THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BATHWICK

England & Wales · Charity number 1137972

Details

Other names	ST. MARY'S PCC, BATHWICK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-09-13
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 Church provides regular public worship open to all, pastoral work visiting the sick and bereaved, teaching of Christianity, taking of religious assemblies in its school, provides activities and the use of its hall for parents and todlers and other special needs groups, supports a large number of charities, both religious and secular, in the UK and overseas and publishes a parish magazine.

Classification

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

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Bath And North East Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£152,042	£209,882	-	-
2023-12-31	£389,851	£574,081	-	-
2022-12-31	£141,964	£217,369	-	-
2021-12-31	£510,933	£134,389	£692,325	1
2020-12-31	£220,525	£106,940	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NICOLA JANE PARKER	Chair	
ANDREW GEOFFREY ALEXANDER PARKER		
CAROLE HARRIETT SKEPPER STICKNEY		
COMMANDER THOMAS CHARLES BUNN		
Caroline Elizabeth Redfern		2025-05-25
Dominic Taylor		2022-04-03
Dr MARILYN JOAN KIRBY		
Fr Peter Richard Henderson Edwards SSC		2013-09-04
JOHN STUART PORTEOUS		
Janet Iris Howard		2019-04-07
MARCUS JOHN WEDGE		2013-09-25
Margaret Clare Goodhart		2020-10-11
NICHOLAS PETER LENNARD		2013-09-25
STEPHEN WILLIAM HOWARD		

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Bath & Wells

Changing Lives, Changing Churches for Changing Communities

ANNUAL REPORTS 2025

to be presented at

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 25th May 2025 following
Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Mary's Church is situated in Bathwick, Bath. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: -

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with Charity Commission. Reg Charity No 1137972

PCC members who have served from 21st April 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

	Name	***Post***
Incumbent	The Revd. Peter Edwards	Chairman
Readers	Marilyn Kirby	PCC Secretary: Standing Committee, Restoration Action Group
	Thomas Bunn	Emeritus, Deanery Synod
	Stephen Howard	Vice Chairman PCC and Standing Committee ^, Deanery Synod, Finance Committee, Car Park Working Group, Fabric Committee, Organ Restoration Working Group
	Marcus Wedge	Health and Safety Officer,
Churchwardens	Jan Howard #	Standing Committee#, Fabric and Finance Committees
	Clare Goodhart	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees, Organ Restoration Working Group, Mission & Evangelism Benefice Group
	Nicky Parker ^	Safeguarding Officer**,** Standing Committee, Fabric, Finance, and Social Committees, RAG, Children's Church ,Mission and Evangelism, Car Park Working Group
Diocesan Synod	John Porteous *	Vice Chairman PCC#, Standing Committee#; Fabric and Finance Committees, Environmental Working Group^
Deanery Synod	Thomas Bunn ^	See above
	Stephen Howard	See above.
	Nicky Parker	**S**ee above
Elected Members:	Richard Andrews #	Mission & Evangelism & Environmental Working Benefice Groups
	Julia Brownbridge	Social Committee, Car Park Working Group *
	Jan Howard^	Fabric, and Finance Committees
	Nick Lennard	Treasurer: Standing Committee, Finance and Fabric Committees
	Helen Moss #	Social Committee, Mission and Environmental Working Benefice Groups
	Andrew Parker	Electoral Roll Officer : Fabric Committee, Environmental Working^ Group, Organ Restoration Working Group
	John Porteous ^	Fabric and Finance Committees
	Caroline Redfern	Mission & Evangelism Benefice Working Group
	Carole Stickney	Social and Fabric Committees
	Dominic Taylor	Environmental Benefice Working Group
Co-opted Members:	None	

*# Until APCM 21st April 2024, ^From APCM 21st April 2024, * Until 12th July 2024*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.

The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition it also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and its associated property. The PCC sees the Church's mission as witnessing steadfastly to the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel through prayer and preaching and the celebration of the sacraments through service to the people of Bathwick and further afield and to those in need. The Church Hall provides a safe haven for young people in the local area.

MISSION STATEMENT

By God's grace and mindful of our heritage
we aim to extend the Community of Faith
where God is glorified
and the Good News of Jesus Christ
is proclaimed and lived

THE "WORSHIP" ETHOS

St Mary's has been "Anglo Catholic" since "Oxford Movement" times, when the Church of England was re-affirmed as Catholic, in worship and practice. That revered tradition, as demonstrated by the Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist, has been influenced by subsequent developments in Catholic teaching and practice of liturgy. Music, (generally traditional classical and Anglican), is valued, with statues, art, incense and vestments adding to the sense of the numinous. Celebration of the Sacraments with awe and wonder at the mystery of the love of God is a priority.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters,

May I begin this report with a thank you to all members of the St Mary's church family, not only for me and Clare and our family, but – more importantly – for your faithful prayers and worship of God, and the work that you do to support the vulnerable in our own society and across the world through financial support and time spent supporting a wide variety of charities and aid agencies.

I write this report as I prepare for a three-month sabbatical break covering February, March and April 2025; may I take this opportunity to thank the Diocese of Bath & Wells and the Churchwardens and PCC members of our two churches for their support and encouragement to take this period of rest and renewal. I pray that I shall be renewed for the next months and years of ministry in our parishes on my return. Thanks too to our assistant clergy and others who will be leading worship and providing pastoral support during this period of extended absence.

Elsewhere in this report, you will find details of the various activities that have taken place during the past year in the life of St Mary's church included in this Annual Report and Accounts, a range of activities that characterizes all that we do in this place to worship God, to serve him in this community, and to provide a place for community groups and individuals to meet in safety.

Thanks are due from me personally to our Churchwardens Nicky Parker and Clare Goodhart, to our PCC members, to the assistant clergy and Readers of our Benefice, to our Parish Administrator Kerry Hughes, and to all those who have maintained the life of our church as well as supporting me personally over these past months.

As I end this short report, may I commend to your prayers all those from our congregation (or known to members of the congregation) who died in 2024, or whose funeral services were held in the church, and especially Kenneth Bailey, Helen Earle, Anton Fluck, William Gosling, Jacky Medlock, Nigel Perrin, Gladys Powell, William Seal and William Stockley. We continue to pray for those who mourn their passing. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May God continue to bless this place and all that we seek to do in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen (January 2025)

Revd Peter Edwards Rector of Bathwick

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT YEAR 2024-25

The aim of the following report is to provide certain information as well as noting significant PCC decisions not otherwise covered in the separate Committee and other Church Group reports. The Secretary apologies for any overlaps or omissions that may have occurred.
The Standing Committee comprises the Chairman, the two Churchwardens, Vice Chairman, the Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer.
There were 138 members on the Electoral Roll as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 21thApril 2024. In addition, we have a number of regular attendees who are not on the Roll.
At the time of writing, this report 8 PCC meetings had been held, with two further meetings scheduled before the APCM. The first on 12th March 2024 being to discuss general business, and to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 and the second on 30th April 2025 at which Annual Reports will be presented prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25th May 2025.
The First PCC Meeting 21st April 2024 followed immediately after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Fr Peter welcomed members to the first meeting of the new PCC.
The following Officers were elected: Hon. Treasurer Nick Lennard, Hon. Secretary Marilyn Kirby, Vice Chairman Stephen Howard, and Electoral Roll Officer Andy Parker. The Meeting then elected the Standing Committee: Fr Peter Edwards, the Vice Chairman of the PCC (Stephen Howard), the Churchwardens (Clare Goodhart and Nicola Parker), the Secretary (Marilyn Kirby), the Treasurer (Nick Lennard).
There were no co-options to the PCC. The Parish Return was submitted to the Diocese following this meeting.

The Second PCC Meeting 8th May 2024 The convenors and members of the Committees and Working Groups of the PCC were appointed. These included a new Website Review Group covering both St Mary's and St John's. Also, following Marion Stoneham (August 2023) and Molly Wedge (May 2024) deciding to formally resign from doing the Church Flowers, Julia Brownbridge agreed to oversee flowers with additional people as required.
The Third Meeting 26th June 2024 The terms of reference for the use of money in the Endowment Reserve Fund were discussed and the meeting resolved to request the Finance Committee to consider this further and report back to the PCC. Stephen Howard gave a detailed report of the meeting of Deanery Synod held on 14th May 2024, which covered a range of activities being run by parishes across Bath.
The Fourth Meeting 14th July 2024 The main item was discussion of the proposed loan or purchase of a Steinway Grand Piano from the University of Bath. (At the time of writing this report the matter is still in process) Nicky Parker informed the meeting that none of the present parents were willing to take on the running of the Babies and Toddler Group. The meeting considered how best to ensure this much valued activity could continue.
The Fifth Meeting 10th September 2024 This was a Joint Meeting with St John's PCC, together with Fr Gary Ecclestone, to review progress with the Healthy Churches Initiative. The meeting agreed to carry out a second questionnaire survey early in 2025.
The Sixth Meeting 2nd October 2024 This was a long evening, as the PCC had to consider the minutes from three meetings! We began by considering in depth a report from Nick Lennard, together with papers submitted prior to the meeting by Stephen Howard regarding the terms of reference for the use of the Endowment Reserve Fund. Following this the PCC resolved to accept the proposed terms of reference.
Nicky Parker provided an update on the Toddler group. She explained that although she received one response to her advert at Bathwick School, for a leader, they had since withdrawn. However, recently two mothers had expressed interest in possibly becoming involved in the running of the group.
Other matters considered ranged from future plans to review the Healthy Churches Initiative to noting that the Quinquennial Survey had been arranged for 12th December 2024.
The Seventh Meeting 20th November 2024. The main item at this meeting was the proposed Budget for 2025. Nick Lennard tabled the Finance Committee's proposed Budget for 2024 which was accepted by the meeting.
The Eighth Meeting 11th February 2025 At this meeting Clare Goodhart and Nicky Parker outlined the arrangements for services, pastoral care and administration during Fr Peter's sabbatical. Other matters discussed included noting that £1,050 had been sent to our LINK parish St James Buchi in Zambia.
The Ninth Meeting 12th March 2025 was still due to take place at the time of writing this report. It is scheduled as a normal business meeting of the council with the addition of approving the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024
The Tenth Meeting 30th April 2025 is scheduled to be the final meeting before the APCM and is when the Annual Reports will be presented in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Marilyn Kirby, Hon PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

We have been pleased to improve our kitchen facilities with a significant upgrade. This has been a big project, but we have new flooring, cupboards and lighting, a better hot water supply and had a full redecoration, which has been of benefit both to our Church community and also to commercial hirers.

Our heating system is now more easily operated with new HIVE heating controls. We have an energy contract with British Gas under their Zero Carbon Energy contract scheme.

A review of our building for RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) has been undertaken and none has been found. The annual roof inspection and clearing of gutters took place in December but there have also been occasional call outs during the year due to water ingress.

The Church inventory has been updated, and the terrier remains unchanged.

Maintenance work has continued, and Fabric Committee has met regularly to review and manage projects. The Quinquennial Review was conducted in December, and we await the Report at the time of writing.

We would like to acknowledge the work of others in caring for our Church: Jenny Jones and Dawn Lennard for their gardening work; Molly Wedge, Sarah Davies and Helen Lees for their dedicated sacristy work; the Friday cleaning team and Julia Brownbridge for her help with flowers.

Clare Goodhart and Nicola Parker, Churchwardens

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Safety issues relating to the Church and Hall have been monitored during the year.

Marcus Wedge

READERS

As always Marilyn Kirby, Marcus Wedge and I continued to offer our support to Fr Peter in the execution of his role as Rector, in our various practical and advisory capacities both "as Readers" and in a variety of other ways. We will pursue our ministries with enthusiasm and diligence during the period of Fr Peter's absence, happy to serve the Church and the congregation of St Mary's.

Stephen Howard

LESSON READERS AND INTERCESSORS

We would like to record our thanks to all those who support our services by reading a lesson or leading our prayers. Fr Richard and Jo Hunt and also Julia Brownbridge, have stepped back from their involvement as intercessors, due to their other roles at Church, but Ashton Price has joined the rota as a lesson reader and Naomi Heffer is now also an intercessor. There are currently 27 on this rota for 2025-26:

Maggie and Trevor Blackshaw, Julia Brownbridge, Sarah and Robin Davies, Clare Edwards,

Jan and Stephen Howard, Naomi Heffer, Alex Howe, Gerald and Margaret Hull, Jenny Jones, Marilyn Kirby, Nick Lennard, Helen and John Lees, Carla Maddocks, Ross Manaton, Helen Moss, Nicky and Andy Parker, John Porteous, Ashton Price, John Price, Caroline Redfern, and Marcus Wedge.
If you would like to read a lesson or lead the intercessions, please let the Churchwardens know.

Clare Goodhart and Nicola Parker

SERVERS
I am always very proud to celebrate the work done by our skilful team of servers who continue to dedicate themselves to these important ministries which enhance so much our worship at St Mary's. There can never be too many lady and gentlemen servers on the roll, and I always welcome enquiries from anyone interested in taking part in this ministry. It is recognised that servers have private lives as well and there is plenty of flexibility built into our way of working. Please ring me on 01225 466590 if you are interested or speak to me on a Sunday morning.

Stephen Howard

SIDESPEOPLE
The group of Sidespeople remains a committed group of parishioners. There are 13 sidespeople on the rota for 2025-26 but we really need a few more:
Julia Brownbridge, Paul Chilvers, Robin and Sarah Davies, Alex Howe, Helen Lees, Nick and Dawn Lennard, Carla Maddocks, Keith and Helen Moss, Nicky Parker, and Marion Stoneham.
The role involves welcoming people to Church, assisting with seating and any specific needs, and taking round the collection pouches. If you would be willing to go on the rota for an occasional duty and are on the Electoral Roll, please talk to the Churchwardens.

Clare Goodhart

SACRISTY
Another busy year and the coming months will be a challenge with different priests covering Fr. Peter's sabbatical!
With the amazing support from Helen and Sarah we have coped with all the many jobs the Sacristy demands. Many grateful thanks to you both – we make an excellent team but always open to any offers of help. To our faithful Friday morning helpers – Jan for all her brass cleaning and many other jobs including keeping the Lady Chapel up together.
Jayne Chorley who is such a willing helper with dusting the sanctuary and general tidying up!.

Many thanks to Marion Stoneham who has stepped down from her role – she is greatly missed particularly with all her flowering arranging skills. Also to Neville Mason for keeping all the candles lit and many repair jobs. To Paul Chilvers an enormous thank you.
He is always willing to help with moving the Nave Altar and many other jobs.
All this work is done to the Glory of God

Molly Wedge

BELLRINGERS

2024 has been a steady year for the ringers at St Mary's. We have rung for nearly every Sunday morning service, and continued to practice on a Wednesday evening. The bells have also been well used by visiting ringers from around the country. The summer months were particularly busy, with bands from London, Hertfordshire, Worcestershire and even Windsor Castle enjoying outings in Bath.

In May several of the band took part in a striking competition – a contest for teams around the Bath area to see who can ring the best! The event was won by the team from St Matthew's Widcombe, but the bands representing the city and including Bathwick ringers were placed second and third – we were delighted.

.June saw the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, and we were proud to take part in a national Ring Out for Peace commemoration of this historic event. Among the team on the day were our youngest ringer, 8 year old Ivy, and our newest recruit, Simon, who was taking part in his first published ringing. In September we had our own outing, a brilliant day out in London, where we were privileged to be able to ring on the famous Bow Bells and St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square. Getting home was a challenge, as it was the day when Paddington station was closed for several hours. Most of us got home well after midnight, after a magical mystery tour around the rail network west of London, but this didn't stop us being back at St Mary's the next morning for Sunday service ringing**!**

It's always lovely to be able to ring for the Christmas services, and 2024 was no exception. To make it extra special, Simon was able to ring in his first quarter peal for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This is a non-stop piece of ringing lasting around 45 minutes, and requiring a considerable amount of concentration**,** and is a significant milestone for anyone in their ringing career. Anyone can learn to ring, so if you fancy giving it a go, come and see us on a Wednesday evening, or get in touch to arrange a lesson.

Molly Waterson, Tower Secretary

FLOWERS

A year ago it was reported that, following the retirements of several wonderful ladies, the Friday team of regular flower arrangers had ceased to exist and that sadly no new volunteers had come forward. This has continued to be the case in respect of finding volunteers to do the flowers every week as has been the tradition in the past.

However, although I can't commit to every week, I am now trying to ensure that at least we have fresh flowers for the special festivals throughout the year.
Last Autumn, I began to assemble a list of people who would be prepared to help me, when they can, to achieve this. So far I have about 10 on the list, including a few of the former team, who may be able to offer guidance to those of us who are novices, even though they can no longer do the physical work themselves. The drawback with this arrangement is that we may reach a festival and find hardly any of the people on the list are available, which is what happened at Christmas!
Still, I shall persevere, and I invite anyone who would like to join my list, to please get in touch with me on 01225 463594. No previous experience is necessary and it is really a lovely and satisfying thing to help make our Church look beautiful.

Julia Brownbridge

GARDEN

The garden at St Mary's continues to flourish whatever the weather.
Weeds keep on growing which keeps both of us very busy.
We are very fortunate to have assistance from Stu to do the heavy work, which is more necessary than ever as neither of us are exactly in the first flush of youth. During the winter months he has spent time reducing the buddleias and some overgrowth in the bed where the Bishop's hazel is starting to grow.
After another wet winter, we are hoping the coming season will be gardening friendly as the garden is used and enjoyed for so many varied activities and appreciated for its quiet tranquillity and peace.

Dawn Lennard and Jenny Jones

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MUSIC

The preparation of this report has highlighted for me exactly how much music happens in St Mary's over the course of twelve months and also the fact that it is impossible to attend all of it! The building – and its acoustic – continues to attract many outside organisations who hold their concerts here and long may this remain the case.
The first main event of the year was the Gala Organ Concert given by Peter King on June 7th celebrating the restoration of our Willis instrument. This was the culmination of many years of hard fund-raising by many people and also thanks to the remarkable generosity of our two principal donors, so it was quite amazing to see almost two hundred people in the audience, including the invited dignitaries, and to experience the wonderful performances given by Peter who has been a long-standing supporter of the project. It is the intention to establish an annual 'celebrity' recital to commemorate the restoration, beginning this year on Friday, 6th June at 7:30pm**.**
Attendances at our six Lunchtime Concerts have been variable to say the least, leading us to consider if a Thursday at 12:30pm is the best time to hold them. Discussion resulted in the feeling that we should maintain the status quo at the moment and continue to strive to

give these concerts as much publicity as possible, both locally and further afield. Financially, £1,090.80 was raised with £753.90 going to the Student Choral Bursary Fund and £336.90 from the September concert which was donated to Cancer UK in memory of Tony Cooper, the photographer of the organ restoration project.

I am sure that the Advent and Christmas carol services of 2024 will remain in our minds for some considerable time as both were such enjoyable and moving occasions. That our choir was willing to learn and sing a number of challenging pieces in each service is a tribute to their talents and it was a privilege to be a part of those services with them.

As I write, we are all very much looking forward to our visit to Salisbury Cathedral in early March to sing Choral Evensong and we hope to continue and expand these visits in future years. In mentioning this, it should be recorded that we are very pleased to have George Bevan with us currently as organist for our monthly Choral Evensongs at St Mary's.

Our weekly service music continues to benefit hugely from the contributions made by our five student members and I am delighted that each of them has been willing to sing an occasional solo during the past year. In September, we also welcomed Justin Vyvyan Jones as an additional tenor who has quickly settled in and become a valuable asset.

In conclusion, I think it safe to say that 2024 was a memorable musical year at St Mary's and there is much to look forward to in 2025. When I look at it, we have a wonderful choir, a supportive Rector and an appreciative congregation – oh, and I have a virtually 'new' organ to play. What more could a Director of Music require?!

Gary Desmond

HALL AND CHURCH HIRE

We continue to maintain our regular bookings with U3A art group, WI, Pilates, Camerata, HBRG, Vocal Works Gospel Choir and Simi's Cookery Class. Again, we have had a couple enquiries for new regular hall hire but this continues to be difficult due to some groups meeting once a month etc. In 2024 the U3A art group ran a summer term again, as well as their usual autumn and spring term so hopefully they will run a summer term in 2025. Unfortunately, the Yoga class on a Tuesday morning haven't returned since the summer due to not enough people.

The hall continues to be under-used during the day in the week on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings and afternoons, all day Thursday and Friday afternoons. The day-time discounted rate hasn't encouraged any other new groups. Pilates are the only group which have the discounted rate for having the booking on a Wednesday lunchtime.

The hall continues to be used for occasional bookings and has been popular with residents' groups such as meetings, AGMs, socials etc. Hall bookings for children's birthday parties continue to be popular during the weekend. A lot of the bookings are from our toddler group, children at Bathwick St Mary School and people who have been to a child's party at St Mary's hall before.

During 2024 we had various choir workshops and concerts by Bath Bachfest, Lucis Choir, The Handful, Bath Cantata Group, University of Bath Choral and Orchestral Society, Bath Festivals, St Mary's Choir and Horizons Choir choral event, Bath Choral Society, Bath Camerata (two concerts), Bath Bach Choir, Bath Mozartfest, a number of concerts by Musicke in the Ayre and two concerts by the University Chamber Choir. During Lent we had

The Façade Ensemble concert. We had Bromley Junior School morning coffee concert, and we had our opening Gala Organ Recital by Dr Peter King. In December we had carol services for King Edward's Junior School and Bathwick St Mary School.
The diary for 2025 is getting booked up with various bookings for residents' association meetings, concerts, workshops, children's birthday parties, rehearsals and regular bookings. In November Mozartfest have a concert booking each day for eight days!! Again, we already have a booking for 2026!!

Kerry Hughes, Parish Administrator

RESTORATION ACTION GROUP

During the year RAG ran a range of fundraising activities including the very successful Summer Fete on 1st June and a Coffee Morning Plus 23rd November which included craft and cake stalls. The illustrated travel lectures continue to be popular and focussed on Australia. Linked to these was a special "Pictorial Celebration of Australia Evening" on 29th June, which gave me the opportunity to showcase some of my best Aussie photos, especially wildlife**.**
The Spring/Summer Travel Lectures restart at the beginning of March where the focus will be on Orkney. The Summer Fete will be held on 21st June this year.
We really need some new people, with fresh ideas to join us. So, please speak to Andy or Nicky Parker or me, if you would be interested**.** It doesn't involve many meetings.
Also, although these are usually held during the afternoon, if evenings would suit you better, we can fit round that.

