total	877	803	426	401

Upkeep of Services

Worship	419	289	565	325
Messy Church	402	202	26	13
Total	821	491	591	338

Other Ministry Costs

Songs & Music	23	48	89	24
Tech - Streaming/Broadband	675	685	128	343
Church Music Licence	791	581	257	247
Service Books				
Royal Society of Church Music				
Readers Annual Subscription				
Deanery Levy				
Contribution to Family Link Worker	1,098		549	
Discipling	71	62	35	31
Children & Youth	154	20	153	10
Pastoral Care	46	378	23	224
Schhol & Children	57	79	113	72
Enquirers Courses	95	34	48	17
Occasional Offices	87	86	25	29
Festivals & Community	38	201	684	1,267
Total	3,135	2,175	2,104	2,264

Running Costs

Cleaning				30
Electricity	581	519	837	926
Oil	777	941	2,951	1,154
Water	95	82		
Rent of Ankorn House				
Insurance	2,328	2,328	2,207	2,126
Traidcraft Purchases				
Sundry Costs	2,026	1,389	812	1,154
Total	5,808	5,258	6,807	5,389

Maintenance

Routine Maintenance - Church	490	609	761	1,675
Fire Equipment - Church	305			187
Tuning of Organ & Piano	336	324	324	312
Total	1,131	933	1,085	2,174

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church (continued)

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Electricity	971	233	230	130
Gas	137	293		
Oil				
Insurance	896	782	230	230
Fire Extinguishers		305		
Garden Maintenance	1,340	6,200		
Water (2017 refund of overcharge to Ankorn House)	95	82	381	270
Caretaker/Cleaner	2,068	2,080	178	
Cleaning Materials				
Lottery & Amusement Act Licence				
Sundry Expenses & Bank Charges	752	406		
Total Running Costs	6,259	10,382	1,019	630
Repairs & Maintenance	2,100	634	872	233
Total Parish Centre/Ankorn House Costs	8,359	11,016	1,891	863

3c Fund Raising & Publicity

Stewardship Expenses				
Summer Fete Expenses				
Autumn Fair Expenses				
Parish Party Expenses				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Church				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Fabric				
Publicity & Advertising	183	19	91	10
Lottery Licence - Parish Centre				
Total	183	19	91	10

3d Church Management & Administration

Telephone - Parish Administrator	819	809	410	404
Postage - Parish Administrator				
Stationery - Parish Administrator	49	151	24	76
Printing - Parish Administrator	312	200	156	100
PCC Administration Costs	200	40	100	20
Audit Costs		-33		-17
Total	1,380	1,167	690	583

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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4 Staff Costs

St. Mary's church paid a self-employed couple to cover the duties of caretaker and cleaner for the Parish Centre. The weekly cost was £40 per week. (These costs are shown under section 3b on page 12)

The Administrator employed by the Parish was paid a salary of £6,270 for the year to 31st December 2021. This was based on the National Living Wage rate of £9.50 an hour for a 55 hour month. (These costs are shown under section 3d on pages 8b and 8c)

Stipendiary clergy have been reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their parish duties. These costs are shown on section 3b on pages 8b and 8c. .

Apart from the people mentioned above no other person received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and nobody received £40,000 or more per annum

5a Fixed Assets (See Page 14 for details)

Freehold Land and Buildings - Holy Ascension Church

This comprises of Ankorn House at a 1997 insurance valuation of £74,056

Freehold Land and Buildings - Studley Church

This comprises of the Parish Centre at a 1997 insurance valuation of £120,000

Church Equipment

This refers to equipment owned by the individual churches and shared equipment owned jointly through the PCC and comprises of such items as sound equipment, musical equipment, computers, printers, duplicator and projectors.

5b Investments

At the 31st December 2021 Holy Ascension Church held 6,296.64 units in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund), at £15.562 each. This valued the investment at £97,988.31 which showed an unrealised gain of £11,562.52 for the year.

6 Debtors

PCC Treasurer's Account

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable

Amounts due from Deanery and Churches

7 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

PAYE/NI Creditor

NEST Pension Creditor

Trade Creditor

Amount due to Studley DCC

Amount due to Mappleborough Green DCC

Provision for Grant received but not yet spent

Provision for Family Link Worker's Expenses

Amounts held for others (Agency collections)

8 Bank Accounts

(a) Short Term Deposits

General Fund

Parish Centre

Ankorn House

Fabric Fund

(b) Cash at Bank and In Hand

General Fund

Parish Centre

Ankorn House

Fabric Fund

9(a) Funds

5a Fixed Assets and Investments

5b Investments

6 Debtors

7 Liabilities

8a Short Term Deposits

8b Bank Current Accounts

See page 15 for Fund Holdings

Parish Fund	St. Mary's	Holy Ascension	Total
	580	263	843
		691	691
456			456
456	580	954	1,990
-39			-39
-168			-168
		-1,438	-1,438
-580			-580
-263			-263
-435			-435
-300			-300
-2,248			-2,248
-4,033		-1,438	-5,471
	126,884	32,090	158,974
	10,095		10,095
		7,391	7,391
	136,979	39,481	176,460
15,638	93,852	20,485	129,976
	2,946		2,946
		717	717
	23,774	462	24,236
15,638	120,573	21,664	157,875
	120,000	74,056	194,056
		92,530	92,530
456	580	954	1,990
-4,033		-1,438	-5,471
	136,979	39,481	176,460
15,638	120,573	21,664	157,875
12,061	378,132	227,247	617,440

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Schedule of Fixed Assets
as at 31st December 2022

Schedule 5(a)

5 Assets

	Year Ending	Parish			Studley			Mappleborough			Total Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings		Total Assets
	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	Studley		M/G		
Additions at cost														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		6,017.10			13,364.07			9,953.48		29,334.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	223,390.65
	2012	589.98	6,607.08	Administrator's Computer	1,350.80	14,714.87	Sound System		9,953.48		31,275.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	225,331.43
	2013		6,607.08		6,442.23	21,157.10	Projectors/Screens		9,953.48		37,717.66	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,773.66
	2014	-255.01	6,352.07	Scrap Computer/photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,462.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,518.65
	2015	193.80	6,545.87	Administrator's Printer		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,656.45	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,712.45
	2016	639.99	7,185.86			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,296.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	232,352.44
	2017	841.99	8,027.85	Printer, laptop and software		21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2018		8,027.85			21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2019	1,767.99	9,795.84	Computer and Photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2021	547.70	10,343.54	Mevo Camera		21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
	2022		10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
Depreciation charged														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		5,646.66			13,364.07			9,953.48		28,964.21			28,964.21
	2012	534.28	6,180.94		187.68	13,551.75			9,953.48		29,686.17			29,686.17
	2013	196.68	6,377.62		450.24	14,001.99			9,953.48		30,333.09			30,333.09
	2014	-548.65	5,828.97		2,597.67	16,599.66			9,953.48		32,382.11			32,382.11
	2015	396.05	6,225.02		2,410.04	19,009.70			9,953.48		35,188.20			35,188.20
	2016	284.06	6,509.08		2,147.40	21,157.10			9,953.48		37,619.66			37,619.66
	2017	1,109.83	7,618.91	Items purchased in 2017 w/off		21,157.10			9,953.48		38,729.49			38,729.49
	2018	213.36	7,832.27			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,942.85			38,942.85
	2019	1,963.57	9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42			40,906.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		30,952.94			30,952.94
	2021	547.70	10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12			41,454.12
	2022		10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12			41,454.12
Net Book Value														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		370.44								370.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,426.44
	2012		426.14			1,163.12					1,589.26	120,000.00	74,056.00	195,645.26
	2013		229.46			7,155.11					7,384.57	120,000.00	74,056.00	201,440.57
	2014		523.10			4,557.44					5,080.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	199,136.54
	2015		320.85			2,147.40					2,468.25	120,000.00	74,056.00	196,524.25
	2016		676.78								676.78	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,732.78
	2017		408.94								408.94	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,464.94
	2018		195.58								195.58	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,251.58
	2019											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2020											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2021											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2022											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00

Fixed assets purchased prior to 2005 were depreciated over 5 years on a straight line basis. Computers purchased after 2005 and the second hand photocopier purchased in 2005 depreciated over 3 years.

Each church purchased a new projector in December 2006 and these were depreciated over 5 years.

The PCC purchased a new laser colour printer in 2009 for use in the Parish Office. The printer was depreciated over 3 years.

Land and Buildings are not depreciated and are recorded in the accounts at the 1997 insurance valuation.

In 2012 a new computer was purchased for use in the Parish Office.

In 2013 projectors and screens were installed in St. Mary's Church just before the end of the year so depreciation will commence from 1st January 2014.

In 2014 a new laptop was purchased through the PCC for general use in the churches; the photocopier was sold and an old computer was scrapped.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator's use, but the cost was such that it was decided to write it off over 12 months.

In 2016 a new laptop was purchased for general use.

At the 2016 review of accounts the Independent Examiner recommended that any items of equipment costing up to £1,000 should be fully expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2017 a new computer was purchased through the PCC for Studley Church along with software and a printer for the administrator at a cost of £841.99 which was expensed in the year.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2018.

In 2019 a second hand photocopier was purchased for £1,000 plus VAT. It was felt that it would be prudent to write this item off in the year of purchase. A new computer was bought for the Parish Office at a cost of £567.99 and this was also written off.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2020 and there were no asset values to be depreciated in 2020

In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "live streaming" of service. As the value was under £1,000 the cost were fully written off in year. We also disposed of the photocopier which was purchased in 2005 and the open 2011 balances have been adjusted to reflect this transaction.

Fund Holdings

Funds	Parish			St. Mary's					Holy Ascension					Grand Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
Ankcom House Funds											717		717	717
Ankcom House Building												74,056	74,056	74,056
Chancel Restoration Fund											100		100	100
Charifund Investment Fund									92,530				92,530	92,530
Children's Arts & Craft Fund				155				155						155
Christian Education											492		492	492
Churches Together														
Coffeehouse		100	100											100
Cross of Nails Link (S.Africa)														
Decor8						659		659						659
Equipment		4,612	4,612											4,612
Fabric Fund						23,115		23,115			6,427		6,427	29,542
Flower Fund											8		8	8
Friendship Group		28	28											28
General Fund	508		508		220,725			220,725		52,579			52,579	273,812
Legacy														
Memorials														
Mission		649	649											649
New Wine														
Parish Centre Funds						13,041		13,041						13,041
Parish Centre Building							120,000	120,000						120,000
Prepaid Funerals														
Property Refurbishment		970	970											970
Memorial						300		300						300
Memorial Trees											338		338	338
Outreach				137				137						137
Vision 900 Appeal														
Youth Work		5,194	5,194											5,194
Total	508	11,553	12,061	292	220,725	37,115	120,000	378,132	92,530	52,579	8,082	74,056	227,247	617,439

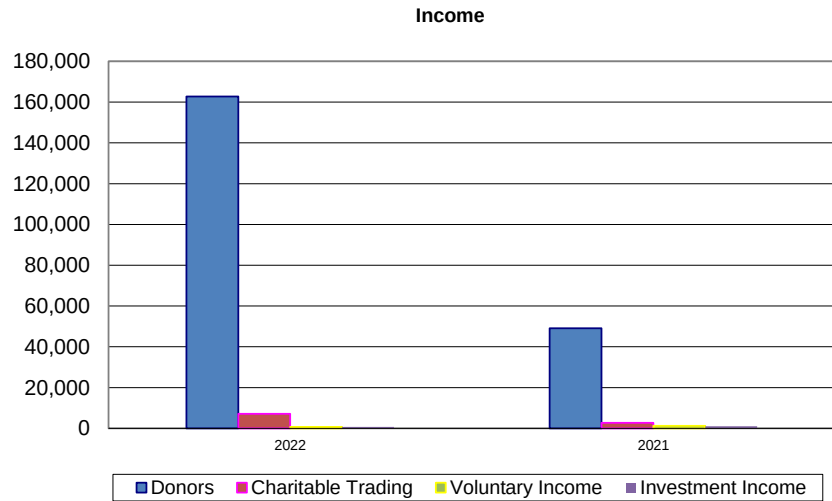
Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Christian Ministry Analysis
Year to 31st December 2022

2022										
PARISH	STUDLEY				MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN				PCC	
General Fund	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Total Resources Used	10,460	60,808	8,359	7,973	77,140	36,838	1,951	5,860	44,649	132,249
less:										
Major Repairs & Refurbishment				7,900	7,900			4,094	4,094	11,994
Parish Centre/Ankcorn House Repairs								1,310	1,310	1,310
Architects Fees										
Professional Fees								396	396	396
Bank Charges				73	73			60	60	133
Total Ministry Costs	10,460	60,808	8,359	0	69,167	36,838	1,951	38,789	118,416	

Studley Income and Expenditure Comparison 2022 v 2021

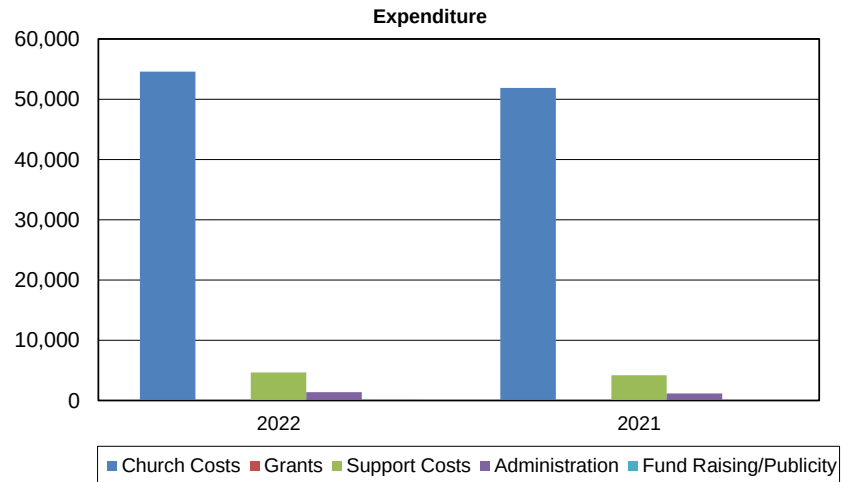
Income

	2022	2021
Donors	162,715	49,080
Charitable Trading	7,176	2,738
Voluntary Income	698	1,200
Investment Income	750	1,068
Total Income	171,339	54,086



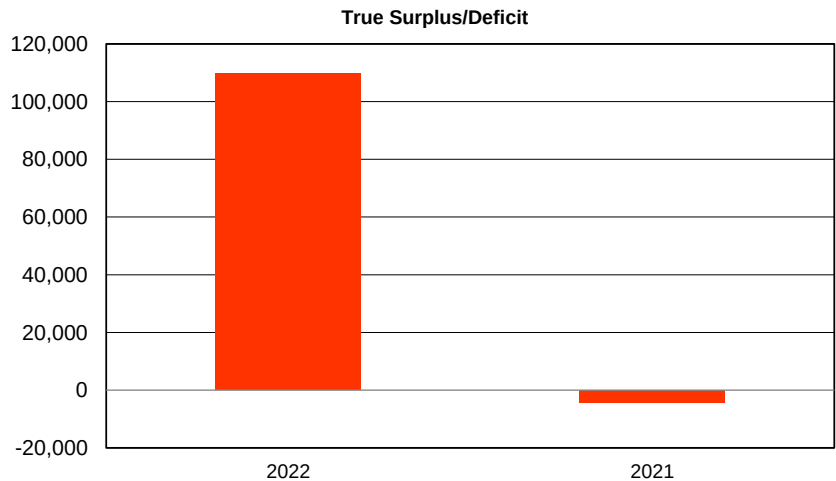
Expenditure

	2022	2021
Church Costs	54,578	51,862
Grants		
Support Costs	4,667	4,206
Administration	1,380	1,167
Fund Raising/Publicity	183	19
Total Expenditure	60,807	57,254



Net Movement

	2022	2021
Net Movement	110,532	-3,168
Investment Income	750	1,068
True Surplus/Deficit	109,782	-4,236

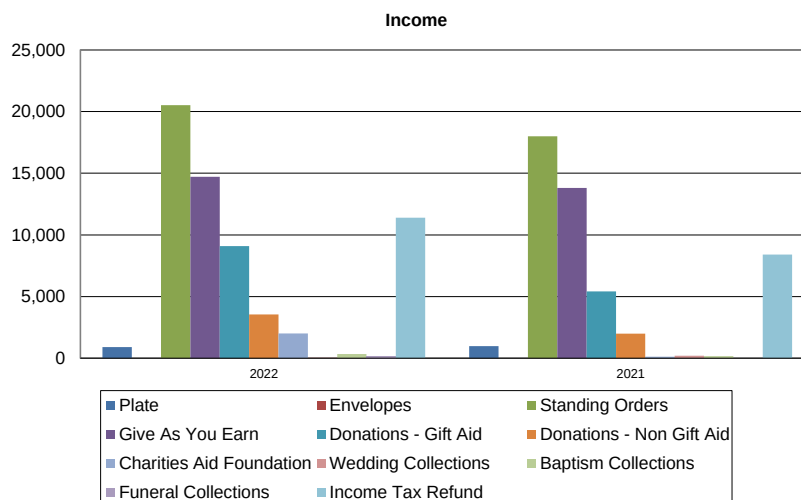


Studley Church **Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2022 v 2021**

Income

Donors

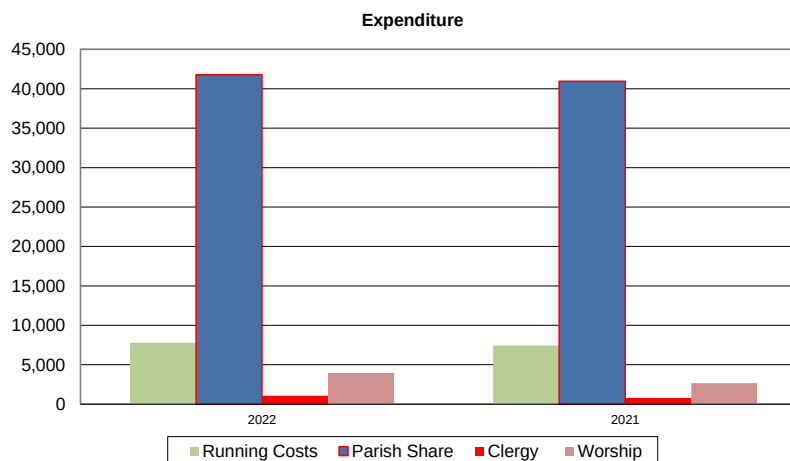
	2022	2021
Plate	905	973
Envelopes	0	0
Standing Orders	20,520	18,004
Give As You Earn	14,706	13,801
Donations - Gift Aid	9,091	5,416
Donations - Non Gift Aid	3,551	1,987
Charities Aid Foundation	2,000	120
Wedding Collections	45	197
Baptism Collections	336	171
Funeral Collections	174	0
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	11,388	8,410
Total Income - Donors	62,715	49,080



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2022	2021
Parish Share	41,774	40,955
Clergy	1,066	803
Worship	3,956	2,665
Running Costs	7,783	7,438
Total Expenditure	54,579	51,862



Average Giving 2022

	£			
		Congregation	£	
		Average Number	Yearly	Weekly
Plate	905			
Envelopes	0			
Standing Orders	35,226			
Donations - Gift Aid	9,091			
Donations - Non Gift Aid	3,551			
Charities Aid Foundation	2,000			
Income Tax Refund	11,388			
Total	62,160	82	758.05	14.58

Average Giving 2021

	Congregation Average Number	£	
		Yearly	Weekly
973			
0			
31,805			
5,416			
1,987			
120			
8,410			
48,711	82	594.04	11.42

The most recent published data for Church of England shows average tax efficient giving per person per week in **2019** was **£14.10 nationally** and **£13.40 in Coventry Diocese**. Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by a tax payer.

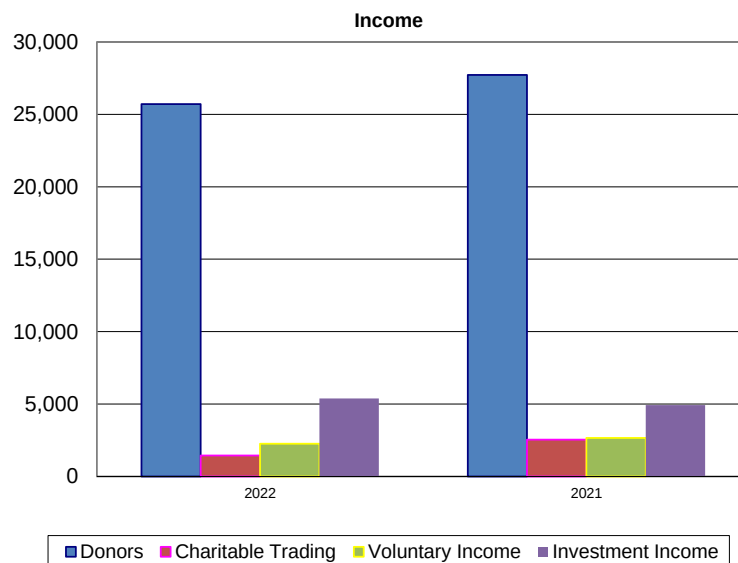
Average congregation number unknown in 2020 and 2021 due to church closure during Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, attendance has been kept the same for both years.

Mappleborough Green Income and Expenditure Comparison 2022 v 2021

Income

	2022	2021
Donors	25,716	27,721
Charitable Trading	1,451	2,539
Voluntary Income	2,259	2,658
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
Total Income	34,817	37,840

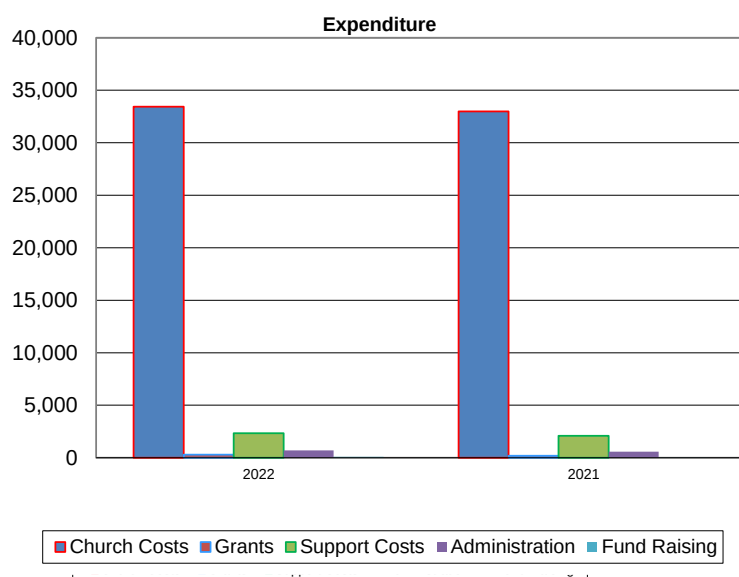
	2022	2021
Donors	25,716	27,721
Charitable Trading	1,451	2,539
Voluntary Income	2,259	2,658
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
Total Income	34,817	37,840



Expenditure

	2022	2021
Church Costs	33,430	32,981
Grants	290	190
Support Costs	2,337	2,094
Administration	690	583
Fund Raising	91	10
Total Expenditure	36,838	35,858

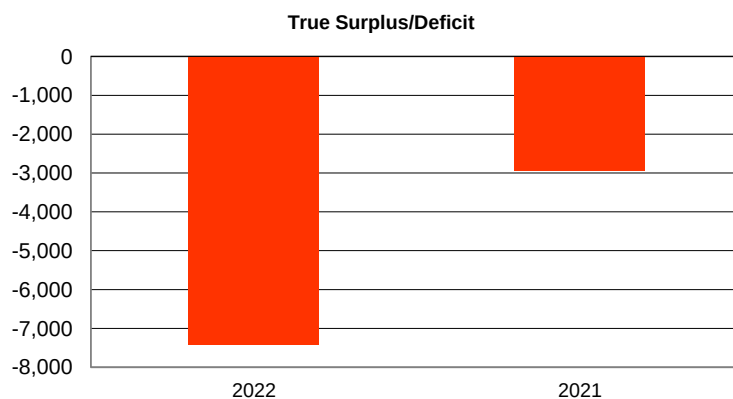
	2022	2021
Church Costs	33,430	32,981
Grants	290	190
Support Costs	2,337	2,094
Administration	690	583
Fund Raising	91	10
Total Expenditure	36,838	35,858



Net Movement

	2022	2021
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
True Surplus/Deficit	-7,412	-2,940

	2022	2021
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
True Surplus/Deficit	-7,412	-2,940



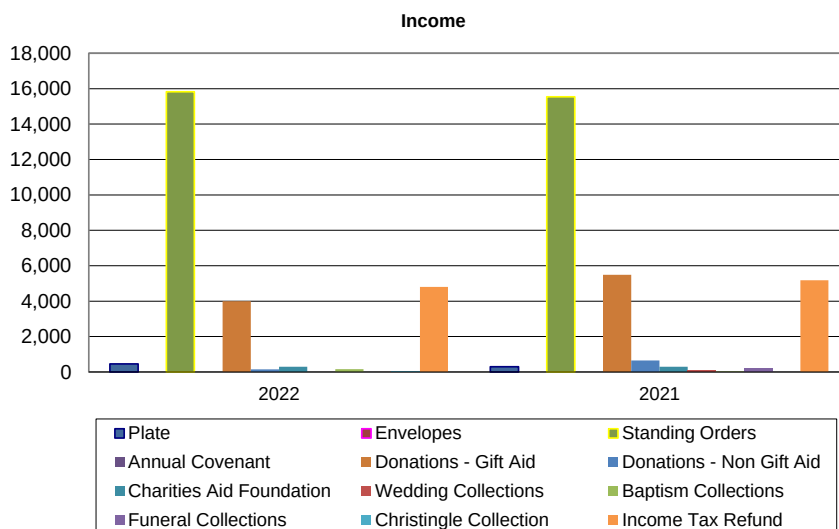
Mappleborough Green Church

Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2022 v 2021

Income

Donors

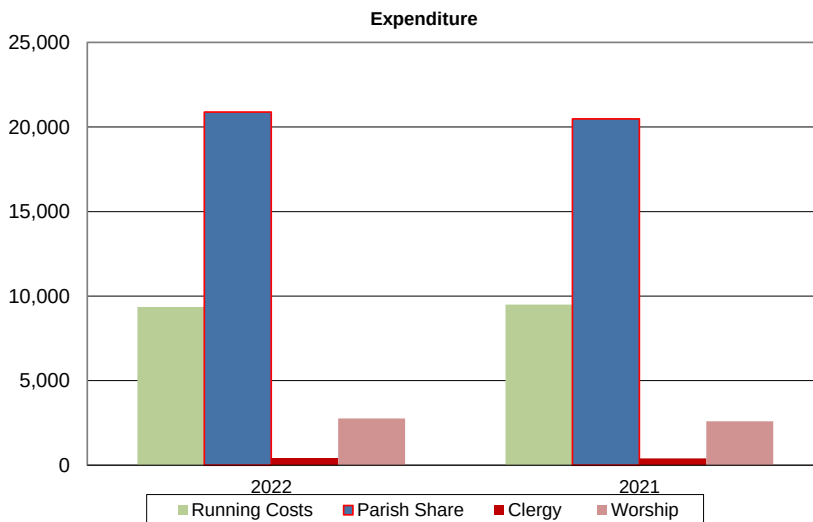
	2022	2021
Plate	449	297
Envelopes	0	0
Standing Orders	15,820	15,536
Annual Covenant	0	0
Donations - Gift Aid	3,992	5,483
Donations - Non Gift Aid	149	647
Charities Aid Foundation	300	300
Wedding Collections	0	85
Baptism Collections	157	30
Funeral Collections	0	166
Christingle Collection	40	
Income Tax Refund	4,808	5,177
Total Income - Donors	25,716	27,721



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2022	2021
Parish Share	20,887	20,478
Clergy	427	401
Worship	2,764	2,602
Running Costs	9,353	9,500
Total Expenditure	33,431	32,981



Average Giving 2022

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

Plate	449
Envelopes	0
Standing Orders	15,820
Annual Covenant	0
Donations - Gift Aid	3,992
Donations - Non Gift Aid	149
Charities Aid Foundation	300
Income Tax Refund	4,808
Total	25,518

40	637.96	12.27
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Average Giving 2021

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

1,811		
988		
13,751		
350		
2,026		
175		
458		
4,709		
24,268	42	577.81

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Accounts

**Annual Report
of the
Parochial Church Council
for 2022**

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RECTOR'S REPORT

Our Annual Report gives you a flavour of the rich and varied ministry and mission of Studley and Mappleborough congregations as part of the Arden Marches benefice. Morton Bagot and Oldberrow churches also have significant ministries, but lie outside the scope of this report – I just wanted to acknowledge them here because they are important, and they belong with us.

Our Annual Report demonstrates that many people contribute in a wide variety of ways to our life together – thank you to everyone involved. Here in my Rector's Report I will just highlight a few things that may not be covered elsewhere in the report.

This past year we have been discerning our way post-covid lockdowns and post Dan Corlett. Dan, who was such an able inspiring curate, moved on in July. We were blessed to have Dan's support and skills through the lockdowns. His parting gift to us was setting up the Hubb Church website and church management system which is a great help to us, though we still have much to develop to use it to its full capacity.

During the early months of 2022 I spent time with the Mappleborough congregation praying and discerning together our next steps in outreach and growth. One outcome was the third Sunday Café style service which has proved a great encouragement to us and attracted new worshippers.

I also facilitated an Alpha course in the vicarage with members of both Studley and Mappleborough congregations, and newcomers too. It culminated in a wonderful Confirmation Service with Bishop John Stroyan in July.

Really significant for us has been the appointment of Angela Corlett as our Family Link Worker, and Celia Spiers as Anna Chaplain. In their reports you will read something of the impact for good they are making. I am thrilled to be working with them, and at how God is at work.

I am very grateful to Lynda Barr as Lay Chair of PCC, to David Lee and the other members of the Governance Review task team for their hard work in bringing greater clarity and order to the work of our PCC and DCCs. And thank you to all who serve on these committees which are vital to the good ordering and management of our church life.

We continued to hold Arden Marches PCC Forums through the year – a chance for PCC members and members of all the Arden Marches congregations to come together to discern how we can grow and develop. We have continued to hold on to our four missional values:

- Prayer: Living out of a still centre, rooted and grounded in the love of God
- Relationships: Cultivating homespun family-feel communities that foster deep relationships
- Hospitality: Offering relaxed, bespoke hospitality to those who come to us
- Outreach: Being visible and active in our local community

Our Forum meetings considered outreach to baptism families, living out our faith in everyday life, meeting our Family Link Worker and Anna Chaplain, and planning a calendar of events that welcome our wider communities. A beetle drive and snowdrop teas in Studley Church were lovely recent events, and the earlier Mappleborough MiniFest was such a warm welcoming event supported by people across all our congregations and much enjoyed by people from the wider community.

Prayer is a vital part of our life: Monthly Thursday morning Arden Marches prayer times have been very encouraging and significant. We have continued to offer weekday Morning Prayer on Facebook, and prayer in each church over the Advent Gift Day.

Our church schools are wonderfully welcoming to us, and I hope we can strengthen our involvement. We would love more people to serve as Foundation Governors. At present I am a Foundation Governor at both schools as well as Chaplain because of the lack of others to serve in this way, and we still have vacancies.

Dan Corlett led an Eco group for the whole benefice. They produced regular items for the news sheet, and played a significant part in the Studley Eco Festival, and in gaining Bronze Eco Church awards for all our churches. Since he left the group continues to meet to help us develop greater care for creation.

In Lent 2023 a small group of us visited the Amasango School for streetchildren in Grahamstown/Makhanda in South Africa to strengthen our links with this Cross of Nails school. A wonderful Arden Marches quiz evening on our return that raised much appreciated funds for the school.

New people have joined our congregations through the year which has been a great encouragement. Sadly, several much valued members have died including Sue Ludlow, Carole Holt, Jim Green, David Chatterley, Pat Wilcox, and John Evans.

We conducted the following Life Events services in 2022:

14 baptisms at Studley and 5 at Mappleborough

7 weddings, 1 wedding blessing, and 1 renewal of vows at Studley

13 funerals at Studley Church, 4 at Mappleborough Church and 8 at Redditch Crematorium

Our thanks to Rev Judy Stote and Alan Greathead for their ministry to families through Life Events. And thanks too to all our Ministers and others who lead public worship. and I would like to express particular thanks to Erica Hayton who has moved away for her love and dedication to the Mappleborough congregation in her work as churchwarden.

As we continue together, let's trust God to guide and provide:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Kate Mier

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2022-23

The number of names entered upon the Church Electoral Roll was slightly reduced from the previous years, there were no additions but sadly a few deletions of members who have died or moved away.

As of 18th April 2023 the total number on the Electoral Roll is 136: Studley 88 and Mappleborough Green 48.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT- 2022

Holy Ascension - Mappleborough Green

Over the past year the activities of the church have returned to what we would recognise as a more regular pattern, following the upheaval of Covid. Sunday services are, once again, held in church each week with a regular pattern of Morning Worship on the first Sunday of the month, Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays and Café Church on the third Sunday. On 5th Sundays, churchgoers are encouraged to go out into the community to bear witness. Our congregations' numbers have sadly not returned to pre-pandemic levels, partly due to having sadly lost some church members and partly to some people attending less regularly than prior to the Covid pandemic.

There are many tasks in church that need to be undertaken to ensure that services can take place on a Sunday, it isn't something that happens at the wave of a magic wand. The church needs to be cleaned

regularly, flowers are put in church each week by a dedicated but very small band of volunteers, who mostly meet the cost of the flowers themselves. Could you help perhaps once every month or two, you do not need to be a skilled flower arranger? Rubbish and recycling need to be removed, chairs need to be arranged for each service, brasses polished, candles filled with oil. Rotas need to be prepared and distributed. I am sure I have missed a number of other things! On Sundays our service co-ordinators ensure that services run smoothly and people appointed to a duty on the day are aware of it and are going to turn up. So, to all those volunteers and to the people who lead services week by week and our deputy churchwardens, John Styler and Linda Salisbury, a huge thank you for your dedication and all that you do in church and behind the scenes to make sure that our services do indeed take place every week.

Of course, it isn't just Sundays that require a lot of input. Outside the pathways and the church grounds need to be kept tidy and free of debris and dead flowers. Ankorn House requires regular cleaning and bookings for hire to be taken. Again, this is all done by volunteer labour and a huge thank you to those who volunteer to carry out those tasks and to Linda Salisbury and John Styler who organise the work parties.

Alongside the work of our volunteers there are also other tasks which we have to employ professional companies to carry out. During the past year the organ has had two routine services plus some additional work on the soundboard and stops. Outside lighting was repaired where needed and additional lighting was installed in Ankorn House car park. Boiler and heating services were carried out on the church and Ankorn House boilers and some additional work was undertaken on the church fan driven radiators, along with the installation of a boiler override switch to operate the heating manually as required. Fortnightly grass cutting is undertaken and the septic tank emptied as required. Rainwater diverters were professionally made, to match the downpipes on the church, and fitted. Our own team installed water butts to collect rainwater from the church roof. Work was undertaken to remedy damp in the skirting boards and lower wall in Ankorn house and redecoration carried out as necessary.

The church has gained its bronze award on the EcoChurch dashboard. The hay meadow in the churchyard continues to thrive and helps to support a variety of wildlife.

A Minifest was held on August Bank Holiday Saturday, attracting both members of the church family and people new to us – the intention was to be a low-key family day out with barbecue, drinks, music and a bouncy castle. Many thanks to Charlotte Fitchett, her family, Diane Pannell, Vicky Davis and their team of ladies who organised and ran this most successful event. Also, thanks to all who helped with the set-up and dismantling of equipment on the day. The Harvest 'Supper' was very much an evening of home-grown entertainment with a bring and share supper enjoyed by all who attended. An Advent Giving Day brought some welcome and generous donations. A Christingle service was held but was not attended by as many as in the past. We were pleased to be able to continue the monthly coffee mornings with an average dozen people attending. It is worth noting that this is intended to be for anyone from any of our churches.

Finally, I would like to thank Erica Hayton who has served our church faithfully as Churchwarden for a number of years, but has sadly now moved home, which means that she will no longer be our Churchwarden. Thank you, Erica, for undertaking the task with incredible efficiency, willingness, enthusiasm and commitment.

Alan Greathead - Acting Churchwarden

The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley

The new pattern of 10am Sunday services continued through the year. The band of people preparing and leading worship remains rather small compared to before the pandemic. However Laurence Nicholas has joined us in recent months to lead and enable music in worship on 2nd and 3rd Sundays. His music and singing have given our worship a great boost. We have much appreciated John Parker's faithful continued music ministry on 1st Sundays and for funerals and weddings, and also Guy Allen and Paul Adams playing on 4th Sundays (and on 3rd Sundays in Mappleborough). A questionnaire to review how Sunday morning

worship is going was undertaken in Spring 2023, the responses are still being processed at the time of writing. Early in 2022 a Centrepont-like service was held monthly on a Sunday afternoon in the Junior School, with a view to offering a second event each month for Messy Church families. It did not attract significant numbers of participants, and so was stopped while we prayerfully consider next steps. On 5th Sunday mornings we have met in the Parish Centre and gone out from there into the community to bless and pray.

The way Messy Church and Sunbeams are reaching new families and significant numbers of people is a great encouragement to us, and a challenge as to how we can give more support to these families as they seek to follow Jesus.

Our regular 8am Communion services and monthly 6pm Communion in the Parish Centre have continued through the year and provide warm fellowship and peaceful, deep prayer for all who take part.

A Goodbox card payment machine was installed in church and has been well used. Many people visit the church during the week, including a lot of guests at the Warners Hotel, some of whom join us for worship on Sunday mornings which is encouraging and refreshing.

Lynda Barr has overseen work on the fabric of the church. Key work that has been undertaken is noted in the PCC report. In December we were very blessed to receive a generous bequest of £100,000 from the estate of Mr Ronald Ward to be used for the maintenance and restoration of Studley Parish Church building.

Life Groups continued to meet for mutual encouragement, sharing of life and faith, and prayer through the year. The daytime group that focussed on pastoral care and gathered worship has evolved into a monthly prayer group. There is a Tuesday evening group with a focus on our community outreach, and a Thursday evening group with a focus on our work with children and families. These groups would welcome new members. The Alpha Course participants have continued to meet together with a focus on encouraging developing people in ministry and evangelism, and plan to deliver another Alpha Course in 2023. The bellringers have arranged several social gatherings that also encourage members in their Christian faith. Our young people meet for a monthly youth group.

In response to the cost of living crisis over the winter a team offered home made soup and a roll every Tuesday lunchtime in the Parish Centre – this has reached a few people in hardship need, and has been a lovely social community event for others from the wider community as well as from our congregations.

There is great teamwork at Studley Church with many people giving their time to enable the life and outreach of the church. Those who tend the church building and serve refreshments are probably not mentioned anywhere else in this report, so I note here how much we appreciate gathering in a clean, welcoming, inviting church. Many visitors comment on the beauty and peace of the building, and the welcome they feel. Thank you to everyone who contributes to that. Thanks go too to Alison Concannon for undertaking the role of churchwarden this year, and to Phil Pattison and Mark Herauville and others for all their support.

Kate Mier

STUDLEY + MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PCC

The PCC has met three times since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). There were also three occasions when business was conducted by email under the Church of England's Business by Correspondence Model Rule M29.

The following decisions were made:

15 June 2021

Recommendations from the Governance Task Team covering the updating of the 'PCC/DCC Members Handbook' including the addition of PCC functions that are delegated to the DCCs, the development of a greater mission-focus for the church council, the role of the Standing Committee, the setting up of a PCC Finance Sub-committee, financial procedures and the training and equipping of PCC members were agreed along with plans for the implementation of these recommendations.

The following existing Safeguarding policies and procedures were reviewed and approved:

'Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders'

'Procedure for Responding to a Safeguarding Concern or Allegation'

'Promoting a Safer Church Safeguarding Policy'

The following new Safeguarding policies and procedures were approved:

'The Safer Recruitment of Volunteers and Paid Staff'

'Whistleblowing Policy'

23 July 2022 (Business by Correspondence)

The PCC agreed to appoint Celia Spiers as Anna Chaplain in the parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green.

12 October 2022

Executive summaries of the minutes of PCC and DCC meetings will be placed on the notice boards of the two churches as appropriate.

A Parish Share of £63,396.00 will be paid for 2023.

The charge for heating, where discretionary services are provided, will be increased to £100.

The Finance Sub-Committee membership was agreed as Pat Smith (PCC Treasurer), Ann Chance, Erica Hayton (Mappleborough Green DCC Treasurer) and Mike Moffat.

A List B faculty application will be made to the Diocese to cover the inspection and repair of the entire Studley church roof covering. The cost of the work is estimated to cost £5,860+vat and this will be paid from the Fabric Account.

An application will be submitted to the Diocese to turn the Temporary Re-Ordering Licence granted on 5 October 2021 by the Archdeacon for the formation of a family area in the South Aisle of the Studley church into a full faculty.

The audio system in the Studley church will be updated at an estimated cost of £10,000 paid from a legacy.

7 November 2022 (Business by Correspondence)

The PCC agreed to nominate Shirley Stout to be appointed as Foundation Governor at Studley St Mary's Church of England Academy.

15 February 2022

Further work on the development of a Dementia Café was approved.

The 2022 Accounts were approved subject to any comments from the Independent Examiner.

The Mappleborough Green and Studley budgets for 2023 were approved.

A 'Finance Policy' was approved subject to the inclusion of cash procedures for each church.

A 'Social Media Policy' was approved.

The updated 'Church Health and Safety Policy with guidance notes' for Studley Church and the Parish Centre was approved.

25 March 2022 (Business by Correspondence)

The PCC agreed to go ahead with the maintenance of the 'Great Soundboard' in the Studley organ chamber, the cleaning of the chamber and the removal and cleaning of the pipes for the sum of £4,721.00+vat.

David Lee PCC Secretary

SAFEGUARDING REPORT FOR 2022

Throughout the year we have consolidated the ongoing activity to keep people safe within our church activities.

Safer Recruitment: The PCC has adopted the Safer Recruitment policy of the Church of England which hopes to ensure that all our volunteers understand their roles and the support they will have from the church. The policy involves Risk Assessments for all activities as well as volunteer application forms, references, interviews (usually informal) and DBS checks. The process safeguards those children and vulnerable adults we work with and values the volunteers for their commitment. This is a large undertaking for an active church so progress is slow but steady in achieving coverage of all our activities and volunteers. All DBS checks are now current for all those in volunteer roles within church where this is necessary or advisable. As new activities begin, DBS checks continue to be a feature of the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) role.

Training: Online training has been completed by a number of volunteers over this year and for those who have been unable to access the online training a face-to-face Basic Safeguarding training was held recently. This will be followed up by a face-to-face Foundation level training course within the next few months. The PSO has now been able to enrol on the required safeguarding leadership training which will take place in June.

Parish Dashboards: Throughout the year we have continued to update the Parish Safeguarding Dashboards attending to the outstanding areas. The engagement with the safeguarding activity has been so successful that our dashboards have been raised from Level 2 to Level 3. We now have further additional responsibilities that have appeared and are currently being addressed in particular with relation to non-church activities taking place on church premises.

New resources: All volunteers are required to understand the nature of creating a safer environment for all activities. A leaflet detailing how to make sure we all stay safe has now been produced and is being circulated to all volunteers via their activity leaders.

Social Media is a key area of keeping people safe and has recently hit the headlines, revealing what can go wrong if guidelines are ignored. The PCC has now agreed and adopted a social media Policy. A new handout resource to support this policy is available to all church members to help us all to understand our responsibility with regard to social media. In addition, to these two new resources a small card is now available in church giving contact details for anyone wanting to report a concern or just to talk through any issues they are having.

If anyone would like any further information about safeguarding responsibilities or safeguarding training, please do contact Sue, the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Sue Johnson

FAMILY LINK WORKER

I am approaching a year in the role as Family Link Worker and a very busy and rewarding year it has been. Below is a snapshot of some of the key areas in which we have seen growth.

Sunday Services

We have explored a variety of ways of engaging and discipling families and children during our Sunday morning services.

The extension of the crèche area has worked well for very young children and is often used effectively during Baptisms. The aim of this area is to explore the themes of the main service through age appropriate activities and to provide parents with young children with time when they can focus on the service. We have also begun to provide take-home sheets for families to explore the Bible readings and themes of the service together over the following week.

For a time, we trialled sessions for both children and youth during the third Sunday 'Going Deeper' service where the groups were each offered the opportunity to have their own age-related teaching apart from the main congregation. This was met with enthusiasm by the children, but the lack of leaders to develop this area, the very small numbers of children and the lack of consistency in family attendance made this difficult to sustain.

We have also trialled encouraging families to join the main body of the church rather than using the creche area, so as to increase their level of engagement in the service. This has met with varying success. The most successful service was the recent Easter morning worship for all where families were invited to sit centrally where they could see and children were given a service bingo sheet to help them engage with what was being said. The fast pace and variety of activities used to help the congregation explore the themes / ideas enabled all ages to access and enjoy the service.

Therefore, in conjunction with the reflection on the nature and pattern of the Sunday services generally, we are prayerfully considering the nature of the provision for children and families. An area for growth remains the number of families frequently and actively involved in the Sunday services. This is an area which would benefit from deeper prayer and consideration from the wider church community. It also presents the opportunity to explore our outreach as a church further and consider ways in which we can engage with families in a meaningful way beyond the church building / Sunday services.

Youth

The youth group is now a year old and continues to meet monthly with a committed core of 8/9 young people attending, 3 of whom were confirmed at the end of last year. This is still headed up by Kay and supported by Angela and Jane Odell. We continue to work on increasing the discipleship nature of the group and are exploring ways in which we can enable the young people who attend to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Many of the group continue to serve on a Sunday morning, helping with sound and PowerPoints, bell-ringing, helping in the crèche and on the reading rota. We are exploring a range of possibilities to develop our provision further, including Youth Alpha, links with Joe Bevan, (the youth worker at Youth for Christ in Redditch) and monthly week day Bible study groups.

Sunbeams

Sunbeams continues to be a successful baby and toddler group after its relaunch in October 2022. After the initial weeks where numbers in attendance was exceptionally high, the group has settled down with many families returning each week as well as new faces coming after the group has been recommended to them. The volunteer teams welcoming and making cakes have been invaluable in making the group a success, as have the leaders and helpers who come every week to set up / pack away, provide drinks / snacks, run craft tables. The format of the group is also proving popular, with free play, snack time (for adults and children) music/songs and story time. In the near future, we also hope to be able to offer parents access to health visitor support during the session once a month. Through relationships developed at Sunbeams, we have seen growth in attendance at Messy Church, and at the Christmas and Easter services. We are exploring ways in which Sunbeams families can be moved on in a journey of faith.

Messy Church

Messy Church has been increasingly successful at reaching families in the community, especially those with younger children. There is a large core of families who return every month and who appreciate the spiritual input they receive. The innovative and creative team have gone from strength to strength in helping Messy Church congregations explore faith and we continue to pray into new ways of developing our discipleship. The team has worked hard to encourage those who attend Messy church to attend church, particularly at

Christmas and Easter and it was encouraging to see a number of Messy Church families attending on Easter morning and we aim to build on this success.

The team has also started 'Messy Extra' to develop links and initiate relationships in the wider community. This has included Christmas and Easter trails run with the keen support of Studley businesses. Each trail culminated in celebration events in the Parish Centre which were well attended, largely by non-Messy Church families. We have also run film events during the school holidays, providing families with breakfast or lunch and a film. These have also been well attended by members of the local community.

Baptisms

Following the forum in the last year where we discussed how we connect and build relationships with baptism families, a group has met to work on producing 'baptism boxes' which can be given to each family by a sponsor after the baptism as a means of following up after the day. Strategies to use this to maintain links and relationship with the families were also discussed. We will be asking each of the congregations for sponsors in due course. I have also developed a pack of resources which can be given to all children attending a baptism at both Studley and Mappleborough Green with activities that can be used both during the service and at home to help them explore what baptism is.

Links with Studley St Mary's Junior School

We have forged stronger links between the school and church communities with teams of volunteers working in the school and the church building to help the children explore Easter, Harvest, the church building itself and the challenges of transition from infants to juniors. I have begun to consider ways in which the relationship between church and school can be further developed.

My role in school has also developed over the course of the year. As well as coordinating links between church and school, on a weekly basis I work with small groups and individuals who are struggling emotionally. I currently run 4 lunchtime groups and support 5 children in 1 to 1 sessions. I also work to develop relationships with families / parents who need extra support beyond the capacity of the school. I have successfully advocated for families in need, referred others to Acts 365 and signposted others to a variety of help and support to meet different needs. I currently meet 1 to 1 with 4 parents on a regular basis to provide listening support.

Angela Corlett (Family Link Worker)

ANNA CHAPLAINCY

In September, I was licensed as an Anna Chaplain for the Arden Valley and Arden Marches Benefices at a joyful service in the Parish Centre led by Rev Kate Mier. Debbie Ducille, the Anna Chaplaincy Church Lead spoke eloquently on the history and nature of Anna Chaplaincy.

The service was well attended by people from both benefices – a supportive and inspiring beginning.

My initial brief was to:

- familiarise myself with the Arden Marches and the church communities
- understand the existing support given to older people
- identify areas where Anna Chaplaincy can complement existing provision
- identify areas where older people are not currently served
- develop a model of chaplaincy for Arden Marches
- establish a local team to continue the work after the first year

At this time, there are now regular visits to the three Care Homes (Studley Rose, Four Acres and Hayward Lodge) with monthly services. Two members of the Methodist church join me on the monthly visits to Studley Rose and Four Acres, spending time afterwards talking with the residents and staff.

In addition, there have been visits for special occasions (e.g. carol singing at Christmas with support from members of the church communities, singing to celebrate a 100th birthday). I've had the use of the church keyboard and this has been a great feature of the visits.

It has been heart-warming to see the healing, uplifting effect of singing familiar hymns and songs as well as the inspiration of hearing all joining in with the Lord's Prayer.

Another focus has been to draw up a list of Older Friends to contact/visit – this has been possible thanks to input and guidance from key people in the Arden Marches and has grown from the phone-ministry during the lockdowns. Everyone who wanted a visit has been visited at least once and I end all visits with a time of prayer. It is a pleasure to hear the many fascinating stories of long lives lived well and I have enjoyed warm hospitality and much laughter.

It soon became clear that there was a need to offer support to those with dementia and their carers in Studley. This led to the planning and setting up of the first Studley Dementia Café, planned initially for the first Thursday of each month at the Parish Centre. We are fortunate to have Dr. Felicity Jones involved and dedicating half a day a week to the Café. She will be able to take the project forward after the end of my year here.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the Arden Marches supporters for their enthusiasm, wisdom and on-going involvement. Supporters outside the church include: Colin Summers (current chair of Studley Parish Council), Carole Zambonini (Alcester Dementia Centre), Churches Together, Social Subscribers (Poole Medical Centre). It is encouraging that so many groups and individuals recognise the need - and are keen to work together to see the success of this venture.

It has been a privilege to serve the older members of the Arden Marches communities, working alongside Kate and the dedicated people in these congregations. I have been struck time and time again by the wealth of warmth, the neighbourly kindness and generous love. The Holy Spirit is moving in this place.

Celia Spiers

THE PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre has had an encouraging year under review and consolidated its operating position with increased levels of hire since my last review in April 2022. Many of our long-standing regular user groups including Brownies, Sunbeams and Rainbows are now meeting at the Centre at their pre-pandemic levels. The start of 2023 has seen a tremendous increase in interest from family party booking enquiries with the hall fully booked at weekends during the first quarter.

Messy Church, Parish Communion and Compassion Groups continue to be held at the Parish Centre and between December 2022 and March 2023 we launched our weekly Souper Bowls gatherings to assist those in our community by providing a regular warm place of fellowship over the winter months as well as a hot soup lunch. Our plans continue for using the now completely renovated Jaffray Room as a wellbeing, multipurpose counselling suite, with the objective of enhancing the usability of the Parish Centre as a valuable community facility. Sessions from specialist outreach workers at the Refuge National Domestic Violence Agency continue on a monthly basis. Discussions are also in place to use the facility by locally based Social Prescribers as we plan the launch opening of a Dementia Café at the Centre later in June 2023.

Upkeep of the fabric of the Centre remains an ongoing challenge. Early in 2023 our venerable heating system failed yet again! Given that this was first installed back in 1997 that perhaps should not be a surprise. The positive outcome is that new compatible radiators were installed in March 2023. This will now provide a reliable medium-term solution to a perennial problem over recent years and enable church council members to research and debate more dynamic heating options and other structural improvements and developments to the site in the coming years.

My thanks go to Phil Pattison for his continued support and encouragement and to Mike Bond for his regular watch on lighting and heating systems, always a challenge in ageing buildings! Also to Rob and Catherine our cleaners and 'caretakers' and to Ian Nichol, our gardener, who looks after our gardens, including the car park. A special mention to Studley in Bloom who include the Parish Centre grounds and building in their maintenance of several planters located around the building itself.

Finally, can I encourage anyone reading this report who would like to join a small team at the Parish Centre to help from time to time with opening and locking up the hall, to contact me? This would certainly help operations particularly during busy holiday times. I would also encourage you to visit our website at www.ardenmarches.co.uk and scroll to Our locations/Parish Church Centre. This provides a pictorial and factual outline of the facilities we have on offer at the Parish Centre .

Mike Moffat

ANKCORN HOUSE REPORT 2022-23

Ankorn House building offers a meeting capacity of up to 40 people, depending on the room layout and catering facilities within the combined kitchen area.

- Basic refurbishment work was undertaken in April 2022 on the female toilet, external wall to remove mould, seal with damp-proof paint and repaint walls as required. Recent issues with the kitchen back door locking had come to light and mechanical repairs were necessary to address the issue.
- Historical data had been reviewed regarding the Title Deed for Ankorn House ownership. On 23 May 2022 the Jaffrey family solicitors were requested to confirm acceptance that Ankorn House had been conveyed to the Church, and a response from them is still awaited. Support from the Coventry Diocese Legal Secretary to progress this matter would be required to reach a conclusion.
- Despite actively promoting the venue, Ankorn House fails to secure continuous regular users, with no apparent negative reason highlighted. Throughout the last twelve months Pilates and Holistic groups have rented the facilities on and off, with the main regular users being Church Committees/Groups and Mappleborough Parish Council for administrative meetings. Nominal annual rental fees are recouped from storage within Ankorn House from the local Parish Council and immediate neighbours. In addition Arden Marches courses such as Lent, Safeguarding and Alpha use the facilities, but with no financial contribution towards the running costs from these rentals, the venue continues to be subsidised by the General Church funds.

Linda Salisbury

STUDLEY CHURCHYARD

A small but dedicated group of volunteers, not all church people, turn out on the first Saturday of every month to help maintain the churchyard at Studley. The hope is to combine the needs for somewhere that looks 'neat and tidy' and can be used for outdoor activities and events such as Messy church, picnics and services, and to provide an environment which attracts wild life and flowers and glorifying Gods creation. Certain areas are mown neatly, others are left and cut less frequently with paths mown between them, others have to be left unkempt as it is too big a job with the limited workforce to maintain them (this is mainly the uneven, irregular grave area in the south west corner of the churchyard). The yellow rattle we set at the end of 2021 did flower in 2022 so we are waiting to see whether it seeded itself and will have spread further in 2023, and whether it has had the intended outcome of reducing the grass in that area to allow flowers to flourish. The spring flowers, snow drops, daffodils, crocus and primroses along with the autumn cyclamen continue to flourish. We hope we will have more summer flowers soon.

The big project for one group was to tackle the 'compost pile' which was a very large mound of sticks, brambles, weeds, grass cuttings, etc. in a dip at the bottom of the churchyard. Over several months we have reduced the pile, extracted well rotted compost and created some compost 'pens' out of pallets. This will not only help us to produce more useable compost in the future but also help towards the churches next level eco award. We continue to keep the areas around the cremation stones tidy and maintain the garden of remembrance. This year saw some new volunteers joining us and others no longer able to help or handle trimmers like they used to. Many thanks to all of them. We can only do as much as we have volunteer help to do and we could always use more help. *Hilary Volrath*

BELLRINGERS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Throughout the year the bells at Studley Parish Church have rung out for every Sunday morning service, calling people to worship and half muffled for remembrance Sunday. There were also several weddings that requested the bells during 2022. We have continued with our once-a-month Saturday practice which have proved beneficial for the progress of our band.

At the end of May we held a taster session for our church youth group. This proved to be a very fruitful evening, resulting in 8 learners. By holding additional practices on a Tuesday evening, 7 out of the 8 can now handle a bell and 2 have now rang their first quarter peal, congratulations to Ethan Pomeroy and Noah Corlett. During the year we have also welcomed Laurence and Peter Nicholas to our band, already accomplished bellringers.

In July, myself, Richard Spray and William Blizzard attended the Ringing World National Youth festival and striking competition at Exeter with the Coventry Spires Youth group. Taken by coach, William represented the group in the competition. It was an excellent day, with many exhibitions, mini rings and simulators for everyone to enjoy and have a go on in Exeter Cathedral. Everyone had the opportunity to ring on the cathedral bells, 2nd heaviest ring of bells in the country. This year there have been several other events held by the Coventry Spires which some of our young ringers have attended, a trip to Loughborough bell foundry to see how bells are cast and ringing on the foundry bells, a ringing outing to Leamington, ringing at Coventry Cathedral and a recent quarter peal which included William Blizzard and Ethan Pomeroy in the band.

Our congratulations also go to Chris Eldridge for his first quarter peal on the treble and to William Blizzard for his first quarter on an inside bell.

During the Summer holidays, we spent a day at the church with learners, advancing their bell handling, playing handbells and at the end of the day, we enjoyed a fish and chip supper.

Sadly, Thursday 8th September 2022 saw the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The bells at Studley were rang in accordance with Operation London Bridge, a document set out by the Royal household and Lambeth Palace. The following day, the Tenor bell was tolled for one hour and the Sunday morning service ringing was half muffled. On the day of the funeral the bells were rang for one hour prior to the funeral and on Thursday 15th September a quarter peal was rung to commemorate her life.

In October we hosted the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association interbranch striking competition.

At the end of the year, we were invited by the Inkberrow bellringers to join them on their outing. Most of our bellringers attended, ringing at Stoke Prior, Droitwich, lunch at the Rose and Crown at Feckenham followed by afternoon ringing at Feckenham.

At Christmas, we rang the handbells for our church carol service, we also decorated a bellringers Christmas tree for the Methodist church Christmas tree festival.

In January, on two separate evenings, the two Studley Beaver packs visited us after their evening hike. We gave them a tour of the tower, showing them the bells and giving them a go at chiming before they headed back down the stairs for their mug of hot chocolate.

Several ringers attended the Coventry Guild meeting at Henley in Arden and Beaudesert, ringing at both towers, followed by a meeting with refreshments. We have also attended a few of the Worcestershire Guild southern branch Saturday practices.

During March we held a bellringers breakfast attended by 14. A lovely morning, enjoying each other's company and sharing our faith together.

At the end of March, we attended the Studley Junior school Easter experience arranged by our church family link worker to give the pupils a taster session on the handbells.

All Studley quarter peals, and special ringing occasions are documented on Bell board.

Louise Grubb Tower Captain

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Representatives from the Studley churches continue to meet about 4 times a year to plan what they can do together and inform each other of what is happening in their own churches, always with an invitation that

anyone can join in. The main joint activities have been around the week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, Easter, Christian Aid week, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. This year saw some pared down activity due both to lack of church leaders and support from congregations. Joint 'special' services are never well attended so other than Ash Wednesday we have concentrated on more what we do together. Once again we had a walk of witness on Good Friday but this year we focused more on praying round the village and not going inside each church. Envelopes were delivered to each house for Christian Aid week and a cream tea was held in place of a big breakfast. We had a stall at the village Jubilee jamboree in June, not to sell things but to provide a quiet space for people to sit and talk. Unfortunately rain stopped play for a Pentecost picnic in the park which had to move into the parish centre for the hardy few who turned out. The Eco-fest in July was supported by the churches ending with a barbecue for all who took part – again it had to be moved inside due to rain. The churches again organised the service at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday though disappointingly the sound system was not good enough for most people to hear. The arrangements for the Studley Christmas Lights switch on were much improved on the previous year. The churches together sang carols outdoors in Millenium square in the afternoon when there were few people around but it did give children a chance to sing down a microphone, and then in the evening inside the village hall after the lights had been switched on. Christmas cards were delivered again to every house in Studley giving details of the Christmas services of all the churches. A small group sang carols in the care homes.

As the Ukrainian crisis developed a meeting was held about setting up a support group for refugees and their carers. As there were no known families being hosted in Studley the group wasn't formed but we have had continued updates at the meeting on the refugees and their needs in Redditch, supporting where we can. We also heard from a hospital chaplain and our Anna chaplain.

Once again the churches together committee has been mainly the Methodists and Anglicans due to the Baptist and Roman Catholic churches struggling with leadership and congregations. Hopefully we will see more involvement from the Baptists in 2023.

Hilary Volrath

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I think for me this last year has been approximately what one might call normal, whatever that is. Working my usual hours at the vicarage.

There was all the usual publicity via Facebook, website, and email. Producing weekly newssheets, notices, and posters for, amongst others, Christmas, Messy church and Easter, with input from Kate and others.

There have also been service booklets to produce and PowerPoints to create. And also there have been the usual funeral, wedding and baptism enquiries to process.

The main difference this year has been the moving of our databases, rotas, bulk emails and website across to the HUBB system. I worked with Dan while he was here, setting things up and now am using HUBB daily for many things. Other people are using it for rotas and to upload things like PCC minutes for PCC members to access.

Judith McLelland

COMPASSION

We have had some changes to the teams this year: Helen Turney is no longer able to join us but Irene Freeman continues to help the team and we have been joined by Lynn Gilbert who is a real asset.

Our thanks go again to Alan Greathead who helps us considerably by putting out the tables and chairs for our meetings even though he is unable to attend.

Numbers have fluctuated at the meetings mainly because of the Parish Centre being very cold at times but attendance has been much higher since the new heaters have been installed.

Members still enjoy the lunches organised by Margaret Lee and these are well attended and appreciated.

Friendships between the members still flourish and continue to bring pleasure and comfort and the weekly meetings are greatly appreciated.

Joan Lock

ARDEN FOODBANK

The Arden Foodbank opened in April 2013, as part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank network and serves Alcester, Studley and the surrounding area. Care professionals, such as health visitors, schools, citizens advice and social workers, as well as local church ministers and others, identify people in crisis and issue them with vouchers. These are redeemed at a foodbank session for three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. We do also offer cleaning products, toiletries and petfood that we have available. Demand on our foodbank has been up this year, due in part, to the energy crisis. This year, (last year in brackets), we fulfilled 440 (294) vouchers which fed 592 (433) adults & 338 (230) children. We distributed 11542Kg (9500kg) of food our clients, and to other foodbanks during the year. In December, we made up and distributed to schools 201 (163) Christmas food boxes for families, identified by 10 local primary schools in the area as being in need. We have received some extremely generous donations from companies, organisations and individuals who have continued to support us with food or money during the last year, without these we could not continue to operate and help local people in our community. Neither could we operate without a dedicated group of volunteers man the distribution centres and warehouse. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support the work of the foodbank by volunteering, donations and prayers.

Hilary Volrath

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

After the long lock down from covid 19, it was really lovely to see everyone again, also very encouraging to receive 38 replies for our first outing to The Golden Goose on 24th June 2022. It was also exiting to meet up with a few new members and trying to remember names. But it was also very sad to think that since our last Christmas meal in 2019 to 24th June 2022 we had lost 9 of our dear members. But as always we will remember the happy times we all had together with fondness & love. We only had 6 outings this year as I had started later, but everyone looked forward to them. The last meal was at Kings Court for our Christmas lunch on 9th December 2022 and was enjoyed by 47 members. Father Christmas was busy this year, so not able to make an appearance. But Jan & John Parker very kindly arranged a christmas sing a long, which everyone enjoyed. We also ran a Christmas raffle, which Vicky & Linda very kindly helped organise for me. The donation was given to the church. I really appreciate all the help received this year. It is a very happy group and besides new members I have 3 new volunteer drivers who join the group if and when needed. I am so pleased that this group is still able to meet up. Also once again a very big thank you to all my drivers, as without you, this mission of outreach would not be possible.

God Bless

Margaret Lee

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has been growing steadily month by month. We are a strong team of dedicated volunteers who prepare, organise, create and lead. We have many families now registered, not all who come every time, and we are still attracting new families. I believe that once they have been to one session, they are more likely to come to others. As well as the regular monthly services, we have put on 4 extras this year - 2 film shows in October and February half terms and 2 trails at Christmas and Easter. These have also been well attended and so we'll continue with these. My thanks go to everyone on the team for their constant support and members of the congregation who provide some of the food we offer and all your prayers.

Ann Bond

2ND STUDLEY (ST. MARY'S) RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

2nd Studley (St Mary's) Brownies have been getting back to normal since Covid pandemic. We sang live for Aunty Jen to help entertain the community last June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Completed badges on the girlguiding programme and even a countdown to Christmas badge which Brownies had a Selfie Challenge Treasure hunt to complete. Brownies had another successful night helping Radiate Redditch by donating 42 packed Christmas shoeboxes for their appeal. We even managed to have a successful Summer Seaside themed annual sleepover at Mappleborough Green Village Hall.