Marilyn Kirby

SOCIAL

Social events have followed the usual pattern this year. We had two Bring & Share lunches, one to celebrate Pentecost and one on All Saints Sunday. As always these were most enjoyable. We were pleased to welcome Bishop Michael, Bath & Wells, to choral evensong on our Patronal Festival in September and this was followed by drinks and canapés. This was Bishop Michael's first visit to Bathwick and it was good to meet him personally.
It was St Mary's turn to host the harvest supper in October and this once again proved to be a lovely evening. Fr Chris Kinch was our special guest, along with his family, and we used this occasion to thank him for his ministry to us in Bathwick over the past 10 years.
As always the summer fete in June and the coffee morning in November were organised primarily as fund raising events but the social side of these occasions are just as important. Finally we started our Christmas celebrations with mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, which is always well attended.

Many thanks to the members of the Social Committee and to everyone else who lends a hand. We are always in need of new people on the committee so please don't wait to be asked.

Nicola Parker

ALMSGIVING

During 2024 we continued our practice of giving away our weekly collections in the blue envelopes to local and national charities, and we are grateful that members of the congregation continue to support a wide range of charities in this way. In total we donated to 27 charities – 11 local charities based in Bath of which 7 had three collections during the year, 2 charities with local connections (Goa Anglican Centre and Redearth Village Schools in Uganda whose founder lives in Bath),11 national charities and 3 inhouse ones for Emergency Aid (4 a year), the Pastoral Fund (4 a year) and Bathwick honorary/assistant clergy (one collection at Pentecost). The resulting amounts collected meant that local charities received an average of £200-300 and one, Genesis, almost £1,000. There was one special collection for the DEC Middle East Appeal which raised £227.

At a joint meeting of St Mary's and St John's PCCs in September 2024 to discuss Mission and Evangelism a decision was made to look at supporting local charities more by not only giving them money but building up a relationship with them. As a result, St Mary's will be supporting one local charity a month in 2025 and three national charities in those months where there are 5 Sundays, as outlined in both the January and February editions of the Bathwick News.

Robin and Sarah Davies

ZAMBIA REPORT

St James Buchi seems to go from strength to strength with a strong Mother's Union, youth groups and a men's group. Fr Freddie has sent me emails throughout the year with pictures and video clips of services and these groups and I have responded and sent him a video clip from the carol service.

They were very excited to receive a visit from Bishop Michael earlier in the year when he toured Zambia. He saw the houses that the church is building, and they told Bishop that we had helped by sending money with Fr Alfred. It was a great to joy to hear that we have at last managed to transfer the money St Mary's had raised to St James, Buchi. This is an extract from 2 WhatsApp messages I received from Fr Freddie thanking St Mary's.

"I am writing on behalf of St James Anglican Church, Buchi to express our heartfelt gratitude for the financial assistance you sent to our Church through Nick Lennard. Your generous support will make a significant impact on the building project that the church of St James has embarked on..

We are deeply grateful for the link between our two churches and your willingness to support the self-sustenance mission of our Church. We have bought some iron sheets for our housing projects at the St James church. Part of the money will go to assist our elderly and vulnerable people in the church by buying them Xmas hampers which will include our staple food of meal mealie. Over the years our aging sound system at St James, especially the Amplifier, have become outdated and difficult to use for our church services and community events. As a result, part of your financial support has been used to acquire the Amplifier-mixer for the church to help in our evangelism. I shall continue updating you on our happenings and progress at our church"

I feel that, on my own, I do not do enough to make this link a reality within St Mary's and would appreciate it if we had a small group that could rejuvenate the link from our end and make it more visible in the life of St Mary's. We could learn a lot from our brothers and sisters in Zambia as well as helping support their mission.

Joanna Hunt

WALSINGHAM

Fourteen pilgrims (including 10-year-old Iona) went to Walsingham on the 28th July for 5 wonderful days.

We had our normal services of Morning Prayer, Mass, the Liturgy of Sprinkling, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Healing, and the procession of Our Lady and Benediction. Plus, on Monday. a visit to Holkham Hall Gardens, on one of the hottest days of the week. Tuesday, a walk to the Slipper Chapel, where, inspired by Iona, who wanted to do what pilgrims of old did, seven pilgrims walked back along the roadway bare footed! Wednesday a small number of Pilgrims went to Wells-Next-To-Sea, whilst others enjoyed the peace and tranquillity of the Shrine gardens and the Shrine itself. After the evening service, we gathered for drinks and nibbles and a happy hour or so getting to know one another a little more (there is always something new to learn about a person you think you know quite well).

It was my great pleasure to have three of our Pilgrims become members of The Society of Our Lady of Walsingham and to become a member of the Bathwick Cell. This small service was led by Fr Peter, who welcomed Di at Mass on Tuesday morning; and on Thursday, after our final visit to The Shrine, Wynn and Iona were welcomed, and this small service was led by the Shrine Priest himself, Fr Edward Gunn

Our journey home from Walsingham was slightly longer than usual due to road accidents and the sheer volume of traffic. We arrived back tired but elated from a wonderful, happy Pilgrimage.

The Cell meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at St John's, plus we honour the Marian festivals as well and go to the Glastonbury Pilgrimage. We have fourteen members but are always happy to welcome non-members to our services. Please come and join us if you would like to. The services are advertised in the weekly news sheets.

Chris Plummer

JUNIOR CHURCH

This past year there have been very few young people in church and consequently there have been very few actual Junior church sessions. However, I always have something prepared just in case.

Nicola Parker

BATHWICK BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Babies & Toddler group meet twice a week on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am. Both sessions are well attended, with Fridays being particularly busy. The group is an important outreach into the community and is much appreciated by the mums/dads/carers who attend; one recently describing it as 'a lifeline'.

When the group was first set up it was run by a committee of parents with help from church volunteers. However, this summer no one was prepared to take on the committee positions,

so, in order to keep the group going, it is now run purely by church volunteers and the finances have been taken over by the PCC.
Our problem now is finding enough volunteers – 2 each session – one 'on the door' to welcome the mums/dads/carers and one in the kitchen making refreshments. We have considered paying for a Play Group Leader, but, despite advertising, no-one came forward. Thank you to Jo Hunt, Jan Howard, Clare Edwards, Clare Goodhart ,Amy Mills and Rosemary Cumming for your help and enthusiasm and if anyone else is interested in helping, particularly on a Friday, please speak to either Jo Hunt or Nicky Parker

Nicola Parker

MISSION REPORT

Of course, everything we do as a Church is witness to our faith and this set of annual reports sets out many activities through which we do this. This particular group meets occasionally and explores ideas. We are a floating membership and those who have joined in over the year include Nicky Parker, Dominic Taylor, Sarah Davis, Julia Brownbridge ,Fr Peter and Fr Richard. We will set up another meeting once the survey results are in – and if you would like to join us, please make yourself known.
The Church of England has provided central funding to enable all churches to explore how they might flourish and grow. We have been working through the Natural Church Development model, facilitated by Fr Gary Ecclestone who has attended a number of meetings and who was our visiting preacher in January 2025. The key principles of this model are that :

God brings health and growth to the Church
Each church and its congregation have gifts which it can release and nurture
Each church has limiting issues and obstacles
If we build on our God-given gifts and strengths we will flourish and maybe we will grow as a Christian community

The surveys helps this group understand what the whole church sees as its strengths and to open up conversations as to what we might build on. We look forward to the output of the current survey later in the year.
The two outstanding issues of the last survey were that people felt they could use their gifts within church life and that the worship we experience on a Sunday is inspiring and enjoyable. We also know that we are a Church which is hospitable and welcoming, with many members of the congregation active in their local communities and in places of need across Bath and with a core of people who welcome opportunities to explore their faith more deeply. The challenge is how we can all share this so more people might join us!
One reason we like this model is because it is about building on who we are and what we already do. It is about doing new things because they emerge from who we are, not for the sake of some different. As an example, the Charity Breakfasts set up by Clare Edwards which have been a great success. If you have any thoughts, please share them with any one of us.

Caroline Redfern

BATHWICK ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Friends, I hope and pray this report finds you all well and having had a blessed Christmas and 2024.

Over the course of 2024, our children continued to thrive as part of our Church school, where the six core Christian Values of Love, Joyfulness, Respect, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Fairness permeate every aspect of all we do. Our Education Sunday service was held on Sunday 19th January where children from every class in school presented some of their learning in the service. It was a joy to be part of the service and also wish Fr. Peter a restful and beneficial sabbatical. We will miss his presence at school but are grateful to other members of our congregation, including Stephen Howard, who will kindly help maintain the wonderful links between school and church in Fr. Peter's absence.

Over the past year there was much to celebrate. Firstly, staff have been busy updating the Bathwick Curriculum to ensure that it fits our diverse school community. There are some exciting new topics and themes that children will learn about this year as well as many of the same topics staying in place with just smaller changes. Underpinning all of this is the word ACE. This stands for… AMBITIOUS, CREATIVE and ETHICAL …three words that represent Bathwick St. Mary as a Church school, our Bathwick curriculum and what we hope all our children aspire to be. Children were involved in this work and went on to develop ideas for how to represent these words as pictures or logos.

We have worked hard on further developing our extended curriculum, with many extra curricular and carefully planned trips and visits embedded, designed to enhance the children's learning. Just a few examples of this are regular sporting events, such as the Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country; a Roman Day in Year 4; Reception Trips to Sydney Gardens to better understand the seasons; 'evacuating' Year 6 as part of learning about the second World War, and some wonderful creative arts performances across the school. This includes our fabulous choir who performed at the Bath Abbey Carol service and our end of term Christmas Carol service at St Mary's church in December, 2024.

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) raised around £20,000 last year, which we, this year, we are using to refurbish and enhance our Library in school. Over the next few months, we will be moving the library to a bigger space downstairs in order to continue to promote a love of reading and books in our pupils. Mrs Turner, our school Librarian, has been instrumental in pushing this forward and we hope to open the new 'Wheatley Room Library' after Easter

There are many opportunities for us to continue working closely together. Please do come to our Easter Service on 4th April at 1.30 p.m. and the Leavers' Service on Thursday 17th July also at 1.30 p.m. I would like to thank our staff team who work so hard to provide a brilliant education for all our children. Thank you also to Fr. Peter for his prayers and support; we wish him well for his forthcoming sabbatical. We look forward to continuing to build on our close partnership with all at St. Mary's and St. John's throughout this year.

With warmest regards**,**

Kevin Purkiss, Headteacher

CAR PARKING

The car park continues to be a good source of income for the church, but it is important to remember that church activities always have priority.

In the past we benefited considerably from a local hotel with no parking of its own which used the church car park for its guests. However, in the summer this hotel changed hands and the new owners send their guests elsewhere to park. Several other hotels and B&Bs use us but not to the same extent at the moment. In the summer we have additional income from the Narrowboat Centre and in the winter from Rugby matches and we also have a couple of regular weekly bookings.

Nicola Parker

SAFEGUARDING

I am happy to report that the PCC have complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Safeguarding in the Church of England has, unfortunately, been in the news this year and it has highlighted the need to be vigilant within our own church community. As I have said before it is not just a legal requirement , it should be part of our ongoing pastoral care looking out for each other.

All PCC members are required to take both the Basic Safeguarding Awareness and Foundation Training and I would also commend the course on recognising Domestic Abuse.

All these can be accessed on line by going to: https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org

These online courses are available to anyone and help to highlight and recognise vulnerabilities that we may not have thought of before.

As Safeguarding officer I would like to remind you that our parish safeguarding policy is always available for you to read and if anyone ever has any concerns involving our young and/or vulnerable people please talk to me as soon as possible.

Nicola Parker

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement which is active in 83 countries round the world. Their present programme is "one more step", working with women in Burundi (in East Africa). Sabina joined her local MU Literacy Group and since then she has started a small business selling bananas, cabbage, potatoes and more, with the profit enabling her to send her children to school**.**

Shelia Sims

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is held on the first Friday of March and is written by Christian women of countries around the world. Churches in Bath take part each year.

Shelia Sims

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Your active Deanery Reps are Nicky Parker, Fr Peter (who attends in his own right) Thomas Bunn and myself. I have had a couple of clashes of events this time around and so this summary is a little patchy in relation to the later part of last year. The direction of travel on the plans and policies remains the same.

Bath Deanery has 43 parish-based and Deanery-based Anglican worshipping communities and chaplaincies. 32 are parishes, under the oversight of a reducing number of full-time stipendiary clergy, self-supporting clergy (including house duty) and Readers. There are ancillary projects including Pioneers in Magnificat Parishes. The Five Year Plan for the Deanery is to reduce stipendiary clergy to 17 by 2027. This excludes chaplaincies.

The Rev Charles Peer has become the new Archdeacon of Bath following the retirement of The Rev Dr Adrian Youings from this role. The Rev Stephen Girling has taken up a post in another diocese and The Rev Roger Driver (of St Michaels Without) is the new Area Dean in his place.

The current focus is on pan-city ministries. We are urged to share with PCCs the movement for partnership between parishes and pioneering. Likewise student, youth and young adult ministries, new worshiping communities, and evangelism and pastoral care across the city. There are opportunities open for people interested in lay pastoral work or care.

The chaplains of both universities are passionate about building links with the churches and indeed Rev Nigel Rawlinson is becoming a regular visitor to St Mary's during Fr Peter's absence.

There is a new(ish) contemplative prayer group, open to non-Christians run by Rev Philip Hawthorn of St Stephens Lansdown.

Methodologies for calculating Parish Share are being considered

Stephen Howard

Green Report

Energy Year	CO2 Tonnes	Gas kWh	Electricity kWh
2021/22	33.2	109,649	10,896
2022/23	38.9	128,680	12,835
2023/24	43.68	144,492	12,797

The Church of England requires all Churches to be carbon neutral by 2030.
When are we going to make some progress?

Keith Moss

GENERAL DATA PRIVACY REGULATIONS MAY 2018

The PCC's General Privacy Notice and the Electoral Roll Privacy Notice are both published on the church's website and/or are available on request

Revd Peter Edwards

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The finance committee met to receive reports on the financial situation of the church, to agree the following year's budget and to discuss and resolve any financial issues.

Unrestricted funds comprise the general operating expenses of the church and the other funds are for monies received and expended for certain specific purposes.

The financial results for the year have been poor.

The income from giving by the congregation (includes Gift Aid tax reclaimed) was £57,453 (2023: £61,410) which was an decrease of £3,957.

Income from the car park was only £14,770 which was a decrease of £10,044

Income from investments amounted to £12,808, and the church maintenance trust, (which is a separate fund which does not appear in our accounts) gave us £13,170,

Total Expenditure was £135,738 (2023: £128,436)

of which the largest component was our quota to the Diocese of £58,668 (2023: £51,015).

Church maintenance of £13,023 exceeded the budget, following roof repairs and a RAAC inspection of the hall.

The Unrestricted Funds Deficit for the year was £8,314 (2023: Deficit £987)

The value of Investments increased by £3,078 (2023: increase of £11,565)

The Unrestricted Reserves are now £77,236 (2023: £85,549)

Restricted funds

Funds given for a particular purpose are known as Restricted Funds and include Alms, Restoration Appeal, Emergency, Pastoral, Zambia, and the Choir Bursary Fund.

The Emergency Fund has collections and is then disbursed to specific appeals such as natural disasters.

The Pastoral Fund is at the disposal of the parish priest. Collections produced £387

The Choristers Bursary Fund received gifts of £4,649 and was used for bursaries. The remaining funds £7,226 will support choristers in forthcoming years.

The Restoration Fund benefits from fund-raising activities and was used to pay for replacement of the kitchen floor and cupboards. Also repointing the flagstones in the parking areas.

The balance remaining is now £42,380.

The Organ Restoration Fund benefitted from a Grant of £6,808 equivalent to the VAT on the final instalment. Laura and Rando Howard elected (by Deed of Variation) to assign £40,000 of their gifts within the Organ Fund to the Endowment Reserve Fund, so the balance of the Organ Fund is now £25,044

and will be used to finance the maintenance of the organ in the future.

The Music Endowment Fund contains £10,000. The interest on this fund is given for music at the church.

Endowment Reserve Fund. This fund of £190,665 was created from the gifts from Laura and Rando Howard. Income from the fund supports the church. The Capital may only be spent subject to prior resolution of the PCC and the donors.

RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Alms	4,426
Liturgical Display	477
Emergency Fund	766
Pastoral	330
Zambia	2,759
Flowers	254
Chorsiter Bursary	7,226
Restoraion Appeal	42,380
	58,618
Organ Restoration	25,044
Music Endowment	10,000
Endowment Reserve Fund	190,665
	284,327

Assets

The Total Net Assets as at 31 December 2024 were £361.563 (2023: £416,324).
which include Investments with the CCLA amounting to £314,303

The Unrestricted Funds Budget for 2025

Income: £119,027. (2024 £125,961)
Income from parishioners is falling.

Expenditure
Expenditure: We are budgeting for a total of £136,055 (2024: Expenditure was £137,353).
The main item which is difficult to budget is church maintenance
and we have allocated £14,000.

The Diocesan Common Fund payment has been increased to £58,974 from £58,668 in 2024

The Unrestricted Reserves on 1st January 2025 are £77,236
In the past we have agreed that it is prudent to maintain reserves of around 6 months of budgeted expenditure which amounts to around £68,000.
The budgeted Deficit of £17,027 for 2025 will reduce the Unrestricted Reserves to £60,209

Nick Lennard
Treasurer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Year ended 31 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Organ Fund	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Voluntary Income							
Direct Giving	2(a)	**57,453**	**11,739**	**135**		**69,327**	**229,599**
Other	2(b)	**13,170**				**13,170**	**12,760**
Events & Activities Gross	2(c)	**41,751**	**5,251**	**112**		**47,113**	**54,294**
Other Ordinary Income	2(d)	**778**		**6,808**		**7,586**	**72,912**
Income from Investment	2(e)	**12,808**	**2,036**			**14,844**	**20,286**
Total Income		**125,961**	**19,026**	**7,055**		**152,042**	**389,851**
Expenditure							
Grants	3(a)	**4,995**	**7,993**			**12,988**	**7,078**
Support Costs	3(b)	**132**				**132**	**171**
Directly relating to the Work of the Church	3(c)	**113,439**	**22,010**	**41,759**		**177,208**	**549,939**
Fundraising and Publicity	3(d)	**147**	**766**			**914**	**180**
Church Administration	3(e)	**17,025**				**17,025**	**15,006**
Total Expenditure		**135,738**	**30,770**	**41,759**		**208,267**	**572,374**
DEPRECIATION	4	**(1,615)**				**(1,615)**	**(1,707)**
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**(11,392)**	**(11,744)**	**(34,704)**		**(57,840)**	**(184,230)**
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		**3,078**	**-**	**-**		**3,078**	**13,958**
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**(8,314)**	**(11,744)**	**(34,704)**		**(54,762)**	**(170,272)**
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024		**85,550**	**70,362**	**99,748**	**160,665**	**416,325**	**586,596**
Transfer between Funds				**(40,000)**	**40,000**		
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2024		**77,236**	**58,618**	**25,044**	**200,665**	**361,563**	**416,324**

The Notes on Pages 24 to 30 form part of these accounts

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	1,408	3,023
Investments	5	314,303	134,471
		315,711	137,494
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	17,818	32,789
Cash at Bank and in hand		38,389	254,754
		56,207	287,543
LIABILITIES; Amounts falling due within one year	8	(10,355)	(8,712)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		45,852	278,831
NET ASSETS		361,563	416,324
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted		77,236	85,550
Restricted		58,618	70,362
Organ Fund		25,044	99,748
Endowment		200,665	160,665
		361,563	416,325

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2025
and signed on its behalf by:

Nicola Parker ..... Clare Goodhart .....

Nicola Parker Clare Goodhart

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

See Appendix to Accounts

2 Income

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Organ Fund	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
						2,024	2,023
2(a)		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
	Planned Giving:						
	Gift Aided Giving	38,828				38,828	40,346
	Income Tax recoverable	10,250	2,127			12,377	120,387
	Uncovenanted	4,056	40			4,096	4,715
	Collections		7,242			7,242	6,390
	Sundry Donations	4,319	2,331	135		6,785	57,761
		57,453	11,739	135		69,327	229,599
2(b)	**Other Voluntary Income**						
	Maintenance Trust	13,170				13,170	12,760
		13,170				13,170	12,760
2(c)	**Events & Activities Gross Income**						
	Fetes, FairTrade etc	128	2,147			2,275	2,618
	Magazines	836				836	855
	Hall Hire	10,115				10,115	10,075
	Church Use	10,963	3,104	112		14,178	12,149
	PCC Fees	2,740				2,740	1,783
	Car Park	14,770				14,770	24,814
	St John's Contribution	2,200				2,200	2,000
	Miscellaneous						
		41,751	5,251	112		47,113	54,294
2(d)	**Other Ordinary Income**						
	Grant - VAT Recovered	778		6,808		7,586	72,912
		778		6,808		7,586	72,912
2(e)	**Income from Investment**						
	Interest (Gross)	12,808	2,036			14,844	20,286
		12,808	2,036			14,844	20,286
	Total Income	125,961	19,026	7,055		152,042	389,851

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For the year ending 31 December 2024

3 **Expenditure**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Organ Fund	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2,024	TOTAL FUNDS 2,023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a)	**Grants**						
	Missionary and Charitable Giving:						
	Church Overseas - Missions		356			356	477
	Church Overseas - Aid		1,877			1,877	2,957
	Home missions and Church societies		178			178	159
	Other Charities	4,995	5,582			10,577	3,485
		4,995	7,993			12,988	7,078
3(b)	**Support Costs**						
	Publications	132				132	171
3(c)	**Directly relating to the work of Church**						
	Ministry:						
	Diocesan Common Fund	58,668				58,668	51,015
	Clergy Expenses	3,634				3,634	3,664
	Church Running Costs						
	Heating and Lighting	5,034				5,034	4,376
	Cleaning	7,609				7,609	6,194
	Insurance:Buildings, Plate etc	4,620				4,620	4,532
	Sacristy, Cassocks & Votive candles	1,188				1,188	968
	Church Maintenance	13,023	1,650			14,673	25,991
	Major Projects		12,974	41,358		54,332	430,827
	Parish Magazine expenditure						50
	Hall Running Costs:						
	Heating and Lighting	3,357				3,357	2,918
	Organ and Choir:						
	Organist	10,773	475			11,248	9,053
	Music and Choir	833	6,295			7,128	6,760
	Organ/Piano Maintenance	2,072		401		2,473	740
	Miscellaneous	2,072	120			2,192	2,354
	Bank Charges	556				556	
	Flowers		496			496	497
		113,439	22,010	41,759		177,208	549,939
3(d)	**Fundraising and Publicity**						
	Costs of Events etc	147	766			914	180
3(e)	**Church Administration**						
	Independent Examiners Fees	900				900	750
	Printing and Copying	3,004				3,004	4,147
	Staff Costs	12,617				12,617	9,488
	Office Telephone	504				504	621
		17,025				17,025	15,006
	Total Expenditure	135,738	30,770	41,759		208,267	572,374

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2024

4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Gross Book Value	At Cost 1 January 2024	69,094	13,735	82,829
	Additions			
	At 31 December 2024	69,094	13,735	82,829
Depreciation	At 1 January 2024	69,094	10,713	79,807
	Charge for year		1,615	1,615
	At 31 December 2024	69,094	12,327	81,421
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2024		1,408	1,408
	At 31 December 2023		3,023	3,023

The church rooms are an integral part of the Church site. The equipment comprises copy printer, a computer, a CD player, a dishwasher, and an organ video camera.