It's been a busy year at Rainbows, we have a very large group of 32, 4-7 yr olds and a long waiting list, we are trying our best to accommodate as many girls as possible.

We have had a book and bear sale raising money for Wythall Animal sanctuary and donated treat food items to the Arden Foodbank. The girls love doing their "interest" badges which has meant many have litter picked with the parents around the village.

We've had a day out at Hatton Country World with Rainbows from around the whole of the Midlands and we have a county day coming up in Compton Verney. We continue to have our "Promise" ceremony at the Church, which both the girls and the parents thoroughly enjoy as it feels so special. We have some plans afoot for the Big Help Out, which we are very excited about.

As Studley District we got together to celebrate the Queen's jubilee at the Entaco, which was attended by over 70 girls.

We have a Kings Coronation planned too!

As always our biggest problem is getting leaders. We are still very much concerned that we will lose our Guide Unit for 10-14yr olds as we have had no interest from anyone which is very disappointing

Once again thank you to the Church team for their continued support. Rainbows have held their Promise Evenings in Studley Church this past year.

Pamela Winfield leader in charge of Rainbows and District Commissioner for Studley

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2022

On 27 May school held Queens Platinum Jubilee fete, and a church team supported with fundraising undertaking manning and preparing refreshments.

As part of the Enjoyably Studley Community group Jubilee events, Erica Hayton organised and managed an exhibition in church of the Ogham tree Tapestries in June 2022. The school visited Church to view the display and afterwards Erica and volunteers assisted some children with needlecraft in school, making their own mini tapestries.

Lighting the Candle Collective Worship concluded with the current group leading the school assembly. New children will be invited in the new term to join this learning group; about helping with worship assemblies.

Summer Term 2022

On 28 June, the whole school attended a School Celebration Service in Church where a freestyle art activity afternoon was undertaken by the teachers outside, in Holy Ascension church grounds. The school provided the children with a picnic lunch on the grass, and the sun shone on the day to enhance the children's experience. The Church funded coaches to allow all the school to visit safely.

The school children and their families were invited to celebrate all the learning and activities that had taken place at MGPS during this school year as part of the regular café style All Age Service in July.

To conclude the summer term, there was a Year 6 Leavers Service in Church on 20 July, where the book 'It's your Move' Secondary School Survival Guide paperback by Scripture Union was presented to the children leaving primary school.

Autumn Term 2022

On 8 September the parents of the new Reception children were invited to a 'welcome breakfast' and it was lovely to do this back indoors and sit and share family stories all together.

The new school children and their families were also invited to say hello as part of the regular café style All Age Service.

Studley's Harvest Experience, arranged through Angela Corlett, Family Link Worker was supported by Alan Greathead and Linda Salisbury; prior to the MGPS children and their families attending a Harvest Service in Holy Ascension Church on 4 October led by the school Faith Alive Group. The school generously donated to Arden Marches Foodbank specifically on this occasion.

The School Carol Service took place in Holy Ascension Church for the first time since 2020 pandemic. The event was well supported by friends and families, as well as the whole school in attendance. This year's Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was not very well supported compared with pre-Covid events, but some school families did attend; which was seen as a positive.

Spring Term 2023

The school's curriculum continues to be implemented effectively and makes learning relevant and exciting for all pupils. The head teacher (Alex Finch), his leadership team and staff continue to work diligently to respond to the issues raised in the Ofsted inspection in March 2022. The Christian values this Spring have focussed on Truthfulness and Perseverance.

Collective Worship continued to be delivered to the school regularly on Wednesday mornings involving Revd Kate Mier, Angela Corlett and Keith Johnson.

Unfortunately, Church volunteers continue to be depleted within the school support mechanism, as Erica Hayton moved away from the area and the Jarmys not able to return pending their own move. It is hoped that more involvement from Church congregational members will return in the not-too-distant future.

Volunteers prepared to listen to children reading is really appreciated by staff, along with those with other vocational skills. On 30 March, the whole school attended an Easter service at the church. This service was well prepared and presented by Class 3 and 4 acting out Jesus's final week. The Service was supported by many parents and families.

The new Lighting the Candle Group held their Collective Worship assembly and received their Bronze Awards. The six pupils chose to continue and develop their Christian knowledge and work towards the Silver Award after Easter. In addition, five new pupils joined the Lighting the Candle Group to commence on their journey towards the Bronze Award. The LTC Group supported by Linda Salisbury will be jointly held each week with eleven pupils working towards and learning about Collective Worship.

Community volunteers and Foundation Governors are actively being sought to support the Christian faith within Mappleborough Green Primary School.

Linda Salisbury

STUDLEY ST MARY'S CE ACADEMY

This has been another tough year for the school, as with all schools. However, hard work and determination from the Headteacher and her staff, as well as the pupils, means that significant progress is being made. Many of the after effects of the lockdowns have been tackled and the emphasis on a wider curriculum which was brought in nationally last year has been successfully implemented. The school is a calm and purposeful place in which to learn. The threat of Ofsted has been hanging over the school since last September with still no sign of an inspection happening. This has, of course, put an unacceptable extra strain on the staff.

Church members continue to lead assemblies and support the school in other ways. Please ask if you feel you would like to help in some way as we seek to strengthen the links between church and school. Our Family Link Worker plays a vital role in this and has become a much-valued member of the school's staff. Various year groups have visited the church during the year, learning more about how a church works and about the major festivals in its calendar.

There will soon be a vacancy for a foundation governor. If you would like to know more about this important role, please speak to Keith or Kate.

Keith Johnson

DEANERY SYNOD

Studley with Mappleborough Green Parish is one of twenty three parishes in the Alcester Deanery. This year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) must include the election of Deanery Synod Representatives. The Deanery Synod is an important part of the governance of the Church of England, and shares the mission of the Church in local areas. They are places for sharing good practice between the Parishes of a Deanery, and act as a communication line between the Diocesan Synod and the Parishes. It is really important that Parishes are well represented at Deanery Synod, and would strongly encourage people to stand for election. The number of deanery synod representatives that our parish can elect is based on our electoral roll numbers:

Studley Parish 3 Deanery Synod Representatives

Mappleborough Green 2 Deanery Synod Representatives

Once elected, Deanery Synod representatives are ex officio members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC) until the next election (at APCM in 2026).

The Deanery Synod is regulated by the 1969 Synodical Government Measure which sets out five functions:

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England and other matters of religious or public interest;
- to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deaneries, to discuss and formulate common policies, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deaneries the whole mission of the Church;
- to make known and put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and to sound parochial opinion;
- to raise matters with the Diocesan Synod.

Alcester Deanery Synod met on 12 July and 20 October in 2022 and on 9 February 2023. At each of these events Speakers from Coventry Diocese were invited to attend and share their experiences and knowledge of their faith and spiritual journeys:

Neil Masih, Coventry Diocese Intercultural Mission Enabler informed those present that his background was a third generation Asian-Christian family member, acting as Church Warden at St Paul's; a diverse congregation based in Foleshill area of Coventry. As part of his presentation Neil explained about UKME (United Kingdom Minority Ethnic) and GMH (General Majority Heritage) being identified as the current terminology for previously describing BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) groups. He highlighted the needs and benefits of having an intercultural mission, and how race and ethnicity, with varied backgrounds was a positive factor amongst our wider society, and how the Church could be key to developing change in communities, and welcome all.

Clive Hicks, Coventry Diocese Healthy Churches Development Enabler highlighted healthy principles Churches should consider to grow their involvement within their congregation and the community. The 8 Essential Qualities were shown as a way to help our members identify their gifts, commit to our faith through our lives and practices, and inspire and develop worship and holistic small groups. (Clive will be presenting at Studley Parish Centre on 30 April as part of the Joint Arden Marches breakfast discussions on Healthy Churches Questionnaire)

Revd Canon Mary Gregory, Coventry Diocese Canon for Arts & Reconciliation informed those present that part of her background was being a Prison Governor in a top security prison. Part of this experience was an occasion when she was seconded to work at HM Maze Prison in Northern Ireland used to house paramilitary prisoners during the N.I. 'Troubles'. Whilst there Mary was asked to investigate the death of a significant sectarian, loyalist murderer whilst he was in custody at HM Maze Prison, prior to the Good Friday Agreement being signed. This experience formed part of her foundation and interest in reconciliation.

During discussion those present were asked to consider the following questions;

- How have we used the arts in our ministry in our own Parish? How was that received? What difference did it make to the overall 'experience'?
- How could we use the arts as a way of helping people explore questions of faith?
- How could we use the arts to explore the conflicts that may exist in our communities?

All of these speakers offered valuable advice and support to Parish Deanery Representatives, and an opportunity to share with their church communities to support developing faith within our churches. In addition to these varied speakers, the Deanery Synod Representatives receive reports from the Coventry Diocesan Synod and Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) on initiatives and proposals for the Parishes within the Alcester Deanery. Deanery funds and general accounts are reviewed quarterly, and identify appropriate amounts of money as Parish Shares annually for the parishes to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends (living costs) and their housing. Whilst some discussions may seem quite challenging and focussed on issues outside of one's own Parish, the experience of being a Deanery Synod representative has been rewarding by appreciating that we are not alone, and other parish churches within the Deanery are feeling the same as ourselves. The Deanery Synod members can share and support one another as part of these meetings, and also outside as part of their normal church duties. Belonging and sharing opportunities offered from Coventry Diocese can only be seen as a positive!

Linda Salisbury

FOREST CHURCH (AN ENVIRONMENT GROUP INITIATIVE)

Arden Marches Forest Church has hosted two well attended meetings at Morton Bagot Church. The aim has been to enable outdoor worship through engagement with the natural world. We have used a combination of circle meeting with readers at cardinal points (North, East etc) and short activities away from the circle, some singing and finishing at the circle.

The Divine has been referenced where possible with non binary pronouns and titles such as Great Spirit instead of Lord, in an effort to include those not used to Christian church liturgy. Stories and readings have been chosen to inspire awe in the natural world drawing us closer to the Divine.

The events have run for less than an hour and are held outside with refreshments afterwards in the chapel.

The next event is to support the Bluebell Walk with appropriate contemplation or activity and then in June the summer solstice celebration.

Dogs and children have been welcome however with their family's care only. The content is for all ages but not yet able to offer children's activities as well.

Guy Allen

PCC TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

I feel I should start this report with something close to an apology, as the accounts that you are being asked to approve are statutory accounts and as such, they have to be in the format presented. I appreciate that this is not a format that is easy to read and often information that you feel to be important is buried deep in the report, so I will try and highlight what I feel to be the significant facts.

Overview

2022 was a good year for the PCC as a whole, but that was mainly due to the fact that Studley DCC received a legacy of £100,000 in December. Without that legacy the PCC would have nominally made a small loss of £2,440. The reason I use the word nominally is because part of the figure is an "unrealised" loss of £5,459 and without this theoretical loss the PCC would have made a small surplus of £3,019.

For information an unrealised gain or loss will always appear in the accounts as long as we hold investments in the form of shares as we are required to give those shares a value based on their stock market price at the end of year. The value is then compared with the value of those shares at the end of the previous year. If the "value" is higher you get an unrealised gain and if it is lower you get an unrealised loss. The stock market wasn't particularly strong at the end of 2022 so we have an unrealised loss, but since then it has risen by 5.4% and if we valued the shares today it would wipe out all but £424, of the theoretical loss.

In reality you only get a true profit or loss when you sell shares, so the unrealised loss is not something to worry about.

Central Expenditure

The main expenditures that are controlled centrally by the PCC are the payment of salaries to the Parish Administrator and Family Link Worker and the payment of our Parish Share to the Diocese. Most expenditure for 2022 was included in the budget and actual payments came out slightly lower than the budgeted amounts resulting in a small repayment to the churches at the end of the year.

The one expenditure that was not budgeted was the Family Link Worker as the details weren't known in late 2021 when the budgets were prepared. The Family Link Worker cost a total of £11,971 but £10,000 of this cost was paid for by a £3,000 grant from the Edward Cadbury Trust, and £7,000 from Studley Junior School. The remaining £1,971 was funded partially by PCC reserves and partially by contributions from the 2 churches.

The other main item of expenditure was completion of works on the Jaffray room in order to use the space for mental health counselling and related work. These costs were covered by a grant received from Warwickshire County Council in 2021. The project is now complete with the exception of a few hundred pounds which is to be spent on artwork and furnishings. The project has remained on budget throughout and has required no use of PCC reserves.

Studley

In 2022 as we came out from the main effects of COVID, Studley seemed to recover quickly, and this had a positive impact on income. Income from donors was up by more than £11,600 compared with 2021 although this was partially due to a significant Advent gift for 2021 actually being received in the first weeks of January 2022. Even so income from most sources increased in 2022. Opening up the church for 5 days each week brought significant "casual" income in the form of donations from visitors; it also brings regular positive comments in the visitors' book as people clearly get great pleasure from visiting the church.

Fee income for 2022 was £7,123 which was £4,385 more than was received in 2021, as people had the opportunity to have weddings which had previously been planned for 2020 or 2021, but postponed due to COVID.

Levels of activity at the Parish Centre also recovered and this saw income increase to £9,746 compared with £5,218 in 2021. This increase in income meant that the parish centre showed an operational surplus of £1,430.

Fabric fund expenditure was £7,900 which covered the roof repairs and a deposit for the new sound system that was installed in January 2023. The receipt of the £100,000 legacy for the maintenance and improvement of the fabric of the building means that this area of expenditure should be fully funded for many years to come. The receipt of this legacy effectively frees up funds from earlier legacies to be used for mission.

Mappleborough Green

Unfortunately, 2022 was not a good year financially for the church, as it lost several committed members of the congregation, with a resultant fall in income from donors (£26,326 in 2022 compared with £28,195 in 2021)

Also, fee income fell from £2,529 in 2021 to £1,424 in 2022. Fortunately, this appears to have been a bit of an anomaly as fee income for the first 4 months of 2023 has already reached the figure for the whole of 2022.

Ankorn House only generated income of £1,338 and had running cost of £1,951 meaning that it ran at a small loss of £613 for the year. As little can be done to decrease running cost the only way to make it profitable is to increase the usage of the building for revenue generating activities.

There was a small amount spent on fabric £5,860 which was partially funded by grant income of £4,277, but still resulted in a net outflow of money of £1,583.

The net effect of all these factors was that Mappleborough Green DCC posted a small loss of £4,219 for 2022. Whilst this is slightly concerning, the overall church finances are still quite strong with over £61,000 in bank accounts and short-term deposits and approximately £95,000 in shares.

Pat Smith



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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green

(Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley)

(Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green)

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

with Mappleborough Green

Registered Charity Number: 1135615

Studley with Mappleborough Green

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Studley with Mappleborough Green

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 1 to 3 and Notes to the Financial Statements, numbered 1 to 9 (including also detailed notes 2 and 3 on Incoming Resources and Resources Used, for both St. Mary's and Holy Ascension), is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and Section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Independent Examiner
Simon Billingham FCCA
10/03/2023



Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Fund)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

		2022					2021
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
		Note					
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2(a)+(b)	199,350		6,412		205,762	110,161
Income from charitable activities	2(b)(i)	2,257				2,257	2,458
Other trading activities	2(c)	8,627		10,654		19,281	10,625
Investments	2(e)	6,142		78		6,220	6,050
Other income	2(b)(ii)			1,750		1,750	1,740
Total incoming resources		216,376		18,893		235,269	131,034
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3(c)	274				274	29
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(b)	107,833		24,142		131,975	156,797
Other expenditure	3(d)						-50
Total resources used		108,107		24,142		132,249	156,777
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		108,269		-5,249		103,020	-25,743
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		104		25,900		26,004	12,539
Gross transfers between funds - out		-25,900		-104		-26,004	-12,539
Net incoming before other gains and losses		82,473		20,547		103,020	-25,743
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets				-5,458		-5,458	11,563
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use							
Net movement in funds		82,473	-5,458	20,547		97,562	-14,181
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1st January		191,340	98,281	36,202	194,056	519,879	534,060
Total funds carried forward at 31st December		273,813	92,823	56,749	194,056	617,441	519,879

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	2022				2021				Year on Year Change
		Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments (Page 7(a) to 7(c) for Detail)										
Donations and Legacies	2(a+b)	7,220	165,152	30,488	202,861	2,007	64,931	43,224	110,162	92,699
Other Trading Activities	2(c)		16,922	2,359	19,281		7,956	2,669	10,625	8,656
Income from Charitable Activities	2(b)(i)			2,159	2,159			2,458	2,458	-299
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2(b)(ii)	4,750			4,750	1,740			1,740	3,010
Investments	2(e)		793	5,427	6,220		1,069	4,981	6,050	170
Total Income & Endowments		11,970	182,868	40,432	235,270	3,747	73,955	53,333	131,034	104,236
Expenditure (Page 8(a) to 8(c) for Detail)										
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3(b)	10,450	76,957	44,560	131,966	1,465	88,912	66,422	156,799	-24,833
Raising Funds	3(c)		183	91	274		19	10	29	245
Other Expenses	3(d)	10			10		-33	-17	-50	60
Total Resources Used		10,460	77,140	44,651	132,251	1,465	88,897	66,415	156,778	-24,527
2(a)										
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		1,510	105,728	-4,218	103,019	2,282	-14,942	-13,082	-25,743	128,762

Gains and Losses on Investments

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

Note	2022				2021				Year on Year Change
	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
- Realised									
- Unrealised			-5,458	-5,458			11,562	11,562	-17,021
Depreciation Charged in Year (Page 14 for Detail)									
Net Movement in Funds	1,510	105,728	-9,676	97,562	2,282	-14,942	-1,521	-14,181	111,743
Balance Brought Forward at 1st January	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879	8,270	287,345	238,444	534,059	-14,180
Balance Carried Forward at 31st December	12,061	378,131	227,248	617,441	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,878	97,563

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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

See Page 13 for Detail

Fixed Assets

Note	2022				2021				Year on Year Change
	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a	120,000	74,056	194,056	120,000	74,056	194,056		
Investment assets	5b		92,530	92,530		97,989	97,989		-5,459
Total Fixed Assets		120,000	166,586	286,586	120,000	172,045	292,045		-5,459

Current Assets

Debtors	6	456	580	954	1,990	431	3,423	3,209	7,063	-5,073
Short Term Deposits	8a		136,979	39,481	176,460		136,186	39,304	175,490	970
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8b	15,638	120,573	21,664	157,875	26,529	12,995	22,396	61,920	95,955
Total Current Assets		16,094	258,132	62,099	336,325	26,960	152,604	64,909	244,473	91,851

Liabilities

Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	-4,033		-1,438	-5,471	-16,409	-200	-30	-16,639	11,168
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Net Current Assets		12,061	258,132	60,661	330,854	10,551	152,404	64,879	227,834	103,019
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Net Assets		12,061	378,132	227,247	617,440	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879	97,560
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Funds

Unrestricted		508	220,725	52,580	273,813	644	135,195	55,501	191,340	82,473
Designated			292	92,530	92,822		292	97,989	98,281	-5,459
Restricted		11,553	37,115	8,081	56,749	9,907	16,917	9,378	36,202	20,547
Endowment			120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Total	9	12,061	378,132	227,247	617,440	10,550	272,404	236,924	519,879	97,560

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson

Collier Date *5 April 2023*

Member

L. Bann Date *6 April 2023*

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Review of Financial Activities and Affairs
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1. Studley - Income from donors in 2022 was £62,715 compared with £49,080 for 2021. The main element of this was Gift Aided donations and their associated tax credits which came to £55,705 in 2022 compared with £45,631 in 2021. Whilst some of this increase reflects genuine growth the apparent growth has been somewhat skewed by a significant Advent Gift for 2021 being banked in January 2022. Income from fees was £7,123 in 2022 compared with £2,738 in 2021, a reflection that levels of baptism, wedding and funeral services are returning to pre-pandemic levels. The church also benefitted for a £100,000 legacy which was received in December 2022. This legacy is specifically for the upkeep of buildings and has so far been used to pay for the roof repair and the deposit for the new sound system, with the balance being paid in 2023. This legacy will also contribute to the interest/dividends earned but arrived too late in 2022 to have any major impact that year.

Mappleborough Green income from donations and voluntary giving was £25,716 in 2022 compared with £27,721 in 2021 reflecting the loss of a few members of the congregation due to a variety of reasons. Fund raising income was £2,259 in 2022 compared with £2,638 in 2021 and Fee Income was £1,451 in 2022 compared with £2,539 in 2021, not reflecting the recovery seen in other churches. Dividend income and interest was £5,391 in 2022 compared with £4,922 in 2021, and this increase partially offset the income losses from other areas. The net result was that total church income in 2022 was £34,817 compared with £37,840 in 2021. At the same time church expenditure rose from £35,858 in 2021 to £36,838 in 2022 meaning that church finances showed a deficit of £2,021 in 2022 compared with a surplus of £1,982 in 2021. This loss was further increased by the need to transfer £900 to support Anckorn House.

2 2022 saw a slight fall in the financial and investment markets and at the end of the year the Mappleborough Green investment in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities showed an unrealised loss of £5,458 which took the investment to a closing balance of £92,530 at 31st December.

3. A total of £118,416 was spent on providing the Christian Ministry for the Parish, split between Parish £10,460, St Mary's £69,167 and Holy Ascension £38,789 (See page 16). This sum included the contribution to the Diocese for the Parish Share of £62,661. The Parish Share included a sum of almost £8,500 paid to the Diocesan Support Fund, to assist churches that are unable to pay the full cost of their clergy. This represents 14% of the full cost of a clergy post. During the year Mappleborough Green raised £290 for outward giving.

4. Routine Maintenance and Servicing accounted for £3,231 at Studley and £1,957 at Mappleborough Green. These costs were mainly for boiler servicing, fire extinguisher contracts, PAT Testing, minor electrical work, organ tuning & church alarm system maintenance. Major expenditure at Studley was £7,900 mainly relating to repairs to the roof and the purchase of items of equipment for the new sound system. Expenditure at Mappleborough Green amounted to £5,404 which mainly relates to organ repairs, rainwater diverters and improvements to the heating system at church and lighting improvements at the church and Anckorn House.

5. Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances over the past year whether it has been counting the cash from collections at services, giving regularly to church funds or maintaining the accounts. In particular my thanks to Joyce Duffin and Erica Hayton for their work on the accounts of the two churches. A number of people also provide a variety of resources for which they seek no payment. This is very much appreciated and it is important to bear this in mind when looking at our costs for outreach and services which often do not reflect the full cost because of the generosity of people.

Patrick Smith

1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (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 Parish Account receives funds which are provided by both churches, individually, to pay joint costs but the individual costs are reflected in the individual church financial statements which also reflect the appropriate funds. The accounts 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

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

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds set aside by the PCC for a particular project. The PCC may place these in a separate unrestricted fund called a designated fund. Funds so designated may be redesignated by the PCC and so designation does not prevent funds from being spent on other purposes. All unrestricted funds comprise income funds which the PCC must spend within a reasonable time.

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.

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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned Giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised through the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross wherever possible.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental Income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan quota, or parish share, is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. The parish share was paid in full in 2022.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land & Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Buildings are held at the 1997 insurance value currently and for the foreseeable future as agreed with our Examiner and following discussions with Church House, Coventry.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings are held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and those requiring a faculty for disposal are considered by the PCC to be inalienable property. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 1997 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over the anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. The economic life used was five years for items acquired up to 31st December 2004. Items acquired after that date have generally depreciated over three years to reflect the rapid technological changes and obsolescence in computers and such equipment.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator but was written off over twelve months due to the relatively low cost. In 2016 a second laptop was purchased for general parish use. In 2017 an additional printer was purchased for the Administration Office and a new laptop for general parish use. In line with a recommendation made by the Independent Examiner at the 2016 accounts review items costing less than £1,000 are now fully written down in the year of purchase. Therefore the items purchased in 2017 were all fully written down in the year. No purchases or disposals were made in 2018 and 2020. In 2019 a new Administration Office computer and a second hand photocopier were purchased. Both were written off during the year. In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "Live streaming" of services.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds; at the bank or building society.

Creditors include Grants that have been received but not yet spent for the specific purposes for which they were given. The figure also includes all fees paid as deposits and other advance payments for weddings and funerals

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving

Gift Aid Donations

Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid

Other Planned Giving (including CAF)

Collections (Open Plate) at all Services

Give As You Earn Scheme

Income towards FLW costs

Sundry Donations

Sub Total

Legacies

Total

2022			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	44,707	4,772	49,479
0	11,393	4,868	16,260
	2,000	300	2,300
	1,460	646	2,106
		15,160	15,160
7,220			7,220
	4,896	580	5,476
7,220	64,455	26,326	98,001
	100,000		100,000
7,220	164,455	26,326	198,001

2021			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

1,415	39,684	7,266	48,366
387	8,953	5,207	14,546
	120	300	420
	1,342	578	1,920
		13,873	13,873
205	2,702	971	3,878
2,007	52,801	28,195	83,003
	500		500
2,007	53,301	28,195	83,503

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising

Grants

Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Income from DCC's for Property Maintenance

(ii) Income from DCC's for Equipment Purchases

Total

	98		98
3,000	600	4,161	7,761
		2,159	2,159
250			250
1,500			1,500
4,750	698	6,320	11,768

	11,629	15,029	26,658
		2,458	2,458
240			240
1,500			1,500
1,740	11,629	17,487	30,856

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines

Orders of Service

Lettings - Church/Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Memorial Trees

Other Income

Fees

Total

	53	27	80
	9,746	908	10,654
	7,123	1,424	8,547
	16,922	2,359	19,281

	5,218	130	5,348
	2,738	2,539	5,277
	7,956	2,669	10,625

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims

Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest

Realised Gains

Total

	793	5,427	6,220
	793	5,427	6,220

	1,069	4,981	6,050
	1,069	4,981	6,050

Total Incoming Resources

11,970	182,868	40,432	235,270
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3,747	73,955	53,333	131,034
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

8,681

2,410 11,091

4,025

2,275

6,300

St, Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

STUDLEY							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
44,317		390	44,707	37,221		2,463	39,684
11,388		5	11,393	8,410		543	8,953
2,000			2,000	120			120
1,460			1,460	1,342			1,342
3,551		1,345	4,896	1,987		715	2,702
62,715		1,740	64,455	49,080		3,721	52,801
100,000			100,000			500	500
162,715		1,740	164,455	49,080		4,221	53,301

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising
Grants
Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre

Total

98			98				
600			600	1,200	2,158	8,271	11,629
698			698	1,200	2,158	8,271	11,629

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Parish Centre
Other Income
Fees
Total

53			53				
	9,746		9,746		5,218		5,218
7,123			7,123	2,738			2,738
7,176	9,746		16,922	2,738	5,218		7,956

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Total

750	43		793	1,068		1	1,069
750	43		793	1,068		1	1,069

Total Incoming Resources

171,338	9,789	1,740	182,868	54,086	7,376	12,493	73,955
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

8,681

8,681

4,025

4,025

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

4,652		120	4,772	7,146		120	7,266
4,808		60	4,868	5,177		30	5,207
300			300	300			300
646			646	578			578
15,160			15,160	13,873			13,873
149	430		580	647	24	300	971
25,716	430	180	26,326	27,721	24	450	28,195
25,716	430	180	26,326	27,721	24	450	28,195

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants
Donations
(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events
Fund Raising - Ankcorn House

Total

100		4,061	4,161	200		14,829	15,029
2,159			2,159	2,458			2,458
2,259		4,061	6,320	2,658		14,829	17,487

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Church/Ankcorn House
Charity Fund Raising
Memorial Trees
Other Income
Fees
Total

27			27				
	908		908		130		130
1,424			1,424	2,539			2,539
1,451	908		2,359	2,539	130		2,669

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Realised Investments
Total

5,391		35	5,427	4,922		59	4,981
5,391		35	5,427	4,922		59	4,981

Total Incoming Resources

34,817	1,338	4,277	40,432	37,840	154	15,338	53,332
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

2,410

2,410

2,275

2,275

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving

Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies

- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

2022			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

		290	290
		290	290

2021			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

		190	190
		190	190

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs (Including Family Link Worker)

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

	41,774	20,887	62,661
	877	427	1,304
	821	591	1,412
10,450	3,135	2,104	15,689
	189	69	258
	5,808	6,807	12,615
	3,231	1,956	5,187
	7,900	4,095	11,995
	844	1,461	2,305
	6,197	1,019	7,216
		1,310	1,310
		396	396
10,450	70,776	41,122	122,348
10,450	70,776	41,122	122,348

	40,955	20,477	61,432
	803	401	1,204
	491	338	829
917	2,175	2,264	5,356
	191	95	286
0	5,258	5,390	10,648
	1,567	2,407	3,974
	18,761	28,106	46,867
	1,056	1,842	2,898
	10,377	630	11,007
		829	829
	1,620	759	2,379
	240		240
917	83,494	63,538	147,950
548			548
1,465	83,494	63,538	148,498

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

	183	91	274
	183	91	274

	19	10	29
	19	10	29

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

	4,457	2,228	6,685
	1,380	690	2,070
10			10
	345	229	574
10	6,182	3,147	9,338

	4,180	2,090	6,270
	1,167	583	1,750
	37	4	41
	5,384	2,677	8,061

Total Resources Used

10,460	77,140	44,651	132,251
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1,465	88,897	66,415	156,778
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Net Resource Before Transfers

1,510 105,728 -4,219 103,019

2,282 -14,942 -13,083 -25,743

Fund Transfers

Realised Gains/(Losses) on Investments

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

-5,458 -5,458

11,562 11,562

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

1,510 105,728 -9,676 97,562

2,282 -14,942 -1,521 -14,181

St Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

STUDLEY							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses
- Curates House Cost
- Upkeep of Services
- Other Ministry Costs
- Vicarage Maintenance
- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects - Vision 900

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre Running Costs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

41,774			41,774	38,957			38,957
877			877	1,125			1,125
821			821	836			836
3,135			3,135	662			662
189			189	770			770
5,808			5,808	6,211			6,211
1,131	2,100		3,231	933	634		1,567
		7,900	7,900			18,761	18,761
844			844	1,056			1,056
	6,197		6,197		10,377		10,377
						1,620	1,620
						240	240
54,578	8,297	7,900	70,775	51,862	11,011	20,621	83,494
54,578	8,297	7,900	70,775	51,862	11,011	20,621	83,494

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

183			183	19			19
183			183	19			19

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme)

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

4,457			4,457	4,180			4,180
1,380			1,380	1,167			1,167
210	62	73	345	26	5	6	37
6,047	62	73	6,182	5,373	5	6	5,384

Total Resources Used

60,808	8,359	7,973	77,140	57,254	11,016	20,627	88,897
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Net Resource Before Transfers

Fund Transfers

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

110,530	1,429	-6,233	105,728	-3,168	-3,641	-8,134	-14,942
-25,000		25,000		-39	39		
85,530	1,430	18,767	105,728	-3,207	-3,601	-8,134	-14,942

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2022				2021			
General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

290			290	190			190
290			290	190			190

3b

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Cost of Memorial Trees

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

20,887			20,887	20,478			20,478
427			427	401			401
591			591	338			338
2,104			2,104	2,264			2,264
69			69	95			95
6,807			6,807	5,389			5,389
1,085	872		1,957	2,174	233		2,407
		4,094	4,094			28,106	28,106
1,461			1,461	1,842			1,842
	1,019		1,019		630		630
		1,310	1,310			829	829
		396	396			759	759
33,430	1,891	5,800	41,120	32,981	863	29,694	63,538
33,430	1,891	5,800	41,120	32,981	863	29,694	63,538

3c

Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

91			91	10			10
91			91	10			10

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

2,228			2,228	2,090			2,090
690			690	583			583
108	61	60	229	4			4
3,027	61	60	3,147	2,677			2,677

Total Resources Used

36,838	1,951	5,860	44,649	35,858	863	29,694	66,415
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-2,021 -614 -1,583 -4,218 1,982 -710 -14,355 -13,083

Funds Transfers

-900 900 -12,500 12,500

Amount shown as income in Financial Activities Statement

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

-5,458 -5,458 11,562 11,562

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-8,379 286 -1,583 -9,676 1,044 -710 -1,855 -1,521

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

2 Income

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants

Studley/Mappleborough Green Parish Council
 Studley Charities
 Listed Place of Worship VAT Grant & Allchurches Trust
 Total

Studley	
2022	2021

Mappleborough Green	
2022	2021

	600
600	8,871
600	9,471

	100
4,061	14,829
4,061	14,929

Legacies

Studley - Ronald Ward
 Total

	500
100,000	
100,000	500

Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Parish Party
 Summer Fete
 Autumn Fair
 Smartie Tubes
 Annual Fund Raising Event/Gift Day
 General Fund Raising
 Maundy Supper
 Fund Raising V900
 Lunch Box
 Other Fund Raising Events
 Total

98	
98	

220	634
1,203	922
736	902
2,159	2,458

Donations

Sundry
 Total

Total

100,698	9,971
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6,220	17,387
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure

3a Grants

Missionary Societies

Church societies

Total

Studley	
2022	2021

Mappleborough Green	
2022	2021

40	
40	

Relief & Development Agencies

Other Charities

Total

250	190
250	190

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Total

Secular Charities

Total

Total

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290	190
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church

Clergy Expenses

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Visiting Speaker	16		8	
Visiting Clergy	24			
Expenses - Vicar	387	312	193	156
Expenses- Curate	361	296	181	148
Expenses - Associate Minister		8		4
Printing - Vicar	29		15	
Printing - Curate	28	29	14	15
Postage - Vicar	1			
Stationery - Vicar		15		8
Stationery - Curate				
Telephone - Vicar	7		4	
Telephone - Curate	24	143	12	71
Total	877	803	426	401

Upkeep of Services

Worship	419	289	565	325
Messy Church	402	202	26	13
Total	821	491	591	338

Other Ministry Costs

Songs & Music	23	48	89	24
Tech - Streaming/Broadband	675	685	128	343
Church Music Licence	791	581	257	247
Service Books				
Royal Society of Church Music				
Readers Annual Subscription				
Deanery Levy				
Contribution to Family Link Worker	1,098		549	
Discipling	71	62	35	31
Children & Youth	154	20	153	10
Pastoral Care	46	378	23	224
Schhol & Children	57	79	113	72
Enquirers Courses	95	34	48	17
Occasional Offices	87	86	25	29
Festivals & Community	38	201	684	1,267
Total	3,135	2,175	2,104	2,264

Running Costs

Cleaning				30
Electricity	581	519	837	926
Oil	777	941	2,951	1,154
Water	95	82		
Rent of Ankorn House				
Insurance	2,328	2,328	2,207	2,126
Traidcraft Purchases				
Sundry Costs	2,026	1,389	812	1,154
Total	5,808	5,258	6,807	5,389

Maintenance

Routine Maintenance - Church	490	609	761	1,675
Fire Equipment - Church	305			187
Tuning of Organ & Piano	336	324	324	312
Total	1,131	933	1,085	2,174

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church (continued)

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Electricity	971	233	230	130
Gas	137	293		
Oil				
Insurance	896	782	230	230
Fire Extinguishers		305		
Garden Maintenance	1,340	6,200		
Water (2017 refund of overcharge to Ankorn House)	95	82	381	270
Caretaker/Cleaner	2,068	2,080	178	
Cleaning Materials				
Lottery & Amusement Act Licence				
Sundry Expenses & Bank Charges	752	406		
Total Running Costs	6,259	10,382	1,019	630
Repairs & Maintenance	2,100	634	872	233
Total Parish Centre/Ankorn House Costs	8,359	11,016	1,891	863

3c Fund Raising & Publicity

Stewardship Expenses				
Summer Fete Expenses				
Autumn Fair Expenses				
Parish Party Expenses				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Church				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Fabric				
Publicity & Advertising	183	19	91	10
Lottery Licence - Parish Centre				
Total	183	19	91	10

3d Church Management & Administration

Telephone - Parish Administrator	819	809	410	404
Postage - Parish Administrator				
Stationery - Parish Administrator	49	151	24	76
Printing - Parish Administrator	312	200	156	100
PCC Administration Costs	200	40	100	20
Audit Costs		-33		-17
Total	1,380	1,167	690	583

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

4 Staff Costs

St. Mary's church paid a self-employed couple to cover the duties of caretaker and cleaner for the Parish Centre. The weekly cost was £40 per week. (These costs are shown under section 3b on page 12)

The Administrator employed by the Parish was paid a salary of £6,270 for the year to 31st December 2021. This was based on the National Living Wage rate of £9.50 an hour for a 55 hour month. (These costs are shown under section 3d on pages 8b and 8c)

Stipendiary clergy have been reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their parish duties. These costs are shown on section 3b on pages 8b and 8c. .

Apart from the people mentioned above no other person received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and nobody received £40,000 or more per annum

5a Fixed Assets (See Page 14 for details)

Freehold Land and Buildings - Holy Ascension Church

This comprises of Ankorn House at a 1997 insurance valuation of £74,056

Freehold Land and Buildings - Studley Church

This comprises of the Parish Centre at a 1997 insurance valuation of £120,000

Church Equipment

This refers to equipment owned by the individual churches and shared equipment owned jointly through the PCC and comprises of such items as sound equipment, musical equipment, computers, printers, duplicator and projectors.

5b Investments

At the 31st December 2021 Holy Ascension Church held 6,296.64 units in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund), at £15.562 each. This valued the investment at £97,988.31 which showed an unrealised gain of £11,562.52 for the year.

6 Debtors

PCC Treasurer's Account

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable

Amounts due from Deanery and Churches

7 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

PAYE/NI Creditor

NEST Pension Creditor

Trade Creditor

Amount due to Studley DCC

Amount due to Mappleborough Green DCC

Provision for Grant received but not yet spent

Provision for Family Link Worker's Expenses

Amounts held for others (Agency collections)

8 Bank Accounts

(a) Short Term Deposits

General Fund

Parish Centre

Ankorn House

Fabric Fund

(b) Cash at Bank and In Hand

General Fund

Parish Centre

Ankorn House

Fabric Fund

9(a) Funds

5a Fixed Assets and Investments

5b Investments

6 Debtors

7 Liabilities

8a Short Term Deposits

8b Bank Current Accounts

See page 15 for Fund Holdings

Parish Fund	St. Mary's	Holy Ascension	Total
	580	263	843
		691	691
456			456
456	580	954	1,990
-39			-39
-168			-168
		-1,438	-1,438
-580			-580
-263			-263
-435			-435
-300			-300
-2,248			-2,248
-4,033		-1,438	-5,471
	126,884	32,090	158,974
	10,095		10,095
		7,391	7,391
	136,979	39,481	176,460
15,638	93,852	20,485	129,976
	2,946		2,946
		717	717
	23,774	462	24,236
15,638	120,573	21,664	157,875
	120,000	74,056	194,056
		92,530	92,530
456	580	954	1,990
-4,033		-1,438	-5,471
	136,979	39,481	176,460
15,638	120,573	21,664	157,875
12,061	378,132	227,247	617,440

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Schedule of Fixed Assets
as at 31st December 2022

Schedule 5(a)

5 Assets

	Year Ending	Parish			Studley			Mappleborough			Total Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings		Total Assets
	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	Studley		M/G		
Additions at cost														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		6,017.10			13,364.07			9,953.48		29,334.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	223,390.65
	2012	589.98	6,607.08	Administrator's Computer	1,350.80	14,714.87	Sound System		9,953.48		31,275.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	225,331.43
	2013		6,607.08		6,442.23	21,157.10	Projectors/Screens		9,953.48		37,717.66	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,773.66
	2014	-255.01	6,352.07	Scrap Computer/photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,462.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,518.65
	2015	193.80	6,545.87	Administrator's Printer		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,656.45	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,712.45
	2016	639.99	7,185.86			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,296.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	232,352.44
	2017	841.99	8,027.85	Printer, laptop and software		21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2018		8,027.85			21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2019	1,767.99	9,795.84	Computer and Photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2021	547.70	10,343.54	Mevo Camera		21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
	2022		10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
Depreciation charged														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		5,646.66			13,364.07			9,953.48		28,964.21			28,964.21
	2012	534.28	6,180.94		187.68	13,551.75			9,953.48		29,686.17			29,686.17
	2013	196.68	6,377.62		450.24	14,001.99			9,953.48		30,333.09			30,333.09
	2014	-548.65	5,828.97		2,597.67	16,599.66			9,953.48		32,382.11			32,382.11
	2015	396.05	6,225.02		2,410.04	19,009.70			9,953.48		35,188.20			35,188.20
	2016	284.06	6,509.08		2,147.40	21,157.10			9,953.48		37,619.66			37,619.66
	2017	1,109.83	7,618.91	Items purchased in 2017 w/off		21,157.10			9,953.48		38,729.49			38,729.49
	2018	213.36	7,832.27			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,942.85			38,942.85
	2019	1,963.57	9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42			40,906.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		30,952.94			30,952.94
	2021	547.70	10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12			41,454.12
	2022		10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12			41,454.12
Net Book Value														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		370.44								370.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,426.44
	2012		426.14			1,163.12					1,589.26	120,000.00	74,056.00	195,645.26
	2013		229.46			7,155.11					7,384.57	120,000.00	74,056.00	201,440.57
	2014		523.10			4,557.44					5,080.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	199,136.54
	2015		320.85			2,147.40					2,468.25	120,000.00	74,056.00	196,524.25
	2016		676.78								676.78	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,732.78
	2017		408.94								408.94	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,464.94
	2018		195.58								195.58	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,251.58
	2019											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2020											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2021											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2022											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00

Fixed assets purchased prior to 2005 were depreciated over 5 years on a straight line basis. Computers purchased after 2005 and the second hand photocopier purchased in 2005 depreciated over 3 years.

Each church purchased a new projector in December 2006 and these were depreciated over 5 years.

The PCC purchased a new laser colour printer in 2009 for use in the Parish Office. The printer was depreciated over 3 years.

Land and Buildings are not depreciated and are recorded in the accounts at the 1997 insurance valuation.

In 2012 a new computer was purchased for use in the Parish Office.

In 2013 projectors and screens were installed in St. Mary's Church just before the end of the year so depreciation will commence from 1st January 2014.

In 2014 a new laptop was purchased through the PCC for general use in the churches; the photocopier was sold and an old computer was scrapped.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator's use, but the cost was such that it was decided to write it off over 12 months.

In 2016 a new laptop was purchased for general use.

At the 2016 review of accounts the Independent Examiner recommended that any items of equipment costing up to £1,000 should be fully expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2017 a new computer was purchased through the PCC for Studley Church along with software and a printer for the administrator at a cost of £841.99 which was expensed in the year.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2018.

In 2019 a second hand photocopier was purchased for £1,000 plus VAT. It was felt that it would be prudent to write this item off in the year of purchase. A new computer was bought for the Parish Office at a cost of £567.99 and this was also written off.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2020 and there were no asset values to be depreciated in 2020

In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "live streaming" of service. As the value was under £1,000 the cost were fully written off in year. We also disposed of the photocopier which was purchased in 2005 and the open 2011 balances have been adjusted to reflect this transaction.

Fund Holdings

Funds	Parish			St. Mary's					Holy Ascension					Grand Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
Ankorn House Funds											717		717	717
Ankorn House Building												74,056	74,056	74,056
Chancel Restoration Fund											100		100	100
Charifund Investment Fund									92,530				92,530	92,530
Children's Arts & Craft Fund				155				155						155
Christian Education											492		492	492
Churches Together														
Coffeehouse		100	100											100
Cross of Nails Link (S.Africa)														
Decor8						659		659						659
Equipment		4,612	4,612											4,612
Fabric Fund						23,115		23,115			6,427		6,427	29,542
Flower Fund											8		8	8
Friendship Group		28	28											28
General Fund	508		508		220,725			220,725		52,579			52,579	273,812
Legacy														
Memorials														
Mission		649	649											649
New Wine														
Parish Centre Funds						13,041		13,041						13,041
Parish Centre Building							120,000	120,000						120,000
Prepaid Funerals														
Property Refurbishment		970	970											970
Memorial						300		300						300
Memorial Trees											338		338	338
Outreach				137				137						137
Vision 900 Appeal														
Youth Work		5,194	5,194											5,194
Total	508	11,553	12,061	292	220,725	37,115	120,000	378,132	92,530	52,579	8,082	74,056	227,247	617,439

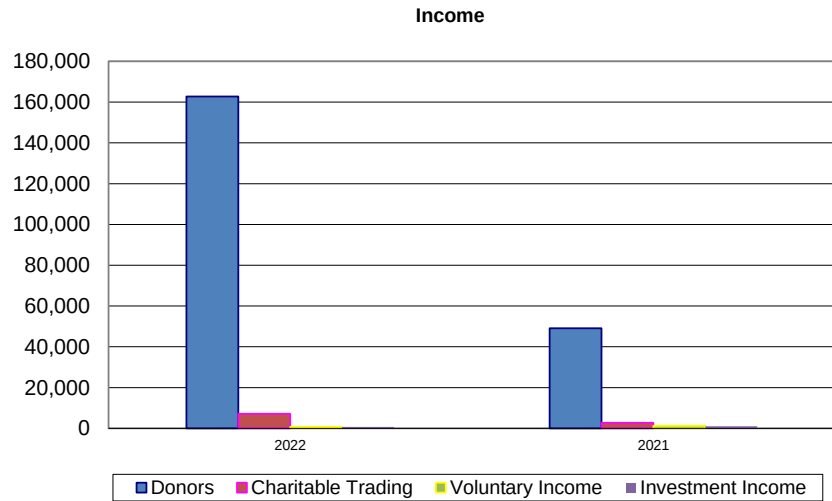
Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Christian Ministry Analysis
Year to 31st December 2022

2022										
PARISH	STUDLEY				MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN				PCC	
General Fund	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Total Resources Used	10,460	60,808	8,359	7,973	77,140	36,838	1,951	5,860	44,649	132,249
less:										
Major Repairs & Refurbishment				7,900	7,900			4,094	4,094	11,994
Parish Centre/Ankcorn House Repairs								1,310	1,310	1,310
Architects Fees										
Professional Fees								396	396	396
Bank Charges				73	73			60	60	133
Total Ministry Costs	10,460	60,808	8,359	0	69,167	36,838	1,951	38,789	118,416	

Studley Income and Expenditure Comparison 2022 v 2021

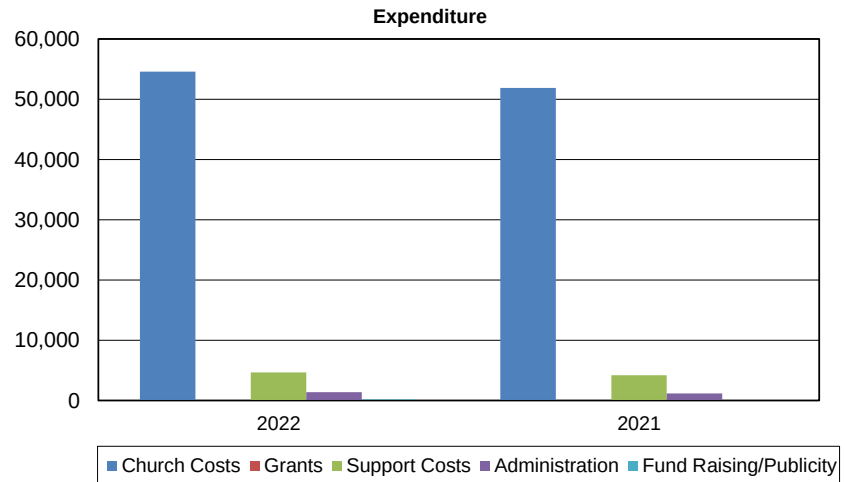
Income

	2022	2021
Donors	162,715	49,080
Charitable Trading	7,176	2,738
Voluntary Income	698	1,200
Investment Income	750	1,068
Total Income	171,339	54,086



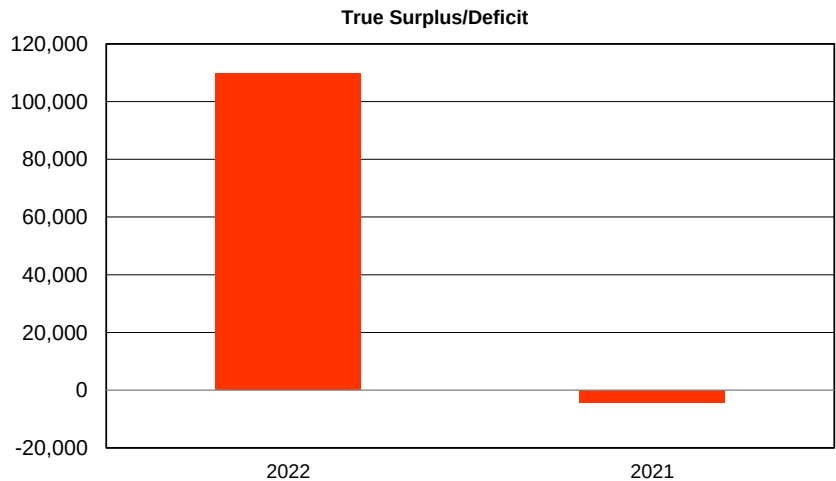
Expenditure

	2022	2021
Church Costs	54,578	51,862
Grants		
Support Costs	4,667	4,206
Administration	1,380	1,167
Fund Raising/Publicity	183	19
Total Expenditure	60,807	57,254



Net Movement

	2022	2021
Net Movement	110,532	-3,168
Investment Income	750	1,068
True Surplus/Deficit	109,782	-4,236

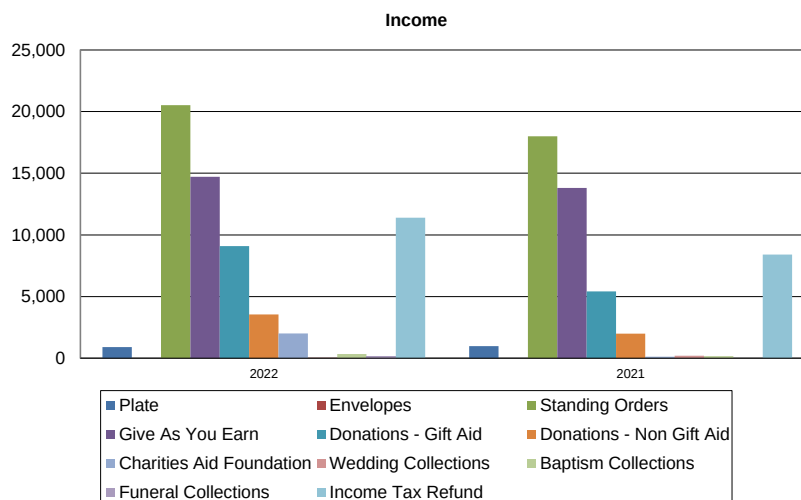


Studley Church **Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2022 v 2021**

Income

Donors

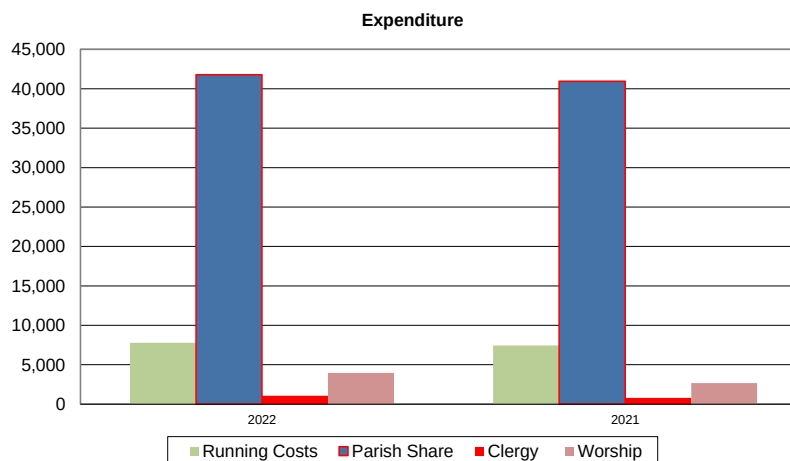
	2022	2021
Plate	905	973
Envelopes	0	0
Standing Orders	20,520	18,004
Give As You Earn	14,706	13,801
Donations - Gift Aid	9,091	5,416
Donations - Non Gift Aid	3,551	1,987
Charities Aid Foundation	2,000	120
Wedding Collections	45	197
Baptism Collections	336	171
Funeral Collections	174	0
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	11,388	8,410
Total Income - Donors	62,715	49,080



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2022	2021
Parish Share	41,774	40,955
Clergy	1,066	803
Worship	3,956	2,665
Running Costs	7,783	7,438
Total Expenditure	54,579	51,862



Average Giving 2022

	£			
		Congregation	£	
		Average Number	Yearly	Weekly
Plate	905			
Envelopes	0			
Standing Orders	35,226			
Donations - Gift Aid	9,091			
Donations - Non Gift Aid	3,551			
Charities Aid Foundation	2,000			
Income Tax Refund	11,388			
Total	62,160	82	758.05	14.58

Average Giving 2021

	Congregation Average Number	£	
		Yearly	Weekly
973			
0			
31,805			
5,416			
1,987			
120			
8,410			
48,711	82	594.04	11.42

The most recent published data for Church of England shows average tax efficient giving per person per week in **2019** was **£14.10 nationally** and **£13.40 in Coventry Diocese**. Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by a tax payer.

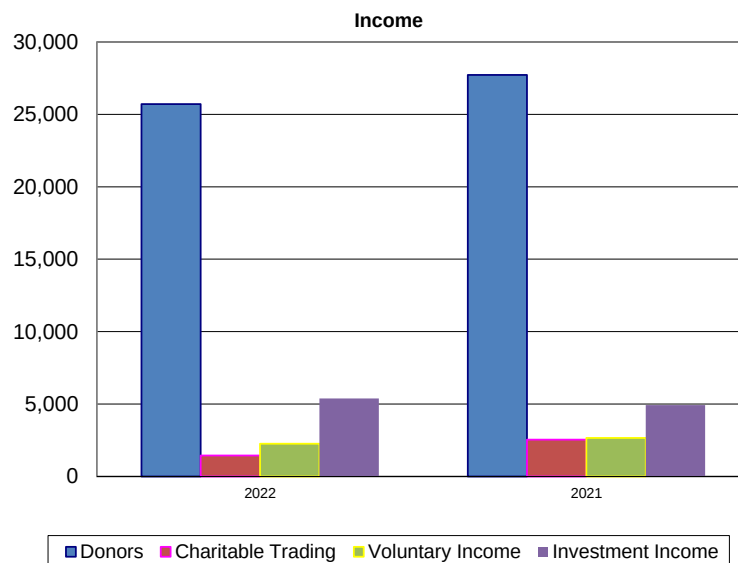
Average congregation number unknown in 2020 and 2021 due to church closure during Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, attendance has been kept the same for both years.

Mappleborough Green Income and Expenditure Comparison 2022 v 2021

Income

	2022	2021
Donors	25,716	27,721
Charitable Trading	1,451	2,539
Voluntary Income	2,259	2,658
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
Total Income	34,817	37,840

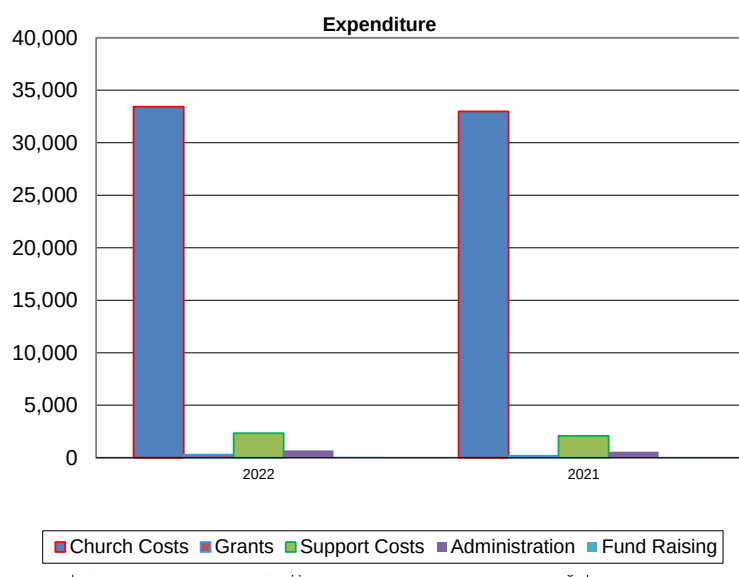
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Charitable Trading	1,451	2,539
Voluntary Income	2,259	2,658
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
Total Income	34,817	37,840



Expenditure

	2022	2021
Church Costs	33,430	32,981
Grants	290	190
Support Costs	2,337	2,094
Administration	690	583
Fund Raising	91	10
Total Expenditure	36,838	35,858

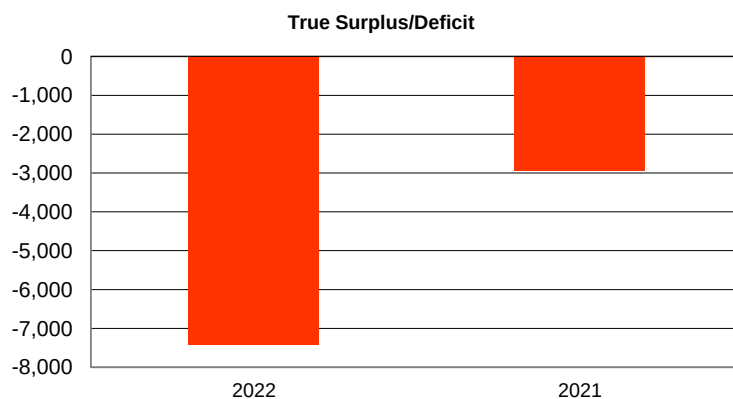
	2022	2021
Church Costs	33,430	32,981
Grants	290	190
Support Costs	2,337	2,094
Administration	690	583
Fund Raising	91	10
Total Expenditure	36,838	35,858



Net Movement

	2022	2021
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
True Surplus/Deficit	-7,412	-2,940

	2022	2021
Investment Income	5,391	4,922
True Surplus/Deficit	-7,412	-2,940



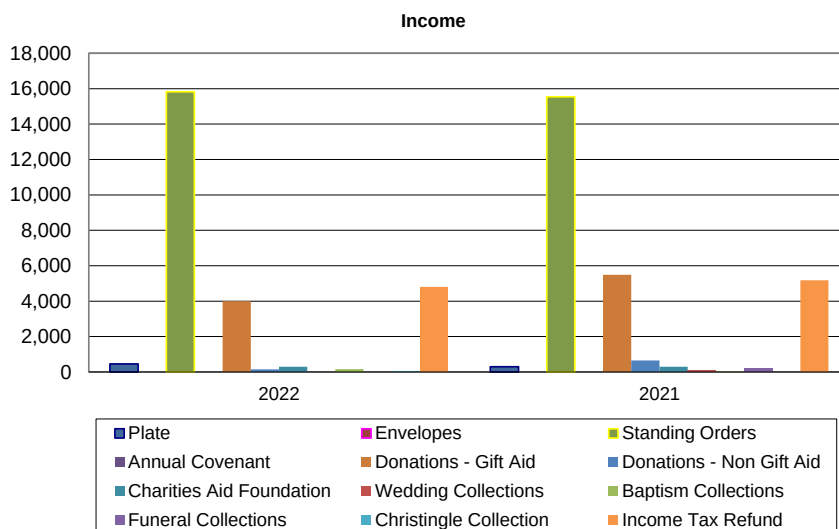
Mappleborough Green Church

Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2022 v 2021

Income

Donors

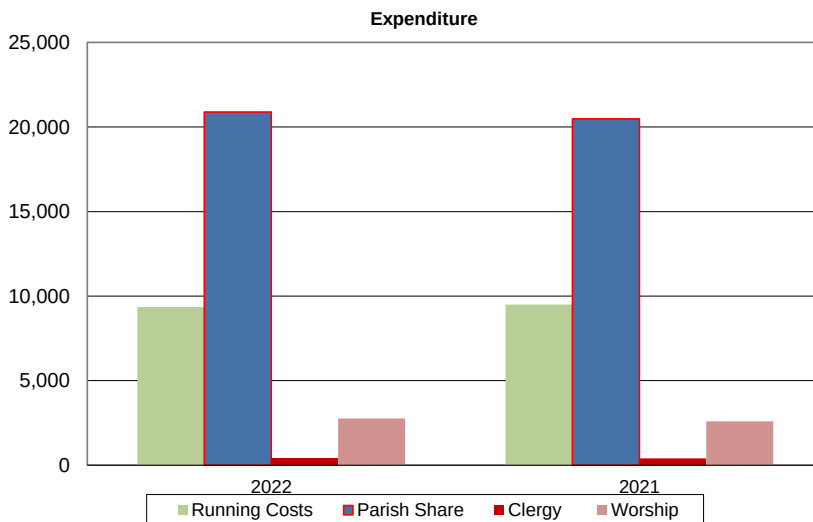
	2022	2021
Plate	449	297
Envelopes	0	0
Standing Orders	15,820	15,536
Annual Covenant	0	0
Donations - Gift Aid	3,992	5,483
Donations - Non Gift Aid	149	647
Charities Aid Foundation	300	300
Wedding Collections	0	85
Baptism Collections	157	30
Funeral Collections	0	166
Christingle Collection	40	
Income Tax Refund	4,808	5,177
Total Income - Donors	25,716	27,721



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2022	2021
Parish Share	20,887	20,478
Clergy	427	401
Worship	2,764	2,602
Running Costs	9,353	9,500
Total Expenditure	33,431	32,981



Average Giving 2022

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

Plate	449
Envelopes	0
Standing Orders	15,820
Annual Covenant	0
Donations - Gift Aid	3,992
Donations - Non Gift Aid	149
Charities Aid Foundation	300
Income Tax Refund	4,808
Total	25,518

40	637.96	12.27
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Average Giving 2021

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

1,811		
988		
13,751		
350		
2,026		
175		
458		
4,709		
24,268	42	577.81

The most recent published data for Church of England shows average tax efficient giving per person per week in **2019** was **£14.10 nationally** and **£13.40 in Coventry Diocese**. Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by a tax payer.

Average congregation number unknown in 2020 and 2021 due to church closure during Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, attendance has been kept the same for both years.

Accounts

**Annual Report
of the
Parochial Church Council
for 2021**

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RECTOR'S REPORT

I enjoy Annual Reports because they capture something of all that has happened in the life and outreach of Studley and Mappleborough congregations within the Arden Marches Churches over the past year or so. I always feel more appreciative of the significance of what the Holy Spirit is working among and through us as I read the reports. Thank you to everyone who has contributed reports this year. And thank you to everyone who has given of themselves in so many ways to enable the life and outreach of our church. Above all, of course, thank you to God for the privilege of being caught up in God's mission in our area.

Through the year I have found inspiration and focus in four characteristics that are central to my understanding of christian community as we seek to be open to God, to each other, and to our communities:

- Living out of a still centre rooted and grounded in the love of Christ
- Cultivating homespun family-feel communities that foster deep relationships
- Offering relaxed, bespoke hospitality
- Being visible and active in the wider community

I find it hard to remember the sequence of events through the pandemic and the various lockdowns – it is all a bit of a blur. But I do remember how good it was to gather from all our congregations to **worship together** on Zoom. Thank you especially to Dan and to Ethan P for excellent technical support to make that possible. We have also held Facebook Morning and Night Prayer on weekdays for a long time now, and gathered a loyal group of pray-ers plus a wider group of people from beyond our church who join us sometimes. These times of prayer have been a great encouragement. Thank you to Judy, Alan T, Alan G, Pat W and Dan for faithfully continuing with this ministry. And thank you to all the telephoners! – there has been a wonderful ministry of phone calls to keep people connected through the pandemic.

I also remember the delight of being able to gather to worship in church again, despite various restrictions, and also the delight of eventually singing without masks!

We have not been able to hold our regular Sunday evening and other services in **Care Homes**, but Joan Lock has visited people with Holy Communion when asked, and we have held monthly 6pm Communion services in the Parish Centre to continue our pattern of regular worship in the centre of the village.

Through 2021 we offered opportunities to gather during the week for **learning and exploring together**. We zoomed the Lent Course 'Living his Story', held The Difference Course in person, and some took part in Living in Love and Faith diocesan zoom courses. We held 4 Arden Marches Forum evenings in 2021 focussing on discerning priorities for 2021, appointing a Family Link Worker, and on prayer – an evening of praying in different ways, and another of praying into our outreach to families. In early 2022 we held a Forum to set dates for events through the year.

I continue to be **Chaplain** to both our church schools, and we have offered regular Collective Worship (mainly as video recordings – but with one wonderful Zoom session where Amasango School and all four classes at Mappleborough shared worship together). It is wonderful to be able to now go into school in person.

We continued our connection with **Amasango School** by joining in with an online quiz, Dr Girlie Shadaya the new Principal joined us one Sunday for worship on Zoom, and by a donation from the Harvest Supper. I value this real connection with Christian mission around the world, and the way it focusses our membership of the **International Community of the Cross of Nails**.

We are at a time of significant transition as curate Dan Corlett moves on to be Associate Minister for the Alcester Rural Mission Hub, and as Phil Pattison stands down after 6 years as churchwarden. Dan and Phil have been outstanding in their service to us in so many ways – we have been very blessed, and are deeply thankful to God for their ministries among us.