5 INVESTMENTS

Investments at 1 January 2024	134,471
Additions	176,754
Net gain on revaluation at 31 December 2024	3,078
At 31 December 2024	314,303
At 31 December 2023	134,471

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Organ Fund	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£		£	£
Fixed Assets	1,408				1,408
Investments	55,019	58,618		200,665	314,303
Current Assets	31,163		25,044		56,207
Current Liabilities	(10,355)				(10,355)
Fund Balance	77,236	58,618	25,044	200,665	361,563

7 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	11,471	15,850
VAT Recoverable	778	
Prepayments	5,448	16,799
Floats	120	140
	17,818	32,789

8 LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	4,608	1,750
Creditors for goods and services	5,747	6,962
	10,355	8,712

9 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 01-01-24	Received	Paid	Transfer	Balance at 31-12-24
Alms	3,507	7,947	7,027		4,426
Pastoral	427	387	484		330
Emergency Fund	499	268			767
Zambia	3,596	163	1,000		2,759
Liturgical Display	477				477
Restoration Fund	52,063	5,075	14,757		42,380
Flowers	332	537	616		254
Choir Bursary Fund	9,461	4,649	6,885		7,226
Restricted Funds	70,362	19,026	30,770		58,619
Organ Fund	99,748	247	34,951	(40,000)	25,044
Endowment fund	160,665			40,000	200,665
Unrestricted funds	85,550	125,961	134,275		77,236
	416,325	145,234	199,996		361,563

The restricted funds are comprised of the alms collected for church and other charities at home and abroad.
and the Church Restoration Fund (£42,380)
The Organ Fund was used to pay the final instalment of its restoration.
Laura and Rando Howard elected (by a Deed of Variation) to assign £40,000 of their gifts from the Organ Fund to the Endowment Reserve Fund.
The income arising on the Endowment Reserve Fund will be assigned to Unrestricted Funds.

Analysis of Charitable Funds In the previous year

	Balance at 01-01-23	Received	Paid		Balance at 31-12-23
Alms	1,324	5,958	3,774		3,507
Pastoral	762	184	520		427
Emergency Fund	1,600	1,283	2,384		498
Zambia	3,218	378			3,596
Assistant Clegry		86	86		
Liturgical Display	477				477
Restoration Fund	47,248	4,815			52,063
Flowers	103	726	497		332
Choir Bursary Fund	2,237	13,075	5,850		9,461
Restricted Funds	56,969	26,505	13,111		70,361
Organ Fund	444,656	83,525	428,434		99,748
Endowment fund	10,000	150,665			160,665
Unrestricted funds	74,971	129,156	118,578		85,550
	586,596	389,851	560,123		416,324

10 RELATED FUNDS

St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick Maintenance Trust Fund is a related fund.
Its Objects are: The maintenance of the fabric of the Parish Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick, Bath and the upkeep of the organ and furniture and fittings therein. If not required as above in any year, to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish.

11 RELATED PARTIES

No member of the PCC has been remunerated for services provided.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2024

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

RedEarth Uganda	49	
Goa Anglican Centre	151	
Mercy in Action	156	
Church Overseas - Missions		356
USPG	66	
Barnabus Aid	74	
Childrens Society	510	
DEC Middle East Appeal	227	
St James Buchi Zambia LINK	1,000	
Church Overseas - Aid		1,877
Bibles for Children	95	
Mission to Seafarers	83	
Home Missions and Church societies		178
Additional Curates Society	93	
Bath City Pastors	210	
Bath Welcomes Refugees	233	
Bath Women's Refuge	134	
Cancer Research	286	
Christian Aid	66	
Combat Stress	93	
Connect at Christmas	69	
DHI	154	
Dorothy House	366	
Food Bank	191	
Genesis Trust	942	
Julian House	264	
Society of Mary & Martha	57	
Society of St Francis	75	
Other Charities		3,232
Pastoral Fund	484	
Bathwick St Mary School	1,866	
		2,350
Cost of Events		518
		8,512

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

St Mary the Virgin Bathwick PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent 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. Details of the funds held are provided in Note 9.
Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes
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Income recognition

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when receivable.
Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure recognition

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

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets
In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis. Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over five years

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The PCC reported an Unrestricted Funds Deficit for the year of £10,986
There was also a surplus on the revaluation of the investments of £3,078
The Organ Fund received a Grant of £6,808 equivalent to the VAT element of the payments for the organ restoration.

The trustees have undertaken a review of the income and expenditure for the next 12 months and are of the view that the PCC will continue to operate on a going concern basis for the next 12 months.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 22 to 30.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required or this year under s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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 s130 of the 2011Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act 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.



Graham Barber
Chartered Accountant
Graham Barber Accountancy Ltd
18 Minster Way
Bath
BA2 6RH

24 May 2025

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Mary's Church Hall on Sunday 21st April 2024, following the 10:30 Eucharist.

Fr Peter Edwards welcomed people to the Annual Vestry Meeting

Those present: Churchwardens: Clare Goodhart and Janet Howard, plus 33 people on the parish electoral roll. Also present as an observer Fr Richard Hunt.

Apologies for absence: Richard Andrews, Beryl Desmond, Gary Desmond, Marion Stoneham, Dominic Taylor, Marcus Wedge and Molly Wedge.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 16th April 2023. Copies were provided before the meeting. Andrew Parker proposed, and Helen Moss seconded that they be accepted; agreed unanimously**.**

Matters Arising from the Vestry Meeting 16th April 2023: Andrew Parker thanked, on behalf of the church members, Fr Peter for all the work he carries out throughout the year.

Election of Churchwardens

Before proceeding to the election of churchwardens, Fr Peter Edwards thanked the churchwardens for all their support and hard work during the past year. He specially mentioned Janet Howard as she had completed six years of service as a Churchwarden. He pointed out this spanned years pre and post the Covid Pandemic, and during that time there had been a number of major restoration projects including the Organ. Fr Peter then presented her with a hydrangea, as a token of his and the congregation's appreciation and thanks for all her work and support during this time.

The Secretary, Dr Marilyn Kirby, reported that there were 2 nominations for the position of Churchwardens:

Margaret Clare Goodhart: proposed by Janet Iris Howard and seconded by Marilyn Joan Kirby

Nicola Jane Parker: proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby and seconded by Margaret Clare Goodhart

There being no further nominations, the two people named above were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens in the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Bathwick for the ensuing year.

Deputy Churchwardens:

Fr Peter then expressed his thanks for the work that Keith Moss and Dawn Lennard carry out behind the scenes as "Tuesday Bankers". Fr Peter told the meeting that Keith had carried out this work for a number of years before being joined by Dawn Lennard. He then recommended that Janet Howard be appointed as a Deputy Churchwarden so that she could step in when required.

Andrew Parker proposed, and Joanna Hunt seconded that Keith Moss, Dawn Lennard continue as Deputy Churchwardens with the role of "Tuesday Bankers" and that Janet Howard also be appointed as a Deputy Churchwarden. These appointments were agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Any other business: None

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:10.

Fr Peter Edwards
Rector St Mary's Bathwick

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 21st April 2024(following Annual Vestry Meeting) after the 10:30 Eucharist
as members of the PCC.

The list of Apologies and the Attendance was the same as for the Annual Vestry Meeting.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the 16th April 2023.

Nicky Parker proposed, and Jean Tanser seconded that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes. None

3. To receive the New Electoral Roll. Andy Parker reported the total on the Electoral Roll was 138, an increase of two from 16th April 2023. During the year there had been three deaths, and five new people had joined the Electoral Roll. Fr Peter thanked Andy Parker for his work as Electoral Roll Officer. Note a full revision of the Electoral Roll is required next year.

To receive the Annual Parish Reports. Copies of the report booklet were available before the meeting. Fr Peter began by thanking the Standing Committee and the PCC for their support during the year. He then thanked Nick Lennard and Marilyn Kirby for their work, especially in producing the Annual Reports. He concluded by thanking all those in the congregation who had contributed in so many ways to the running of St Mary's.

To keep the meeting as brief as possible, rather than going through each report individually Fr Peter asked if anyone wanted to add further information or if anyone had any questions. Note a copy of the Annual Reports 2024 is filed with these Minutes and the page numbers following the reports referred to below relate to this Booklet.

A. Almsgiving (page 12) Sarah Davies explained PCC had considered the points raised in the final paragraph of this report, at their meeting on 21st February2024. The first concerned the sending of funds to our link parish of Zambia. Nick Lennard explained that he and Joanna Hunt were currently in detailed negotiations with Annabel Capel, Zambia Link Co-ordinator to ensure the money (presently in the Zambia Restricted Fund) can be sent safely to Buchi. Once these issues were resolved the money will be sent. (Note there are similar issues regarding ensuring the safe sending of funds held for St John's Seminary Zambia and the House of Hope in Bethlehem).

Secondly Robin and Sarah suggested profits from Sunday and Wednesday coffee be given to the Food Bank, for use in two new initiatives for the children of those receiving assistance (giving new books to children and a gift voucher for the Entertainer Bath Toy Shop so a parent can get a toy for a child on their birthday). The PCC had previously agreed to this suggestion.

The third question concerned the allocation of Gift Aid Tax on charitable donations. Previously this was given to the Bathwick Church School to meet its obligation for a capital reserve, but regulations changed when the school joined the Bath and Wells Academy Trust, meaning this capital fund is no longer required. The PCC had agreed to give the money to Bathwick School for the support of disadvantaged children to pay for such things as school trips.

B. Flowers (page 9) Sarah Davies wanted to re-enforce the message of the need to consider how we continue to provide flowers for the church. Sarah explained that St Mary's had benefitted from the sterling service of flower arrangers over many decades but Molly's plea last year, recorded in the Minutes, for more support had not resulted in volunteers and her Sacristy duties alongside oversight of the flowers had been exhausting at Easter

Clare Goodhart expressed her thanks to both Molly Wedge and Marion Stoneham for all their

work over many years and reiterated the need for new people to take on flower arranging; potentially in a new way so as to minimize the time commitment.
Robin Davies suggested we should consider paying for a professional florist to provide floral displays, pointing out there was £85,549 in unrestricted funds at the end of the year. Nick Lennard reminded the meeting that we aim to retain sufficient funds to cover 6 months of outgoings to cover any unforeseen expenditure, and this amounts to £63,000. He pointed out that currently there was £322 in the Flower Fund.
Note PCC considered the suggestions made by Marion Stoneham in her resignation letter to find a long-term solution to this issue at their meeting 21st February 2024.
C Zambia Link (page 14) Joanna Hunt told the meeting it is vital the link is revitalised, if not then St Mary's needs to consider whether we are going to retain the link in the future. She told the meeting she needed at least one other person to work with her on this, otherwise she did not feel that she could continue.
D Toddler Group (page 14) Joanna Hunt stressed the need for extra helpers from the congregation. Otherwise, we will have to consider stopping this important area of outreach. Andy Parker reminded the meeting that recently one of the parents was confirmed and there had been several baptisms of Toddler Group children. Nicky Parker strongly supported Joanna's plea. She then told the meeting the Toddler Group (run by a parents committee) were also currently struggling to find people able to commit time to serving on their committee.
E. Rector's Report (page 3-5) Fr Peter reiterated his thanks for the support received and for all those who contribute to the working of the Church, while recognizing more we could be doing more, especially regarding inviting people to a range of different events.
F Churchwardens' Report (page 6). Jan Howard told the meeting that the refurbishment of the kitchen was being carried out at present.
G Health and Safety, Readers, Lesson Readers and Intercessors and Servers (page 7)
Fr Peter warmly thanked all those who carry out these various roles within the church.
H Sidespeople (page 8) Clare said that it would be good to have a few new Sidespeople and that the role was not onerous. As well as handing out service sheets and hymn books, an essential part is to welcome people as they come into church and also offer to take any new people through to coffee after the service.
I Garden(page 9) Fr Peter expressed thanks to Dawn Lennard and Jenny Jones for all their hard work in ensuring the garden always looked good.
J Music (page 10) Fr Peter thanked all those who have given money, time and commitment to ensuring that the major restoration of the Organ could be successfully completed. Note there is a special Gala Concert by Dr Peter King on Friday 7th June. Caroline Redfern told the meeting that having the young choristers from the university was extremely beneficial to the choir, especially as we now have two tenors! Andy Parker also thanked Gary Desmond for all his hard work, not only with the choir but also Organ Restoration project. He told the meeting that Gary Desmond will be giving the first of the new season's Thursday Lunchtime Concerts on 9th May.
K Hall and Church Hire (page 11) Fr Peter expressed his sincere thanks for all the work that Kerry does in the parish office.

L Safeguarding (page 16) Nicky Parker emphasised that safeguarding importantly includes vulnerable adults; it is about caring for others. She asked anyone who had concerns about someone to speak to her. Fr Peter thanked her for carrying out this valuable work and suggested that if anyone was interested in shadowing Nicky and engaging in this area of work further, their interest would be warmly received.

M Deanery Synod (page 17 and 18). Fr Peter explained the Diocesan plan was to reduce stipendiary numbers by 2027 and that within the Bath Deanery the plan was for a reduction of 5 (which may now be 4). Fr Richard Hunt pointed out this was a national issue. Caroline Redfern told the meeting that the number of students at Theological Colleges had also been decreasing.

There being no further comments on the reports Julia Brownbridge proposed and Jenny Jones seconded that the reports, including those of the churchwardens' and the PCC Secretary, be accepted as a correct record: agreed unanimously.

N Treasurers Report. (pages 19-31 plus insert spreadsheet with summary of accounts) Nick Lennard focused on the spreadsheet beginning with the Unrestricted Funds, pointing out that this showed an operating deficit of £986. He pointed out that the total income from parishioners was £51,000 while our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund was almost identical at £51,015. This will increase to £59,000 in the current year, thus resulting in a deficit of approximately £8,000. Nick pointed out that the combined Common Fund contributions for the Benefice were approximately £85,000, meaning that we are contributing to poorer parishes in the diocese, which is not inappropriate. Currently we pay between £700 and £800 for each regular worshipper.

Nick Lennard then explained the origin of the new Reserve Fund. Just before the end of December 2023 we received £110,000 as Gift Aid Tax Refund from the very generous gift from Laura and Rando Howard for the Organ Restoration Project and the south aisle roof repair. Following discussions with the Diocesan accountant this has been placed in an Endowment Reserve Fund, with the PCC able to use the income. However, some of the capital could be spent on a particular item, subject to the approval of the PCC. The Organ Restoration Fund currently has £99,747, with one final instalment of approximately £50,000 to be made for the restoration project, once any additional costs are included. It is proposed that any funds remaining after this payment is made (approximately £50,000) will remain in the Fund to cover future Organ maintenance and possibly the costs of a replacement grand piano. John Lees asked why the Budget had not been seen by general members of the church in order that they could be aware of the thinking of the PCC. Marilyn pointed out that the Budget is considered and approved by the PCC at their November Meeting. Fr Peter told the meeting that he could see no reason why this should not be subsequently published.

John Lees then expressed his concern that carparking income had dropped since Marcus Wedge handed this over to the Car Park Working Group. Nick Lennard pointed out that the income from parking in 2023 was £25,000, a small increase on the previous year. John also felt Marcus had not received sufficient thanks for all his hard work in raising approximately £250,000 over 10 years. However, as was reported in the minutes of the APCM for 2023 (item 4c), Fr Peter presented Marcus with a gift on behalf of St Mary's as a token of the appreciation for the work he had put into obtaining income from the carpark.

There being no further comments Nick Lennard proposed and Jan Howard seconded that the Treasurer's Report & Accounts be accepted, agreed unanimously

5. Election of members of the Parochial Church Council. Marilyn Kirby announced there were **4** vacancies for three years and **3** nominations had been received prior to the meeting.
   Janet Iris Howard, proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby, seconded by Margaret Clare Goodhart
   Andrew Geoffrey Alexander Parker, proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby, seconded by Sarah Ann Davies
   John Stuart Porteous, proposed by Margaret Blackshaw, seconded by Andrew Geoffrey Alexander Parker.
   There being no further nominations Fr Peter declared the above duly elected as members of the PCC.
6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC. Nick Lennard proposed, and Carla Maddocks seconded that Graham Barber be re-appointed as Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC; agreed unanimously. Nick Lennard was asked to pass on thanks to the Independent Examiner for his work.
7. AOB:

A. Green Issues Fr Richard Hunt asked how the PCC planned to proceed having received the Energy Report referred to on page 18 of the Reports Booklet. Nick Lennard explained that currently discussions were on-going with a surveyor, who had recently completed checking the kitchens, choir vestry and toilet roofs for RAAC and was satisfied that these were constructed from solid concrete. Therefore, potentially they would be sufficiently load-bearing to fit solar panels. The church architect is carrying out further work to confirm whether this is feasible. As these roofs are largely hidden from view, we are more likely to gain planning permission than was the case with the south roof. The question of storage batteries would need to be considered. Nick Lennard said that a major way of reducing our carbon footprint was to ensure we used less energy and that to aid in this, the HIVE monitoring system had recently been installed. Fr Peter also referred to the role of the Environmental Benefice Working Group, which Helen Moss said are looking at the possibility of air-source heat pump systems.

The meeting ended at 1:10 pm, with Fr Peter leading the saying of the Grace together.

Fr Peter Edwards

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BA

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ANNUAL REPORTS 2024

to be presented at

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 21st April 2024 following
Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Mary's Church is situated in Bathwick, Bath. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: -

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PCC members who have served from 16th April 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

	Name	***Post***
Incumbent	The Revd. Peter Edwards	Chairman
Readers	Marilyn Kirby	PCC Secretary: Standing Committee, Restoration Action Group
	Thomas Bunn	Emeritus, Deanery Synod
	Stephen Howard	Vice Chairman PCC and Standing Committee ^, Deanery Synod, Finance Committee, Car Park Working Group, Organ Restoration Working Group
	Marcus Wedge	Health and Safety Officer, Fabric Committee
Churchwardens	Jan Howard	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees
	Clare Goodhart	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees, Organ Restoration Working Group, Mission & Evangelism Benefice Group
Diocesan Synod	John Porteous	Vice Chairman PCC#, Standing Committee#; Fabric and Finance Committees
Deanery Synod	Julia Brownbridge #	Restoration Action Group#
	Thomas Bunn ^	See above
	Stephen Howard	See above
	Nicky Parker	Safeguarding Officer**,** Standing Committee, Fabric, Finance, and Social Committees Restoration Action Group and Children's Church,
Elected Members:	Richard Andrews	Mission & Evangelism and Environmental Working Benefice Groups
	Julia Brownbridge ^	Social Committee, Car Park Working Group *
	Nick Lennard	Treasurer: Standing Committee, Finance and Fabric Committees
	Nicola Mathiason *	Mission & Evangelism Benefice Working Group
	Helen Moss	Social Committee, Mission and Environmental Working Benefice Groups
	Andrew Parker	Electoral Roll Officer, Fabric Committee, Restoration Action Group, Organ Restoration Working Group
	Caroline Redfern ^	Mission &Evangelism Benefice Working Group
	Carole Stickney	Social and Fabric Committees
	Dominic Taylor	Environmental Benefice Working Group
Co-opted Members:	None	

*# Until APCM 16th April 2023, ^ From APCM 16th April 2023, * Resigned September 2023*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.

The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition it also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and its associated property. The PCC sees the Church's mission as witnessing steadfastly to the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel through prayer and preaching and the celebration of the sacraments through service to the people of Bathwick and further afield and to those in need. The Church Hall provides a safe haven for young people in the local area.

MISSION STATEMENT

By God's grace and mindful of our heritage
we aim to extend the Community of Faith
where God is glorified
and the Good News of Jesus Christ
is proclaimed and lived

THE "WORSHIP" ETHOS

St Mary's has been "Anglo Catholic" since "Oxford Movement" times, when the Church of England was re-affirmed as Catholic, in worship and practice. That revered tradition, as demonstrated by the Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist, has been influenced by subsequent developments in Catholic teaching and practice of liturgy. Music, (generally traditional classical and Anglican), is valued, with statues, art, incense and vestments adding to the sense of the numinous. Celebration of the Sacraments with awe and wonder at the mystery of the love of God is a priority. Two key texts are 1 Cor. 14:40 and Hebrews 12:22-24.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters,

May I begin this report with a thank you to all members of the St Mary's church family – not only for me and Clare and our family, but – more importantly – for your faithful prayers and worship of God, and the work that you do to support the vulnerable in our own society and across the world through financial support and time spent supporting a wide variety of charities and aid agencies.