While Dan has been here I have enjoyed spending more time with our Mappleborough congregation. Many thanks to Erica Hayton for her care-full leadership and service as churchwarden, and to everyone who contributes to our church life and care of the buildings and fantastic grounds.

It has been a great joy to have Angela Corlett start work as our first **Family Link Worker** on 1st May 2022. I am sure we will see significant growth in our ministry among families and children in the months ahead.

In July the Ayton family left us as Jacque was ordained and began her curacy in Coventry. Very sadly Tony Drake died during the year. We miss his loving enthusiasm for drawing people to Christ, and we thank God that he was part of our church family for so many years.

In October a number of us attended the Return, Rebuild, Renew diocesan conference which has given us resources and inspiration as we emerge from the pandemic. Bishop Christopher Cocksworth spoke of his vision of LIFE for our diocese: of restored health – for individuals and for healthy church communities, of new growth – of new worshipping communities, of renewed relationships - as we learn to live well with diversity and difference. He spoke of us being life- bearers as we share the life of Christ with our communities, and as we serve the common good in our communities. As we continue to follow Jesus through 2022 may we be bearers of his 'life in all its fullness' (John 10)

Kate Mier

Life Events

Despite lockdown restrictions we still had the privilege of being there for people at critical moments in life, and of helping them experience the loving presence of Christ with them. In 2021 we conducted 16 baptisms, 5 weddings and one blessing, and 25 funerals. (The first part of 2022 is bringing increased numbers of baptisms). In May 2021 the Government changed the way weddings are registered, which took a bit of getting our heads around, but seems to be working smoothly now with slightly less administrative responsibilities falling to us.

Many thanks to Judy Stote and Alan Greathead for their ministries in all this alongside Dan and me, and to the vergers teams.

We are looking for new vergers and for a weddings co-ordinator for Studley. If you are interested in this ministry of practical hospitality do let me know.

<u>2021</u>	<u>Mappleborough</u>	<u>Studley</u>
Baptisms	3	13
Weddings	1	4
Wedding blessings	1	
Funerals	4	6
Plus 13 crematorium funerals and 2 graveside funerals in Studley Cemetery		

Kate Mier

CURATE'S REPORT

Studley Church

The return to a full pattern of in-person worship at Studley has been very welcome, and it is wonderful that once again many people are exercising their gifts in ministry, hospitality, organisation, and other areas. It has been particularly heartening to see a number of families with children attending on a regular basis. We are now very committed to working out how to best support the children and their parents in the services.

At our Vision Morning on 8th January, we took stock of our Sunday 10am worship services and decided to try a new monthly pattern of services, each one led by a specific team and with a distinct flavour. Now a few months in, it seems that this is working well, though more people are needed in these teams to make them sustainable and to allow people to discover and grow in their gifts. We have started to theme a set of services (normally across a month), which is allowing us to go a bit deeper into aspects of Christian life and discipleship, and offering continuity, especially where attendance remains less consistent than pre-covid.

At the Vision Morning we also felt a great need to be more integrated into village life. Encouragingly, at the Parish Council annual meeting this month, almost every group that gave a report had some linkage with the church, whether formal or through church members' volunteering and supporting them.

There have been a significant number of baptisms, not only as we catch up from Covid, but also because people continue to feel the need to have their children baptised. This is an area of real potential for developing relationship with families in Studley, and it would be good to have more people supporting this ministry, both helping on the day of the baptism and getting to know the families before and after the event. Reopening the building during the week has enabled us to welcome a large number of visitors again, mainly from the village and from Warners' Hotel. The visitor book is full of comments from people who find the building significant in their spiritual lives, and usage of the new Goodbox contactless payment system further demonstrates people's appreciation.

The group attending our 8am communion services remains consistent and as elsewhere, people are grateful for the lifting of restrictions on seating and masks.

Last autumn, we started three new Life Groups – mid-week groups for church members to encourage one another in their discipleship journey, each one formed around an area of shared interest. I am really grateful to the leaders of these groups for being willing to take on this new venture and have heard very good things from members of the groups.

Centrepiece worship was not held in 2021. It relaunched in 2022 and at the time of writing it has been paused to review how best to proceed.

Youth

In January 2022, a group of 11-18s met for a New Year party, which started a monthly gathering of young people for chat, games, bible exploration and prayer. Mainly meeting at the home of Kay Middleton, it is open to young people connected with any of our churches and we are still finding what pattern of activities is best suited to those who want to attend. Several of these young people attend Sunday services (10am, Messy Church, Centrepiece) and we're also really grateful for the way they are blessing and serving these congregations.

Dan Corlett

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Holy Ascension - Mappleborough Green

The activities of the church were necessarily curtailed by the continuing pandemic – throughout the spring and summer 2021, while Sunday services continued to be held via Zoom, the church was open for private prayer one morning a week, with a small number of people coming on each occasion. As the country has moved into (we hope) the pandemic's latter stages, we have gradually returned to a more recognisable pattern of services in the church and stopped holding services on Zoom. We hold two Holy Communion services each month, a morning worship and an all-age worship. On 5th Sundays, churchgoers are encouraged to go out into the community to bear witness.

The rector developed Covid-safe procedures for all services, and especially for the administration of communion which we continue to practise. Many thanks are due to Alan Greathead, Jennie Jarmy and Aileen Lockey for taking up the major part of the responsibility for the two non-communion services each month. Our congregations are noticeably smaller than pre-pandemic, and we hope that we shall see more people returning in 2022. The system of weekly coordinators and the rota for other tasks have been re-established, although some people have not wanted to take up roles just yet. Thanks to the four coordinators, to Jennie Jarmy for once again taking on the drawing up of the rotas, and to all who volunteer. A new system for serving refreshments was introduced and, as a result, we intend to continue to serve coffee at a table in the main room at Ankorn House, instead of everyone trying to get through to the kitchen. We are grateful to Fred Young who continues to clean each week, with working parties arranged twice in the year to do deeper cleans and churchyard tasks. The Pump House was cleared and thoroughly cleaned in July.

Linda Salisbury has taken on responsibility for Ankorn House and is moving forward in trying to establish its legal ownership and other issues around our use of the building, and she is also working hard to drum up more rental use. Our thanks to her also for organising very enjoyable Zoom fundraising events, which helped both with funds and our social well being during lockdown. Thanks to Maxine Mould who has stepped down after being responsible for Ankorn House for a number of years.

The EcoChurch group met several times, and we are close to a bronze award on the EcoChurch dashboard. A hay meadow in the churchyard had its first full year, which should help to support a variety of wildlife, eco toilet rolls were offered for sale at cost price, and discussions were held about installing rainwater diverters to collect rainwater off the church roof.

A Minifest was held on August Bank Holiday Sunday, attracting both members of the church family and people new to us – the intention was to be a low key family day out with barbecue, drinks, music and a bouncy castle. Many thanks to Charlotte Fitchett, her family and her team of ladies who organised and ran this most successful event. The Harvest ‘Supper’ had to be without food, but was nevertheless an enjoyable occasion with 60 people gathering from across the benefice to listen to the inspirational songs of Rob Halligan. An Advent Giving Day with prayer led by the rector led to some generous donations. A Christingle service was held but was not attended by as many as in the past. The wider life of the church has been adversely affected with many groups unable to meet – monthly coffee mornings continued while cafes were open, with 12-18 people coming from across the churches.

The last snagging of the vestry project were completed, and then we were told that the boiler was unfit for use and needed replacing – an expense we were hoping not to have quite so soon. This work was completed in early December, after a number of services were held in a very cold church! The diocesan heating adviser visited as the fan heaters were not operating properly – this is an ongoing issue.

I offer my personal thanks to all those who have supported me as Churchwarden – especially the Deputy Churchwarden John Styler, Alan Greathead who is always a very willing volunteer and to him, Alan Jarmy and Glynn Jones for their support and willingness to share their many years of experience; and also those on the DCC and all those church members who contribute so much to the life of our church.

Erica Hayton Churchwarden

The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley

- **The District Church Council** We continued to meet throughout 2021, initially via zoom and towards the later part of the year in person. The agendas usually include Mission both in terms of Outreach and the Spiritual Growth of the Church, Safeguarding, Finance, Buildings, Health and Safety, Church Schools, Foodbank and much more.

Health and Safety Kim Harwood stepped down as our Health and Safety Officer and Mike Moffat has taken up the role. The Health & Safety Policy and the supporting documents have been updated and signed off by the PCC.

Church Building After several setbacks, we were granted a faculty, to re-point the parapet and carry out repairs to the merlons on the East and West elevations of the tower which had become unsafe. You will see

in the financial report that we received a donation of £5,000.00 from the Diocese in addition to donations received from members of the community towards the cost of the repairs. The replacement of missing and broken tiles on the roof, and the repointing of the flaunching's remain outstanding.

We were also granted permission to remove two trees from the churchyard, a Sycamore (that was near to the boundary wall on the north side of the church and a Corsican Pine (near to the Garden of Remembrance) both were unsafe. A Lime tree near to the road was also pollarded.

Maintenance checks have been completed during the year by appropriately qualified contractors (see the list below) and any faults that were identified have been repaired. Fire Extinguisher Maintenance, Portable Appliance Testing, Fire Alarm System, Portable Appliance Testing, Emergency Lighting Test, Organ Tuning, Central Heating Boiler, Security Alarm System and the Lightning Protection System.

A Full (5 year) Electrical Test was also carried out satisfactorily. Monthly safety checks have also been carried out.

The church is open Tuesday to Thursday and at weekends from 10.00am until 4.00pm thanks to a small group of volunteers who open and lock up. If you take time to read the visitors book you will see that many people find both the church to be a very peaceful place to visit and often make complimentary comments about how well the church is kept.

The church has been cleaned regularly, flowers provided, refreshments served in addition to numerous tasks that are carried out behind the scenes by a small but dedicated group of people.

It remains for me to say thankyou to Kate and Dan for leading us, also thankyou to everyone who contributes to the life the church is various ways. On a personal note, thank you for supporting, challenging and encouraging me and allowing me to serve as your Churchwarden for the past six years.

Phil Pattison

STUDLEY + MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PCC

The PCC has met four times since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), including one additional meeting called with short notice under the Church of England's Model Rule M25 (8).

The following decisions were made:

23 June 2021

The PCC accepted the payment of £66,225 as Parish Share for 2022.

The PCC agreed the Safeguarding Policy, the Policy statement on the recruitment of ex-offenders and the Procedure for Responding to a Safeguarding Concern or Allegation.

6 October 2021

The PCC nominated Linda Salisbury to be a Foundation Governor at Mappleborough Green Church of England Primary School.

16 February 2022

The PCC approved the appointment of a Family Link Worker.

The PCC accepted the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, subject to the final response from the Independent Examiner.

The PCC supported the creation of a Finance Task Group.

The PCC agreed that a Governance Task Team be set up to review current committee structures.

The PCC approved the appointment of Sue Johnson as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

29 March 2022 - Additional meeting

The PCC adopted the Hubb.Church website and church management plan, to start on 1 May 2022.

The PCC agreed the Terms and Conditions of Employment of the Family Link Worker, subject to a satisfactory conclusion regarding the provision of a pension scheme.

The average attendance over the four meetings was 70% of members.

David Lee PCC Secretary

SAFEGUARDING REPORT FOR 2021

Kim Harwood was appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer from June 2021 after Kay Middleton stepped down due to pressure of work. Kim stepped down in January 2022 due to pressure of work. Sue Johnson was appointed as PSO on 16th February 2022.

Safeguarding was an agenda item at each DCC and PCC meeting through the year, and our safeguarding policies and procedures has their annual PCC review. We followed Safer Recruitment practices for appointing the PSO, Bell Tower Captain, and Family Link Worker. This needs to be rolled out to all appointments. DBS checks were carried out as needed, and safeguarding training undertaken by those for whom it is required.

I believe that the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Kate Mier

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2021-22

The number of names entered upon the Church Electoral Roll was slightly reduced from the previous years, but only by three which is good news for the Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green churches. There were 8 added members for St Mary's Church, with 6 deletions and 5 deletions for Holy Ascension Church. As of 14th May 2022 the total number on the Electoral Roll is 144.

	Mappleborough Green	Studley	Total
Opening	57	90	147
Additions	0	8	8
Deletions	5	6	11
Total	52	92	144

Linda Salisbury

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I think for me this last year has been approximately what one might call normal, whatever that is. Working my usual hours back at the vicarage.

There was all the usual publicity via Facebook, website, and email. Producing weekly newssheets, notices, and posters for, amongst others, Christmas, Messy church and Easter, with input from Kate and others.

There have also been service booklets to produce and PowerPoints to create. Databases and spreadsheets to manage and the website and calendar to maintain. Also there have been the usual funeral, wedding and baptism enquiries to process.

As I said "**normal**"

Judith McLelland

THE PARISH CENTRE

I was appointed Parish Centre Coordinator with effect from 1st September 2021 following the retirement of Tony Drake. Tony's service not only at the Parish Centre but also within the wider community over many years was immense and it was with great sadness that he passed away shortly after stepping down. I missed the opportunity of calling on his wise counsel and experience as I started my first months in the role.

The effects of Covid regulations over the past two years has had a serious impact on Parish Centre use, but fortunately by late summer 2021 and into the Autumn, many of our regular user groups including Brownies, Sunbeams and Rainbows had resumed their activities at the Centre with several interesting new groups beginning a relationship with us, particularly the Harlequins Theatre Group and Studley Quilters. We are indebted to Studley Quilters for the generous donation of 6 tables in return for their storage between their meeting sessions.

We have resurfaced and re-laid the outside patio slabs and acquired a new metal external storage unit to replace our aging wooden shed. This additional storage capability has been made possible due to the exciting development and redecoration of the Jaffray Room. The plans for using the Jaffray Room as a wellbeing, multipurpose counseling suite have enhanced the usability of the Parish Centre as a valuable community facility. Our thanks must be placed on record to our Curate, Dan Corlett, who had the foresight to source a grant of £8435 from Warwickshire County Council Covid-19 Mental Wellbeing and Resilience Fund to enable this initiative to be achieved. Our new facilities will enable us to attract a wider range of users in the future, generate much needed income and benefit our community.

Since the last report we have successfully replaced all perimeter car park fencing following the fire incident in 2021. We have also successfully negotiated a working agreement with our neighbours in Old Vicarage Gardens, for them to use 5 spaces in our car park. The end of lockdown has encouraged a steady return and increase in childrens party bookings. (Practically every weekend for the past 8 months) We even hosted our first wedding reception event in December 2021 and in April 2022 held the first Maundy Supper since lockdown restrictions were lifted. Happily, Messy Church, Parish Communion and Compassion Groups have now returned to the hall and continue to thrive.

My thanks go to Phil Pattison for his support and encouragement as I get to grips with church administration procedures and ways. Thanks also to Mike Bond for his regular watch on lighting and heating systems, always a challenge in aging buildings, to Rob and Catherine our cleaners and caretakers and to Ian Nichol, our gardener, who still travels to Studley each month from his home in Bromyard to look after our gardens, including the car park. Finally, can I encourage anyone reading this report who would like to join a small team at the Parish Centre to help from time to time with opening and locking up the hall, to contact me? This would certainly help operations particularly during busy holiday times.

Mike Moffat

ANKCORN HOUSE REPORT 2021-22

Bookings for 2021-22 following the pandemic have increased slightly in the last few months, however costs remain higher than income. On-going promotion of the meeting room availability is hoped through social media and venue booking websites.

Linda Salisbury

STUDLEY CHURCHYARD

The monthly churchyard maintenance working parties have continued during the year on the first Saturday morning of each month and we were gradually able to return to more sociable working including a coffee break and chat. We have tried to adhere to the churchyard plan agreed by the DCC which designates areas left for wildflowers, areas mown closely and regularly and areas which contain a lot of overgrown graves that could only be cleared with a much, much bigger team. Paths have been maintained through the longer growth areas so that people can walk through the various areas of the churchyard. Wendy, with help, continues to maintain the garden of remembrance area. At the end of 2021 certain areas were strimmed very closely and yellow rattle seed set. We are still waiting to see if any has germinated this year.

Sadly Tony Drake who did lead these working parties wasn't able to attend many sessions in 2021 due to his health and he is greatly missed.

We live in hope that the number and variety of wildflowers, birds and other wild life will increase in our churchyard and that it will continue to be a place where people find peace, beauty, spiritual awareness and rest.

Hilary Volrath

BELLRINGERS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

September 2021 saw the return of bellringing in Studley after 18 months of the bells being silent due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the longest time since the second world war. The bellringers introduced safety precautions with the wearing of masks, hand sanitising between rope changes and keeping all windows and doors open while ringing. The ringing room and stairs were cleaned, swept and white safety lines repainted

on the stairs. The bells have been rung every Sunday morning, Thursday evening practice and weddings when requested since our return.

During the 18 months of Covid lockdown restrictions, following all health and safety and Covid risk assessments, the bells were inspected by Simon Adams from Taylors Bell foundry in Loughborough. The clappers were removed and taken to Taylors to be rebushed. The bells are now in good working order. Our thanks go Richard Spray for all the work that went into obtaining grants and overseeing the work carried out. Sadly, at the end of the lockdown period, three of our experienced ringers moved out of the area, one being our tower captain Rachel P. At our AGM, the bellringers thanked Rachel for her many years of commitment and contribution to the life of this church and community, not only as tower captain but playing the organ at many of our services, served on DCC and PCC and as a governor at Studley Church of England Junior School. The bellringers presented her with a leaving gift.

I was nominated as tower captain and went through the safer recruitment process required by the house of bishops before being voted in by the PCC.

All tower Safeguarding and Health and Safety documents have received their annual up date and a draft has been submitted to the appropriate officers for approval.

Since our return we have welcomed William Blizzard, new recruits Helen T and Maddy, the return of Natasha V and Stuart S who has recently moved to the area.

On the third Saturday of the month we have introduced a special practice to enhance our ringers method ringing. With the help of experienced ringers from other towers it has enabled William to ring his first quarter peal.

On remembrance Sunday we rang all eight bells half muffled, we were joined by Helen W one of our ringers who moved away to university.

In the run up to Christmas, the bellringers once again took to practicing the handbells. This was made extra special with Sheila V being able to join us, rekindling her childhood and a joy to see her taking part after her accident. We played at the church Carol service and outside at Field view care home and Four acres care home where we were met by overjoyed residents.

In January we opened the tower and welcomed the 2022 wedding couples to a morning's demonstration, trial by those who wished, followed by tea and cake and a chat with Kate. The bellringers and wedding couples thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I pray God will bless the couples throughout their married lives together.

Richard Spray and I went on a teach the teachers course run by the ART. The day was just the start of a 2 year course where you are assessed at different points of teaching a new recruit.

On Sunday 6th February, the bells were rung after the morning service to mark the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of our Queen, Elizabeth 2nd accession. We rung 70 rows of 'Queens'. This was documented on a special page set up on bellboard for all ringing events across the country to mark the occasion.

On the 12th March we entered a team to ring in the Coventry Guild striking competition at Radway.

This year Studley was one of the towers to host the Coventry Spires and the Worcester Young Ringers mini outings. Both groups are set up for ringers who are under the age of 18 years. We have two members of our band at Studley who attend these groups.

At the end of April, we had the pleasure of ringing the bells for the wedding of one of our bellringers Natasha to Glen. As a special request the bells were fired.

At the end of a year that has been a fruitful return to ringing, this has only been made possible because of the support and encouragement the band give each other, they are a true witness to Gods people.

Louise Grubb

Tower Captain

CHURCHES TOGETHER

This has been another year of 'what can we do together' given the limitations on meeting and eating together. As we all began to emerge from lockdowns the village celebrated with the Studley Festival at the beginning of July and Churches Together were there with a stall, activities for children, people to talk to and information about Christian Aid and Foodbank. The annual service of remembrance in November also went

ahead, the service being led by members of the churches and was very well attended by the village. A change in arrangements for the Studley Christmas Lights switch on brought crowds to where the churches were leading the carol singing, preventing some singers even getting there! This year the cards delivered to every house in Studley about the Christmas services gave details of the services of all the churches - and spread the delivery load. The last joint Christmas activity was carol singing outside Bumbles on the Saturday morning before Christmas which was enjoyed by singers and coffee drinkers alike. The new year sees the Week of Prayer for Christian unity when we held our first united service for some time. We didn't organize joint Lent groups this year but we started Lent with a united service in the Methodist church on Ash Wednesday and finished with a prayer walk of witness around Studley on Good Friday.

Unfortunately due to the Baptist and Roman Catholic churches struggling with leadership and congregations, the churches together committee has been limited to Methodists and Anglicans. We have been boosted by the new Methodist group minister, Steve Levett, and their new Community and family worker, Anne Batchelor, who have brought fresh ideas to the group. Please pray that the other churches will grow and be represented at future united activities.

Hilary Volrath

MESSY CHURCH

Since last May we have had varied success with attendance. The most disappointing was our Christingle service which was very sadly only attended by 3 families. We put this down to several factors which should be considered this year - the brownies were all at the pantomime, we held it in church so families without transport may have been less inclined to make the walk home in the dark afterwards, and many children had made christingles at school. However, other sessions have been very well attended, and numbers are increasing. We decided to move the date from the first Sunday of the month to the second, thereby avoiding some of the school holidays. In February we introduced a corner for babies and toddlers, with mats and a few toys. We are now going to re-introduce the buffet tea, which hasn't been done since before the pandemic. We are a very good team of creative people who can be relied upon to come up with wonderful activities, ideas and enthusiasm, though we are always on the look out for more!

Ann Bond

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

During the year, Oldberrow Church achieved its Bronze Eco Church accreditation, with Studley and Mappleborough Green now very close to gaining theirs.

An idea that began within the Benefice Eco Group, to start an environmental festival, has gained support from many other groups in and around Studley. Bill Acres kindly agreed to chair a team with representation from Studley in Business, Studley in Bloom and our local County Councillor, Justin Kerridge. From this group, Environmentally Studley was born (www.enjoyablistudley.co.uk/environmentally-studley). The churches will be contributing around 11 events during the fortnight 18th June to 2nd July. Local residents and businesses are encouraged to make eco pledges, and many other organisations are hosting events and activities.

Dan Corlett

ARDEN FOODBANK

The foodbank continues to help people in the local community who are struggling to find money for food. Although not as busy as during the height of the pandemic we have been much busier than in 2019. Over the financial year 21/22 we fulfilled 317 vouchers, providing food for 449 adults and 259 children over the two centres of Studley and Alcester. During the year we were able to let clients back into the hall to collect their food, return to doing packing for a voucher not pre-packs and let volunteers over 70 years old help again at the sessions (not that some of us stopped working in the background). Some of our volunteers left as they returned to work from furlough which left us a bit short on numbers but one plea in church for volunteers and we had several new helpers. Many thanks to all our volunteers, long serving and new. Thanks to Erica who not only stepped in during the pandemic but was dropped into a session leader role. With churches opening up again Erica has stepped down again. We are really grateful for all the work she did at a very

difficult time. The incredible donations of both food and money during 2020/21 has kept stock levels high for a long time but now we are having to top up on certain items. We still have pasta and baked bean mountains, as do all foodbanks in the area, and have been really helped by a local firm who is donating boxes of fruit juice every month.

We again made up bags of Christmas food for families in 10 local primary schools. Within 2 days we assembled food, packed 167 parcels and delivered them to the schools; a great team effort.

With the cost of living crisis we are expecting to be really busy again this year, but the rush hasn't happened yet. If you know anyone who is struggling financially do see if we can help them.

Hilary Volrath

COMPASSION

Many thanks to Alan Greathead, for his contribution to the Group, he will no longer be attending the meetings on a regular basis. We are pleased that Helen Turney and Irene Freeman have volunteered to join the Team.

During the times when the group could not meet in person, we initiated a phone rota contacting people on a weekly basis by a Team member. These calls have been much appreciated by all.

We are aware that new friendships have been made by people who have met at the Monday meetings and these have helped during the difficult last year.

The Compassion group resumed briefly in October 2021, but due to the COVID restrictions we sadly had to postpone the group until the Spring.

We were very happy to welcome the group back during March 2022. The meetings are being very well attended and all feel blessed by the warmth and comfort the meetings give to the group and team members.

Helen Quigley

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Since 16th March 2020 the corona virus 19 cancelled all socialising, so our first outing which was booked for 27th March 2020 to The Golden Goose had to be cancelled.

During this time, I have kept in touch with the group, with phone calls. At one time I thought that this group may not be able to meet up again, and prayed for the situation thinking what else could be done for the lonely and bereaved people, in and around our community. The Compassion group started up again in March 2022.

When I received the e-mail from Kate asking everyone for their reports for the A.G.M as usual. - against The Friendship Group it said would like to write a "Farewell report". I realised felt very upset that the group was ending, as during the last 18 months I had so missed organising and meeting up with everyone, as had all the members who enjoyed the monthly outings. Then on 25th April I received a phone call from a lady who had lost her husband during the pandemic, enquiring about The Friendship Group. She said that she had been to the Compassion Group the week before and they were telling her the different things of what goes on.

She thought that a meal with everyone, once a month would be lovely.

I did tell her that unfortunately I wasn't sure if this group would start up again. She said it seems such a shame as everyone at compassion were saying how much they enjoyed the group. I did take her name and number and said I would be in touch. Then on the same day I also received 2 enquiries from drivers asking when the group would be starting up again. I felt this was the answer to my prayers – The Friendship Group will start up again. In June 2022 to give me time to organise an outing.

Unfortunately, during the pandemic 6 of our dear members died. But will remember happy times we had together with fondness and love.

I have been in touch with all my volunteer drivers, and they are looking forward to picking passengers up again. Which without them, this mission of outreach would not be possible.

God Bless

Margaret Lee

MOSAIC

Mosaic kept meeting successfully via zoom up until 2022. When we tried to meet at Ankorn House there were so few that it was decided to stop meeting.

There has been some talk about meeting in someone's home as previously.

As a group of people we enjoyed meeting to discuss the subjects and also genuinely cared about each other. Perhaps the less homely setting and the dark nights put people off coming.

Zoom was very good for most people who could use the forum but it lacked the subtleties for social discourse.

The pictures selected as start points and the subsequent literature and poems were starting to be useful for content for church activities.

The group included some who would not ordinarily come to our church services.

We learned from each other and from the broad range of christ centred material discussed.

Guy Allen

2ND STUDLEY (ST. MARY'S) RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

Both units are now fully back up and running weekly from the Parish centre with over the recommended number of girls because of demand. Both units are still immensely popular but lack adult leaders, which has always been an issue. There is a guide unit in Studley that meets at the Methodist church, but we no longer have a church aided guide unit (10-14yr olds) as there were no leaders to take over when it closed. It is a real shame as we lose a lot of girls because of this.

Both units continue to have action packed meetings , recently we had a joint ramble from Sambourne to the Throckmorton arms to commemorate Thinking Day with over 40 girls in attendance.

The Rainbows unit has taken to having their Promise Ceremony at the church, it gave us more space when covid restrictions were difficult but we found it made the evening so special for the whole family that we will continue to do this when we can, which is just once a term.

Brownies have been able to utilise the church too and held their Carol Service there, which was extremely well attended.

Brownies were also able to return to the theatre for their annual pantomime trip.

Both units have more events, days out, charity fundraising, community events and environmental ventures they are planning as units and as part of the wider Studley Community in the coming months.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the church for being so accommodating to our needs at the Parish Centre and when we want to commandeer the church itself.

Pamela Winfield

leader in charge of Rainbows and District Commissioner for Studley

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The second half of the summer term saw some easing of Covid Lockdown measures. Classes remained separate and Collective Worship took place online or through video link within the separate classrooms. The church volunteers did not return to school and Governors meetings remained online through Zoom. On 20 July the Year 6 leavers attended the church for a Leavers' service. They were each given copies of Charlie Makesy's book, The Boy, the Mole, The Fox and the Horse from the church. Parents were invited and many attended. The children appreciated this opportunity to maintain one of the traditions of the school through this difficult time of Covid restrictions.

On September 16, parents of the new Reception children were invited to a welcome breakfast held in a marquee in the school grounds. A few parents attended and enjoyed chatting about the church. Letters of welcome with church information were sent to all parents. On 29 September, a Harvest service was held outside in the school grounds. This was led by the Lighting the Candle group and attended by Kate and Jennie and Alan Jarmy.

In November, Class 3 spent a morning at the church with Dan Corlett learning about Baptism including enacting the service at the font.

In December, we were very pleased to welcome Linda Salsbury as a Foundation Governor following Diocesan approval of her proposal by the PCC.

A Christmas Carol service had been planned to take place in the church but a further outbreak of a new strain of Covid caused a change of arrangements and a limited service was held in the school marquee. Covid advice and regulations have interrupted our usual programmes of Collective Worship and volunteering within the school throughout much of this year. The school has remained open although the majority of staff and a large proportion of children have suffered from the condition and have needed to remain at home for periods of time. Our volunteers have attended within school as and when they have individually felt comfortable in doing so.

Until March 2022 school classes remained separated from one another and Collective Worship was led by staff within classrooms, sometimes via video-link. Kate, Dan and Keith Johnson continued to offer Collective Worship on Wednesdays via Zoom or video link. In early March, all assemblies returned to being held in the school hall and the church collective worship returned there.

Our church volunteers, Diane, Linda, Alan J and Jennie have returned to helping within the classroom and in various activities supporting teachers and the school.

Lighting the Candle has continued on Wednesday lunchtimes and the children attending have been guided through leading Collective Worship.

On 16th March the school was inspected by Ofsted, having been informed of the inspection just one day in advance. The 3 Foundation Governors, Dan, Linda and Jennie, attended a meeting with the inspectors and were pleased to learn that the school was well regarded and rated as a good school. "Pupils are happy at this small, friendly school. They love learning and try hard to do their best. They say teachers make learning fun"

The Church/School Group has continued to meet once a term to plan church-school events and co-operation, including the promotion and facilitation of the Christian ethic within the school.

On 7 April, the whole school attended an Easter service at the church. This service had been prepared and was impressively well presented by Class 3 (Years 3 and 4) and all parents were invited. It was really pleasing to see the whole school back in church with a good number of parents.

The summer term is now underway and a number of church-school activities are being planned as we hope for a term uninterrupted by further illness.

Jennie Jarmy

STUDLEY ST MARY'S CE ACADEMY

This has been another tough year for the school. The after effects of lockdowns are still being felt and there are gaps in learning in some areas. A long-term absence for a teacher has hit the other staff hard. New guidance to all schools means that major revisions of the curriculum are necessary, especially with Ofsted expected before the end of 2022.

Nevertheless, hard work and determination from the Headteacher and her staff, as well as the pupils, mean that significant progress is being made. The recent SATs went smoothly and most classes are making progress. The school is a calm and purposeful place in which to learn.

Church members continue to lead assemblies and support the school in other ways. Please ask if you feel you would like to help in some way as we seek to strengthen the links between church and school. Our new Family Link Worker will play a vital role in this as we move forward. In particular, we are short of foundation governors, so if you could help here, please have a word with me or Kate.

Keith Johnson

DEANERY SYNOD

I was appointed Deanery Synod Representative for Mappleborough Green in October 2020, which was just as we were emerging from the pandemic and the opportunity to have discussions with other members of the Synod was almost impossible; as the meetings were held via Zoom online. Therefore my initial six months prior to last year's APCM was limited; and my knowledge of the workings of this group only historical through Alan Greathead, my predecessor.

The Coventry Diocese states the purpose of the Deanery Synod is :

to bring together the views of the parishes of the deanery on common problems

to consider matters concerning the Church of England and to make provision for such matters in relation to their deanery

to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and particularly any matters referred to that synod by the General Synod

Which I am sure it does, however I have found these last twelve months, by attending the bi-monthly meetings also gives our Parish an opportunity to learn from other churches; positive as well as negative, on any issues and also gain an insight into the projects and leadership within the Diocese.

[May 2021] A Deanery Plan commenced development. This was a new process for us. Each deanery in the Diocese was involved in creating their own plan. The plan when completed would lay out our priorities for mission and pastoral care within our deanery. One part of this would be to look at how Benefices utilise their resources most effectively for mission e.g. youth mission, supporting rural parishes to deal with potential issues and Eco church.

The Speaker in attendance The Venerable Sue Field, Archdeacon Pastor spoke on clergy's well-being; a subject the General Synod were investigating. This Clergy Covenant of Well-being was adopted by the Diocese of Coventry, and the Synod members were requested to discuss this subject further with PCC members. The study was looking at how we could all help and support clergy better. It was felt that a duty of care by everyone should be extended to those who undertook this ministry for us and lead us in faith. It was noted that the PCC/Churchwardens ought to have a greater sense of responsibility for those who administer to us, offering a sensitive, caring and supportive role to those who the Lord had put in place to administer to us.

[July 2021] The issue churches face with banking of coins raised by Andrea Sowton from Arden Marches Group was discussed. Unfortunately, whilst a concern it was not clear what could be done about this banking issue. The introduction of the Living in Love and Faith Course to the Deanery commenced, and would look at the way the Church approached issues associated with gender, identity and sexuality. The plan was to enable dioceses, deaneries and local church communities to explore the resources together and from 2022 move forward in decision-making and if necessary, synodical processes.

[November 2021] The Speaker, Revd Craig Grocock, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor presented a discussion session on "What is Spirituality and how can we deepen our prayer life?" This highlighted the opportunities from the Diocese available to everyone wishing to explore spiritual direction alongside others.

[February 2022] The most recent meeting was hosted by Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green offering hospitality from its new servery. The Deanery Plan was presented and had now been sent to the Bishops for implementation.

So having started this annual report with my induction to this role within the PCC as Deanery Synod Representative (others may join me if they wish, as we have a couple of vacancies) I conclude it by advising; I have just been appointed to the role of Secretary for Alcester Deanery Synod, and will be actively involved with the Area Dean (Revd. Kate Mier) coordinating speakers and venues for future Synod meetings. So the journey continues!

Linda Salsbury



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Bringing God's love to a hurting world.

The Arden Marches Group of Churches

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green

(Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley)

(Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green)

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

with Mappleborough Green

Registered Charity Number: 1135615

Studley with Mappleborough Green

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Studley with Mappleborough Green

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 1 to 3 and Notes to the Financial Statements, numbered 1 to 9 (including also detailed notes 2 and 3 on Incoming Resources and Resources Used, for both St. Mary's and Holy Ascension), is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and Section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.



Simon Billingham FCCA
Independent Examiner
22nd February 2022

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Fund)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

		2021					2020
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
		Note					
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2(a)+(b)	80,208		29,954		110,162	77,236
Income from charitable activities	2(b)(i)	2,458				2,458	
Other trading activities	2(c)	5,277		5,347		10,624	7,748
Investments	2(e)	5,990		60		6,050	6,390
Other income	2(b)(ii)			1,740		1,740	1,740
Total incoming resources		93,933		37,101		131,034	93,114
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3(c)	29				29	
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(b)	94,598		62,200		156,798	169,968
Other expenditure	3(d)	-50				-50	50
Total resources used		94,577		62,200		156,777	170,018
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		-644		-25,099		-25,743	-76,904
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in				12,539		12,539	20,689
Gross transfers between funds - out		-12,539				-12,539	-20,689
Net incoming before other gains and losses		-13,183		-12,560		-25,743	-76,904
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets			11,562			11,562	-18,142
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use							
Net movement in funds		-13,183	11,562	-12,560		-14,181	-95,046
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1st January		204,523	86,719	48,762	194,056	534,060	629,106
Total funds carried forward at 31st December		191,340	98,281	36,202	194,056	519,879	534,060

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021				2020				Year on Year Change
		Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income & Endowments (Page 7(a) to 7(c) for Detail)										
Donations and Legacies	2(a+b)	2,007	64,930	43,224	110,162	396	51,556	25,284	77,236	32,925
Other Trading Activities	2(c)		7,956	2,669	10,625		6,116	1,632	7,748	2,876
Income from Charitable Activities	2(b)(i)			2,458	2,458					2,458
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2(b)(ii)	1,740			1,740	1,740			1,740	
Investments	2(e)		1,069	4,981	6,050		1,723	4,667	6,390	-340
Total Income & Endowments		3,747	73,955	53,333	131,034	2,136	59,395	31,583	93,114	37,920
Expenditure (Page 8(a) to 8(c) for Detail)										
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3(b)	1,465	88,911	66,422	156,799	169	71,203	98,596	169,968	-13,169
Raising Funds	3(c)		19	10	29					29
Other Expenses	3(d)		-33	-17	-50		33	17	50	-100
Total Resources Used		1,465	88,897	66,415	156,778	169	71,236	98,613	170,018	-13,240

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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

Note	2021				2020				Year on Year Change
	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	2,282	-14,942	-13,083	-25,743	1,967	-11,841	-67,030	-76,904	51,161
Gains and Losses on Investments									
- Realised									
- Unrealised			11,562	11,562			-18,142	-18,142	29,704
Depreciation Charged in Year (Page 14 for Detail)									
Net Movement in Funds	2,282	-14,942	-1,521	-14,181	1,967	-11,841	-85,172	-95,046	80,865
Balance Brought Forward at 1st January	11,645	176,356	98,930	286,931	9,678	188,197	184,102	381,977	-95,046
Balance Carried Forward at 31st December	13,927	161,415	97,409	272,750	11,645	176,356	98,930	286,931	-14,181

2(b)

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2021

		2021				2020				Year on Year Change
Note		Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
See Page 13 for Detail										
Fixed Assets										
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a		120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Investment assets	5b			97,989	97,989			86,426	86,426	11,563
Total Fixed Assets			120,000	172,045	292,045		120,000	160,482	280,482	11,563
Current Assets										
Debtors	6	431	3,423	3,209	7,063	113	4,534	1,961	6,609	454
Short Term Deposits	8a		136,186	39,304	175,490		156,400	55,873	212,273	-36,783
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8b	26,529	12,995	22,396	61,920	11,457	7,288	20,159	38,904	23,016
Total Current Assets		26,960	152,604	64,909	244,473	11,570	168,223	77,993	257,786	-13,313
Liabilities										
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	-16,409	-200	-30	-16,639	-3,300	-878	-30	-4,208	-12,431
Net Current Assets		10,551	152,404	64,879	227,834	8,270	167,345	77,963	253,578	-25,744
Net Assets		10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879	8,270	287,345	238,445	534,060	-14,181
Funds										
Unrestricted		644	135,195	55,501	191,340	102	138,401	66,020	204,523	-13,183
Designated			292	97,989	98,281		292	86,426	86,718	11,563
Restricted		9,907	16,917	9,378	36,202	8,168	28,652	11,943	48,763	-12,561
Endowment			120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Total	9	10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879	8,270	287,345	238,445	534,060	-14,181

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson Date.....

Member Date.....

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Review of Financial Activities and Affairs
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

1. Studley - In 2021 income from planned giving and general plate collections was some £417 higher than 2020. The major areas affected were Gift Aid donations which were £797 lower than the previous year, plate collections £262 higher, Gift Aid £1,220 higher, Charities Aid Foundation receipts were £50 lower and Sundry Donations were £218 lower. Income from fees was £3,599 lower than in 2018. The Gift Day in December raised £4,025, £4,325 lower than 2020, and is included in the total receipts. Overall income was around £2,744 higher than 2020. Expenditure was £1,020 higher than 2020 with the net result was that total income was less than total expenditure by £4,236 which, when added to the Investment Income of £1068, gave an overall deficit of £3,168 for the year. In addition the church transferred £39 to the parish centre account. Adding these items to the deficit of £3,168 gives a final deficit of £3,207.

Mappleborough Green income from planned giving and general plate was £3,148 higher than 2020. The areas affected were plate collections were up £260, planned giving up £2,014, Charities Aid Foundation level at £300 for the year, Sundry Donations up £112 and Gift Aid up £762. Fees income was up £1,127, and the Gift Day in December raised £2,275 which was some £175 higher than 2020. Fund raising activity £2,658 which was all additional income as no activity was possible in 2020. Expenditure was £5,204 higher than 2020. Overall expenditure exceeded income producing a loss of £2,940. Dividend and interest income produced a £4,922 giving a net surplus of £1,982. In addition the church transferred £12,500 to the Fabric Fund, however there was a partial recovery on the stock markets with the result that the Charifund Investment increased in value providing an unrealised surplus of £11,562 all of which gave a final surplus of £1,044.

2 2021 saw a resurgence in the financial and investment markets and at the end of the year, as mentioned above, the Mappleborough Green investment in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities showed an unrealised profit of £11,652 which took the investment to a closing balance of £97,989 at 31st December.

3. A total of £106,456 was spent on providing the Christian Ministry for the Parish, split between Parish £1,465, St Mary's £68,270 and Holy Ascension £36,721 (See page 16). This sum included the contribution to the Diocese for the Parish Share of £61,433. The Parish Share included a sum of almost £11,000 paid to the Diocesan Support Fund, to assist churches that are unable to pay the full cost of their clergy. This represents 19% of the full cost of a clergy post. During the year Mappleborough Green raised £190 for outward giving.

4. Routine Maintenance and Servicing accounted for £1,567 at Studley and £2,407 at Mappleborough Green. These costs were mainly for boiler servicing, fire extinguisher contracts, PAT Testing, minor electrical work, organ tuning & church alarm system maintenance. Major expenditure at Studley was £18,761 mainly relating to repairs to the bell tower to ensure that it is structurally sound with no risk of falling masonry. Expenditure at Mappleborough Green amounted to £28,106 which relates to the completion of the servery project and a major refurbishment of the boiler.

5. Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances over the past year whether it has been counting the cash from collections at services, giving regularly to church funds or maintaining the accounts. In particular my thanks to Joyce Duffin and Erica Hayton for their work on the accounts of the two churches. A number of people also provide a variety of resources for which they seek no payment. This is very much appreciated and it is important to bear this in mind when looking at our costs for outreach and services which often do not reflect the full cost because of the generosity of people.

Patrick Smith

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (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 Parish Account receives funds which are provided by both churches, individually, to pay joint costs but the individual costs are reflected in the individual church financial statements which also reflect the appropriate funds. The accounts 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

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

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds set aside by the PCC for a particular project. The PCC may place these in a separate unrestricted fund called a designated fund. Funds so designated may be redesignated by the PCC and so designation does not prevent funds from being spent on other purposes. All unrestricted funds comprise income funds which the PCC must spend within a reasonable time.

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.

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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned Giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised through the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross wherever possible.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental Income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan quota, or parish share, is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. The parish share was paid in full in 2021.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land & Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Buildings are held at the 1997 insurance value currently and for the foreseeable future as agreed with our Examiner and following discussions with Church House, Coventry.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings are held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and those requiring a faculty for disposal are considered by the PCC to be inalienable property. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 1997 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over the anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. The economic life used was five years for items acquired up to 31st December 2004. Items acquired after that date have generally depreciated over three years to reflect the rapid technological changes and obsolescence in computers and such equipment.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator but was written off over twelve months due to the relatively low cost. In 2016 a second laptop was purchased for general parish use. In 2017 an additional printer was purchased for the Administration Office and a new laptop for general parish use. In line with a recommendation made by the Independent Examiner at the 2016 accounts review items costing less than £1,000 are now fully written down in the year of purchase. Therefore the items purchased in 2017 were all fully written down in the year. No purchases or disposals were made in 2018 and 2020. In 2019 a new Administration Office computer and a second hand photocopier were purchased. Both were written off during the year. In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "Live streaming" of services.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds; at the bank or building society.

Creditors include Grants that have been received but not yet spent for the specific purposes for which they were given. The figure also includes all fees paid as deposits and other advance payments for weddings and funerals

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving

Gift Aid Donations

Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid

Other Planned Giving (including CAF)

Collections (Open Plate) at all Services

Give As You Earn Scheme

Sundry Donations

Sub Total

Legacies

Total

2021			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

1,415	39,684	7,266	48,366
387	8,953	5,207	14,546
	120	300	420
	1,342	578	1,920
		13,873	13,873
205	2,702	971	3,878
2,007	52,801	28,195	83,003
	500		500
2,007	53,301	28,195	83,503

2020			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

52	38,875	13,006	51,933
69	7,404	4,445	11,918
	170	300	470
	1,080	318	1,398
		6,119	6,119
275	2,205	593	3,073
396	49,734	24,781	74,911
396	49,734	24,781	74,911

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising

Grants

Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Income from DCC's for Property Maintenance

(ii) Income from DCC's for Equipment Purchases

Total

	11,629	15,029	26,658
		2,458	2,458
240			240
1,500			1,500
1,740	11,629	17,487	30,856

	1,822	503	2,325
240			240
1,500			1,500
1,740	1,822	503	4,065

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines

Orders of Service

Lettings - Church/Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Memorial Trees

Other Income

Fees

Total

	5,218	130	5,348
	2,738	2,539	5,277
	7,956	2,669	10,625

	4,505	220	4,725
	1,611	1,412	3,023
	6,116	1,632	7,748

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims

Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest

Realised Gains

Total

	1,069	4,981	6,050
	1,069	4,981	6,050

	1,723	4,667	6,390
	1,723	4,667	6,390

Total Incoming Resources

3,747	73,955	53,333	131,034
2,136	59,395	31,583	93,114

N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

4,025 2,275 6,300

8,350 2,100 10,450

St, Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

STUDLEY							
2021				2020			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
37,221		2,463	39,684	38,018		857	38,875
8,410		543	8,953	7,190		214	7,404
120			120	170			170
1,342			1,342	1,080			1,080
1,987		715	2,702	2,205			2,205
49,080		3,721	52,801	48,663		1,071	49,734
		500	500				
49,080		4,221	53,301	48,663		1,071	49,734

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising
Grants
Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre

Total

1,200	2,158	8,271	11,629			1,822	1,822
1,200	2,158	8,271	11,629			1,822	1,822

2c Income from Charitable & Ancilliary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Parish Centre
Other Income
Fees
Total

	5,218		5,218		4,505		4,505
2,738			2,738	1,611			1,611
2,738	5,218		7,956	1,611	4,505		6,116

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Total

1,068		1	1,069	1,645	66	12	1,723
1,068		1	1,069	1,645	66	12	1,723

Total Incoming Resources

54,086	7,376	12,493	73,955	51,919	4,571	2,905	59,395
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

4,025

4,025

8,350

8,350

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2021				2020			
General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7,146		120	7,266	12,886		120	13,006
5,177		30	5,207	4,415		30	4,445
300			300	300			300
578			578	318			318
13,873			13,873	6,119			6,119
647	24	300	971	535	58		593
27,721	24	450	28,195	24,573	58	150	24,781
27,721	24	450	28,195	24,573	58	150	24,781

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants
Donations
(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events
Fund Raising - Ankcorn House

Total

200		14,829	15,029			503	503
2,458			2,458				
2,658		14,829	17,487			503	503

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Church/Ankcorn House
Charity Fund Raising
Memorial Trees
Other Income
Fees
Total

	130		130		220		220
2,539			2,539	1,412			1,412
2,539	130		2,669	1,412	220		1,632

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Realised Investments
Total

4,922		59	4,981	4,479		188	4,667
4,922		59	4,981	4,479		188	4,667

Total Incoming Resources

37,840	154	15,338	53,332	30,464	278	841	31,583
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

2,275 **2,275** **2,100** **2,100**

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving

Church Overseas

-Missionary Societies

- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

2021			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

		190	190
		190	190

2020			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs (Including Youth Worker)

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

	40,955	20,477	61,432
	803	401	1,204
	491	338	829
917	2,175	2,264	5,356
	191	95	286
0	5,258	5,390	10,648
	1,567	2,407	3,974
	18,761	28,106	46,867
	1,056	1,842	2,898
	10,377	630	11,007
		829	829
	1,620	759	2,379
	240		240
917	83,494	63,538	147,950
548			548
1,465	83,494	63,538	148,498

	38,957	19,479	58,436
	1,125	563	1,688
	836	366	1,202
	662	457	1,119
	770	306	1,076
169	6,211	4,690	11,070
	6,479	1,567	8,046
	3,462	56,839	60,301
	520	1,246	1,766
	5,951	493	6,444
		3,728	3,728
		6,273	6,273
	1,026		1,026
169	65,999	96,007	162,175
169	65,999	96,007	162,175

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

	19	10	29
	19	10	29

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

	4,180	2,090	6,270
	1,167	583	1,750
	37	4	41
	5,384	2,677	8,061

	4,092	2,046	6,138
	1,120	560	1,680
	25		25
	5,237	2,606	7,843

Total Resources Used

1,465	88,897	66,415	156,778
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169	71,236	98,613	170,018
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Net Resource Before Transfers

2,282 -14,942 -13,083 -25,743

1,967 -11,841 -67,030 -76,904

Fund Transfers

Realised Gains/(Losses) on Investments

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

11,562 11,562

-18,142 -18,142

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

2,282 -14,942 -1,521 -14,181

1,967 -11,841 -85,172 -95,046

St Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses
- Curates House Cost
- Upkeep of Services
- Other Ministry Costs
- Vicarage Maintenance
- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects - Vision 900

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre Running Costs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme)

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

Total Resources Used

Net Resource Before Transfers

Fund Transfers

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

STUDLEY							
2021				2020			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

40,955			40,955	38,957			38,957
803			803	1,125			1,125
491			491	836			836
2,175			2,175	662			662
191			191	770			770
5,258			5,258	6,211			6,211
933	634		1,567	1,916	4,563		6,479
		18,761	18,761			3,462	3,462
1,056			1,056	520			520
	10,377		10,377		5,951		5,951
		1,620	1,620				
		240	240			1,026	1,026
51,862	11,011	20,621	83,494	50,997	10,514	4,488	65,999
51,862	11,011	20,621	83,494	50,997	10,514	4,488	65,999

19			19				
19			19				

4,180			4,180	4,092			4,092
1,167			1,167	1,120			1,120
26	5	6	37	25			25
5,373	5	6	5,384	5,237			5,237

57,254	11,016	20,627	88,897	56,234	10,514	4,488	71,236
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-3,168 -3,641 -8,134 -14,942 -4,315 -5,943 -1,583 -11,841

-39 39 -2,152 152 2,000

-3,207 -3,601 -8,134 -14,942 -6,467 -5,791 417 -11,841

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2021

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas
- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies
Home Missions & Other Church Societies
Secular Charities
Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2021				2020			
General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

190			190				
190			190				

3b

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota
- Clergy Expenses
- Curates House Cost
- Upkeep of Services
- Other Ministry Costs
- Vicarage Maintenance
- Training Costs
Alpha Course Costs
Church - Running Costs
- Maintenance
Major Repairs & Refurbishment
Cost of Memorial Trees
Church Equipment
Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall
Upkeep of Churchyard
Cost of Memorial Trees
Upkeep of Field
Ankorn House Running Costs
Ankorn House Major Repairs
Architects Fees
Professional Fees
Salary of Vergers
Salary of Organists
Sub Total
Depreciation

20,478			20,478	19,479			19,479
401			401	563			563
338			338	366			366
2,264			2,264	457			457
95			95	306			306
5,389			5,389	4,690			4,690
2,174	233		2,407	941	626		1,567
		28,106	28,106			56,839	56,839
1,842			1,842	1,246			1,246
	630		630		493		493
		829	829			3,728	3,728
		759	759			6,273	6,273
32,981	863	29,694	63,538	28,048	1,119	66,840	96,007
32,981	863	29,694	63,538	28,048	1,119	66,840	96,007

3c

Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events
Advertising
Total

10			10				
10			10				

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:
Secretarial Expenses
Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme)
Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs
Sundries
Covenant Secretary's Expenses
Lunchbox Management Expenses
Bank Charges
Total

2,090			2,090	2,046			2,046
583			583	560			560
4			4				
2,677			2,677	2,606			2,606

Total Resources Used

35,858	863	29,694	66,415	30,654	1,119	66,840	98,613
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Net Resource Before Transfers	1,982	-710	-14,355	-13,083	-190	-841	-65,999	-67,030
Funds Transfers	-12,500		12,500		-18,500		18,500	
Amount shown as income in Financial Activities Statement								
Unrealised Gains/(Losses)	11,562			11,562	-18,142			-18,142
Depreciation								
Net Movement in Funds	1,044	-710	-1,855	-1,521	-36,832	-841	-47,499	-85,172

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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Supplementary Detail

2 Income

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants

Studley/Mappleborough Green Parish Council
 Studley Charities
 Listed Place of Worship VAT Grant & Allchurches Trust
 Total

Studley	
2021	2020

Mappleborough Green	
2021	2020

600	
8,871	1,822
9,471	1,822

100	
14,829	503
14,929	503

Legacies

Edna Evans, Studley & Joan Welsh, Mappleborough Green
 Total

500	
500	

Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Parish Party
 Summer Fete
 Autumn Fair
 Smartie Tubes
 Annual Fund Raising Event/Gift Day
 General Fund Raising
 Maundy Supper
 Fund Raising V900
 Lunch Box
 Other Fund Raising Events
 Total

634	
922	
902	
2,458	

Donations

Sundry
 Total

Total

9,971	1,822
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17,387	503
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure

3a Grants

Missionary Societies

Amasango

Total

Relief & Development Agencies

Christian Aid

Total

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Total

Secular Charities

Total

Total

Studley	
2021	2020

Mappleborough Green	
2021	2020

190	
190	

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190	
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church

Clergy Expenses

Visiting Speaker

Visiting Clergy

Expenses - Vicar

Expenses- Curate

Expenses - Associate Minister

Printing - Vicar

Printing - Curate

Postage - Vicar

Stationery - Vicar

Stationery - Curate

Telephone - Vicar

Telephone - Curate

Total

Studley	
2021	2020

Mappleborough Green	
2021	2020

312	325	156	176
296	210	148	105
8	6	4	3
29	33	15	16
	356		178
15	12	8	6
	116		58
143	68	71	21
803	1,125	401	563

Upkeep of Services

Worship

Messy Church

Total

289	836	325	366
202		13	
491	836	338	366

Other Ministry Costs

Songs & Music

Tech - Streaming/Broadband

Church Music Licence

Service Books

Royal Society of Church Music

Readers Annual Subscription

Deanery Levy

Discipling

Children & Youth

Pastoral Care

Schhol & Children

Enquirers Courses

Occasional Offices

Festivals & Community

Total

48		24	
685		343	
581	460	247	239
62		31	
20		10	
378		224	
79		72	132
34		17	
86		29	
201	203	1,267	86
2,175	662	2,264	457

Running Costs

Cleaning

Electricity

Oil

Water

Rent of Ankorn House

Insurance

Traidcraft Purchases

Sundry Costs

Total

		30	
519	857	926	456
941	1,182	1,154	965
82	53		
2,328	2,324	2,126	2,095
1,389	1,796	1,154	1,174
5,258	6,211	5,389	4,690

Maintenance

Routine Maintenance - Church

Fire Equipment - Church

Tuning of Organ & Piano

Total

609	1,441	1,675	562
	151	187	68
324	324	312	312
933	1,916	2,174	941

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church (continued)

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Electricity	233	476	130	137
Gas	293	785		
Oil				
Insurance	782	774	230	230
Fire Extinguishers	305	206		
Garden Maintenance	6,200	1,100		
Water (2017 refund of overcharge to Ankorn House)	82	22	270	127
Caretaker/Cleaner	2,080	2,160		
Cleaning Materials				
Lottery & Amusement Act Licence				
Sundry Expenses & Bank Charges	406	429		
Total Running Costs	10,382	5,952	630	494
Repairs & Maintenance	634	4,563	233	626
Total Parish Centre/Ankorn House Costs	11,016	10,515	863	1,120

3c Fund Raising & Publicity

Stewardship Expenses				
Summer Fete Expenses				
Autumn Fair Expenses				
Parish Party Expenses				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Church				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Fabric				
Publicity & Advertising	19		10	
Lottery Licence - Parish Centre				
Total	19		10	

3d Church Management & Administration

Telephone - Parish Administrator	809	734	404	367
Postage - Parish Administrator				
Stationery - Parish Administrator	151	94	76	47
Printing - Parish Administrator	200	219	100	109
PCC Administration Costs	40	40	20	20
Audit Costs	-33	33	-17	17
Total	1,167	1,120	583	560

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
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4 Staff Costs

St. Mary's church paid a self-employed couple to cover the duties of caretaker and cleaner for the Parish Centre. The weekly cost was £40 per week. (These costs are shown under section 3b on page 12)

The Administrator employed by the Parish was paid a salary of £6,270 for the year to 31st December 2021. This was based on the National Living Wage rate of £9.50 an hour for a 55 hour month. (These costs are shown under section 3d on pages 8b and 8c)

Stipendiary clergy have been reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their parish duties. These costs are shown on section 3b on pages 8b and 8c. .

Apart from the people mentioned above no other person received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and nobody received £40,000 or more per annum

5a Fixed Assets (See Page 14 for details)

Freehold Land and Buildings - Holy Ascension Church

This comprises of Ankorn House at a 1997 insurance valuation of £74,056

Freehold Land and Buildings - Studley Church

This comprises of the Parish Centre at a 1997 insurance valuation of £120,000

Church Equipment

This refers to equipment owned by the individual churches and shared equipment owned jointly through the PCC and comprises of such items as sound equipment, musical equipment, computers, printers, duplicator and projectors.

5b Investments

At the 31st December 2021 Holy Ascension Church held 6,296.64 units in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund), at £15.5620 each. This valued the investment at £97,988.31 which showed an unrealised gain of £11,562.52 for the year.

6 Debtors

PCC Treasurer's Account
 Gift Aid Tax Recoverable
 Advance payment for Broadband and Zoom licence

Parish Fund	St. Mary's	Holy Ascension	Total
	2,546	1,096	3,642
374	877	2,113	3,364
57			57
431	3,423	3,209	7,063

7 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

Balance of Gift for Upkeep of Studley Churchyard
 Advance monies received for booklets
 Trade Creditor
 Amount due to Studley DCC
 Amount due to Mappleborough Green DCC
 Provision for Grant received but not yet spent
 Provision for Curate's Expenses
 Amounts held for others (Agency collections)

	-200	-30	-230
-2,546			-2,546
-1,096			-1,096
-8,435			-8,435
-452			-452
-3,880			-3,880
-16,409	-200	-30	-16,639

8 Bank Accounts

(a) Short Term Deposits

General Fund
 Parish Centre
 Ankorn House
 Fabric Fund

	126,134	31,448	157,582
	10,052		10,052
		7,856	7,856
	136,186	39,304	175,490

(b) Cash at Bank and In Hand

General Fund
 Parish Centre
 Ankorn House
 Fabric Fund

26,529	6,462	21,853	54,845
	1,559		1,559
		430	430
	4,973	113	5,085
26,529	12,995	22,396	61,919

9(a) Funds

5a Fixed Assets and Investments
 5b Investments
 6 Debtors
 7 Liabilities
 8a Short Term Deposits
 8b Bank Current Accounts
See page 15 for Fund Holdings

	120,000	74,056	194,056
		97,989	97,989
431	3,423	3,209	7,063
-16,409	-200	-30	-16,639
	136,186	39,304	175,490
26,529	12,995	22,396	61,920
10,551	272,404	236,924	519,879

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Schedule of Fixed Assets
as at 31st December 2021

Schedule 5(a)

5 Assets

Additions at cost	Year Ending	Parish			Studley			Mappleborough			Total Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings		Total Assets
		£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail		Studley	M/G	
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		6,017.10			13,364.07			9,953.48		29,334.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	223,390.65
	2012	589.98	6,607.08	Administrator's Computer	1,350.80	14,714.87	Sound System		9,953.48		31,275.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	225,331.43
	2013		6,607.08		6,442.23	21,157.10	Projectors/Screens		9,953.48		37,717.66	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,773.66
	2014	-255.01	6,352.07	Scrap Computer/photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,462.65	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,518.65
	2015	193.80	6,545.87	Administrator's Printer		21,157.10			9,953.48		37,656.45	120,000.00	74,056.00	231,712.45
	2016	639.99	7,185.86			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,296.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	232,352.44
	2017	841.99	8,027.85	Printer, laptop and software		21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2018		8,027.85			21,157.10			9,953.48		39,138.43	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,194.43
	2019	1,767.99	9,795.84	Computer and Photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,962.42
	2021	547.70	10,343.54	Mevo Camera		21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12	120,000.00	74,056.00	235,510.12
Depreciation charged														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		5,646.66			13,364.07			9,953.48		28,964.21			28,964.21
	2012	534.28	6,180.94		187.68	13,551.75			9,953.48		29,686.17			29,686.17
	2013	196.68	6,377.62		450.24	14,001.99			9,953.48		30,333.09			30,333.09
	2014	-548.65	5,828.97		2,597.67	16,599.66			9,953.48		32,382.11			32,382.11
	2015	396.05	6,225.02		2,410.04	19,009.70			9,953.48		35,188.20			35,188.20
	2016	284.06	6,509.08		2,147.40	21,157.10			9,953.48		37,619.66			37,619.66
	2017	1,109.83	7,618.91	Items purchased in 2017 w/off		21,157.10			9,953.48		38,729.49			38,729.49
	2018	213.36	7,832.27			21,157.10			9,953.48		38,942.85			38,942.85
	2019	1,963.57	9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,906.42			40,906.42
	2020		9,795.84			21,157.10			9,953.48		30,952.94			30,952.94
	2021	547.70	10,343.54			21,157.10			9,953.48		41,454.12			41,454.12
Net Book Value														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		370.44								370.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,426.44
	2012		426.14			1,163.12					1,589.26	120,000.00	74,056.00	195,645.26
	2013		229.46			7,155.11					7,384.57	120,000.00	74,056.00	201,440.57
	2014		523.10			4,557.44					5,080.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	199,136.54
	2015		320.85			2,147.40					2,468.25	120,000.00	74,056.00	196,524.25
	2016		676.78								676.78	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,732.78
	2017		408.94								408.94	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,464.94
	2018		195.58								195.58	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,251.58
	2019											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2020											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00
	2021											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00

Fixed assets purchased prior to 2005 were depreciated over 5 years on a straight line basis. Computers purchased after 2005 and the second hand photocopier purchased in 2005 depreciated over 3 years.

Each church purchased a new projector in December 2006 and these were depreciated over 5 years.

The PCC purchased a new laser colour printer in 2009 for use in the Parish Office. The printer was depreciated over 3 years.

Land and Buildings are not depreciated and are recorded in the accounts at the 1997 insurance valuation.

In 2012 a new computer was purchased for use in the Parish Office.

In 2013 projectors and screens were installed in St. Mary's Church just before the end of the year so depreciation will commence from 1st January 2014.

In 2014 a new laptop was purchased through the PCC for general use in the churches; the photocopier was sold and an old computer was scrapped.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator's use, but the cost was such that it was decided to write it off over 12 months.

In 2016 a new laptop was purchased for general use.

At the 2016 review of accounts the Independent Examiner recommended that any items of equipment costing up to £1,000 should be fully expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2017 a new computer was purchased through the PCC for Studley Church along with software and a printer for the administrator at a cost of £841.99 which was expensed in the year.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2018.

In 2019 a second hand photocopier was purchased for £1,000 plus VAT. It was felt that it would be prudent to write this item off in the year of purchase. A new computer was bought for the Parish Office at a cost of £567.99 and this was also written off.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2020 and there were no asset values to be depreciated in 2020

In 2021 a Mevo Camera was purchased to enhance "live streaming" of service. As the value was under £1,000 the cost were fully written off in year. We also disposed of the photocopier which was purchased in 2005 and the open 2011 balances have been adjusted to reflect this transaction.