In February 2023 we sought to survey the various strengths and weaknesses of our parish and church life using the Healthy Churches Initiative. We have been helped in this process by the Bishop of Oswestry's Healthy Churches Mentor, Fr Gary Ecclestone to whom we are grateful. This process is designed to measure our relative strengths against eight measures which are characteristics of growing faith communities – empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, functional structures, inspiring worship, holistic small groups, need-oriented outreach, and loving relationships. Results of the survey suggested that the St Mary's congregation felt that the area where the church was most successful was in the area of inspiring worship, with the next strongest measure being that of using people's

individual gift-based ministry. Areas that we might look to improve include some of the sub-categories in the outreach, structures and leadership areas.
Fr Gary encouraged us to celebrate our strengths, and we duly held a special service on the Feast of Christ the King in November 2023 when many of the different groups that make up our church and community life came together in worship, and presented a series of decorated jigsaw pieces which fitted together to symbolise how all these different groups together make up the life of the church. Many thanks to those who organised and took part in this special event.
Following the survey in the Summer, a Working Group of the PCC was established to consider Mission and Evangelism to seek to make recommendations in these areas; we have sought to be improve our external advertising (e.g. a series of banners advertising events and services), availability of teaching leaflets and prayer cards for visitors; [anything else?]……

The other particular highlight of the year – more details contained elsewhere in this Annual Report – was the work to restore our beautiful Father Willis pipe organ. We said a farewell to the instrument at Easter 2023 when most of its components were transported to Harrison & Harrison's workshop in Durham for a long-overdue major maintenance. After several months of work, the pipework and other components were restored to the church in the Autumn and revoicing took place in January 2024. Further 'snagging' work is still to take place before the organ is fully operational, most likely at Easter 2024. We look forward to the formal opening recital, to be given on 7 June by Peter King, the former Director of Music of Bath Abbey who has been so supportive of this restoration project from the fundraising stage to its completion. Thanks must also be extended to Neil Cocking who generously lent us his electronic instrument for use in the church over these past months.
Other events celebrated during the course of the year at St Mary's included special services to mark the King's coronation in May 2023. We also commemorated Fr Richard Hunt's 50th anniversary of priesting, and in September I celebrated the tenth anniversary of being the parish priest of Bathwick – it remains a great privilege to minister in our two benefice churches of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist, giving a distinctive Anglo-Catholic flavour of worship and theological understanding within the surrounding Deanery and Diocese.
Elsewhere in this report, you will find details of the various activities that have taken place during the past year in the life of St Mary's church included in this Annual Report and Accounts, a range of activities that characterizes all that we do in this place to worship God, to serve him in this community, and to provide a place for community groups and individuals to meet in safety.
Thanks are due from me personally to our Churchwardens Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart, to our PCC members, our assistant clergy and Readers, to our Parish Administrator Kerry Hughes, and to all those who have maintained the life of our church as well as supporting me personally over these past months. Thanks too to Nick Lennard and those who have supported him for their continued careful stewardship of our financial resources.

As I end this short report, may I commend to your prayers all those from our congregation who

died in 2023 or for whom funeral or memorial services took place in St Mary's church (or held elsewhere but conducted by a minister from St Mary's church) during the course of the year: Joan Wall, Queenie Maddox, Rosemary Beesley, Margaret Crow and Elizabeth Wilson.
We continue to pray for those who mourn their passing. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May God continue to bless this place and all that we seek to do in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Revd Peter Edwards Rector of Bathwick

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT YEAR 2023-24

The aim of the following report is to provide certain information as well as noting significant PCC decisions not otherwise covered in the separate Committee and other Church Group reports. The Secretary apologies for any overlaps or omissions that may have occurred.
The Standing Committee comprises the Chairman, the two Churchwardens, Vice Chairman, the Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer.
There were 136 members on the Electoral Roll as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 16th April 2023. In addition, we have a number of regular attendees who are not on the Roll.
At the time of writing, this report 6 PCC meetings had been held, with two further meetings scheduled before the APCM. The first on 21st February 2024 being to discuss general business, including proposals from the Mission and Evangelism Working Group, and to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023, and the second on 20th March 2024 at which Annual Reports will be presented prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 21st April 2024.
The First PCC Meeting 16th April 2023 followed immediately after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Fr Peter welcomed Caroline Redfern to her first meeting of the PCC.
The following Officers were elected: Hon. Treasurer Nick Lennard, Hon. Secretary Marilyn Kirby, Vice Chairman Steven Howard, and Electoral Roll Officer Andy Parker. The Meeting then elected the Standing Committee: Fr Peter Edwards, the Vice Chairman of the PCC (Stephen Howard), the Churchwardens (Clare Goodhart and Jan Howard), the Secretary (Marilyn Kirby), the Treasurer (Nick Lennard) and the Safeguarding Officer Nicky Parker. There were no co-options to the PCC. The Parish Return was submitted to the Diocese following this meeting.
The Second PCC Meeting 2nd May 2023 The convenors and members of the Committees and Working Groups of the PCC were appointed. Matters relating to use of the car park were also discussed.
The Third Meeting 14th June 2023 Fr Gary Ecclestone was invited to attend the meeting, at which the main item considered was the results from the Healthy Churches Initiative Survey carried out in February 2023. The meeting agreed to consider at a future meeting Fr Gary's suggestion to plan an event to celebrate one of our key strengths. The meeting also agreed to Helen Moss's suggestion that Green Journey carry out an energy advice survey.
The Fourth Meeting 9th August 2023 Fr Gary Ecclestone also attended this special meeting which focussed on the planning of a special service on 26th November 2023 to give thanks for

the life and ministry of the Church. A report from the Car Park Working Group was also considered and the meeting agreed to trial an online booking system using the Your Parking Space platform.

The Fifth Meeting 6th September 2023 As requested by the Area Dean (Revd. Stephen Girling), the meeting discussed the Deanery "Proposals for Pastoral Organisation" which calls for a reduction in full time incumbents from 22to 19. Following discussion, the meeting asked Marilyn Kirby to inform Revd. Stephen Girling that they noted the proposals and were concerned with the impact of the overall strategy to reduced stipendiary clergy numbers. The meeting considered two reports from the Fabric Committee. Nick Lennard presented the Half-Year Accounts. Discussion of the carpark again featured at this meeting.

The Sixth Meeting 1st November 2023. This was held at Bathwick St Mary's school and began with a welcome from the Headmaster Kevin Purkiss, in which he spoke about the highlights and also the challenges they faced due to pupils coming from very diverse backgrounds, for example 21 languages are spoken as many of the children have parents working or studying at the University (for further details see Kevin Purkiss's report). Nick Lennard tabled the Finance Committee's proposed Budget for 2024 which was accepted by the meeting.

The Seventh Meeting 21st February 2024 was still due to take place at the time of writing this report. It is scheduled as a normal business meeting of the council with the addition of approving the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022.

The Eighth Meeting 20d March 2024 is scheduled to be the final meeting before the APCM and is when the Annual Reports will be presented in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Marilyn Kirby, Hon PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

The high point of the year has, of course, been the repair and re-installation of our Father Willis organ. This has been a huge project and we are very excited to have achieved completion. The organ pipes have been regilded and the organ stool replaced, so we look forward to celebrating.

Our sound system has also been repaired and the loop system is now working.

Further work was undertaken on the roof as the annual clearing of gutters and drains revealed some water ingress and damage. This has been addressed.

The Church inventory has been updated and the terrier remains unchanged.

Maintenance work has continued and will include a kitchen upgrade in the coming months.

Marcus Wedge, to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude, has gradually been withdrawing from fabric responsibilities. Fabric Committee has met regularly to review and manage projects. We would also like to acknowledge the work of others in caring for our Church: Jenny Jones and Dawn Lennard for their gardening work; Molly Wedge, Sarah Davies and Helen Lees for their dedicated sacristy work; the Friday cleaning team and Marion Stoneham for her help with flowers.

Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart, Churchwardens

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Safety issues relating to the Church and Hall have been monitored during the year.

Marcus Wedge

READERS

As always Marilyn Kirby, Marcus Wedge and I continue to offer our support to Fr Peter in the execution of his role as Rector, in our various practical and advisory capacities both "as Readers" and in a variety of other ways. We are very conscious that these are privileged ministries and if you have anything on your mind or thoughts that you would like to share, please do let us know.

Stephen Howard

LESSON READERS AND INTERCESSORS

We would like to record our thanks to all those who support our services by reading a lesson or leading our prayers. Beryl Llewellyn has paused her involvement as a lesson reader but John Price, Gerald and Margaret Hull have joined the rota. There are currently 28 on this rota for 2024-25:

Maggie and Trevor Blackshaw, Julia Brownbridge, Sarah and Robin Davies, Clare Edwards, Jan and Stephen Howard, Naomi Heffer, Gerald and Margaret Hull, Fr Richard and Jo Hunt, Jenny Jones, Marilyn Kirby, Nick Lennard, Helen and John Lees, Carla Maddocks, Ross Manaton, Helen and Keith Moss, Nicky and Andy Parker, John Porteous, John Price, Caroline Redfern and Marcus Wedge.

If you would like to read a lesson or lead the intercessions, please let the Churchwardens know.

Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart

SERVERS

I am very proud to celebrate the work done by our skilful team of servers who continue to dedicate themselves to these important ministries which enhance so much our worship at St Mary's, and the commitment required to carry them out at the appointed time. But servers do have private lives as well, and I always make it clear that if anything "comes up" it s always possible to arrange for cover from another member of the team. I say this because if there are others in the congregation who are at all interested in joining the team, but are worried about being on a rota, please do let me know. Training is offered and I the case of an acolyte, partnership with an experienced acolyte. So all you have to do in the first instance is follow them!

My thanks to Richard Andrews, who is taking a break for a while on account of other commitments pressing on his time, but am very pleased to welcome to our ranks a new recruit Ashton Price whom we look forward to seeing in action shortly.

SIDESPEOPLE **Stephen Howard**

The group of Sidespeople remains a committed group of parishioners. Beryl Llewellyn has stepped down; we are very grateful for her past support.

There are 13 Sidespeople on the rota for 2024-25 but we really need a few more:

Julia Brownbridge, Paul Chilvers, Robin and Sarah Davies, Roy Hatch, Helen Lees, Nick and Dawn Lennard, Carla Maddocks, Keith and Helen Moss, Nicky Parker, and Marion Stoneham**.**

The role involves welcoming people to Church, assisting with seating and any specific needs, and taking round the collection pouches. If you would like to become a Sidesperson and are on the Electoral Roll, please talk to me.

Clare Goodhart

SACRISTY

The Sacristy Team have worked hard for another year preparing for all our services. This includes many duties, i.e. cleaning/washing silver, laying vestments, changing all the liturgical colours as we move into the various seasons. Keeping on top of all the laundry. Also making sure on Sunday morning that everything is ready before Fr. Peter arrives from St. Johns. Then on course clearing up afterwards!!!

Enormous thanks to Helen and Sarah for such wonderful support! Also, behind the scenes thank you to Jan for cleaning the Lady Chapel and for all her brass cleaning, to Marion and Jane who keep the chancel dusted. Many thanks to Neville who makes sure all the candles stay alight each week and for all his wonderful handiwork – if something needs repair it is Neville who is at hand!! A special thank you to Nicky and Andy who are amazing at erecting the crib at Christmas and the Easter Garden and of course taking it all down !! It is a joy to behold!!! Also, may I say thank you to Helen and Keith who make sure all the recycling is put out each week.!! All this is done in love an service to our Lord - a great privilege by all of us.

Molly Wedge

BELLRINGERS

The big event in the calendar in 2023 was, of course, the coronation of their majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Twelve of the band rang on May 6th, including our youngest ringer, 8 year old Ivy, and both her parents. In years to come this will be a big part of her bellringing journey, and something she will be very proud to have done.

We've continued to ring for Sunday services and other special services, including half-muffled ringing on Remembrance Day. Several visiting bands from around the country have enjoyed ringing at St Mary's throughout the year, including a band of Bath University students, plus tours from Yeovil and Essex.

After almost 20 years our bellropes finally had to be replaced, and we're delighted to have a brand new set of ten ropes. The top part of these is made from Dyneema, a very strong, light material that is used for climbing and sailing ropes. The same material is also used for bullet proof vests! The new ropes are quiet and smooth to ring, and will last for years.

The year ended with the highlight of the St Mary's community jigsaw. We loved creating our jigsaw piece and presenting it at the morning service. We discovered creative talents among our ringers that we didn't know they had, and the finished article perfectly summed up bellringing and the Bathwick ringing team – colourful, entertaining, and a little bit different!

If you would like to have a go at ringing, please get in touch – we always welcome new ringrs of all ages.

Molly Waterson Tower Secretary

FLOWERS

We are experiencing a very difficult situation - despite making pleas for help no one comes forward! Since last year Julie Brown has tried to help, but due to health problems is unable to continue at the moment. We are indebted to Marion who is in most Fridays to keep the silk flowers looking good and excellent at arranging fresh flowers for the major festivals, but as we go to press Marion as informed the churchwardens that as from the end of August she will be retiring - words cannot express how grateful we are to her since Carol retired she and I have done our best to keep flowers in church!! Also, thank you to Felicity and Carol who have helped at Easter and Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donates cash for fresh flowers when requested. Much appreciated. Serious thought needs to see how to move forward - I cannot bear to think of no flowers in church!!!!! Please pray about this and come forward with ideas how to proceed.

Molly Wedge

GARDEN

There is little to report this time around as the garden continues to flourish whatever the weather. Last summer was basically warm but wet with weeds having a field day – we know they are really plants growing where they are not wanted but, unfortunately, they have the happy knack of crowding out what is intended. However, despite the rain, Dawn and Jenny won in the end.

We are very fortunate to have Stu to do the heavy work which is immensely helpful as neither of us are exactly in the first flush of youth. Sometimes, even though the spirit is willing. the flesh, (though not weak) does complain a little if too much is undertaken in any one afternoon.

After a wet summer and very wet winter, we are hoping the coming season will be gardening friendly as so many people enjoy the tranquillity and peace found in St Mary's Garden.

Dawn Lennard and Jenny Jones

MUSIC

Twenty four hours after the last APCM, the team from Harrison & Harrison (Organ Builders) arrived from Durham to begin the two-week process of dismantling the organ for its long-awaited restoration, thus beginning a momentous period in the history of St Mary's.
In August, four of us, including Fr Peter, visited the company's premises to see work in progress on various parts of the instrument. As I write, the organ is now fully re-installed and back in use for a two-month 'settling in' period, which will take us to Easter Day when the rededication will take place. Periodically throughout the work, Tony Cooper (a neighbour of Fr Peter) has been photographing the project with the view of producing a book for posterity - ie church records! I am keen to record our very grateful thanks to Fr Neil Cocking for the free loan of his Viscount electronic instrument for the period of the restoration, thus saving us a substantial amount of money over the ten-month period of the work.

We enjoyed a varied and successful monthly series of Lunchtime Concerts from May to October with the retiring collections adding a pleasing £1,006 to our Student Choral Bursary Fund. As reported before, this scheme is proving to be a great success and we are grateful for the contribution that each of our students makes to the choir. Funding the scheme is always in the forefront of our minds and we continue to seek new ideas for maintaining a comfortable level in the account. We have seven students in total at the moment although two are currently on work placements as part of their course. Since the last APCM, we have welcomed Helena Taylor (soprano), Anna Lark (alto) and Ben Watson (bass) as student members and Mark Harrison as an occasional bass.

In October we again had the privilege of singing Choral Evensong in Wells Cathedral, this time on Tuesday, 31st for the Eve of All Saints and it is a great credit to the choir that we are now established on the Cathedral's list of potential visiting choirs.

The calendar year ended with the traditional services of Advent Carols and Readings at St John's and Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's. There is always a wealth of wonderful music to choose from for these occasions and we try to look for the new whilst, of course, making sure that the favourites are not overlooked.
The pleasing comments we received after each service in 2023 seemed to indicate that we had achieved our aim!

St Mary's continues to be a popular concert venue in the city, with many outside groups wanting to hold their events in the building, not least the annual Bachfest and Mozartfest programmes. We also continue to enjoy our association with the University of Bath Chamber Choir and their conductor, Dr Michael Painting.
Long may all this music making in St Mary's continue and there is much to look forward to in 2024. My huge thanks as always to Fr Peter for his continued support throughout each year and to our wonderful choir, without whom little of all this would be possible.

Gary Desmond

HALL AND CHURCH HIRE

We continue to maintain our regular bookings with U3A art group, WI, Pilates, Camerata, HBRG and Vocal Works Gospel Choir. We now have a Yoga class who use the hall on a Tuesday morning by arrangement, usually they run a block of weekly sessions during the term time. We have recently started to hire the kitchen to a lady for a cookery class by arrangement usually on a Saturday, sometimes in the morning or possibly afternoon or all day or she may be interested in a Sunday afternoon in the future. We have had a couple enquiries for new regular hall hire but this continues to be difficult due to some groups meeting once a month such as the 2nd Monday in the month and 1st Wednesday of the month etc. Also, with some of our regular groups only meeting during certain times of the year such as the art group. In 2023 the art group ran a summer term as well as their usual autumn and spring term so hopefully they will run a summer term in 2024.

The hall continues to be under-used during the day in the week on Monday afternoons, Tuesday afternoons, all day Thursday and Friday afternoons. The Yoga class use the day-time discounted rate for regular bookings for having the booking on a Tuesday morning, but this hasn't encouraged any other new groups. Pilates are the only other group which have the discounted rate for having the booking on a Wednesday lunchtime.

The hall continues to be used for occasional bookings and has been popular with the residents' groups such as meetings, AGMs, socials etc. Hall bookings for children's birthday parties are particularly popular during the weekend. A lot of the bookings are from our toddler group who have the discounted rate, children at Bathwick St Mary School and people who have been to a child's party at St Mary's hall before.

Unfortunately, ABRSM were unable to hold their music exam days with us after spring 2023 due to the organ works being carried out. The exams are usually held across four days, twice a year. Also, ABRSM had a few complaints from parents due to their child being upset about the piano. ABRSM found another venue in Bath and they say their piano is better but they prefer St Mary's for being on one level, location, parking etc. ABRSM have booked their spring exams at the other venue, and I said I would keep them updated if our piano changes. Hopefully they may come back in the future.

During 2023 we had various choir workshops and concerts by Bath Bach Choir, Bath Bachfest, Bath Festivals, The Handful, Lucis and Cappella Nova. In March Mid-Somerset Festivals held their choral day with us and in December we had carol services for King Edward's junior school and Bathwick St Mary School.

The diary for 2024 is getting booked up with various bookings for concerts, workshops, rehearsals, children's birthday parties, residents' association meetings and regular bookings. Again, we even have a couple of bookings already for 2025!!!

Kerry Hughes—Parish Administrator

RESTORATION ACTION GROUP

During the year RAG ran a range of fundraising activities including the very successful Summer Fete on 10th June. Two new events were a Music and Dance Evening in early September and a Coffee Morning Plus in early November, which included craft and cake stalls. The illustrated travel lectures continue to be popular and during the year included Northeast Scotland focusing on Aberdeen and the Cairngorms, while further afield we went "Down Under" to explore the State of Victoria.

Travel Lectures restart at the end of February and the Summer Fete will be held on 1st June this year.

Marilyn Kirby

ALMSGIVING

During 2023 we continued our practice of giving away our weekly collections in the blue envelopes to local and national charities, and we are grateful that members of the congregation continue to support a wide range of charities in this way. In total we supported 30 charities with 5 international ones including Goa Anglican Centre and our Zambian Link Parishes, 14 national ones and 11 local charities. As in 2022 the PCC made the decision to focus more on some of our local charities and therefore a number benefitted with three collections during the year. This has resulted in those charities getting on average, £250-300 for the year, as opposed to others having a single collection which is often less that £100. We also had four collections for emergency aid and three for the pastoral fund which the Rector uses to help individuals, in complete confidence, who need financial support in some way. There was a special collection for the earthquake in Pakistan which came to £2,384.

The PCC has been asked to advise on three international charities which were supported in 2023 but there are potential difficulties in sending the money directly to them due to the countries where they are based. The PCC has also been asked to decide about the just under £600 profit from Sunday and Wednesday coffees, and almost £900 had been accumulated over the last three years, from Gift Aid Tax on charitable donations. Formerly this money was sent to our local Church of England Schools, but the rules have changed, and this can no longer be done. The Annual Meeting will be updated about these three issues.

Robin and Sarah Davies

SOCIAL

Every Sunday morning is a social event at St Mary's as we meet after the service for coffee (or tea) and fellowship. This has to be one of the most important times to welcome visitors and newcomers to our church family and I would encourage everyone to ensure that no one is left without someone to talk to.

During the year we have had Bring & Share lunches, for our Dedication Festival in February, to celebrate the King's Coronation in May and for our Patronal Festival in September. These lunches are always very successful thanks to everyone coming together and helping out. For our special Thanksgiving service, on the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrated with champagne and canapés as we thought there might be too many people for a lunch – another very happy occasion.

In October the benefice harvest supper was held at St John's and once again proved to be a lovely evening. Thank you to everyone from St Mary's who provided the apple crumbles for pudding. On the morning of our Harvest Festival service we tried to entice students in by supplying doughnuts with coffee after the service. A few students arrived but most of the doughnuts were enjoyed by our regular congregation. Perhaps we should do this more often. The summer fete in June and the coffee morning in November were organised primarily as fund raising events but the social side of these occasions are just as important. Would we like to have more regular coffee mornings? Let me know.
As always the year ended with mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols Service. A fine way to start our Christmas celebrations.

Many thanks to the members of the Social Committee and to everyone else who lends a hand. We are always in need of new people on the committee so please don't wait to be asked.

Nicola Parker

WALSINGHAM

Every year in July, the two churches of Bathwick have made pilgrimage to Norfolk, to stay at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Ralph and I had been going with our previous churches for 20 plus years and so it was wonderful to be able to come to Bathwick and find a Cell of OLW. The Shrine is a wonderful place of peace and tranquility where one can be assured of renewal in mind, body and spirit. The rooms are comfortable, meals are good and plentiful, and the gardens are lovely to wander through or sit in. There is an excellent café (the Norton Room).
The Bathwick pilgrimage is usually from Sunday (after Mass at St John's) until Thursday morning. We go half board. We hire a coach, whose driver stays at the Shrine. He is available to take us out for afternoon trips of our choice. We also visit the Catholic Shrine just a mile away.
Our days are as busy as one chooses. There are Shrine services consisting of a Mass, Liturgy of Reconciliation & Anointing, Procession & Benediction, Shrine Prayers and Evening Prayer; and our own group services as well. There are plenty of opportunities for quiet solitude and nothing is obligatory. Walsingham village itself is interesting to wander around, with a thriving Anglican church of its own.
This year, we have booked to go Sunday 28July to Thursday 1st August. We would love to welcome not only seasoned pilgrims but also those who have yet to sample the joys of Walsingham. We promise any newcomers that they will be well looked after both by our own group and by all at the Shrine. If you would like to check out the website, please go to www.walsinghamanglicanshrine.org.uk If you are interested in joining us this year, please contact Chris Plummer at St John's or telephone 01249 712894 or
e-mail christine.a.plummer@gmail.com

Chris Plummer

ZAMBIA LINK

The St Mary Zambia link seems to have gone into hibernation. This is for 2 reasons firstly there is an ongoing issue with the diocesan office over money that was given for Zambia some time ago now. Nick has tried to trace it and is still in contact with the diocesan office over the problem. This issue will be raised with the PCC in the near future as St Mary's is sitting on money that should be used for the Zambia link. Secondly, a viable link needs a group of people to oversee it. That has not been forthcoming despite requests.