Fund Holdings

Funds	Parish			St. Mary's					Holy Ascension					Grand Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
Ankorn House Funds											430		430	430
Ankorn House Building												74,056	74,056	74,056
Chancel Restoration Fund											100		100	100
Charifund Investment Fund									97,989				97,989	97,989
Children's Arts & Craft Fund				155				155						155
Christian Education											492		492	492
Churches Together														
Coffeehouse		100	100											100
Cross of Nails Link (S.Africa)														
Decor8						659		659						659
Equipment		3,112	3,112											3,112
Fabric Fund						4,347		4,347			7,928		7,928	12,276
Flower Fund											89		89	89
Friendship Group		28	28											28
General Fund	644		644		135,195			135,195		55,501			55,501	191,340
Legacy														
Memorials														
Mission		753	753											753
New Wine														
Parish Centre Funds						11,611		11,611						11,611
Parish Centre Building							120,000	120,000						120,000
Prepaid Funerals														
Property Refurbishment		720	720											720
Memorial						300		300						300
Memorial Trees											338		338	338
Outreach				137				137						137
Vision 900 Appeal														
Youth Work		5,194	5,194											5,194
Total	644	9,907	10,551	292	135,195	16,917	120,000	272,404	97,989	55,501	9,378	74,056	236,924	519,879

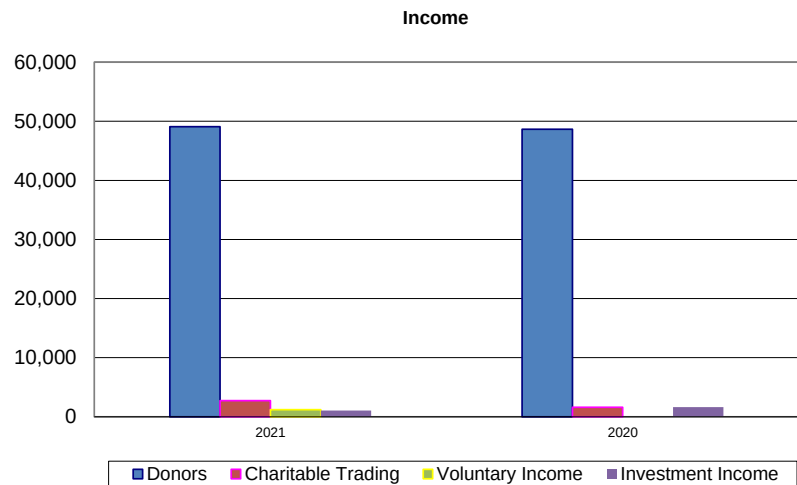
Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Christian Ministry Analysis
Year to 31st December 2021

	2021									
	PARISH	STUDLEY				MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN				PCC
	General Fund	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Total Resources Used	1,465	57,254	11,016	20,627	88,897	35,858	863	29,694	66,415	156,777
less:										
Major Repairs & Refurbishment				18,761	18,761			28,106	28,106	46,867
Parish Centre/Ankcorn House Repairs								829	829	829
Architects Fees				1,620	1,620			759	759	2,379
Professional Fees				240	240					240
Bank Charges				6	6					6
Total Ministry Costs	1,465	57,254	11,016		68,270	35,858	863		36,721	106,456

Studley Income and Expenditure Comparison 2021 v 2020

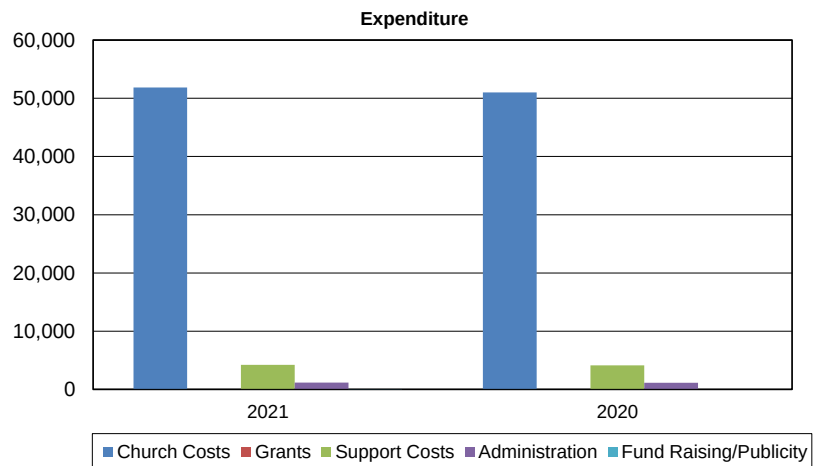
Income

	2021	2020
Donors	49,080	48,663
Charitable Trading	2,738	1,611
Voluntary Income	1,200	0
Investment Income	1,068	1,645
Total Income	54,086	51,919



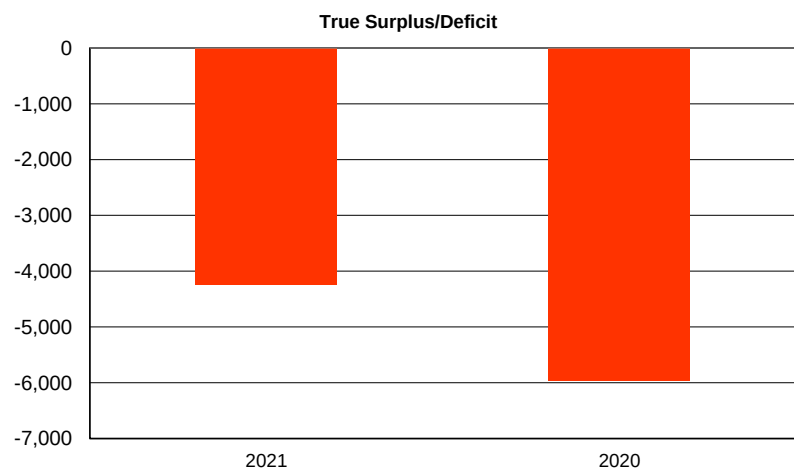
Expenditure

	2021	2020
Church Costs	51,862	50,997
Grants		
Support Costs	4,206	4,117
Administration	1,167	1,120
Fund Raising/Publicity	19	0
Total Expenditure	57,254	56,234



Net Movement

	2021	2020
Net Movement	-3,168	-4,315
Investment Income	1,068	1,645
True Surplus/Deficit	-4,236	-5,960

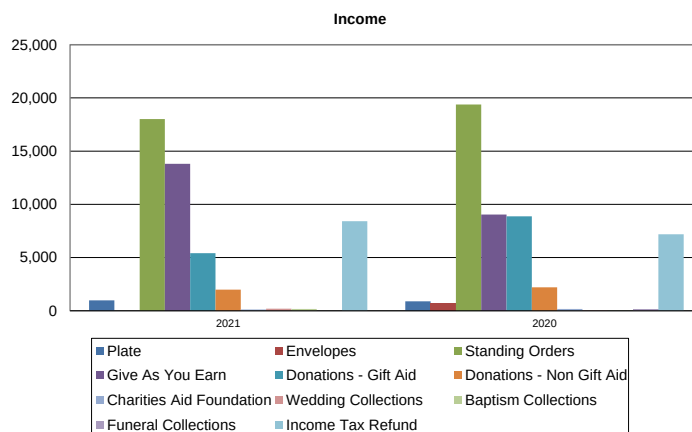


Studley Church
Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2021 v 2020

Income

Donors

	2021	2020
Plate	973	889
Envelopes	0	724
Standing Orders	18,004	19,382
Give As You Earn	13,801	9,037
Donations - Gift Aid	5,416	8,874
Donations - Non Gift Aid	1,987	2,205
Charities Aid Foundation	120	170
Wedding Collections	197	50
Baptism Collections	171	20
Funeral Collections	0	121
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	8,410	7,190
Total Income - Donors	49,080	48,663

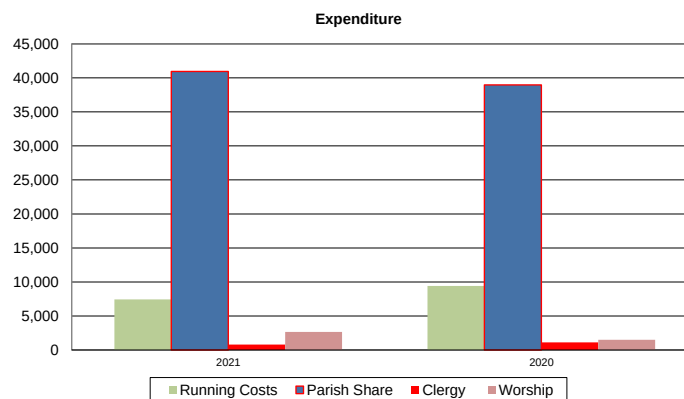


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Expenditure

Church Costs

	2021	2020
Parish Share	40,955	38,957
Clergy	803	1,125
Worship	2,665	1,498
Running Costs	7,438	9,417
Total Expenditure	51,862	50,997



Average Giving 2021

£	Congregation	£
	Average Number	Yearly Weekly
Plate	973	
Envelopes	0	
Standing Orders	31,805	
Donations - Gift Aid	5,416	
Donations - Non Gift Aid	1,987	
Charities Aid Foundation	120	
Income Tax Refund	8,410	
Total	48,711	
	88	553.53 10.64

Average Giving 2020

£	Congregation	£
	Average Number	Yearly Weekly
Plate	889	
Envelopes	724	
Standing Orders	28,419	
Donations - Gift Aid	8,874	
Donations - Non Gift Aid	2,205	
Charities Aid Foundation	170	
Income Tax Refund	7,190	
Total	48,471	
	88	550.81 10.59

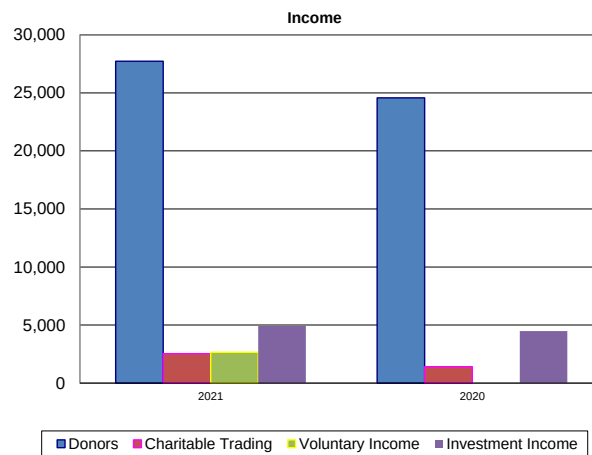
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Average congregation number unknown in 2020 and 2021 due to church closure during Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, attendance has been kept the same for both years.

Mappleborough Green Income and Expenditure Comparison 2021 v 2020

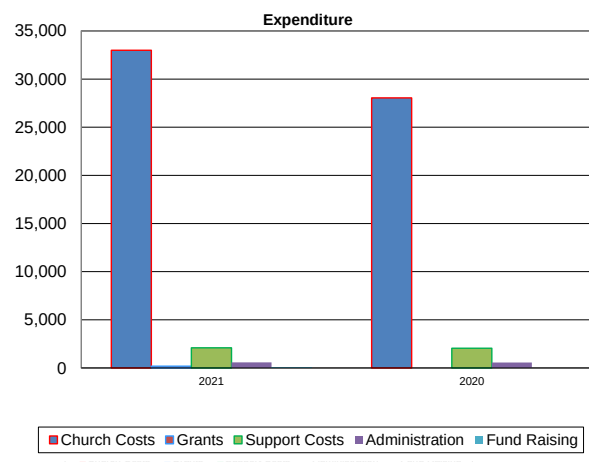
Income

	2021	2020
Donors	27,721	24,573
Charitable Trading	2,539	1,412
Voluntary Income	2,658	0
Investment Income	4,922	4,479
Total Income	37,840	30,464



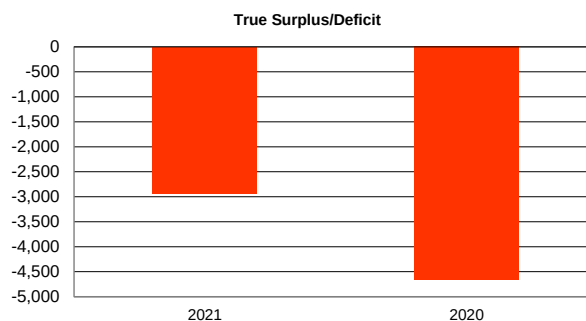
Expenditure

	2021	2020
Church Costs	32,981	28,048
Grants	190	0
Support Costs	2,094	2,046
Administration	583	560
Fund Raising	10	0
Total Expenditure	35,858	30,654



Net Movement

	2021	2020
Net Movement	1,982	-190
Investment Income	4,922	4,479
True Surplus/Deficit	-2,940	-4,669



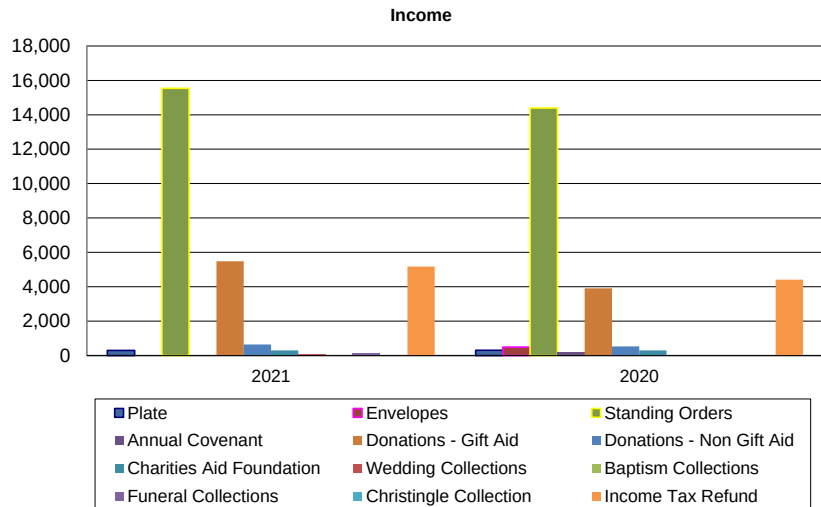
Mappleborough Green Church

Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2021 v 2020

Income

Donors

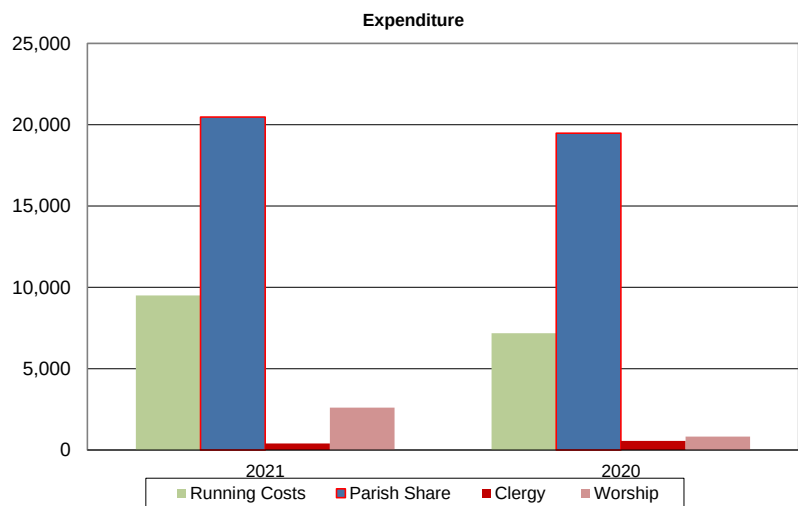
	2021	2020
Plate	297	306
Envelopes	0	497
Standing Orders	15,536	14,399
Annual Covenant	0	200
Donations - Gift Aid	5,483	3,908
Donations - Non Gift Aid	647	536
Charities Aid Foundation	300	300
Wedding Collections	85	0
Baptism Collections	30	12
Funeral Collections	166	0
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	5,177	4,415
Total Income - Donors	27,721	24,573



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2021	2020
Parish Share	20,478	19,479
Clergy	401	563
Worship	2,602	823
Running Costs	9,500	7,183
Total Expenditure	32,981	28,048



Average Giving 2021

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

Plate	297
Envelopes	0
Standing Orders	15,536
Annual Covenant	0
Donations - Gift Aid	5,483
Donations - Non Gift Aid	647
Charities Aid Foundation	300
Income Tax Refund	5,177
Total	27,440

42	653.33	12.56
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Average Giving 2020

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

1,811		
988		
13,751		
350		
2,026		
175		
458		
4,709		
24,268	42	577.81

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Return of Parish Finance:
January to December 2021

Parish Ref: 1101 & 1102

Parish: Studley with Mappleborough Green

If this form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:

Deanery: Alcester

Diocese: Coventry

INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£
Note	Voluntary Income/Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted
1	Tax efficient planned giving (net of tax recovered by the PCC)	59,655	2,583
2	Other planned giving	420	
3	Collections at services	1,920	
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	2,839	
5	All non-recurring giving / donations (including Special Appeals)		1,039
6	Gift Aid Recovered	13,974	573
7	Legacies received (capital value)		500
8	Recurring grants include recurring and one-off)	1,400	25,258
Total Voluntary Income		80,208	29,954
Activities for Generating Funds			
9	Gross Income from fundraising activities	2,458	
Income from Investments			
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	5,989	60
Church Activities			
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	5,279	
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. Hall lettings, magazine, bookstall)		5,346
Other Incoming Resources			
13	Any other income / receipts not already listed		1,740

TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	93,934	37,099	131,034

PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES	
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers
15	Number of other planned givers
16	number of new legacies received

NAME PATRICK SMITH

Position PCC Treasurer

Date 6th February 2021

Contact (Phone or E-mail): 01527 857604 or patsmudge55@gmail.com

RESOURCES EXPENDED		£	£
Note	Cost of Generating Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted
17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	29	
Church Activities			
18	Mission giving and donations	190	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	61,432	
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	6,270	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	3,552	
Church expenses			
22	Mission and evangelism costs	3,641	
23	Church running expenses	15,892	10,877
24	Church utility bills	3,621	1,007
25	Costs of trading		
Major capital expenditure			
27	Major repairs to the church building		46,866
28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property inc redecoration		829
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or any other property		2,619
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities and expenses		94,629	62,200
26	Governance Costs	-50	
29	Other outgoing resources and payments		

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	94,579	62,200	156,779

31	Cash and Investment Balances	Unrestricted	Restricted
32	Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/21	191,632	36,202
	Investments as at 31/12/21	97,989	
Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)			
30	RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	ACCRUALS	✓

Accounts



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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green

(Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Studley)

(Church of the Holy Ascension, Mappleborough Green)

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

with Mappleborough Green

Registered Charity Number: 1135615

Studley with Mappleborough Green

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Studley with Mappleborough Green

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 1 to 3 and Notes to the Financial Statements, numbered 1 to 9 (including also detailed notes 2 and 3 on Incoming Resources and Resources Used, for both St. Mary's and Holy Ascension), is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and Section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act: and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.



Simon Billingham FCCA
Independent Examiner
10th February 2021

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Fund)
for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Note	2020					2019
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2(a)+(b)	73,632		3,604		77,236	219,933
Income from charitable activities	2(b)(i)						1,183
Other trading activities	2(c)	3,023		4,725		7,748	18,839
Investments	2(e)	6,124		266		6,390	5,788
Other income	2(b)(ii)			1,740		1,740	1,702
Total incoming resources		82,779		10,335		93,114	247,445
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3(c)						168
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(b)	87,045		82,923		169,968	110,047
Other expenditure	3(d)	50				50	50
Total resources used		87,095		82,923		170,018	110,265
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		-4,316		-72,588		-76,904	137,180
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		37		20,652		20,689	600
Gross transfers between funds - out		-20,652		-37		-20,689	-600
Net incoming before other gains and losses		-24,931		-51,973		-76,904	137,180
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets			-18,142			-18,142	14,902
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use							
Net movement in funds		-24,931	-18,142	-51,973		-95,046	152,082
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1st January		229,454	104,860	100,736	194,056	629,106	477,024
Total funds carried forward at 31st December		204,523	86,718	48,763	194,056	534,060	629,106

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green Statement of Financial Activities (by Church) for the year ended 31st December 2020

		2020				2019				
	Note	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Year on Year Change
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments (Page 7(a) to 7(c) for Detail)										
Donations and Legacies	2(a+b)	396	51,556	25,284	77,236	1,177	154,174	64,582	219,933	-142,697
Other Trading Activities	2(c)		6,116	1,632	7,748		15,844	2,995	18,839	-11,091
Income from Charitable Activities	2(b)(i)							1,183	1,183	-1,183
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2(b)(ii)	1,740			1,740	1,702			1,702	38
Investments	2(e)		1,723	4,667	6,390		196	5,592	5,788	602
Total Income & Endowments		2,136	59,395	31,583	93,114	2,879	170,214	74,352	247,445	-154,331
Expenditure (Page 8(a) to 8(c) for Detail)										
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3(b)	169	71,203	98,596	169,968	4,287	71,034	34,725	110,047	59,921
Raising Funds	3(c)							168	168	-168
Other Expenses	3(d)		33	17	50		33	17	50	
Total Resources Used		169	71,236	98,613	170,018	4,287	71,067	34,911	110,265	59,753
2(a)										
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		1,967	-11,841	-67,030	-76,904	-1,408	99,147	39,441	137,180	-214,084
Gains and Losses on Investments										

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Statement of Financial Activities (by Church)
for the year ended 31st December 2020

Note	2020				2019				Year on Year Change
	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
- Realised									
- Unrealised			-18,142	-18,142			14,902	14,902	-33,044
Depreciation Charged in Year (Page 14 for Detail)									
Net Movement in Funds	1,967	-11,841	-85,172	-95,046	-1,408	99,147	54,343	152,082	-247,128
Balance Brought Forward at 1st January	6,303	299,186	323,617	629,106	7,711	200,039	269,274	477,024	152,082
Balance Carried Forward at 31st December	8,270	287,345	238,445	534,060	6,303	299,186	323,617	629,106	-95,046

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2020

	Note	2020				2019				Year on Year Change
		Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	Parish Fund	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension	Total Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
See Page 13 for Detail										
Fixed Assets										
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a		120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Investment assets	5b			86,426	86,426			104,568	104,568	-18,142
Total Fixed Assets			120,000	160,482	280,482		120,000	178,624	298,624	-18,142
Current Assets										
Debtors	6	113	4,535	1,961	6,609	790	5,079	4,408	10,277	-3,668
Short Term Deposits	8a		156,400	55,873	212,273		163,207	134,448	297,655	-85,382
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8b	11,457	7,288	20,159	38,904	7,414	11,762	6,137	25,313	13,591
Total Current Assets		11,570	168,223	77,993	257,786	8,204	180,048	144,993	333,245	-75,459
Liabilities										
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	-3,300	-878	-30	-4,208	-1,901	-862		-2,763	-1,445
Net Current Assets		8,270	167,345	77,963	253,578	6,303	179,186	144,993	330,482	-76,904
Net Assets		8,270	287,345	238,445	534,060	6,303	299,186	323,617	629,106	-95,046
Funds										
Unrestricted		102	138,401	66,020	204,523	-125	144,868	84,711	229,454	-24,931
Designated			292	86,426	86,718		292	104,568	104,860	-18,142
Restricted		8,168	28,652	11,943	48,763	6,428	34,026	60,282	100,736	-51,973
Endowment			120,000	74,056	194,056		120,000	74,056	194,056	
Total	9	8,270	287,345	238,445	534,060	6,302	299,186	323,617	629,106	-95,046

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson Date.....

Member Date.....

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Review of Financial Activities and Affairs
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

The activities of the churches for 2020 have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic meaning that many normal church activities have had to either be cancelled or to be carried out remotely in an appropriate socially distanced manner. This means that normal year on year comparisons are of limited value, although church members have done much to try to mitigate the adverse affects caused by this disruption.

1. Studley - In 2020 income from planned giving and general plate collections was some £1,589 higher than 2019. The major areas affected were Gift Aid donations which were some £6,802 higher than the previous year, plate collections £4,080 lower, Gift Aid £1,534 lower, Charities Aid Foundation receipts were £95 lower and Sundry Donations were £496 higher. Income from fees was £3,943 lower than in 2019. The Gift Day in December raised £8,350, £4,306 more than in 2019, and is included in the total receipts. Overall income was £2,954 lower than 2019. Expenditure was £3,091 higher than 2019 and the net result was that total income was less than total expenditure by £5,960 which, when added to the Investment Income of £1,645, gave an overall deficit of £4,315 for the year. In addition the church transferred £152 to the parish centre account and £2,000 to the fabric account. Adding these items to the deficit of £4,315 gives a final deficit of £6,467.

Mappleborough Green income from planned giving and general plate was £913 higher than 2019. The areas affected were plate collections down by £1,882, planned giving up £2,077, Charities Aid Foundation level at £300 for the year, Sundry Donations up by £328 and Gift Aid up by £390. Fees income was down £613, and the Gift Day in December raised £2,100, an increase of £981 compared with 2019. There were no fundraising activities in 2020 resulting in the loss of £1,183 of income compared with 2019. Expenditure was £1,536 lower than 2019. Overall expenditure exceeded income producing a loss of £4,669 Dividend and interest income produced a further £4,479 giving a net loss of £190. In addition the church transferred £18,500 to the fabric fund and Covid impacted the Charifund Investment which decreased in value providing an unrealised loss of £18,142 all of which gave a final deficit of £36,832.

Both churches have worked hard to meet costs during the year and as always we are grateful to everyone who assures the work of the church through committed giving of time, talents and money.

2 2020 saw a downturn in the financial and investment markets as a result of the Covid pandemic and at the end of the year, as mentioned above, the Mappleborough Green investment in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities showed an unrealised loss of £18,142 which took the investment to a closing balance of £86,426 at 31st December.

3. A total of £98,690 was spent on providing the Christian Ministry for the Parish, split between Parish £169, St Mary's £66,748 and Holy Ascension £31,773 (See page 16). This sum included the contribution to the Diocese for the Parish Share of £58,436. The Parish Share included a sum of almost £10,000 paid to the Diocesan Support Fund, to assist churches that are unable to pay the full cost of their clergy. This represents 16% of the full cost of a clergy post.

4. Routine Maintenance and Servicing accounted for £6,479 at Studley and £1,567 at Mappleborough Green. These costs were mainly for boiler servicing, fire extinguisher contracts, PAT Testing, minor electrical work, organ tuning, church alarm system maintenances and a new boiler in the Parish Centre. Major expenditure at Studley was £3,462 included the purchase and installation of a new safe in church and some initial roof work. Expenditure at Mappleborough Green amounted to £3,728 for Ankcorn House to cover electrical work, a replacement oil storage tank and a new boundary fence. and £56,839 for the Church covering the installation of toilet facilities and a servery.

5. Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with the finances over the past year whether that has been giving regularly to church funds or maintaining the accounts. In particular my thanks to Joyce Duffin and Erica Hayton for their work on the accounts of the two churches. A number of people also provide a variety of resources for which they seek no payment. This is very much appreciated and it is important to bear this in mind when looking at our costs for outreach and services which often do not reflect the full cost because of the generosity of people.

Patrick Smith

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 (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 Parish Account receives funds which are provided by both churches, individually, to pay joint costs but the individual costs are reflected in the individual church financial statements which also reflect the appropriate funds. The accounts 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

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

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds set aside by the PCC for a particular project. The PCC may place these in a separate unrestricted fund called a designated fund. Funds so designated may be redesignated by the PCC and so designation does not prevent funds from being spent on other purposes. All unrestricted funds comprise income funds which the PCC must spend within a reasonable time.

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.

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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned Giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised through the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross wherever possible.

Other Ordinary Income

Rental Income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan quota, or parish share, is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. The parish share was paid in full in 2020.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land & Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Buildings are held at the 1997 insurance value currently and for the foreseeable future as agreed with our Examiner and following discussions with Church House, Coventry.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings are held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and those requiring a faculty for disposal are considered by the PCC to be inalienable property. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 1997 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over the anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. The economic life used was five years for items acquired up to 31st December 2004. Items acquired after that date have generally depreciated over three years to reflect the rapid technological changes and obsolescence in computers and such equipment.

In 2014 a new laptop computer was purchased for general parish use, whilst a new printer was purchased in 2015 for the Administrator but was written off over twelve months due to the relatively low cost. In 2016 a second laptop was purchased for general parish use. In 2017 an additional printer was purchased for the Administration Office and a new laptop for general parish use. In line with a recommendation made by the Independent Examiner at the 2016 accounts review items costing less than £1,000 are now fully written down in the year of purchase. Therefore the items purchased in 2017 were all fully written down in the year. No purchases or disposals were made in 2018. In 2019 a new Administration Office computer and a second hand photocopier were purchased. Both were written off during the year. No assets were purchased in 2020.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value at 31st December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds; at the bank or building society.

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving

Gift Aid Donations

Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid

Other Planned Giving (including CAF)

Collections (Open Plate) at all Services

Give As You Earn Scheme

Sundry Donations

Sub Total

Legacies

Total

2020			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

52	38,875	13,006	51,933
69	7,404	4,445	11,918
	170	300	470
	1,080	318	1,398
		6,119	6,119
275	2,205	593	3,073
396	49,734	24,781	74,911
396	49,734	24,781	74,911

2019			
Parish	St. Mary's Studley	Holy Ascension Mappleborough	Total Funds
£	£	£	£

	32,870	17,048	49,918
3	9,143	4,052	13,198
	265	300	565
	5,160	2,200	7,360
1,174	13,233	389	14,796
1,177	60,671	23,989	85,837
	92,660	40,493	133,153
1,177	153,331	64,482	218,990

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising

Grants

Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Income from DCC's for Property Maintenance

(ii) Income from DCC's for Equipment Purchases

Total

	1,822	503	2,325
240			240
1,500			1,500
1,740	1,822	503	4,065

	843	100	943
		1,183	1,183
240			240
1,462			1,462
1,702	843	1,283	3,828

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines

Orders of Service

Lettings - Church/Parish Centre/Ankorn House

Memorial Trees

Other Income

Fees

Total

	4,505	220	4,725
	1,611	1,412	3,023
	6,116	1,632	7,748

	10,290	970	11,260
	5,554	2,025	7,579
	15,844	2,995	18,839

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims

Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest

Realised Gains

Total

	1,723	4,667	6,390
	1,723	4,667	6,390

	196	5,592	5,788
	196	5,592	5,788

Total Incoming Resources

2,136	59,395	31,583	93,114
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2,879	170,214	74,352	247,445
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

8,350

2,100

10,450

4,044

1,119

5,163

St, Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

STUDLEY							
2020				2019			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
38,018		857	38,875	31,216		1,654	32,870
7,190		214	7,404	8,724		419	9,143
170			170	265			265
1,080			1,080	5,160			5,160
2,205			2,205	1,709	30	11,494	13,233
48,663		1,071	49,734	47,074	30	13,567	60,671
				92,660			92,660
48,663		1,071	49,734	139,734	30	13,567	153,331

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Charity Fund Raising
Grants
Donations

(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Fund Raising - Parish Centre

Total

		1,822	1,822	600		243	843
		1,822	1,822	600		243	843

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Parish Centre
Other Income
Fees
Total

	4,505		4,505		10,290		10,290
1,611			1,611	5,554			5,554
1,611	4,505		6,116	5,554	10,290		15,844

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Total

1,645	66	12	1,723	137	49	10	196
1,645	66	12	1,723	137	49	10	196

Total Incoming Resources

51,919	4,571	2,905	59,395	146,025	10,369	13,820	170,214
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

8,350

8,350

4,044

4,044

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

2 Incoming Resources

2a Incoming Resources from Donors

Planned Giving
Gift Aid Donations
Income Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid
Other Planned Giving (including CAF)
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services
Give As You Earn Scheme
Sundry Donations
Sub Total
Legacies
Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2020				2019			
General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

12,886		120	13,006	16,928		120	17,048
4,415		30	4,445	4,025		27	4,052
300			300	300			300
318			318	2,200			2,200
6,119			6,119				
535	58		593	207	182		389
24,573	58	150	24,781	23,660	182	147	23,989
				40,493			40,493
24,573	58	150	24,781	64,153	182	147	64,482

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants
Donations
(i) Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events
Fund Raising - Ankcorn House

Total

		503	503	100			100
				1,183			1,183
		503	503	1,283			1,283

2c Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading

Magazines
Orders of Service
Lettings - Church/Ankcorn House
Charity Fund Raising
Memorial Trees
Other Income
Fees
Total

	220		220		970		970
1,412			1,412	2,025			2,025
1,412	220		1,632	2,025	970		2,995

2d Other Ordinary Incoming Resources

Insurance Claims
Total

2e Income from Investments

Dividends and Interest
Realised Investments
Total

4,479		188	4,667	5,391		201	5,592
4,479		188	4,667	5,391		201	5,592

Total Incoming Resources

30,464	278	841	31,583	72,852	1,152	348	74,352
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N.B. Incoming Resources (2a) includes Gift Day Income

2,100

2,100

1,119

1,119

St Mary's Church, Studley
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

STUDLEY							
2020				2019			
General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving
Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies
- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

3b Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses
- Curates House Cost
- Upkeep of Services
- Other Ministry Costs
- Vicarage Maintenance
- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Major Projects - Vision 900

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Parish Centre Running Costs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

Total

38,957			38,957	38,327			38,327
1,125			1,125	1,678			1,678
836			836	623			623
662			662	770			770
770			770	589			589
6,211			6,211	5,299			5,299
1,916	4,563		6,479	960	3,659		4,619
		3,462	3,462			6,165	6,165
520			520	80			80
	5,951		5,951		5,730		5,730
		1,026	1,026			2,370	2,370
50,997	10,514	4,488	65,999	48,326	9,389	8,535	66,250
50,997	10,514	4,488	65,999	48,326	9,389	8,535	66,250

3c Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme)

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

4,092			4,092	3,901			3,901
1,120			1,120	916			916
25			25				
5,237			5,237	4,817			4,817

Total Resources Used

56,234	10,514	4,488	71,236	53,143	9,389	8,535	71,067
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-4,315 -5,943 -1,583 -11,841 92,882 980 5,285 99,147

Fund Transfers

-2,152 152 2,000 -600 600

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-6,467 -5,791 417 -11,841 92,282 980 5,885 99,147

Holy Ascension Church, Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

3 Resources Used

3a Grants

Missionary and Charitable Giving

Church Overseas

- Missionary Societies

- Relief & Development Agencies

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Secular Charities

Total

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN							
2020				2019			
General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