In the meantime, the church in Buchi is thriving under the leadership of Father Freddie.

If you remember Fr Alfred, who visited the UK and St Mary's a few years ago is now in another parish. It would be really good and beneficial to both churches if this link could be re-energised. It would enable St Mary's to feel part of the Anglican Communion in a mutual exchange of ideas and support.

Please contact me, Jo Hunt, if you could be part of a small group.

Joanna Hunt

BATHWICK BABY & TODDLER GROUP

It's been another bumper year of fun and activity at our Baby & Toddler Group.

In February we held a cake and bake sale to raise money for the Turkey and Syria earth-quake appeal. At Easter the tots loved doing a chick 'treasure' hunt inside the church and in the garden. In November we held a pre-loved toy and book sale and raised a whopping £148 for Children in Need. Blink and you might have missed it it but there was footage of us on BBC Points West that evening, so impressed were they with our babies and tots' efforts.

We enjoyed a sunny and very windy summer party in the garden, with hot dogs, ice-cream and cocktails. We loved seeing lots of extended families coming along to join in the fun. The raffle was a big hit thanks to all the local businesses who generously donated prizes. And a big shout out to Green Street butchers who gave us loads of delicious sausages!

Most of all, we're so proud that for another year running we have been able to open our doors twice a week – Wednesday and Friday mornings– even through half terms and the summer holidays.

It's only possible thanks to mums, dads and grandparents volunteering each week to set up and tidy away after playtime. And we are so grateful to Nicky Parker, Jo Hunt and Jane Tukmachi, our regular angels, who come week-in week-out to make tea and coffee and snacks for all.

We ended the year with a wonderful telling of the nativity story in church and a visit from Father Christmas. Our sold-out Christmas party on 22 December was the hottest toddler ticket in town!

We're always looking for more people who would like to volunteer their time to help out so don't be shy to get in touch.

Siobhan Lambertsen

JUNIOR CHURCH

This past year there have been very few young people in church and consequently there have been very few actual Junior church sessions. However, I always have something prepared just in case.

Nicola Parker

BATHWICK ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

I hope and pray this report finds you all well and having had a blessed Christmas and 2023. Over the course of 2023, our children continued to thrive as part of our Church school, where the six core Christian Values of Love, Joyfulness, Respect, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Fairness permeate every aspect of all we do. We are looking forward to Education Sunday on Sunday 4th February where we will joyfully celebrate the close relationship between school and church as children share a little of their learning over the last few months.

Last year there was much to celebrate. High academic standards are a key part of a brilliant primary education and the continued strong performance of our school was noted by the Chair of Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust, who wrote in July, 'The outcomes attained by your children reflect your unwavering commitment to excellence and your relentless pursuit of high standards.' and furthermore, 'It is clear that your school maintains high expectations for all learners, fostering an environment that encourages academic growth and personal development. We are delighted to witness the continued progress and success of your school, as it goes from strength to strength. This accomplishment is the result of your visionary leadership, the hard work of your staff, and the strong support of your governing committee.

In January 2023, it was a joy to see children enjoying a fantastic new Play Garden which was officially opened by our School Council. We are grateful for the generosity and support of BECT and the Holburne Park team who have redeveloped the area, with only a relatively small cost coming from school funds given the scale of the works. The new surfacing, equipment and overhaul of the area has made such a difference to the play experiences for all of our children.

We have worked hard on further developing our rich curriculum, with many extra curricular and carefully planned trips and visits embedded, designed to enhance the children's learning. Just a few examples of this are regular sporting events, such as the Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country; a Roman Day in Year 4; Reception Trips to Sydney Gardens to better understand the seasons; 'evacuating' Year 6 as part of learning about the second World War and some wonderful creative arts performances across the school.

We said farewell to some of our staff team as they moved onto new challenges and also welcomed and are benefitting from the expertise of Mrs Ally Elliott as Deputy Headteacher and Miss Vicky Bowman as Assistant Headteacher. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) raised over £20,000 last year which we used predominantly to further develop and enhance our outdoor spaces and environment. We ran a 'Grow a Pound' project where every child was given a £1 coin and challenged to 'grow' it over six weeks by investing it in an activity that will make money for our school. The children managed to raise around £6,000 with creative activities such as litter picking, craft and cake sales, sponsored cycle rides and car washing!

There are many opportunities for us to continue working closely together. Please do come to our Easter Service on 8th March at 1.30 p.m. and the Leavers' Service on Thursday 18th July also at 1.30 p.m. I would like to thank our staff team who work so hard to provide a brilliant education for all our children. Thank you also to Fr. Peter for his prayers and support; we look forward to continuing to build on our close partnership with him and indeed all at St. Mary's and St. John's throughout this year.

Kevin Purkiss, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

Once again, I am happy to report that the PCC have complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Safeguarding of both children and vulnerable adults has become more and more important in all walks of life and within our church family we should see it not just as a legal requirement but as part of our ongoing pastoral care - looking out for each other.

All PCC members are now required to take both the Basic Safeguarding Awareness and Foundation Training and I would also commend the course on recognising Domestic Abuse. All these can be accessed online by going to:

https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org

The Diocese would also like to encourage everyone in the congregation to complete the Basic Awareness course as it helps to highlight and recognise vulnerabilities that we may not have thought of before. Anyone can access this course from the link above, but I am hoping to offer a face-to-face course in the future to which all will be welcome.

As Safeguarding officer, I would like to remind you that our parish safeguarding policy is always available for you to read and if anyone ever has any concerns involving our young and/or vulnerable people please talk to me as soon as possible.

Nicola Parker

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union is a global Christian Movement, working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. We are active in 83 countries and work tirelessly to serve communities and build a future where everyone thrives: ending violence, ending poverty, ending injustice. This is all underpinned with prayer.

Shelia Sims

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This was written by the Christian Women of Taiwan and entitled, "*I have heard about your faith".* In Bath services were held in various churches on 3rd March.

Shelia Sims

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Your active Deanery Reps are Nicky Parker, John Porteous (who attends by virtue of his place on Diocesan Synod) Fr Peter (who attends in his own right), and myself. This brief summary does not attempt to encompass everything that has happened in a year's worth of Synods but just highlights the main current issues.

There is currently in circulation a Deanery Plan on Church Leadership which compliments the Five Year Plan which I reported on last year.

Bath Deanery has 43 parish-based and Deanery-based Anglican worshipping communities and chaplaincies. 32 are parishes, currently under the oversight of 21 full-time stipendiary clergy, 5 self-supporting clergy (including house for duty) and 18 Readers. There are ancillary projects including Pioneers in Magnificat Parishes. The Five Year Plan for the Deanery is to reduce stipendiary clergy to 17 by 2027. This excludes chaplaincies.

Under the Leadership Plan there is to be a Lay Ministry Pathway in order to develop and release the gifts of all people as (for example) Lay Worship Assistants (LWA) and Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA). Further information on the plan is available to anyone who is interested.

The Deanery priorities are: firstly "partnership working" between Leadership Teams, which term includes licensed ministers (Clergy and Readers) and also locally authorised persons such as LWAs and LPAs and a variety of other lay workers and administrators (including churchwardens). Secondly, "church growth" – in a mixed ecology of parishes and other areas of common interest whether of activity (e.g. sport) or space (e.g. a café).

Where benefices are not in partnership they are enthusiastically encouraged to identify existing or new partnerships to join. Initially this will be informal but are likely to be formalized in due course – perhaps most likely following a Vacancy. The seemingly powerful DMPG (Deanery Ministry and Pastoral Group), which is led by the Area Dean Stephen Girling, who has "incumbent rank" (effectively number two) at the Abbey, charged with implementation and who will make recommendations to the Bishop.

Deployment Criteria: each partnership of benefices will have one or more *ordained* licensed ministers (an important St Mary's amendment at the consultation stage for the Five Year Plan), either paid or unpaid.

It is stated that the parish church remains a primary focus for mission although there is embedded enthusiasm at all levels, for lay workers with specialist skills, and also pioneering.

Going forward, in the event of a parish vacancy the Partnership will submit proposals to the DMPG, who will then make recommendations to the Bishop. No posts are to be advertised in the meantime.

On the subject of diocesan costs: the cost of a stipendiary clergyperson is estimated to be in the region of £53,000. After pressure from PCCs the Diocese is to supply more information on what else the Parish Share is funding, principally in central administration. There are proposed to be changes in the way the Parish Share is calculated, and our treasurer Nick Lennard has engaged with the consultations on that. Further papers are to be presented, further consultations with Treasurers and others (July?) and alternative methodologies for calculating parish Share are being considered.

The above plan review was approved by resolution of the synod.
There is an upcoming Eco-together course. Details awaited as at the date below.
A Parish Giving Scheme having the intention of reducing administration for Treasurers in relation to Gift Aid, was presented and recommended by the Diocese.

Stephen Howard

Green Report

Energy Year	CO2 Tonnes	Gas kWh	Electricity kWh
2020/21	27.9	128,460	9,976
2021/22	33.2	109,649	10,896
2022/23	38.9	128,680	12,835

An organisation called Green Journey works in conjunction with the Church of England offering free energy audits for its churches. St Mary's had one in 2023. The aim of the Church of England is to be carbon neutral by 2030.
Could the Church consider installing solar panels on the Church Hall roof as this could make our electricity output neutral ?

Keith Moss

GENERAL DATA PRIVACY REGULATIONS MAY 2018

The PCC's General Privacy Notice and the Electoral Roll Privacy Notice are both published on the church's website and/or are available on request

Revd Peter Edwards

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The finance committee met to receive reports on the financial situation of the church, to agree the following year's budget and to discuss and resolve any financial issues.

Overview

The financial results for the year have been satisfactory, Unrestricted Funds Deficit for the year was £987 (2022: Surplus£1,271) The value of Investments increased by £11,565 (2022: there was a fall of £14,991.

The Unrestricted Reserves are now £85,549 (2022: £74,971)

Church Maintenance of £25,991 exceeded the budget following refurbishment of the sound system and pruning the trees,.

No funds were used from the Restoration Fund and the reserves are now £52,063.

The Organ Fund benefitted from £11,529 of interest arising on the investments of around £400,000.

Investments of £104,361 were sold at a profit of £2,393 to provide funds for the cost of the organ restoration.

The Organ Fund reserves are now £99,747 and will be used to finance the final stage payment of the restoration and the maintenance of the organ in the future.

Unrestricted funds comprise the general operating expenses of the church and the other funds are for monies received and expended for certain specific purposes.

Funds given for a particular purpose are known Restricted Funds and include Alms, Restoration Appeal, Emergency, Pastoral, Choir Bursary Fund and Zambia.

The Choristers Bursary Fund received large gifts and was partially used for bursaries. The remaining funds £9,461 will support choristers in forthcoming years. The Music Endowment Fund contains money given specifically for music at the church.

Endowment Fund.

Further donations from Laura and Rando Howard together with Gift Aid Tax and interest thereon amounted to £150,665.

These funds will be invested to produce income to support the church in future years.

Assets

The Total Net Assets as at 31 December 2023 were £416,324 (2022: £586,596). Of these £85,549 (2022: £74,971) is for unrestricted use by the church for its general running costs. and £170,110 (2022: £511,625) is in restricted funds. The Endowment Funds were £160,665 (2022: £10,000)

Unrestricted Funds

This fund records the income and expenditure of the church. The income from giving by the congregation (including Gift Aid tax) was £61,410 (2022: £55,700) which was an increase of £5,710 compared to the previous year.

Income from Hall Hire and Church Hire increased by £2,098

Income from the car park was £24,814 which was an increase of £1,796.

The church maintenance trust, (which is a separate fund which does not appear in our accounts) gave us £12,760,

Expenditure was £128,436 (2022: £118,923) of which the largest component was our quota to the Diocese (which goes to meet the cost of the clergy) of £51,015 (2022: £50,015 and maintenance of the building of £25,991 (2022: £18,078).

The net result for the year was a deficit of £987 (2022: surplus £1,271).
Investments are revalued each year, and this year showed a increase of £11,565
The Unrestricted Funds carried forward are £85,549 (2022: £74,971).

The Restricted Funds
These balances carried forward represent the money received for specific purposes and not yet spent.

Alms	3,198
Liturgical Display	477
Restoration Appeal	52,063
Emergency	809
Pastoral	426
Zambia	3,596
Flowers	332
Choir Bursary Fund	9,462
	70,363
Organ Restoration	99,747
Music Endowment	10,000
General Endowment	150,665

Alms are collections received but not yet remitted.
Restoration Fund monies are the accumulation of fund-raising efforts less monies expended.
Emergency Fund has collections which are accumulated and disbursed to specific appeals e.g. a natural disaster.
The Pastoral Fund is at the disposal of the parish priest. Collections produced £170
Organ Restoration Fund had income of £11,906 and paid £430,827 in stage payments (one stage payment is outstanding)
We received a Grant of £71,619 to recover the VAT element.

The Unrestricted Funds Budget for 2024

Income: The Budget is £123,200. In 2023 Income totalled £127,863

Expenditure
The Diocesan Common Fund payment has been increased to £58,607 from £51,015 in 2023
We have allocated £10,000 for Church Maintenance.

The Unrestricted Reserves are £85,549
We have agreed that it is prudent to maintain reserves of around 6 months of budgeted expenditure which amounts to around £65,000.
The budgeted Deficit of £7,672 for 2024 will reduce the Unrestricted Reserves to £77,877

The church is fortunate to have significant reserves.

Nick Lennard
Treasurer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS	
						2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Voluntary Income							
Direct Giving	2(a)	61,410	21,196	146,750	243	229,599	66,337
Other	2(b)	12,760				12,760	12,932
Events & Activities Gross	2(c)	50,832	3,328		134	54,294	53,894
Other Ordinary Income	2(d)	1,293			71,619	72,912	
Income from Investment	2(e)	2,861	1,981	3,915	11,529	20,286	8,801
Total Income		129,156	26,505	150,665	83,525	389,851	141,964
Expenditure							
Grants	3(a)	314	6,764			7,078	5,741
Support Costs	3(b)	171				171	161
Directly relating to the Work of the Church	3(c)	112,765	6,347		430,827	549,939	194,355
Fundraising and Publicity	3(d)	180				180	1,720
Church Administration	3(e)	15,006				15,006	13,414
Total Expenditure		128,436	13,111		430,827	572,374	215,391
DEPRECIATION	4	(1,707)				(1,707)	(1,978)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(987)	13,394	150,665	(347,302)	(184,230)	(75,405)
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		11,565	-	-	2,393	13,958	(30,323)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		10,578	13,394	150,665	(344,909)	(170,272)	(105,728)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023		74,971	56,969	10,000	444,656	586,596	692,324
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2023		85,549	70,363	160,665	99,747	416,324	586,596

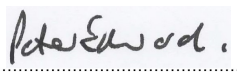
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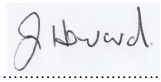
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BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	3,022	4,729
Investments	5	134,471	227,268
		137,493	231,997
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	32,789	24,486
Cash at Bank and in hand		254,754	344,892
		287,543	369,378
LIABILITIES; Amounts falling due within one year	8	(8,712)	(14,779)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		278,831	354,599
NET ASSETS		416,324	586,596
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted		85,549	74,971
Restricted		70,363	56,969
Endowment		160,665	10,000
Organ Fund		99,747	444,656
		416,324	586,596

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21 February 2023
and signed on its behalf by:





Fr. Peter Edwards

Jan Howard

The Notes on Pages 24 to 30 form part of these accounts

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

See Appendix to Accounts

2 Income

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2,023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
2(a)		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
	Planned Giving:						
	Gift Aided Giving	40,346				40,346	40,301
	Income Tax recoverable	11,172	4,262	104,750	203	120,387	12,630
	Uncovenanted	4,715				4,715	1,910
	Collections		6,390			6,390	5,359
	Sundry Donations	5,177	10,544	42,000	40	57,761	6,137
		61,410	21,196	146,750	243	229,599	66,337
2(b)	**Other Voluntary Income**						
	Maintenance Trust	12,760				12,760	12,432
	Legacies						500
		12,760				12,760	12,932
2(c)	**Events & Activities Gross Income**						
	Fetes, FairTrade etc	459	2,159			2,618	4,468
	Magazines	855				855	800
	Hall Hire	10,075				10,075	7,351
	Church Use	10,846	1,169		134	12,149	12,775
	PCC Fees	1,783				1,783	3,482
	Car Park	24,814				24,814	23,018
	St John's Contribution	2,000				2,000	2,000
	Miscellaneous						
		50,832	3,328		134	54,294	53,894
2(d)	**Other Ordinary Income**						
	Grant - VAT Recovered	1,293			71,619	72,912	
		1,293			71,619	72,912	
2(e)	**Income from Investment**						
	Interest (Gross)	2,861	1,981	3,915	11,529	20,286	8,801
		2,861	1,981	3,915	11,529	20,286	8,801
	Total Income	129,156	26,505	150,665	83,525	389,851	141,964

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3 **Expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) **Grants**						
Missionary and Charitable Giving:						
Church Overseas - Missions		477			477	310
- Aid		2,957			2,957	2,654
Home missions and Church societies		159			159	174
Other Charities	314	3,171			3,485	2,603
	314	6,764			7,078	5,741
3(b) **Support Costs**						
Publications	171				171	161
3(c) **Directly relating to the work of Church**						
Ministry:						
Diocesan Common Fund	51,015	-			51,015	50,016
Clergy Expenses	3,664				3,664	2,823
Church Running Costs					-	
Heating and Lighting	4,376				4,376	3,805
Cleaning	6,194				6,194	6,341
Insurance:Buildings, Plate etc	4,532				4,532	3,846
Sacristy, Cassocks & Votive candles	968				968	417
Church Maintenance	25,991				25,991	18,078
Major Projects				430,827	430,827	81,178
Parish Magazine expenditure	50				50	59
Hall Running Costs:						
Heating and Lighting	2,918				2,918	2,537
Organ and Choir:						
Organist	9,053				9,053	8,021
Music and Choir	910	5,850			6,760	5,525
Organ/Piano Maintenance	740				740	2,613
Miscellaneous	2,354				2,354	2,478
Flowers		497			497	110
Icon						6,508
	112,765	6,347		430,827	549,939	194,355
3(d) **Fundraising and Publicity**						
Costs of Events etc	180				180	1,720
3(e) **Church Administration**						
Independent Examiners Fees	750				750	660
Printing and Copying	4,147				4,147	3,554
Staff Costs	9,488				9,488	8,688
Office Telephone	621				621	512
	15,006				15,006	13,414
Total Expenditure	128,436	13,111		430,827	572,374	215,391

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Gross Book Value	At Cost 1 January 2023	69,094	13,735	82,829
	Additions			
	At 31 December 2023	69,094	13,735	82,829
Depreciation	At 1 January 2023	69,094	9,006	78,100
	Charge for year		1,707	1,707
	At 31 December 2023	69,094	10,713	79,807
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2023		3,022	3,022
	At 31 December 2022		4,729	4,729

The church rooms are an integral part of the Church site. The equipment comprises copy printer, a computer, a CD player, and a dishwasher.

5 INVESTMENTS

Investments at 1 January 2023	227,268
Disposals	(104,361)
Net gain on revaluation at 31 December 2023	11,564
At 31 December 2023	134,471
At 31 December 2022	227,268

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Organ Fund	Total
	£	£	£		£
Fixed Assets	3,022				3,022
Investments	74,471	50,000	10,000		134,471
Current Assets	16,768	20,363	150,665	99,747	287,543
Current Liabilities	(8,712)				(8,712)
Fund Balance	85,549	70,363	160,665	99,747	416,324

7 DEBTORS

	2,023	2022
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	15,850	12,698
Prepayments	16,799	9,708
Floats	140	140
St John's Bathwick		1,940
	32,789	24,486

8 LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,750	3,586
Creditors for goods and services	6,962	11,193
	8,712	14,779

9 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 01-01-23	Received	Paid	Transfer	Balance at 31-12-23
Alms	1,014	5,958	3,774		3,198
Pastoral	762	184	520		426
Emergency Fund	1,910	1,283	2,384		809
Zambia	3,218	378			3,596
Assistant Clegry		86	86		
Liturgical Display	477				477
Restoration Fund	47,248	4,815			52,063
Flowers	103	726	497		332
Choir Bursary Fund	2,237	13,075	5,850		9,462
Restricted Funds	56,969	26,505	13,111		70,363
Organ Fund	444,656	83,525	428,434		99,747
	501,625	110,030	441,545		170,110
Endowment fund	10,000	150,665			160,665
Unrestricted funds	74,971	129,156	118,578		85,549
	586,596	389,851	560,123		416,324

The restricted funds is comprised of the alms collected for church and other charities at home and abroad (£8,506)
Church Restoration Fund (£52,063)
The Organ Fund attracted more donations and it was used to meet the cost of the restoration of the organ.
There remains just one further instalment to complete the restoration.
The Endowment Fund contained a permanent for music, and this year received £150,665 from Laura and Rando Howard.
to be used ???

Analysis of Charitable Funds In the previous year

	Balance at 01-01-22	Received	Paid		Balance at 31-12-22
Alms	380	3,685	3,051		1,014
Pastoral	1,024	175	437		762
Emergency Fund	1,042	3,040	2,172		1,910
Zambia	2,930	288			3,218
Liturgical Display	477				477
Restoration Fund	57,040	3,016	87,808	75,000	47,248
Flowers	150	63	110		103
Choir Fund	4,472	1,707	3,942		2,237
Restricted Funds	67,515	11,974	97,520	75,000	56,969
Organ Fund	526,118	9,485	15,947	(75,000)	444,656
	593,633	21,459	113,467		501,625
Endowment fund	10,000	311	311		10,000
Unrestricted funds	88,691	120,194	133,914		74,971
	692,324	141,964	247,692		586,596

10 RELATED FUNDS

St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick Maintenance Trust Fund is a related fund.
Its Objects are: The maintenance of the fabric of the Parish Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick, Bath and the upkeep of the organ and furniture and fittings therein. If not required as above in any year, to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish.

11 RELATED PARTIES

No member of the PCC has been remunerated for services provided.

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MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Friends of St Michael's, Uganda	110	
Goa Anglican Centre	140	
Mercy in Action	132	
Oxford Mission	95	
Church Overseas - Missions		477
Earthquake - Pakistan	2,384	
USPG	55	
Barnabus Trust	137	
Childrens Society	380	
Church Overseas - Aid		2,956
Bibles for Children	57	
Mission to Seafarers	60	
Royal British Legion	42	
Home Missions and Church societies		159
Additional Curates Society	74	
Bath City Pastors	52	
Bath Welcomes Refugees	274	
Bath Women's Refuge	91	
Christian Aid	104	
Combat Stress	117	
Connect at Christmas	70	
DHI	139	
Dorothy House	299	
Genesis - Soup Run	259	
Food Bank	497	
Genesis Trust	143	
Julian House	249	
Society of Mary & Martha	52	
Society of St Francis	87	
Woodland Trust	59	
Other Charities		2,566
Pastoral Fund	520	
Assistant clergy	86	
		606
		6,764

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

St Mary the Virgin Bathwick PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent 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. Details of the funds held are provided in Note 9.
Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes
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Income recognition

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when receivable.
Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure recognition

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

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets
In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis. Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over five years

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The PCC reported an Unrestricted Funds Deficit for the year of £987
There was also a surplus on the revaluation of the investments of £11,565
The Organ Fund benefitted from donations of £71,619 and received a Grant of £11,529 equivalent to the VAT element of the payments for the organ restoration.
Further gifts from Laura and Rando Howard, plus the Gift Aid Tax recovery amounted to £146,750 that has been added to the Endowmwnt Fund to support the church in future years.

The trustees have undertaken a review of the income and expenditure for the next 12 months and are of the view that the PCC will continue to operate on a going concern basis for the next 12 months.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of
St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 22 to 30.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required or this year under s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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 s130 of the 2011Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Graham Barber
Chartered Accountant
Graham Barber Accountancy Ltd
4 Beaufort West
Bath
BA1 6QB

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Mary's Church Hall on Sunday 16th April 2023, following the 10:30 Eucharist.

Fr Peter Edwards welcomed people to the Annual Vestry Meeting
Those present: Churchwardens: Clare Goodhart and Janet Howard, plus 27 people on the parish electoral roll.

Apologies for absence: Julia Brownbridge, Rosemary Cumming, Anthony Crossland, Barbara Crossland, Sheila Edwards, Nicola Mathiason, Gladys Powell, Marion Stoneham, and Dominic Taylor.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 3rd April 2022. Copies were provided before the meeting. Andrew Parker proposed, and Janet Howard seconded that they be accepted; agreed with one objection from Marcus Wedge, who cited "inaccuracies" as the reason, but was not specific about any points.

Matters Arising from the Vestry Meeting 3rd April 2022: None

Election of Churchwardens
Before proceeding to the election of churchwardens, Fr Peter Edwards thanked the churchwardens for all their support and hard work during the past year.
The Secretary, Dr Marilyn Kirby, reported that there were 2 nominations for the position of Churchwardens:
Margaret Clare Goodhart: proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby and seconded by Robin Burton Davies
Janet Iris Howard: proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby and seconded by Margaret Clare Goodhart
There being no further nominations, the two people named above were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens in the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Bathwick for the ensuing year.

Deputy Churchwardens:
Fr Peter then expressed his thanks for the work that Dawn Lennard and Keith Moss carry out behind the scenes as "Tuesday Bankers".
Nicola Parker proposed, and Jenny Jones seconded that Keith Moss and Dawn Lennard continue as Deputy Churchwardens with the role of "Tuesday Bankers". These appointments were agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Any other business: None
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:05.
Fr Peter Edwards
Rector St Mary's Bathwick

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 16th April 2023(following Annual Vestry Meeting) after the 10:30 Eucharist

The list of Apologies and the Attendance was the same as for the Annual Vestry Meeting.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the 3rd April 2022.

Richard Andrews proposed, and Helen Moss seconded that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes. None

3. To receive the New Electoral Roll. Andy Parker reported the total on the Electoral Roll was 136, a decrease of four from 3rd April 2022. Fr Peter thanked Andy Parker for his work as Electoral Roll Officer.

To receive the Annual Parish Reports. Copies of the report booklet were available before the meeting. Fr Peter began by thanking the Standing Committee and the PCC for their support during the year. He then thanked Nick Lennard and Marilyn Kirby for their work, especially in producing the Annual Reports. He concluded by thanking all those in the congregation who had contributed in so many ways to the running of St Mary's.

Fr Peter was then thanked, with acclamation, for his leadership and hard work.

To keep the meeting as brief as possible, rather than going through each report individually Fr Peter asked if any of the report writers wanted to add further information or if anyone had any questions. Note a copy of the Annual Reports 2023 is filed with these Minutes and the page numbers following the reports referred to below relate to this Booklet.

A. Deanery Report (page 17 & 18) Stephen Howard told the meeting that since completing his report, further information regarding the Diocesan proposal to reduce clergy numbers from 22 to 17 over the next 5 years (as laid out in their Bath Deanery plan) had been published on the Bath Deanery website, and that he would pass this on to anyone who wanted additional information. Marcus questioned the effectiveness of Deanery Synod in ensuring the Diocese took notice of parish views concerning the plan to reduce clergy numbers.

B. Safeguarding (page 16) Nicky Parker emphasised Safeguarding includes not only children but also vulnerable adults of all ages. She told the meeting that last year the Diocese Safeguarding team had received more enquires regarding adults than children. She reminded members of the PCC of the requirement to complete the first level of Safeguarding Training (online). She encouraged others in the congregation to consider also doing this.

C. Car Parking (page 11) Fr Peter told the meeting that Marcus Wedge was in the process of handing over responsibility for running car parking. Fr Peter then presented a gift on behalf of St Mary's as a token of appreciation for all the work Marcus had put to this. Marcus told the meeting that he was still handling daily enquiries regarding bookings from hotels and other establishments.

D. Special presentation to John Porteous. Fr Peter told the meeting that over the years John Porteous had served in many different church roles including Churchwarden, member of Diocesan and Deanery Synods, the PCC (including the Standing Committee and for the past 5 years Vice-Chair). However, he felt this was the right time to step-down from his role as Vice-Chair of the PCC, although he will be continuing as a

member of Diocesan Synod (and therefore *ex-offico* on both the Deanery Synod and PCC). Fr Peter then presented John with a couple of "special bottles" in appreciation for all that John had contributed to the life of St Mary's over many years.

E. Flowers (page 8) Molly made an impassioned plea for the new PCC to consider the future of flowers in the church. She told the meeting that due to health issues Marion Stoneham has had to give up. Also, Molly did not feel she could continue. Marcus pointed out that also almost no one helps with church clearing on a voluntary basis, which has increasing cost implications. In response to a question by Paul Chivers, Fr Peter told the meeting that this did not need to be on the usual Friday morning. It could be at a time to suit the person.

F. Music (page 10) Gary Desmond told the meeting that work to dismantle the organ prior to its transport to Harrison and Harrison in Durham for its full restoration, would start on 17th April. He then expressed his thanks to Fr Neil Cocking for the free loan of his electronic organ until the restoration is completed. Gary suggested that an official letter be sent to Fr Neil expressing our thanks. This was endorsed by Fr Peter.

G. Treasurer's Report (page 19 and following) Nick Lennard reminded the meeting that Treasurer's Report (page 19 and following) Nick Lennard reminded the meeting that thanks to some magnificent gifts in the past, the Organ Restoration Fund stood at £440,000, which was sufficient to cover organ restoration work and a comfort given the current rate of inflation that will be taken into consideration when the final cost of the Organ Restoration is calculated.

5. Election of Deanery Synod Members (note members are *ex-offico* members of PCC)

Marilyn Kirby announced there were **3** vacancies and **3** nominations had been received:
Thomas Charles Bunn, proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby, seconded by Molly Marie Wedge
Stephen William Charles Howard, proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby, seconded by Sarah Ann Davies
Nicola Jane Parker, proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby, seconded by Sarah Ann Davies

There being no further nominations Fr Peter declared the above duly elected as members of Deanery Synod.

6. Election of members of the Parochial Church Council. Marilyn Kirby announced there were **4** vacancies for three years and **4** nominations had been received prior to the meeting.

Julia Rosemary Brownbridge, proposed by Margaret Clare Goodhart, seconded by Sarah Ann Davies
Nicholas Peter Lennard, proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby, seconded by Sarah Ann Davies
Carole Elizabeth Redfern, proposed by Julia Rosemary Brownbridge, seconded by Margaret Clare Goodhart
Carole Harriet Skepper Stickney, proposed by Helen Walker Lees, seconded by Nicholas Peter Lennard.

There being no further nominations Fr Peter declared the above3 duly elected as members pf the PCC.

7. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC.
   Nick Lennard proposed, and Richard Andrews seconded that Graham Barber be re-appointed as Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC; agreed unanimously.
8. AOB:
   Carla Maddocks reported that she it had been difficult to hear the sermon as there appeared to be a problem with the sound system. Clare Goodhart explained parts of the system were failing and some emergency work had been carried out a few weeks before. Nick Lennard reminded the meeting that the system was installed 12 years ago, being the first
   project funded by RAG. The system now requires upgrading. Clare Goodhart told the meeting she was obtaining a quote from the company that installed the system, but currently diagnosis of the problem was still ongoing. Marcus Wedge reminded her that we need to obtain two quotes and also the matter should be referred to the Fabric Committee for consideration.

The meeting ended at 12:30 pm, with Fr Peter leading the saying of the Grace together.

Fr Peter Edwards
Rector of St Mary's Bathwick

ST MARY'S, BATHWICK, ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL MEETINGS
ON SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING,

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Sunday 16th April 2023
3. Matters arising
4. To elect two Churchwardens to serve for the ensuing year
5. To appoint deputy Churchwarden(s) for the ensuing year
6. Any other business

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, following the Vestry Meeting

1. To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of Sunday 16th April 2023
2. Matters arising
3. To receive the Electoral Roll
4. To receive the Parish Annual Reports (published in the booklet), secretary's, churchwardens' & treasurer's reports need to be formally received
6. To elect 4 members of the Parochial Church Council to serve for 3 years
7. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC
8. Matters arising there-from: "any person may ask questions about parochial matters, or bring about a discussion of such matters, by moving to give any recommendation to the PCC in relation to its duties" (Rules of Business for Annual Meetings)

AGENDA FOR THE PCC MEETING immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. To welcome newly elected members
3. To elect a Vice Chairperson
4. To effect co-options
5. To appoint an Honorary Treasurer
6. To appoint an Honorary Secretary
7. To appoint members to the Standing Committee
8. To appoint an Electoral Roll Officer
9. Dates of 2024 meetings
10. Any other business

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BA

England & Wales - Charity number 1137972

Accounts



The Parochial Church Council of
St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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ANNUAL REPORTS 2023

to be presented at

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 16th April 2023 following
Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Mary's Church is situated in Bathwick, Bath. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.
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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with Charity Commission. Reg Charity No 1137972
PCC members who have served from 9th May 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

	Name	***Post***
Incumbent	The Revd. Peter Edwards	Chairman
Readers	Marilyn Kirby	PCC Secretary: Standing Committee, Restoration Action Group
	Thomas Bunn	Emeritus
	Stephen Howard	Deanery Synod, Finance Committee
	Marcus Wedge	Fabric Committees
Churchwardens		
	Jan Howard	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees
	Clare Goodhart*	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees, Children's Church, Organ Restoration Working Group, Evangelism and Mission Benefice Group
Diocesan Synod	John Porteous	Vice Chairman PCC, Standing , Fabric and Finance Committees
Deanery Synod	Julia Brownbridge	Restoration Action Group
	Stephen Howard	Finance Committee
	Nicky Parker	Finance, Children's Church, RAG & Social Committees
Elected Members:	Richard Andrews ^	Mission and Evangelism Benefice Group
	Ruth Beavin resigned May'22	Social, Evangelism and Mission Benefice Group
	Julia Brown #	Children's Church and Mission Group
	Julia Brownbridge	RAG
	Roy Hatch #	RAG
	Nick Lennard	Treasurer: Standing Committee, Finance and Fabric Committees
	Nicola Mathiason	Mission Group
	Helen Moss	Mission Group
	Andrew Parker	Electoral Roll Officer, Fabric Committee, Restoration Action Group Organ Restoration Working Group
	Carole Stickney	Social and Fabric Committees
	Dominic Taylor ^	
Co-opted Members:	None	

** From APCM 9th May 2021 ^ From 3rd April 2022 # Until APCM 9th May 2022*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.
All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.
The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition it also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and its associated property. The PCC sees the Church's mission as witnessing steadfastly to the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel through prayer and preaching and the celebration of the sacraments through service to the people of Bathwick and further afield and to those in need. The Church Hall provides a safe haven for young people in the local area.

MISSION STATEMENT

By God's grace and mindful of our heritage
we aim to extend the Community of Faith
where God is glorified
and the Good News of Jesus Christ
is proclaimed and lived

THE "WORSHIP" ETHOS

St Mary's has been "Anglo Catholic" since "Oxford Movement" times, when the Church of England was re-affirmed as Catholic, in worship and practice. That revered tradition, as demonstrated by the Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist, has been influenced by subsequent developments in Catholic teaching and practice of liturgy. Music, (generally traditional classical and Anglican), is valued, with statues, art, incense and vestments adding to the sense of the numinous. Celebration of the Sacraments with awe and wonder at the mystery of the love of God is a priority. Two key texts are 1 Cor. 14:40 and Hebrews 12:22-24.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters,
Later this year – in September – I will have been parish priest of Bathwick for 10 years, by far the longest I have been in one parish or benefice since I was ordained – and indeed the longest period Clare and I have been in a single place since we were married back in 1991! But I see that I opened my report a year ago with thanks to all the members of the St Mary's congregation for their warm support for me and my family – and this is something that I can look back on throughout this past decade. Our two parishes of Bathwick remain special places – offering a style and rhythm of worship centred on a daily Eucharist – that is almost unique across the Deanery and beyond.

One of the legacies of the Covid pandemic – but something that the pandemic accelerated rather than began – is the decline in the numbers of people attending regular Church of England worship. This has had a knock-on effect in the financial contributions being made by

parishes across this Diocese of Bath & Wells, particularly in respect of the years that many of our church buildings were closed to worshippers and/or to external groups hiring buildings for a range of community purposes. In the two Bathwick parishes, our finances, under the stewardship of Nick Lennard and others working with him, have remained considerably stronger than most other parishes, although we do have a significant forecast challenge to break even at St Mary's in 2023, but the Diocese has approved a plan to reduce its expenditure over the next few years principally by reducing the number of paid clergy across the Diocese, and this will affect the Deanery of Bath especially where the current number of incumbents (22) is to be reduced to 17. We do not know how or when or if this will affect the Bathwick parishes, but we are reminded to generously continue giving our time, finances, and prayer to St Mary's at this time of uncertainty.

As I write in early 2023, we are looking forward to both our parishes taking part in the Healthy Churches initiative which will help us to understand the relative strengths and weaknesses of our two parishes against a series of qualities that are characteristics of healthy and growing churches across all denominations. Over these next months this will enable us to review all that we do so that we can celebrate those areas in which we excel, and adjust those areas in which we have work to do, so that our two churches can be as well positioned as possible to share the good news of Jesus Christ in our local community.

Looking back at 2022, you will find details of the various activities that have taken place during the past year in the life of St Mary's church included in this Annual Report and Accounts, a range of activities that characterizes all that we do in this place to worship God, to serve him in this community, and to provide a place for community groups and individuals to meet in safety.

Thanks are due from me personally to our Churchwardens Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart, to our PCC members, our assistant clergy and Readers, to our Parish Administrator Kerry Hughes, and to all those who have maintained the life of our church as well as supporting me personally over these past months. Thanks too to Nick and those who have supported him for their continued careful stewardship of our financial resources.

As I end this short report, may I commend to your prayers all those from our congregation who died in 2022 or for whom funeral or memorial services took place in St Mary's church (or held elsewhere but conducted by a minister from St Mary's church) during the course of the year: Abraham Pratten, Richard Seaman, John de Cordova, Brian Chappill, Patrick Bryan, Richard Forse, Nicholas Pace, Catriona Reid, Anne Skipper, Sylvia Stubbings and Stella Straughan. We continue to pray for those who mourn their passing. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May God continue to bless this place and all that we seek to do in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. **Revd Peter Edwards Rector of Bathwick**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The finance committee met to receive reports on the financial situation of the church, to agree the following year's budget and to discuss and resolve any financial issues.

Overview

The financial results for the year have been satisfactory, Unrestricted Funds Surplus for the year was £1,271 (2021: £9,739)
The war in Ukraine and residual effects of the pandemic caused the value of Investments to fall by £14,991 (2021: there was a rise of £15,025. The Unrestricted Reserves are now £74,971 (2021: £88,691)
Church Maintenance of £18,078 exceeded the budget owing to emergency repairs to unstable pinnacles, and a report on energy use of the church.

The cost of replacing the South Aisle roof was £81,178. It was financed largely by transferring £75,000 of the £375,000 donation from Laura and Rando Howard (received in 2021)
The Restoration Fund reserves are now £47,248.

The Organ Fund benefitted from £4,976 of interest arising on the investments of £400,000.
The value of these investments declined by £15,332 (2021: rise of £20,244)
The Organ Fund reserves are now £444.656 and will be used to finance the restoration of the organ which commenced in March 2023.

Unrestricted funds comprise the general operating expenses of the church and the other funds are for monies received and expended for certain specific purposes.
Funds given for a particular purpose are known Restricted Funds and include Alms, Restoration Appeal, Emergency, Pastoral and Zambia.
The Music Endowment Fund contains money given specifically for music at the church.

Assets

The Total Net Assets as at 31 December 2022 were £586,596 (2021: £692,324).
Of these £74,971 (2021: £88,691) is for unrestricted use by the church for its general running costs.
and the balance of £511,625 (2021: £603,633) is in restricted funds.

Unrestricted Funds

This fund records the income and expenditure of the church. The income from giving by the congregation (includes tax reclaimed Gift Aid) was £55,700 (2021: £56,658) which was a decrease of £958 compared to the previous year.

As the pandemic eased, the income from Hall hire and Church hire increased by £7,141
Income from the car park was £23,018 which was an increase of £528
Fees for weddings and funerals increased by £207
We had a contribution of £2,000 towards joint expenses from our sister church St. John's.

The church maintenance trust, (which is a separate fund which does not appear in our accounts) gave us £12,432,
Interest received was allocated proportionately to the Funds, Unrestricted was £3,514 making a Total Unrestricted Income of £120,194 (2021: £111,522)

Expenditure was £118,923 (2021: £101,783) of which the largest components was our quota to the Diocese (which goes to meet the cost of the clergy) of £50,016 (2021: £50,016 and routine maintenance of the building of £18,078 (2021: £7,987).
Heating and Lighting decreased by £365 because we have a fixed price contract.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £1,271 (2021: £9,739).
Investments are revalued each year, and this year showed a reduction of £14,991
The Unrestricted Funds carried forward are £74,971 (2021: £88,691).

The Restricted Funds

These balances carried forward represent the money received for specific purposes and not yet spent.

Alms	**1,014**
Liturgical Display	**477**
Restoration Appeal	**47,248**
Emergency	**1,910**
Pastoral	**762**
Zambia	**3,218**
Flowers	**103**
Choir Fund	**2,237**
	56,969
Music Endowment	**10,000**
Organ Restoration	**444,656**

Alms are collections received but not yet remitted.
Restoration Fund monies are the accumulation of fund-raising efforts less monies expended.
Emergency Fund has collections which are accumulated and disbursed to specific appeals e.g. a natural disaster.
The Flower Fund donations of £63 and £110 was spent. The balance is now £103.
The Pastoral Fund is at the disposal of the parish priest. Collection produced £175 and £437 was used for some pastoral grants.
Organ Restoration Fund had income of £9,485

The Unrestricted Funds Budget for 2023

It is difficult to anticipate income and expenditure whilst the Covid-19 pandemic could restrict activities in the future.