				102			102
				102			102

3b

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

Ministry - Diocesan Quota

- Clergy Expenses

- Curates House Cost

- Upkeep of Services

- Other Ministry Costs

- Vicarage Maintenance

- Training Costs

Alpha Course Costs

Church - Running Costs

- Maintenance

Major Repairs & Refurbishment

Cost of Memorial Trees

Church Equipment

Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall

Upkeep of Churchyard

Cost of Memorial Trees

Upkeep of Field

Ankorn House Running Costs

Ankorn House Major Repairs

Architects Fees

Professional Fees

Salary of Vergers

Salary of Organists

Sub Total

Depreciation

19,479			19,479	19,164			19,164
563			563	814			814
366			366	372			372
457			457	389			389
306			306	396			396
4,690			4,690	6,111			6,111
941	626		1,567	900	583		1,483
		56,839	56,839				
1,246			1,246	1,350			1,350
	493		493		606		606
		3,728	3,728			420	420
		6,273	6,273			1,112	1,112
28,048	1,119	66,840	96,007	29,496	1,189	1,532	32,217
28,048	1,119	66,840	96,007	29,496	1,189	1,532	32,217

3c

Fund raising & Publicity

Cost of Fetes, Bazaars and Other Fund Raising Events

Advertising

Total

				168			168
				168			168

3d Church Management & Administration

Administration:

Secretarial Expenses

Office Expenses (incl Printing, Stationery, Postage & Env Scheme

Office Furniture/Equipment and Repairs

Sundries

Covenant Secretary's Expenses

Lunchbox Management Expenses

Bank Charges

Total

2,046			2,046	1,951			1,951
560			560	458			458
				15			15
2,606			2,606	2,424			2,424

Total Resources Used

30,654	1,119	66,840	98,613	32,190	1,189	1,532	34,911
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Net Resource Before Transfers

-190 -841 -65,999 -67,030 40,662 -37 -1,184 39,441

Funds Transfers

-18,500 18,500

Amount shown as income in Financial Activities Statement

Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

-18,142 -18,142 14,902 14,902

Depreciation

Net Movement in Funds

-36,832 -841 -47,499 -85,172 55,564 -37 -1,184 54,343

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Supplementary Detail

2 Income

2b Other Voluntary Incoming Resources

Grants

Studley/Mappleborough Green Parish Council
 Studley Charities
 Listed Place of Worship VAT Grant & Allchurches Trust
 Total

Studley	
2020	2019

Mappleborough Green	
2020	2019

	600
1,822	243
1,822	843

	100
503	
503	100

Legacies

Edna Evans, Studley & Joan Welsh, Mappleborough Green
 Total

	92,660
	92,660

	40,493
	40,493

Fetes & Other Fund Raising Events

Parish Party
 Summer Fete
 Autumn Fair
 Smartie Tubes
 Annual Fund Raising Event/Gift Day
 General Fund Raising
 Maundy Supper
 Fund Raising V900
 Lunch Box
 Other Fund Raising Events
 Total

	1,170
	13
	1,183

Donations

Sundry
 Total

Total

1,822	93,503
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503	41,776
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure

3a Grants

Missionary Societies

Amasango

Total

Studley	
2020	2019

Mappleborough Green	
2020	2019

	102
	102

Relief & Development Agencies

Total

Home Missions & Other Church Societies

Total

Secular Charities

Total

Total

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	102
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Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church

Clergy Expenses

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Visiting Speaker				
Visiting Clergy		49		11
Expenses - Vicar	325	901	176	450
Expenses- Curate	210	158	105	68
Expenses - Associate Minister	6		3	
Printing - Vicar				
Printing - Curate	33		16	
Postage - Vicar	356	71	178	35
Stationery - Vicar	12	53	6	26
Stationery - Curate	116		58	
Telephone - Vicar		389		195
Telephone - Curate	68	57	21	29
Total	1,125	1,678	563	814

Upkeep of Services

Worship	836	623	366	372
Total	836	623	366	372

Other Ministry Costs

Confirmation Expenses				
Robes				
Church Music Licence	460	456	239	232
Service Books				
Royal Society of Church Music				
Readers Annual Subscription				
Deanery Levy				
Ecumenical Work				
Youth Work				
Sunday School/Kidschurch				
Church School			132	
Mission Work	203	312	86	157
Total	662	768	457	389

Running Costs

Cleaning				
Electricity	857	486	456	176
Oil	1,182	571	965	2,053
Water	53	64		
Rent of Ankorn House				600
Insurance	2,324	2,472	2,095	2,104
Traidcraft Purchases				
Sundry Costs	1,796	1,705	1,174	1,177
Total	6,211	5,298	4,690	6,110

Maintenance

Routine Maintenance - Church	1,441	561	562	506
Fire Equipment - Church	151	88	68	94
Tuning of Organ & Piano	324	312	312	300
Total	1,916	961	941	900

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Supplementary Detail

3 Expenditure (continued)

3b Activities Directly Relating to Work of the Church (continued)

Parish Centre/Ankorn House Running Costs

	Studley		Mappleborough Green	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Electricity	476	478	137	141
Gas	785	542		
Oil				200
Insurance	774	774	230	231
Fire Extinguishers	206	95		
Garden Maintenance	1,100	1,308		
Water (2017 refund of overcharge to Ankorn House)	22	64	127	9
Caretaker/Cleaner	2,160	1,974		26
Cleaning Materials				
Lottery & Amusement Act Licence				
Sundry Expenses	429	495		
Total Running Costs	5,952	5,730	494	607
Repairs & Maintenance	4,563	3,659	626	583
Total Parish Centre/Ankorn House Costs	10,515	9,389	1,120	1,190

3c Fund Raising & Publicity

Stewardship Expenses				
Summer Fete Expenses				
Autumn Fair Expenses				
Parish Party Expenses				
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Church				169
Sundry Fund Raising Costs - Fabric				
Publicity & Advertising				
Lottery Licence - Parish Centre				
Total				169

3d Church Management & Administration

Telephone - Parish Administrator	734	394	367	197
Postage - Parish Administrator				
Stationery - Parish Administrator	94	145	47	72
Printing - Parish Administrator	219	303	109	152
PCC Administration Costs	40	41	20	20
Audit Costs	33	33	17	17
Total	1,120	916	560	458

Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

4 Staff Costs

St. Mary's church paid a self-employed couple to cover the duties of caretaker and cleaner for the Parish Centre. The monthly cost was £180 per month. (These costs are shown under section 3b on page 12)

The Administrator employed by the Parish was paid a salary of £6,138 for the year to 31st December 2020. This was based on the National Living Wage rate of £9.30 an hour for a 55 hour month. (These costs are shown under section 3d on pages 8b and 8c)

Stipendiary clergy have been reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their parish duties. These costs are shown on section 3b on pages 8b and 8c. .

Apart from the people mentioned above no other person received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and nobody received £40,000 or more per annum

5a Fixed Assets (See Page 14 for details)

Freehold Land and Buildings - Holy Ascension Church

This comprises of Ankorn House at a 1997 insurance valuation of £74,056

Freehold Land and Buildings - Studley Church

This comprises of the Parish Centre at a 1997 insurance valuation of £120,000

Church Equipment

This refers to equipment owned by the individual churches and shared equipment owned jointly through the PCC and comprises of such items as sound equipment, musical equipment, computers, printers, duplicator and projectors.

5b Investments

At the 31st December 2020 Holy Ascension Church held 6,296.64 units in the M&G Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund), at £13.7257 each. This valued the investment at £86,425.79 which showed an unrealised loss of £18,141.88 for the year.

6 Debtors

PCC Treasurer's Account

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable

Advance payment for Broadband and Zoom licence

Parish Fund	St. Mary's	Holy Ascension	Total
	1,558	957	2,515
69	2,977	1,004	4,051
44			44
<u>113</u>	<u>4,535</u>	<u>1,961</u>	<u>6,609</u>

7 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

Balance of Gift for Upkeep of Studley Churchyard

Advance monies received for booklets

Gift Aid owed

Amount due to Studley DCC

Amount due to Mappleborough Green DCC

Provision for Rector's December Expenses

Provision for Curate's Expenses

Provision for Accounts Review Gift

	-862		-862
	-16		-16
		-30	-30
-1,558			-1,558
-957			-957
-378			-378
-357			-357
-50			-50
<u>-3,300</u>	<u>-878</u>	<u>-30</u>	<u>-4,208</u>

8 Bank Accounts

(a) Short Term Deposits

General Fund

Parish Centre

Ankorn House

Fabric Fund

	131,554	48,076	179,630
	14,068		14,068
	<u>10,779</u>	<u>7,797</u>	<u>18,575</u>
	<u>156,400</u>	<u>55,873</u>	<u>212,273</u>

(b) Cash at Bank and In Hand

General Fund

Parish Centre

Ankorn House

Fabric Fund

11,457	2,958	16,992	31,407
	1,145		1,145
		1,139	1,139
	<u>3,185</u>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>5,213</u>
<u>11,457</u>	<u>7,288</u>	<u>20,159</u>	<u>38,904</u>

9(a) Funds

5a Fixed Assets and Investments

5b Investments

6 Debtors

7 Liabilities

8a Short Term Deposits

8b Bank Current Accounts

See page 15 for Fund Holdings

	120,000	74,056	194,056
		86,426	86,426
113	4,535	1,961	6,610
-3,300	-878	-30	-4,208
	156,400	55,873	212,273
11,457	7,288	20,159	38,905
<u>8,270</u>	<u>287,345</u>	<u>238,445</u>	<u>534,060</u>

**Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Schedule of Fixed Assets
as at 31st December 2020**

Schedule 5(a)

5 Assets

	Year Ending	Parish			Studley			Mappleborough			Total Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings		Total Assets
		£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail	£	Cumulative	Detail		Studley	M/G	
Additions at cost														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		7,791.21			13,364.07			9,953.48		31,108.76	120,000.00	74,056.00	225,164.76
	2012	589.98	8,381.19	Administrator's Computer	1,350.80	14,714.87	Sound System		9,953.48		33,049.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	227,105.54
	2013		8,381.19		6,442.23	21,157.10	Projectors/Screens		9,953.48		39,491.77	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,547.77
	2014	-255.01	8,126.18	Scrap Computer/photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		39,236.76	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,292.76
	2015	193.80	8,319.98	Administrator's Printer		21,157.10			9,953.48		39,430.56	120,000.00	74,056.00	233,486.56
	2016	639.99	8,959.97			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,070.55	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,126.55
	2017	841.99	9,801.96	Printer, laptop and software		21,157.10			9,953.48		40,912.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,968.54
	2018		9,801.96			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,912.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	234,968.54
	2019	1,767.99	11,569.95	Computer and Photocopier		21,157.10			9,953.48		42,680.53	120,000.00	74,056.00	236,736.53
Depreciation charged														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		7,420.77			13,364.07			9,953.48		30,738.32			30,738.32
	2012	534.28	7,955.05		187.68	13,551.75			9,953.48		31,460.28			31,460.28
	2013	196.68	8,151.73		450.24	14,001.99			9,953.48		32,107.20			32,107.20
	2014	-548.65	7,603.08		2,597.67	16,599.66			9,953.48		34,156.22			34,156.22
	2015	396.05	7,999.13		2,410.04	19,009.70			9,953.48		36,962.31			36,962.31
	2016	284.06	8,283.19		2,147.40	21,157.10			9,953.48		39,393.77			39,393.77
	2017	1,109.83	9,393.02	Items purchased in 2017 w/off		21,157.10			9,953.48		40,503.60			40,503.60
	2018	213.36	9,606.38			21,157.10			9,953.48		40,716.96			40,716.96
	2019	1,963.57	11,569.95			21,157.10			9,953.48		42,680.53			42,680.53
Net Book Value														
Cumulative Balance b/fwd	2011		370.44								370.44	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,426.44
	2012		426.14			1,163.12					1,589.26	120,000.00	74,056.00	195,645.26
	2013		229.46			7,155.11					7,384.57	120,000.00	74,056.00	201,440.57
	2014		523.10			4,557.44					5,080.54	120,000.00	74,056.00	199,136.54
	2015		320.85			2,147.40					2,468.25	120,000.00	74,056.00	196,524.25
	2016		676.78								676.78	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,732.78
	2017		408.94								408.94	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,464.94
	2018		195.58								195.58	120,000.00	74,056.00	194,251.58
	2019											120,000.00	74,056.00	194,056.00

Fixed assets purchased prior to 2005 were depreciated over 5 years on a straight line basis. Computers purchased after 2005 and the second hand photocopier purchased in 2005 depreciated over 3 years.

Each church purchased a new projector in December 2006 and these were depreciated over 5 years.

The PCC purchased a new printer scanner and a Ricoh duplicator in 2007 for use in the Parish Office. The printer scanner was depreciated over 3 years and the duplicator over 5 years.

The PCC purchased a new laser colour printer in 2009 for use in the Parish Office. The printer was depreciated over 3 years.

Land and Buildings are not depreciated and are recorded in the accounts at the 1997 insurance valuation.

Old fully depreciated computers, which have been scrapped, were removed from the cost and depreciation base in 2006.

In 2012 a new computer was purchased for use in the Parish Office.

In 2013 projectors and screens were installed in St. Mary's Church just before the end of the year so depreciation will commence from 1st January 2014.

In 2014 a new laptop was purchased through the PCC for general use in the churches; the photocopier was sold and an old computer was scrapped.

In 2015 a new printer was purchased for the Administrator's use, but the cost was such that it was decided to write it off over 12 months.

In 2016 a new laptop was purchased for general use.

At the 2016 review of accounts the Independent Examiner recommended that any items of equipment costing up to £1,000 should be fully expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2017 a new computer was purchased through the PCC for Studley Church along with software and a printer for the administrator at a cost of £841.99 which was expensed in the year.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2018.

In 2019 a second hand photocopier was purchased for £1,000 plus VAT. It was felt that it would be prudent to write this item off in the year of purchase. A new computer was bought for the Parish Office at a cost of £567.99 and this was also written off.

No purchases or disposals were made in 2020 and there were no asset values to be depreciated in 2020

Fund Holdings

Funds	Parish			St. Mary's					Holy Ascension					Grand Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
Ankcom House Funds											1,139		1,139	1,139
Ankcom House Building												74,056	74,056	74,056
Chancel Restoration Fund										100			100	100
Charifund Investment Fund									86,426				86,426	86,426
Children's Arts & Craft Fund				155				155						155
Christian Education											492		492	492
Churches Together														
Coffeehouse		100	100											100
Cross of Nails Link (S.Africa)														
Decor8						659		659						659
Equipment		1,612	1,612											1,612
Fabric Fund						12,481		12,481			9,785		9,785	22,265
Flower Fund											89		89	89
Friendship Group		28	28											28
General Fund	102		102		138,401			138,401		66,020			66,020	204,523
Legacy														
Memorials														
Mission		753	753											753
New Wine														
Parish Centre Funds						15,212		15,212						15,212
Parish Centre Building							120,000	120,000						120,000
Prepaid Funerals														
Property Refurbishment		480	480											480
Memorial						300		300						300
Memorial Trees											338		338	338
Outreach				137				137						137
Vision 900 Appeal														
Youth Work		5,195	5,195											5,195
Total	102	8,168	8,270	292	138,401	28,652	120,000	287,345	86,426	66,020	11,943	74,056	238,445	534,060

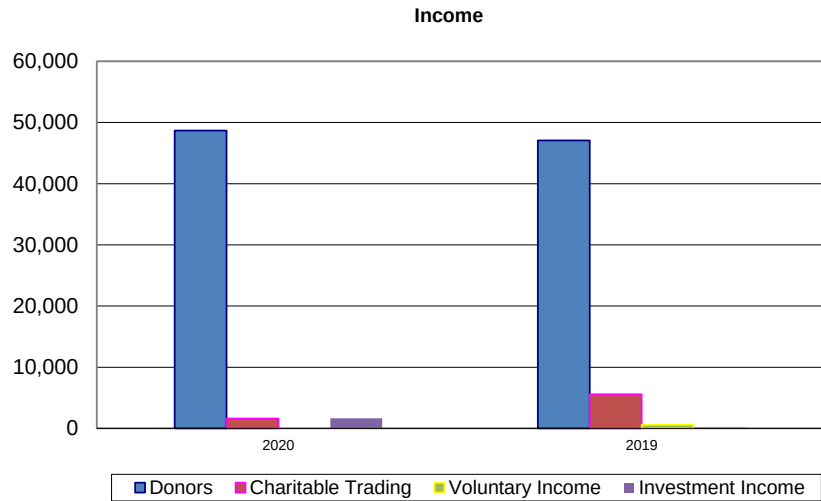
Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green
Christian Ministry Analysis
Year to 31st December 2020

2020										
PARISH	STUDLEY				MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN				PCC	
General Fund	General Fund	Parish Centre	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Ankcorn House	Fabric Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Total Resources Used	169	56,234	10,514	4,488	71,236	30,654	1,119	66,840	98,613	170,018
less:										
Major Repairs & Refurbishment				3,462	3,462			56,839	56,839	60,301
Parish Centre/Ankcorn House Repairs								3,728	3,728	3,728
Architects Fees								6,273	6,273	6,273
Professional fees				1,026	1,026					1,026
Total Ministry Costs	169	56,234	10,514		66,748	30,654	1,119		31,773	98,690

Studley Income and Expenditure Comparison 2020 v 2019

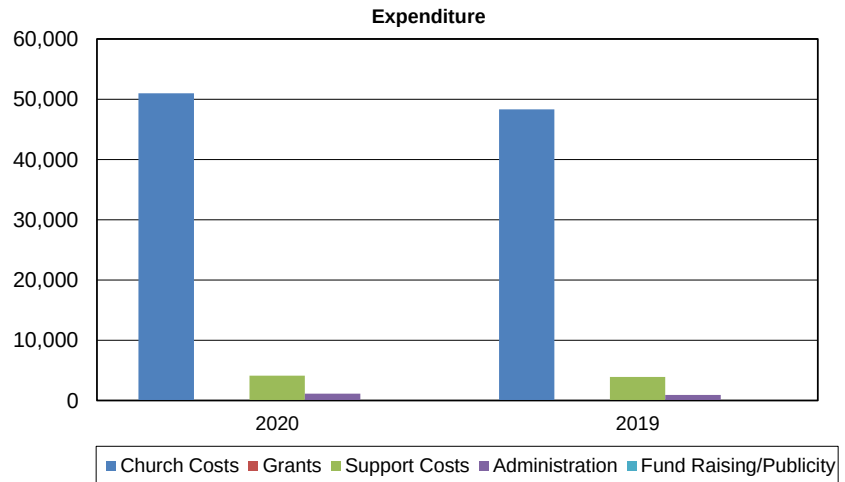
Income

	2020	2019
Donors	48,663	47,074
Charitable Trading	1,611	5,554
Voluntary Income	0	600
Investment Income	1,645	137
Total Income	51,919	53,365



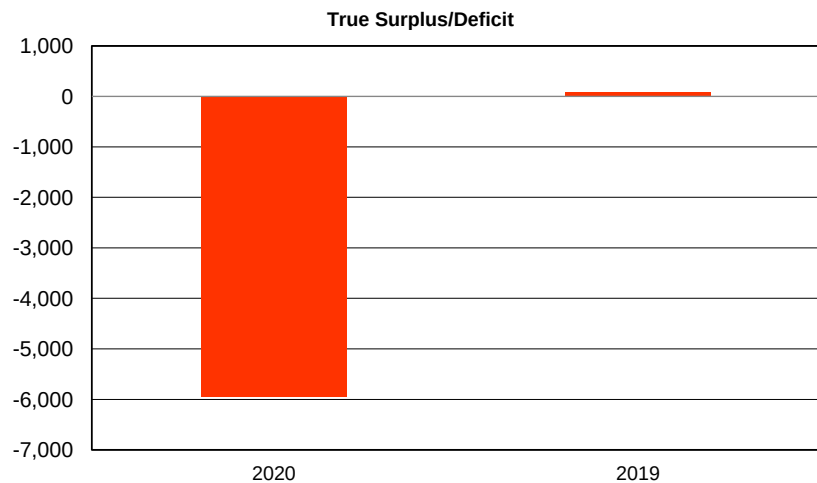
Expenditure

	2020	2019
Church Costs	50,997	48,326
Grants		
Support Costs	4,117	3,901
Administration	1,120	916
Fund Raising/Publicity	0	0
Total Expenditure	56,234	53,143



Net Movement

	2020	2019
Net Movement	-4,315	222
Investment Income	1,645	137
True Surplus/Deficit	-5,960	85

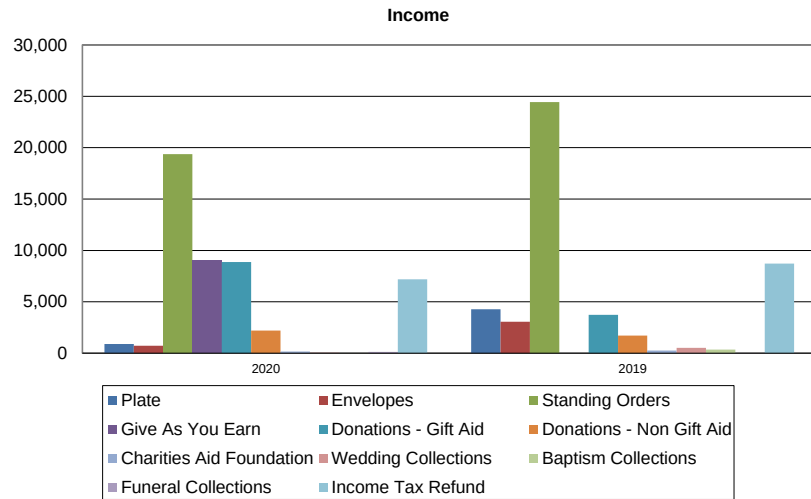


Studley Church **Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2020 v 2019**

Income

Donors

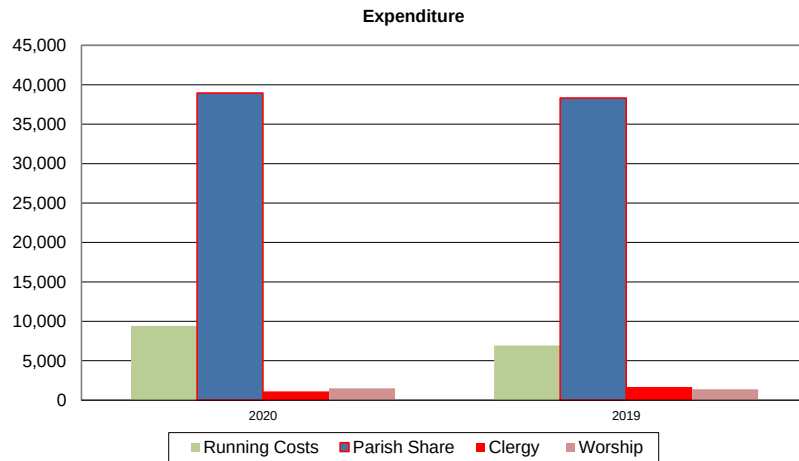
	2020	2019
Plate	889	4,272
Envelopes	724	3,060
Standing Orders	19,382	24,429
Give As You Earn	9,037	
Donations - Gift Aid	8,874	3,727
Donations - Non Gift Aid	2,205	1,709
Charities Aid Foundation	170	265
Wedding Collections	50	518
Baptism Collections	20	350
Funeral Collections	121	20
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	7,190	8,724
Total Income - Donors	48,663	47,074



Expenditure

Church Costs

	2020	2019
Parish Share	38,957	38,327
Clergy	1,125	1,678
Worship	1,498	1,393
Running Costs	9,416	6,928
Total Expenditure	50,997	48,326



Average Giving 2020

	£		£	
		Congregation	Yearly	Weekly
		Average Number		
Plate	889			
Envelopes	724			
Standing Orders	28,419			
Donations - Gift Aid	8,874			
Donations - Non Gift Aid	2,205			
Charities Aid Foundation	170			
Income Tax Refund	7,190			
Total	48,471	88	550.81	10.59

Average Giving 2019

	£		£	
		Congregation	Yearly	Weekly
		Average Number		
Plate	4,272			
Envelopes	3,060			
Standing Orders	24,429			
Donations - Gift Aid	3,727			
Donations - Non Gift Aid	1,709			
Charities Aid Foundation	265			
Income Tax Refund	8,724			
Total	46,186	88	524.84	10.09

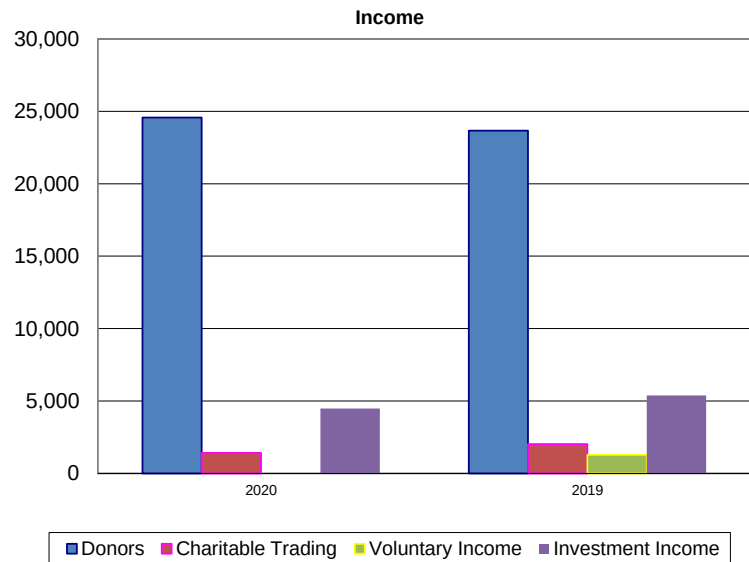
The most recent published data for Church of England shows average planned giving (tax efficient and other giving) per person in **2016** was **£12.30** per week.
 Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by a tax payer.

Average congregation number unknown in 2020 due to church closure during Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, attendance has been kept the same for both years.

Mappleborough Green Income and Expenditure Comparison 2020 v 2019

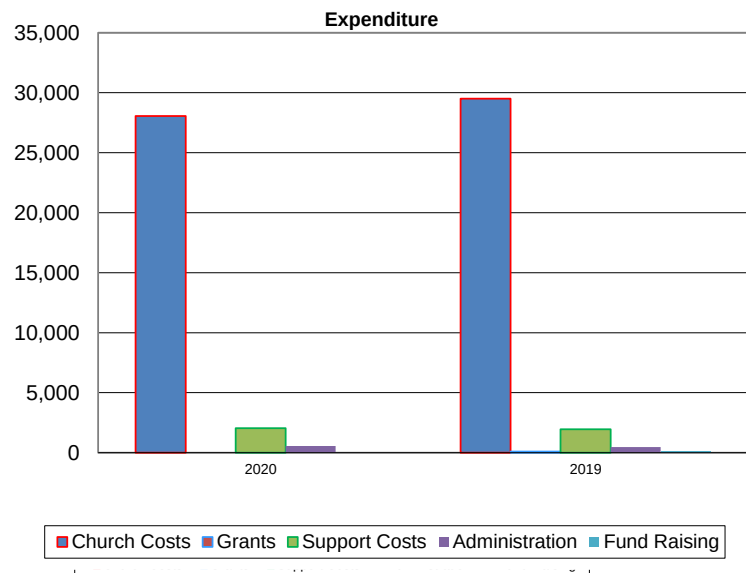
Income

	2020	2019
Donors	24,573	23,660
Charitable Trading	1,412	2,025
Voluntary Income	0	1,283
Investment Income	4,479	5,391
Total Income	30,464	32,359



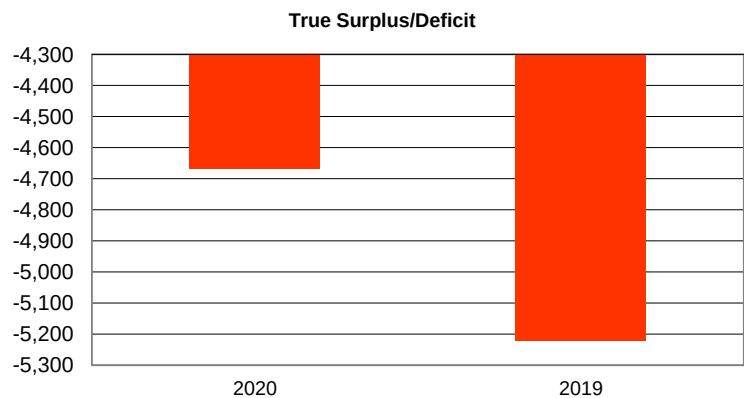
Expenditure

	2020	2019
Church Costs	28,048	29,496
Grants	0	102
Support Costs	2,046	1,951
Administration	560	473
Fund Raising	0	168
Total Expenditure	30,654	32,190



Net Movement

	2020	2019
Net Movement	-190	169
Investment Income	4,479	5,391
True Surplus/Deficit	-4,669	-5,222

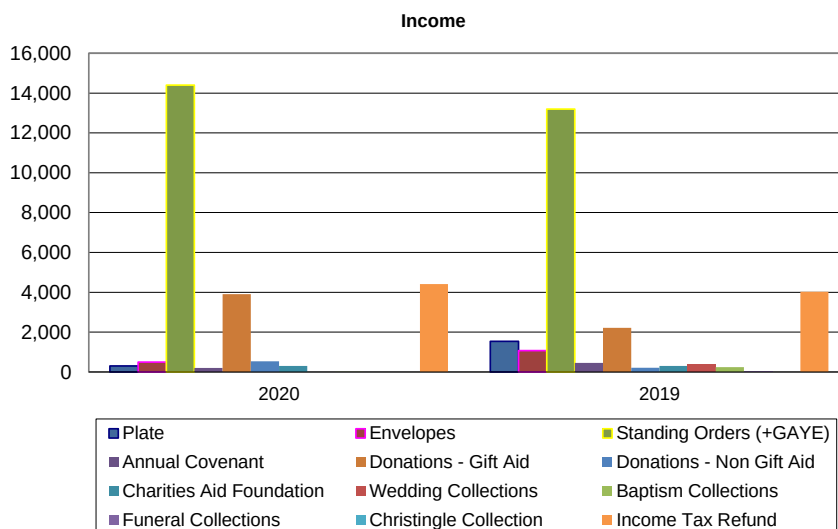


Mappleborough Green Church

Analysis of Donor Giving and Church Running Costs 2020 v 2019

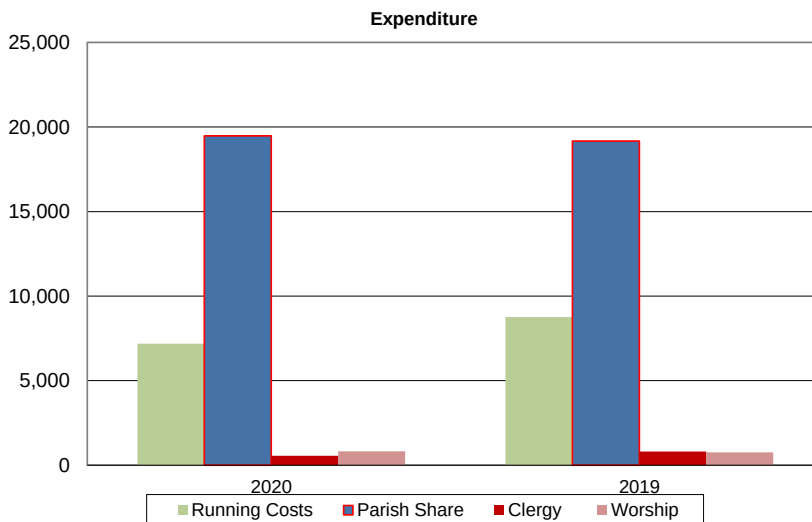
Income

	2020	2019
Donors		
Plate	306	1,541
Envelopes	497	1,069
Standing Orders (+GAYE)	14,399	13,194
Annual Covenant	200	450
Donations - Gift Aid	3,908	2,214
Donations - Non Gift Aid	536	207
Charities Aid Foundation	300	300
Wedding Collections	0	373
Baptism Collections	12	241
Funeral Collections	0	45
Christingle Collection		
Income Tax Refund	4,415	4,025
Total Income - Donors	24,573	23,659



Expenditure

	2020	2019
Church Costs		
Parish Share	19,479	19,164
Clergy	563	814
Worship	823	761
Running Costs	7,183	8,757
Total Expenditure	28,048	29,496



Average Giving 2020

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

Plate	306
Envelopes	497
Standing Orders	14,399
Annual Covenant	200
Donations - Gift Aid	3,908
Donations - Non Gift Aid	536
Charities Aid Foundation	300
Income Tax Refund	4,415
Total	24,561

42	584.79	11.25
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Average Giving 2019

Congregation	£	
Average Number	Yearly	Weekly

1,811		
988		
13,751		
350		
2,026		
175		
458		
4,709		
24,268	42	577.81

The most recent published data for Church of England shows average tax efficient giving per person in **2016** was **£12.30** per week.
Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by a tax payer.

Average congregation number unknown in 2020 due to church closure during Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, attendance has been kept the same for both years.