Income: We are budgeting for £100,350. In 2022 Income totalled £120,194

Expenditure: We are budgeting for a total of £110,067 (2022: Expenditure was £118,923). The main item which is difficult to budget is church maintenance. We have allocated a round sum £10,000

We have agreed that it is prudent to maintain reserves of around 6 months of budgeted expenditure which amounts to around £60,000. The Unrestricted Reserves are £74,971
The budgeted Deficit of £9,717 for 2023 will reduce the Unrestricted Reserves to £65,254

Nick Lennard
Treasurer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Year ended 31 December 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Voluntary Income							
Direct Giving	2(a)	55,700	8,972		1,665	66,337	449,092
Other	2(b)	12,932				12,932	13,877
Events & Activities Gross	2(c)	48,048	3,002		2,844	53,894	41,744
Other Ordinary Income	2(d)						
Income from Investment	2(e)	3,514		311	4,976	8,801	6,220
Total Income		120,194	11,974	311	9,485	141,964	510,933
Expenditure							
Grants	3(a)	293	5,448			5,741	8,464
Support Costs	3(b)	161				161	341
Directly relating to the Work of the Church	3(c)	102,306	91,738	311		194,355	113,083
Fundraising and Publicity	3(d)	771	334		615	1,720	120
Church Administration	3(e)	13,414				13,414	10,870
Total Expenditure		116,945	97,520	311	615	215,391	132,878
DEPRECIATION	4	(1,978)				(1,978)	(1,511)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		1,271	(85,546)		8,870	(75,405)	376,544
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		(14,991)	-	-	(15,332)	(30,323)	31,922
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(13,720)	(85,546)		(6,462)	(105,728)	408,466
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2022		88,691	67,515	10,000	526,118	692,324	283,859
Transfer of Funds			75,000		(75,000)		
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2022		74,971	56,969	10,000	444,656	586,596	692,325

The Notes on Pages 24 to 30 form part of these accounts

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	4,729	3,926
Investments	5	227,268	257,591
		231,997	261,517
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	24,486	25,086
Cash at Bank and in hand		344,892	411,667
		369,378	436,753
LIABILITIES; Amounts falling due within one year	8	(14,779)	(5,946)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		354,599	430,807
NET ASSETS		586,596	692,324
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted		74,971	88,691
Restricted		56,969	67,515
Endowment		10,000	10,000
Organ Fund		444,656	526,118
		586,596	692,324

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 8 February 2023
and signed on its behalf by:

....
Fr. Peter Edwards Jan Howard

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

See Appendix to Accounts

2 Income

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2,022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
2(a)		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
	Planned Giving:						
	Gift Aided Giving	40,301				40,301	42,691
	Income Tax recoverable	10,427	1,731		472	12,630	13,201
	Uncovenanted	1,910				1,910	1,333
	Collections		5,359			5,359	4,449
	Sundry Donations	3,062	1,882		1,193	6,137	387,419
		55,700	8,972		1,665	66,337	449,092
2(b)	**Other Voluntary Income**						
	Maintenance Trust	12,432				12,432	11,777
	Legacies	500				500	2,100
		12,932				12,932	13,877
2(c)	**Events & Activities Gross Income**						
	Fetes, FairTrade etc	466	2,148		1,854	4,468	30
	Magazines	800				800	878
	Hall Hire	7,351				7,351	5,176
	Church Use	10,931	854		990	12,775	7,809
	PCC Fees	3,482				3,482	3,275
	Car Park	23,018				23,018	22,490
	St John's Contribution	2,000				2,000	2,000
	Miscellaneous						87
		48,048	3,002		2,844	53,894	41,744
2(d)	**Other Ordinary Income**						
2(e)	**Income from Investment**						
	Interest (Gross)	3,514		311	4,976	8,801	6,220
		3,514		311	4,976	8,801	6,220
	Total Income	120,194	11,974	311	9,485	141,964	510,933

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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3 **Expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) **Grants**						
Missionary and Charitable Giving:						
Church Overseas - Missions		310			310	263
- Aid		2,654			2,654	323
Home missions and Church societies		174			174	324
Other Charities	293	2,310			2,603	6,464
Church Schools						1,090
	293	5,448			5,741	8,464
3(b) **Support Costs**						
Publications	161				161	341
3(c) **Directly relating to the work of Church**						
Ministry:						
Diocesan Common Fund	50,016				50,016	50,016
Clergy Expenses	2,823				2,823	3,239
Church Running Costs						
Heating and Lighting	3,805				3,805	3,964
Cleaning	6,341				6,341	4,852
Insurance:Buildings, Plate etc	3,846				3,846	3,636
Sacristy, Cassocks & Votive candles	417				417	407
Church Maintenance	18,078				18,078	7,987
Major Projects		81,178			81,178	22,127
Parish Magazine expenditure	59				59	47
Hall Running Costs:						
Heating and Lighting	2,537				2,537	2,643
Organ and Choir:						
Organist	8,021				8,021	6,090
Music and Choir	1,272	3,942	311		5,525	2,611
Organ/Piano Maintenance	2,613				2,613	2,958
Miscellaneous	2,478				2,478	2,365
Flowers		110			110	140
Icon		6,508			6,508	
	102,306	91,738	311		194,355	113,083
3(d) **Fundraising and Publicity**						
Costs of Events etc	771	334		615	1,720	120
3(e) **Church Administration**						
Independent Examiners Fees	660				660	660
Printing and Copying	3,554				3,554	1,757
Staff Costs	8,688				8,688	7,933
Office Telephone	512				512	521
	13,414				13,414	10,870
Total Expenditure	116,945	97,520	311	615	215,391	132,878

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Gross Book Value	At Cost 1 January 2022	69,094	10,954	80,048
	Additions		2,781	2,781
	At 31 December 2022	69,094	13,735	82,829
Depreciation	At 1 January 2022	69,094	7,028	76,122
	Charge for year		1,978	1,978
	At 31 December 2022	69,094	9,006	78,100
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2022		4,729	4,729
	At 31 December 2021		3,926	3,926

The church rooms are an integral part of the Church site. The equipment comprises copy printer, a computer, a CD player, and a dishwasher.

5 INVESTMENTS

Investments at 1 January 2022	257,591
Net loss on revaluation at 31 December 2022	**(30,323)**
At 31 December 2022	227,268
At 31 December 2021	257,591

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Organ Fund	Total
	£	£	£		£
Fixed Assets	4,729				4,729
Investments	62,356	50,000	10,000	104,912	227,268
Current Assets	22,665	6,969		339,744	369,378
Current Liabilities	(14,779)				(14,779)
Fund Balance	74,971	56,969	10,000	444,656	586,596

7 DEBTORS

	2,022	2021
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	12,698	13,201
Prepayments	9,708	11,083
Floats	140	505
Stock		110
St John's Bathwick	1,940	187
	24,486	25,086

8 LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,586	2,192
Creditors for goods and services	11,193	3,754
	14,779	5,946

9 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 01-01-22	Received	Paid	Transfer	Balance at 31-12-22
Alms	380	3,685	3,051		1,014
Pastoral	1,024	175	437		762
Emergency Fund	1,042	3,040	2,172		1,910
Zambia	2,930	288			3,218
Liturgical Display	477				477
Restoration Fund	57,040	3,016	87,808	75,000	47,248
Flowers	150	63	110		103
Choir Fund	4,472	1,707	3,942		2,237
Restricted Funds	67,515	11,974	97,520	75,000	56,969
Organ Fund	526,118	9,485	15,947	(75,000)	444,656
	593,633	21,459	113,467		501,625
Endowment fund	10,000	311	311	-	10,000
Unrestricted funds	88,691	120,194	133,914	-	74,971
	692,324	141,964	247,692	-	586,596

The restricted fund comprises the Church Restoration Fund (£47,248)
and the alms collected for church and other charities at home and abroad (£7,381)
The Organ Fund is used to repair and restore the organ.
The Endowment Fund comprises a single permanent endowment which allows income arising to be spent primarily for the encouragement of the choir particularly on the needs of youngsters and encouraging the study of music.

Analysis of Charitable Funds In the previous year

	Balance at 01-01-21	Received	Paid	Balance at 31-12-21
Alms	3,871	4,449	7,941	380
Pastoral	635	759	370	1,024
Emergency Fund	1,019	384	361	1,042
Zambia	2,423	507		2,930
Liturgical Display	477			477
Restoration Fund	56,259	4,880	4,099	57,040
Flowers		290	140	150
Choir Fund		5,992	1,520	4,472
Restricted Funds	64,684	17,261	14,431	67,514
Organ Fund	141,900	402,394	18,176	526,118
	206,584	419,655	32,607	593,632
Endowment fund	10,000			10,000
Unrestricted funds	67,274	123,200	101,782	88,691
	283,858	542,855	134,389	692,324

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10 RELATED FUNDS

St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick Maintenance Trust Fund is a related fund.
Its Objects are: The maintenance of the fabric of the Parish Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick, Bath and the upkeep of the organ and furniture and fittings therein. If not required as above in any year, to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish.

11 RELATED PARTIES

No member of the PCC has been remunerated for services provided.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Goa Anglican Centre	119	
Mercy in Action	99	
Oxford Mission	92	
Church Overseas - Missions		310
DEC Afghanistan	500	
DEC Pakistan	302	
DEC Ukraine	1,370	
USPG	32	
Barnabas	160	
Childrens Society	290	
Church Overseas - Aid		2,654
Bibles for Children	82	
Mission to Seafarers	61	
Royal British Legion	31	
Home missions and Church societies		174
Additional Curates Society	62	
Bath and NE Somerset Dementia	26	
Bath Street Pastors	116	
Bath Welcomes Refugees	57	
Bathwick Women's Refuge	118	
Christian Aid	90	
Combat Stress	49	
DHI	150	
Dorothy House	225	
Food Bank	229	
Genesis	151	
Julian House	203	
Mirfield	72	
Society of Martha and Mary	57	
Open Christmas	49	
Soup Run	44	
St Francis	68	
Other Charities		1,766
Pastoral	437	
Assistant clergy	107	
		544
		5,448

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

St Mary the Virgin Bathwick PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent 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. Details of the funds held are provided in Note 9.
Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes
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Income recognition

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when receivable.
Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure recognition

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

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets
In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis. Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over five years

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The PCC reported that the Unrestricted Funds surplus for the year was £9,739
and the value of the investments increased by £15,025
The Organ Fund benefitted from a donation of £375,000 from a parishioner family.

The trustees have undertaken a review of the income and expenditure for the next 12 months and are of the view that the PCC will continue to operate on a going concern basis for the next 12 months.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 22 to 29.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required or this year under s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

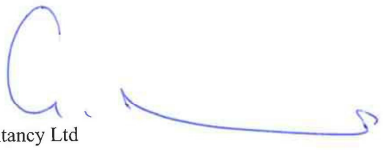
Independent examiner's statement

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 s130 of the 2011Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act 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.



Graham Barber
Chartered Accountant
Graham Barber Accountancy Ltd
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24 March 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BA

England & Wales - Charity number 1137972

Accounts



The Parochial Church Council of
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ANNUAL REPORTS 2022

to be presented at

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 3rd April 2022 following
Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Mary's Church is situated in Bathwick, Bath. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.
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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with Charity Commission. Reg Charity No 1137972
PCC members who have served from 11th October 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

	Name	***Post***
Incumbent	Revd. Peter Edwards	Chairman
Readers	Marilyn Kirby	PCC Secretary: Standing Committee, Restoration Action Group
	Thomas Bunn	Emeritus
	Stephen Howard	Deanery Synod, Finance Committee
	Marcus Wedge	Finance & Fabric Committees
Churchwardens	Nicola Parker #	Standing, Fabric, Finance, Children's Church, RAG & Social
	Jan Howard	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees
	Clare Goodhart	Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees, Children's Church, Organ Restoration Working Group, Evangelism & Mission Group
Diocesan Synod	John Porteous	Vice Chairman PCC, Standing Committee; Fabric and Finance
Deanery Synod	Julia Brownbridge *	Restoration Action Group
	Stephen Howard	Finance Committee
	Nicola Parker #	See under churchwarden entry
Elected Members:	Ruth Beavin *	Social, Evangelism and Mission Benefice Group
	Julie Brown	Children's Church and Mission Group
	Julia Brownbridge	RAG
	Clare Goodhart ~	See under churchwarden entry
	Roy Hatch	Restoration Action Group
	Nick Lennard	Treasurer: Standing Committee, Finance and Fabric Committees
	Nicola Mathiason	Mission Group
	Helen Moss	Mission Group
	Andrew Parker	Electoral Roll Officer, Fabric Committee, Restoration Action Group Organ Restoration Working Group
	Carole Stickney	Social and Fabric Committees
Co-opted Members:	None	

 # Churchwarden until APCM 9th May 2021, Deanery Synod from APCM 11th Oct 2020
~ Elected member from APCM 11th Oct 2020, Churchwarden from APCM 9th May 2021
**Since APCM 11th Oct 2020.*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.
All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.
The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition it also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and its associated property. The PCC sees the Church's mission as witnessing steadfastly to the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel through prayer and preaching and the celebration of the sacraments through service to the people of Bathwick and further afield and to those in need. The Church Hall provides a safe haven for young people in the local area.

MISSION STATEMENT

By God's grace and mindful of our heritage
we aim to extend the Community of Faith
where God is glorified
and the Good News of Jesus Christ
is proclaimed and lived

THE "WORSHIP" ETHOS

St Mary's has been "Anglo Catholic" since "Oxford Movement" times, when the Church of England was re-affirmed as Catholic, in worship and practice. That revered tradition, as demonstrated by the Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist, has been influenced by subsequent developments in Catholic teaching and practice of liturgy. Music, (generally traditional classical and Anglican), is valued, with statues, art, incense and vestments adding to the sense of the numinous. Celebration of the Sacraments with awe and wonder at the mystery of the love of God is a priority. Two key texts are 1 Cor. 14:40 and Hebrews 12:22-24.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters,
I find it hard to think that I have now been parish priest of Bathwick for 8½ years, and as I have said in previous years, I continue to be so very grateful to all members of the St Mary's congregation for their warm support for me and my family – no more so than during these past two years during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At our APCM in 2021 we expressed a hope that the pandemic would be coming to an end at that time, but of course it has continued to shape our lives – and not least our church life – over this past year as it had in 2020. However, we do now look forward with increased optimism to a return to normality as restrictions are gradually lifted. As I wrote this time last year, we continue to give thanks for all those who have courageously served the people of our own community as well as those across the nation and beyond since the pandemic

began. We give thanks in particular for those working in our National Health Service – particularly those who have treated Covid patients in the RUH; for those who have researched the virus to create the vaccines that now give us so much hope, as well as those who have worked to manufacture and administer these; for our emergency services, teachers and supermarket workers, those involved in transport and distribution, our Council workers who have continued to perform their duties, and many other groups besides.

Elsewhere in this report you will find details of the various activities that have taken place during the past year in the life of St Mary's church – some of them online, others in-person. Many thanks to all who have organised these. One highlight that I would like to mention in this report is the wonderful generosity of two major donors – as well as many others who have also donated smaller amounts – to the organ restoration appeal – meaning that we are now looking forward to the major restoration of the instrument between Easter and Christmas next year.

Details of the 2021 accounts are of course also to be found later in this report. Thanks to Nick Lennard and the Finance team for their continued careful stewardship of our financial resources. Their good stewardship, combined with the generosity of worshippers, good levels of income from the car park and from investment returns, together with lower-than-expected levels of expenditure during the course of the year, has resulted in a much healthier surplus at the year end than most churches will have achieved in 2021. I remain grateful to all those who helped to achieve this financial result.

Other thanks are due from me personally to our Churchwardens Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart, to our PCC members, our assistant clergy and Readers, to our Parish Administrator Kerry Hughes, and to all those who have maintained the life of our church as well as supporting me personally over these past months.

As I end this short report, may I commend to your prayers all those from our congregation who died in 2021 or for whom funeral or memorial services took place in St Mary's church during the course of the year: Ilse Turtle, Joan Hutchinson, Norman Reeves, Joyce Lavender, Do Winnicott, Jack Burgess, Judy Mason, Wes Hunt, Doreen Connolly, Mark Edgerton, John Whittingham, Jennifer Graves, and Margaret Zalipka. We continue to pray for those who mourn their passing. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May God continue to bless this place and all that we seek to do in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Revd Peter Edwards
Rector of Bathwick
February 2022

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT YEAR 2021-2022

The aim of the following report is to provide certain information as well as noting significant PCC decisions not otherwise covered in the separate Committee and other Church Group reports. The Secretary apologies for any overlaps or omissions that may have occurred.
The Standing Committee comprises the Chairman, the two Churchwardens, Vice Chairman, the Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer.
There were 139 members on the Electoral Roll as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 9th May 2021. In addition, we have a number of regular attendees who are not on the Roll.
At the time of writing this report 6 PCC meetings had been held with two further meetings scheduled before the APCM. The first on 15th February 2022 being to discuss general business and the second on 15th March 2022 at which the Accounts and Annual Reports will be presented prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
The First PCC Meeting 9th May 2021 followed immediately after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Fr Peter thanked those members who had agreed to stand for the PCC for a further term of office and welcomed Clare Goodhart as newly appointed churchwarden.
The following Officers were elected: Hon. Treasurer Nick Lennard, Hon. Secretary Marilyn Kirby, Vice Chairman John Porteous, and Electoral Roll Officer Andy Parker. The Meeting then elected the Standing Committee: Fr Peter Edwards, the Vice Chairman of the PCC (John Porteous), the Churchwardens (Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart), the Secretary (Marilyn Kirby) and the Treasurer (Nick Lennard).
There were no co-options to the PCC. The Parish Return was submitted to the Diocese following this meeting.
The Second PCC Meeting 8th June 2021 in the absence of Fr Peter, the meeting was chaired by John Porteous. The meeting agreed to Fr Peter's proposal to hold a meeting within the Benefice to discuss the Church of England document, "Living in Love and Faith". Note three meetings were subsequently held during the autumn facilitated by the University of Bath Chaplain Revd. Nigel Rawlinson. The convenors and members of the Committees and Working Groups of the PCC were appointed. The meeting then discussed Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for these committees and working groups.
The Third Meeting 15th July 2021 Stephen Howard clarified the aim was for all PCC Committees to work under the same Standing Orders covering membership, quorum, voting and running of meetings. In addition each Committee required a Terms of Reference document.
The PCC agreed unanimously apply for a faculty to restore the organ as recommended in the report by Harrison and Harrison (for more information about the organ restoration project see elsewhere in the reports)
The meeting also discussed the financial report for the first six months of the year, which unsurprisingly showed a reduction in income. This was due mainly to the reduction of income from church and hall hire due to Covid restrictions.
The Fourth Meeting 14th September 2021 included several Good News items! First that Silvia Dimitrova had virtually completed the Icon commissioned to commemorate and

celebrate the Bicentenary of St Mary's in 2020. (See under churchwardens' report for further information). Secondly the Diocesan Organ Advisor Roger Taylor was very supportive of our application for a faculty to restore the organ. Finally (as secretary of the Restoration Action Group) it was lovely to be able to report that the first travel lecture, since Covid restrictions, had taken place on 6th September and been very well received.
The Fifth Meeting 27th October 2021 focused on monetary matters. The meeting approved the Budget for 2021. Then there was the extremely positive news that the funding for the restoration of the organ was now in place. The meeting then agreed unanimously that the contract with Harrison and Harrison to carry out the restoration be signed.
The Sixth Meeting 30th November considered the terms of reference for the Organ Restoration Working Group that will be overseeing the project that is planned to begin post-Easter 2023 and be completed by Christmas 2023.
The Seventh Meeting 15th February 2022 was still due to take place at the time of writing this report. It is scheduled as a normal business meeting of the council.
The Eighth Meeting 15th March 2022 is scheduled to be the final meeting before the APCM and is when the Accounts and Annual Reports will be presented in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Marilyn Kirby, Hon PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Since the last report in May 2021, we have installed the icon which was commissioned as part of our bicentenary celebrations. Silvia Dimitrova completed the icon in the Autumn, and it was in place for our Advent and Christmas services. It is a beautiful piece of art showing the Virgin Mary with the Child, Jesus, holding the Church, as He gives a blessing. The icon was dedicated at the morning service on 6th February 2022
On 12th December we were very pleased to receive the Arts Society Inventory of St Mary's Church, which provides a comprehensive document of our artefacts and fabric. A huge amount of work has gone into compilation of the inventory, and we are indebted to all those involved. These have been added to St Mary's Inventory this year.
The terrier remains unchanged.
We have continued to maintain the Church building with emergency repairs to the South Aisle roof and, further to a tendering process, agreed a scheme of work to remove and replace slating and lead gutters, repair stonework, and repoint the south aisle parapets and adjacent external walling. We have had permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee to carry out refurbishment of our very fine Willis Organ to restore its musical integrity. The work will commence after Easter 2023 and take several months.
We are very grateful to Marcus Wedge for all that he does to maintain the fabric of the Church and the Hall complex. We would also like to acknowledge the work of others in caring for our Church: Jenny Jones and Dawn Lennard for their gardening work; Molly Wedge, Sarah Davies, and Helen Lees for their dedicated sacristy work; the Friday cleaning team and all those who have helped with flowers.

Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart, Churchwardens

READERS

Marilyn Kirby, Marcus Wedge and I continue to offer our support to Fr Peter in the execution of his role as Rector in our various practical and advisory capacities, both "as Readers" and in a variety of other ways. We are very conscious that these are privileged ministries and if we can be of help to you, please do let us know.

Stephen Howard

LESSON READERS AND INTERCESSORS

We would like to record our thanks to all those who support our services by reading a lesson or leading our prayers. Ruth Beavin has stepped down; we are very grateful for her thoughtful prayers. Trevor and Maggie Blackshaw have joined the group of lesson readers. There are currently 25 on this rota for 2022-23:
Maggie and Trevor Blackshaw, Julia Brownbridge, Tony Crossland, Sarah and Robin Davies, Clare Edwards, Jan and Stephen Howard, Fr Richard and Jo Hunt, Jenny and Gerry Jones, Marilyn Kirby, Nick Lennard, John Lees, Beryl Llewelyn, Carla Maddocks, Ross Manaton, Helen and Keith Moss, Nicky and Andy Parker, John Porteous and Marcus Wedge.

Jan Howard and Clare Goodhart

SERVERS

Whilst normal service has not quite yet resumed it is nevertheless a great joy to see acolytes and thurifer on parade each week and as always adding enormously to the quality and feel of our communal worship. A very special thanks to them all, in particular to Molly and Jan who are always willing to step in at short notice to fill gaps.
We bid a welcome return to our old friend Dominic Taylor and his now wife Andrea Gartenlaub. A warm welcome also to our new recruits Messrs Richard Andrews and Trevor Blackshaw who have fitted in like a pair of gloves, and also to the latest member of our team Karol Fung recently arrived from Hong Kong along with his parents and younger sister Karis. Karol has experience as an altar server in his previous church and hopefully by the time this report is published he will have made his first appearance. Bless them all in their work.

Stephen Howard

SIDESPEOPLE

The group of Sidespeople remains a committed group of parishioners. Martin and Debbie Allsop and Jenny and Gerry Jones have stepped down; we are very grateful for their support over many years.
There are 20 Sidespeople on the rota for 2022-23:
Julia Brownbridge, Paul Chilvers, Tony and Barbara Crossland, Robin and Sarah Davies, Clare Goodhart, Roy Hatch, Helen and John Lees, Nick and Dawn Lennard, Beryl and David Llewellyn, Carla Maddocks, Keith and Helen Moss, Nicky Parker, Thelma Paterson-Fox and Marion Stoneham.
The role has continued to include welcoming people to Church, assisting with seating, encouraging the use of hand sanitisers and the wearing of masks and other Covid-specific measures.

Clare Goodhart and Jan Howard

SACRISTY

Another difficult year thanks to Covid - but our continued support to Fr Peter has been our priority helping him keeping all our services open and online. My grateful thanks to Helen and Sarah for wonderful help and support - you are amazing!!
Enormous thank you to our faithful Friday helpers who clean brass, tidy and dust the Sanctuary, Lady Chapel, Sacristy and Baptistery- Jan, Marion, Jane, and Ruth - also to Neville for looking after all candles - a great handyman who has repaired many small items in church and outside!!

Molly Wedge

BELLRINGERS

2021 has been an up and down year for the bellringers at St Mary's. We have rung on Sunday mornings whenever Covid restrictions allowed, but for the first few months of the year weekly practices were impossible. Through the wonders of technology, however, the band was able to meet via Zoom, enjoying chats, quizzes and even some virtual ringing! Happily the relaxation of restrictions in June meant that Sunday service ringing was no longer limited to short sessions, and Wednesday evening practices could start up again.In April Tom Wareing tolled the tenor bell as part of the national commemorations of the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. We've been pleased to ring for a few weddings, which made everyone feel that life was slowly getting back to normal. Later in the year the bells were rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday, and we made a joyful sound for services around Christmas time.

Sadly in October we said goodbye to our ringing master Matthew Skues, who has moved from Bath to Swindon. We will miss his leadership and organisational skills, but he has promised to visit from time to time. This did give us a great opportunity to travel to Swindon for our tower outing in November, to see Matthew in his new tower.
Ringing in these times of Covid means that our numbers are often reduced by isolation or the need to protect vulnerable family members, and there have been weeks when we have only had a few people available to ring. We love having new learners at any time, but in 2022 new recruits would be especially welcome. Come and join us!

Molly Waterson Tower Secretary

FLOWERS

A special thank you to Marion and Jane with support from Felicity and Julie for helping with flowers. It is a very sad situation that nobody has volunteered to take over from Carole. It is very difficult at the moment to arrange real flowers - the silk ones are just OK but for major festivals we do need help!! We are blessed with such a beautiful church, and within our congregation there must surely be several who could come forward and spare a couple of hours on a Friday morning. Please give this URGENT thought and prayer.

Molly Wedge

GARDEN

During the last year the two 'Lady Gardeners', namely Dawn and Jenny, enjoyed keeping the garden tidy, removing anything surplus to requirements, splitting and replanting as necessary whilst occasionally putting in a new plant here and there.

The garden was more used during 2021 but the activities held were still below pre Covid levels. This in turn has helped the grass recover from constant footfall and given space for some tender loving care.

The Toddler Group marked Helen Moss's retirement from her Wednesday duties by planting an hydrangea where a Cherry Tree, also with Toddler associations, had died. Our hope is that this will flourish during this coming season thus making a lasting 'Toddler Spot.'

We would also like to thank Neville Mason for his expertise in mending the wicket fencing (somehow damaged by a car). He's done a super job.

The more observant amongst you may have noticed that we have become victims of Box Blight, something that affected many gardens across the country last year. The bushes have been treated. It is hoped that, in time, they will recover but, for the moment, watching and waiting is the best we have to offer.

It all goes to show that the Lady Gardener's work is never done!

Jenny Jones and Dawn Lennard

MUSIC

Although 'normal' still seems a little way off, we have certainly led a fuller life musically during the past twelve months as a result of fewer official 'interruptions'. I think it is a great credit to St Mary's, the Rector and the choir that we have been able to sing an increasing amount of music at our services as the months have gone by and perhaps it will not be too much longer before we are able to return to that 'normal'.

In July, the choir was invited to sing Choral Evensong in the Abbey and, a month later, were asked back to sing both the morning Eucharist and Choral Evensong.
These were hugely enjoyable occasions for us and we received a number of appreciative comments from those present. At the end of July we very sadly had to say farewell to all four of our Choral Scholars as their courses had come to an end and they were off into the world of work – none of it, unfortunately, in Bath.

In the Autumn Term, we welcomed four new Choral Scholars, as reported in recent editions of the church magazine, and I am happy to record that all have quickly settled in and are making a valuable contribution to the choir. As we had no applications from tenors this time, here I must pay tribute to Michael Painting and Ed Cooke who are very kindly keeping the choir in four parts by singing for us on a rota system each week – without them, we would be in something of a predicament.

I think it true to say that, in September, we received news that changed our lives considerably and this was the receipt of the second of our two fantastic donations to the Organ Restoration Fund, bringing to an end our long struggle to raise the necessary funds for the much-needed rebuild of the 1878/94 Father Willis instrument. As a result, we have been able sign the contract with Harrison and Harrison of Durham and the work is set to be carried out between Easter and Christmas 2023. This represents a milestone in St Mary's history and we are grateful for all the support that has been given to the project over many years.

We were so pleased to be able to hold our annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols once again even though the organ could not take part in it because of an electrical fault which manifested itself just before the final rehearsal. Needless to say, the choir (and piano) rose to the occasion magnificently.

As 2022 progresses, I am continually grateful for, and appreciative of, the great contribution made by every member of our choir and we look forward to a further easing of restrictions and a return to a full programme of musical events.

Gary Desmond

HALL AND CHURCH HIRE

After a strange time, due to Covid-19 our regular hall hirers have gradually started coming back to St Mary's church hall, some groups more slowly than others. Pilates were our first group back as soon as restrictions allowed. With different restrictions in place for different groups such as choirs, exercise groups etc this has meant allowing some groups back before others. Some groups were more hesitant than others due to vulnerable members, Covid case numbers etc. Some groups are cancelling occasional bookings closer to the date depending on the current situation at the time. We are still waiting for HBRG and The Railway Society to return.

Some of our regular hall hirers during the week have questioned the additional £20.00 per session cleaning fee and said they may not be able to continue their classes if this continues, although they have signed up for the next term. However, the £40.00 additional cleaning fee for children's parties on weekends nobody has seemed to question.

Since the lockdowns we have continued to maintain our regular bookings with U3A art group, WI, Pilates and Camerata, and hopefully HBRG and The Railway Society will be regularly back in the not-too-distant future. The church hall will then be back to how it was before Covid and be in use many weekday evenings. It continues to be difficult making bookings for new regular bookings/groups due to some groups meeting once a month such as the 2nd Monday in the month, 1st Wednesday in the month etc. Also, with some groups only meeting certain times of the year such as the art group. We have had quite a few people interested in weekly hire for different classes but unfortunately then doesn't work for them, due to not being able to offer the week with a once monthly booking.

The hall continues to be under-used during the day in the week on Monday afternoons, all day Tuesday, all day Thursday, and a Friday afternoon. Since introducing the day-time discounted rate for regular bookings we haven't seemed to encourage any new groups. Pilates continue to be the only group which have the discounted rate for having the booking on a Wednesday lunch time.

The hall continues to be used for occasional bookings and has been very popular since the lockdowns with residents' groups. Hopefully soon we will have more occasional bookings when people are more comfortable with socialising again. We have started to have more enquiries and take bookings for children's birthday parties again. Party bookings are particularly popular during the weekend and a lot of the bookings being taken are from children at Bathwick St Mary's School, our toddler group who have the discounted rate, and also people who have been to a child's party at St Mary's hall before. We have also had a few of bookings for ABRSM music exams over 4 days twice a year using the church, hall and choir vestry all day. They have booked again for Spring 2022 and will hopefully continue to use us.

Towards the end of 2021 we were able to hold a small number of choir workshops and concerts again once covid restrictions allowed. In September Bath Bach Choir held a choral workshop, in October Lucis Choir and Bath Choral Society held a concert and in December we had The Handful, University of Bath's Choral and Orchestral Society and Bath Camerata perform their concerts. It was a joy to hear live music back in St Mary's church.

In November Co-op funeral directors held their Christmas memorial service with us and in December we had various carol services including BANES music services, King Edward's Senior School, and Bathwick St Mary's school. Carol services were less than previous years before Covid due to the Abbey reopening after their refurbishment work.

The diary for 2022 is getting booked up with various events including concerts, workshops, birthday parties, regular bookings, occasional bookings etc, especially with so many events being cancelled last year. We also have some celebration musical events to look forward to for St Mary's 200th anniversary, which had to be cancelled due to Covid in 2020. Hopefully the diary will be more full than last year!

Kerry Hughes, Parish Administrator

CAR PARK

In spite of all the year's challenges, with contractors working on the Cricket Ground income for the year was an amazing £22,490. HOWEVER this current year will see this income halve, especially without some extra helpers.
Now many who visit us want to pay on cards thus I have moved with the times and welcome such payments.

Marcus Wedge

RESTORATION ACTION GROUP REPORT

It was a year of ups and downs due to continuing Covid restrictions, which meant for the second year running the Summer Fete could not be held. So, fingers firmly crossed for 11th June 2022! A musical highlight was definitely the wonderful Gala Concert by Dr Peter King on 23rd October. Also, we were able to restart the lunchtime concerts. Another positive was restarting the popular illustrated Travel Lectures in early September and fitting in 4 before the end of the year. These restart at the end of February 2022.

Marilyn Kirby

SOCIAL

After so many weeks with no social activities due to the pandemic it was great to simply be able to offer coffee after Mass on a Sunday! We were a little wary of organising the usual bring & share lunch for our Patronal Festival in September, with all the Covid risk of a 'common table', but we compromised by having wine and 'sophisticated nibbles' with table service. The harvest supper was held in St John's church as we felt that it gave everyone more space to spread out and this proved to be a lovely evening. Thank you to St John's Social Committee for organising this. At Christmas we celebrated with the usual mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, although, as another wave of Covid threatened to engulf us, the numbers were down on previous years. Let's hope that 2022 gives us more opportunities for social events.

Many thanks to the members of the Social Committee and to everyone else who lends a hand.

Nicola Parker

WALSINGHAM

Our Bathwick Walsingham cell has of necessity been unable to meet since the various lock-downs began. However, we did manage one meeting on 7th December 2021 and are now meeting monthly again, at least for the time being. We also had a successful and enjoyable pilgrimage to the Shrine last July, albeit in a minibus instead of our usual coach, due to slightly reduced numbers. For this year, we have - in hope - made a reservation for twenty of us to make pilgrimage to Walsingham from 4th – 8th September.

Helen Lees

MOTHERS' UNION

Our work, giving aid to families at home and across the seas, continues, always underpinned with prayer. Services of thanksgiving, also cathedral prayers were able to take place due to spacious venues. Four million members in 84 countries remember Mary Sumner, the founder, on 9th August each year, with Thanksgiving Services.

Sheila Sims

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A women led, global, ecumenical movement, the service in 2021 was written by the Christian Women of Vanuatu. The theme, "Build a strong foundation", was taken from Matthew 7:24-27.

Sheila Sims

BATHWICK BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Bathwick Baby & Toddler Group reopened our twice weekly sessions on Wednesday & Friday mornings in Spring 2021 after a year of closure due to the pandemic. It was amazing to welcome back local children and their carers, with many new faces joining us too. The group was delighted to hold its annual Christmas party again in 2021 and also a cake sale in aid of The Princes Trust. We are looking forward to continuing our regular events and fundraising for local children's charities in 2022.
The sessions and events are set up and run on a rota basis by volunteers, guided by an informal committee chaired by Fr. Peter Edwards whilst Nicky Parker, Jo Hunt and Jane all generously lend their time to lead the kitchen and singing activities at the sessions.
We are looking forward to welcoming more new families this year, and with Spring approaching the opportunity to enjoy playing in the lovely Church Garden again!

Sarah Hamblin

JUNIOR CHURCH

After 18 months Junior Church was finally able to start up again in September 2021. Numbers are low, with only 2 or 3 children attending each week, but it is important that we offer something to them on a Sunday morning. It is always very rewarding talking to our young people about their faith and their understanding of God and the pre-schoolers appreciate having time and activities when they don't have to be quiet!
Many thanks to Clare Goodhart and Rachel Ferrario for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Nicola Parker

SOUP RUN

We were not able to continue with the Soup Run this year, instead we supported to Genesis Gateway Centre, and Julian House, who have provided support for the homeless and vulnerable people in Bath.

Margaret Ledbury

BATHWICK ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was wonderful to join you for Education Sunday on 30th January. It was a joyful celebration of the close relationship between school and church, made extra special as the 2021 Education Sunday was unable to go ahead due to lockdown. So many children thoroughly enjoyed sharing with all present a little of their learning over the last few months. From complex maths challenges, instructions for staying safe online, beautiful singing, stunning artwork, creative writing in a number of subjects and even whirring space buggies – we hope you enjoyed the presentation and time together.

Despite 2021 being a further year of disruption and challenge, there are many positives on which we can draw both personally and from a school perspective. Although the first part of 2021 was in lockdown, classes were before too long able to return to some sense of normality, albeit with a variety of restrictions in place. I am pleased to say that since S eptember school has been able to function as 'normally' as possible. Children have enjoyed a rich and diverse curriculum with several engaging trips and visits to enhance their learning, including the Year Three and Four theatrical production, the Infant nativity, the Year Six production of 'Aladdin', visits to the Bath Literature Festival, weekly 'Forest School' days, World Book Day, Safer Internet Day, three residential trips (to the Forest of Dean, Magdalen Farm in south Somerset and the Isle of Wight), as well as many other events.

Despite the significant number of cases of Covid both in children and adults, the superb staff team at school provided excellent online learning where necessary for children at home whilst teaching full time for those in school. On behalf of the school, it is good to publicly express my thanks to the staff team for all they have done to support and develop our children's wellbeing and education. Our children have been a credit to themselves, their families and the school and approached their learning with great enthusiasm.

As well as our teachers and teaching assistants, thanks to our office, site and catering teams who have continued to adapt quickly and professionally to the many changes and demands placed on them. Thank you especially to the Governing Board, led by Lucy Spedo Mirandola, Matt Cochrane and Ben Jenkins who have worked tirelessly to support our school.

Over the course of 2021 we welcomed new staff and bid farewell to others. We said a fond farewell to Laura Jorgensen who has worked as a key member of our office team for many years and we are very grateful for all her service to our school. We welcomed Matthew Craine as a teaching assistant in Reception class.

As Headteacher, I would like to express my thanks for your prayers and support. In your prayers, please especially uphold the children and staff of Bathwick School. Covid has impacted us all in different ways – some quite considerably – and so knowing you are thinking of them will be a blessing to us all.

Kevin Purkiss, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

It is a legal requirement, under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults), that the PCC should appoint a relevant person who has due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The PCC of St Mary's has complied with this by appointing me as the Safeguarding Officer.

All PCC members have undertaken Basic Safeguarding Awareness training. This needs to be refreshed every 3 years and the online course can be accessed by going to:

https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org

From January 2022 the rules changed for people needing a DBS check. They now have to be renewed every 3 years rather than 5 years, so do not be surprised if I contact you about this sooner than you were expecting.

As Safeguarding officer I would like to remind you that our parish safeguarding policy is always available for you to read and if anyone ever has any concerns involving our young and/or vulnerable people please talk to me as soon as possible.

Nicola Parker

ZAMBIA—ST JAMES BUCHI

There is little to report on the Zambia link front except that Father Alfred keeps in regular contact via whatsapp with Jo Hunt and Fr Peter and has sent his greetings at festival times. He has also reported on the progress of the Church Project through videos and pictures. The congregation at Buchi are building flats that will be let and bring in income for the church. This is a lengthy process as the congregation are doing a lot of the work and they also need to raise money to complete the project. The church was very pleased to receive the donation of £161.88 from St Mary's. This will go towards the flat building project which in October was 90% complete.
The church had a visit from the Bishop in October for the confirmation service.
Lastly on 25 December Christmas greetings to the two churches were received from Fr Alfred and Jo Hunt sent greetings to Fr Alfred and family and the congregation at Buchi. Jo and Richard Hunt would very much like to visit Zambia when travel opens up and would welcome any others from the congregations to join them.

Jo Hunt

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

It's been my privilege to continue to serve as St Mary's Deanery Synod representative alongside Nicky Parker and Julia Brownbridge. John Porteous also attends by virtue of his Diocesan Synod office. As you may remember the Lay Dean (Chair) is Pippa Page, a Reader at All Saints Weston, and the Area (formerly Rural) Dean is The Revd. Stephen Girling.

At an "in person" meeting on 30th September last year he suggested that we should reflect and attempt to identify, first where God is working for his Church (clearly Covid volunteers and essential workers at the moment), and secondly, what is God saying to His Church.

One good thing to come out of the Covid pandemic is that we have perhaps got to know our neighbours better and that barriers between people have come down even as the masks have gone up in the face of shared problems, including less money in parish coffers.

We are encouraged to be more outgoing in our relationships and welcoming in potential new relationships and be more outward-looking generally in our approach to evangelism.

We might offer the gift of hospitality where possible, "try things" and be prepared to fail. If we do fail, try something else. We are encouraged to be collaborative in our work across parishes and differing traditions. To be One Church in Bath. In addition clergy are also encouraged to share and support each other, and not to fear diversity of thought among themselves.

At the 27th January 2022 meeting Sarah Grimes, the new Chair of Transition Bath (a Regd and non party-political charity) delivered a very interesting address on tackling climate change in individually small but collectively significant steps through the power of the community; that is to say encouraging the formation of small voluntary groups of households acting together, giving each other moral support and encouragement. Transition Bath offers support to such groups in the form of advice and information on relevant action, availability of funds etc. for individual projects such as glazing, insulation, heating and the like. There is an opportunity to engage in wider perspectives in relation to Banes projects for local transport systems and a local food strategy. The emphasis appears to be on the practical. If there is sufficient interest in the church this could provide an opportunity for St Mary's to evangelize by linking itself to or even forming a local group or groups. There would need to be PCC support for any St Mary's group and perhaps a "green item" on the PCC agenda.

The Area Dean reminded the meeting that the Bath and Wells Diocese is aiming for a net zero carbon footprint by 2030 and that the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) is being pressed hard to accommodate works in church premises that are beneficial to the alleviation of climate change. St Stephen's Lansdown have already done some work in this area (towards the formation of a nucleus of a climate change group) and are planning a leaflet drop to selected locations. Whether our database can be of use in this regard is worth considering.

Ian Souter (souterfam@aol.com), a retired Methodist Minister, followed with an address about Café Banes (Christian Action For the Environment) formed last November and operating across the whole of Banes with similar aims. A number of local churches have a representative member. The emphasis here appears to be on the sharing of information

and acting as a local pressure group and influencer with very strong Christian religious slant, seeking or intending to supply liturgical materials, hold church debates and encouraging support in prayer. Café Banes recognises a national Eco Church organisation which can provide information and encouragement including the making of (non-stipendiary) awards at different level for green effort.
Other speakers from three local churches gave updates on their green plans. Emma Brown identified herself as the diocesan green adviser, available for consultations, and Sarah Emmett is the diocesan climate change adviser.

Stephen Howard

Green Report

Energy Year	CO2 Tonnes	Gas kWh	Electricity kWh
2017/18	35.5	159754	14558
2018/19	33.2	144156	16288
2019/20	33.2	151117	12754
2020/21	27.9	128460	9976

The Conversion factor for grid electricity from kWh to CO2 is now 0.35 as PV and wind farms have reduced the output required from power stations. This conversion is now being used for 20/21.

The proportion of CO2 from gas consumption in 2020/21 is 92.8%. Moving to a utility that offers 'clean' gas as well as electricity would therefore have a positive influence in reducing the church annual CO2 emissions. **Keith Moss**

GENERAL DATA PRIVACY REGULATIONS MAY 2018

The PCC's General Privacy Notice and the Electoral Roll Privacy Notice are both published on the church's website and/or are available on request

Revd Peter Edwards

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The finance committee met to receive reports on the financial situation of the church, to agree the following year's budget and to discuss and resolve any financial issues

Overview

The financial results for the year have been only slightly impacted by the Covid-19 Virus pandemic. The church was open all year.
Church Maintenance of £7,987 was lower than the budget.
The Unrestricted Funds Surplus for the year was £9,739. Growth in the investments of £15,025 produced a Net Improvement in Funds of £24,764 and the Unrestricted Reserves are now £88,690.

We received a donation of £375,000 from Laura and Rando Howard which is to be used principally for the restoration of the organ. In the previous year a donor gave us £106,250 which was invested and produced an income of £3,305 and grew in value by £16,897.
A deposit of £18,176 was paid and the restoration is now being planned. The balance of the Organ Fund is now £526,118.

Unrestricted funds comprise the general operating expenses of the church and the other funds are for monies received and expended for certain specific purposes.
Funds given for a particular purpose are known Restricted Funds and include Alms, Restoration Appeal, Emergency, Pastoral and Zambia. The Restoration Fund balance is now £57,039 and will be used to meet part of the expense of replacing the South Aisle Roof that will cost over £85,000.
The Music Endowment Fund contains money given specifically for music at the church.

Assets

The Total Net Assets as at 31 December 2021 were £692,324 (2020: £283,859).
Of these £88,691 (2020: £63,927) is for unrestricted use by the church for its general running costs. and the balance of £603,634 (2020: £98,431) is in restricted funds.

Unrestricted Funds

This fund records the income and expenditure of the church. The income from giving by the congregation (includes tax reclaimed Gift Aid) was £56,658 (2020: £55,675) which was an increase of £983 compared to the previous year.
As the pandemic eased the income from Hall hire and Church hire increased by £5,415
Income from the car park was £22,490 which was an increase of £10,863
Fees for weddings and funerals increased by £1,798
We had a contribution of £2,000 towards joint expenses from our sister church St. John's.

The church maintenance trust, (which is a separate fund which does not appear in our accounts) gave us £11,777, Interest received on the investments of Unrestricted Funds was £2,560 making a Total Unrestricted Income of £111,522 (2020: £90,728)

Expenditure was £100,272 (2020: £103,781) of which the largest components was our quota to the Diocese (which goes to meet the cost of the clergy) of £50,016 (2020: £50728 and maintenance of the building of £7,987 (2020: £13,661).
Heating and Lighting increased by only £336 because we have a fixed price contract.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £9,739 (2020: £14,481 deficit).
Investments are revalued each year, and this year showed a gain of £11,678
The Unrestricted Funds carried forward are £88,690 (2020: £67,274).

The Restricted Funds
These balances carried forward represent the money received for specific purposes and not yet spent.

Alms	**380**
Liturgical Display	**478**
Restoration Appeal	**57,039**
Emergency	**1,042**
Pastoral	**1,024**
Zambia	**2,930**
Flowers	**150**
Choir	**4,472**
	67,515
Music Endowment	**10,000**
Organ Restoration	**526,118**

Alms are collections received but not yet remitted.
Restoration Fund monies are the accumulation of fund-raising efforts less monies expended.
Emergency Fund has collections which are accumulated and disbursed to specific appeals e.g. a natural disaster.
The Flower Fund donations of £290 were partly used and the balance is now £150
The Pastoral Fund is at the disposal of the parish priest. Collection produced £159 and £370 was used for some pastoral grants.
Organ Restoration Fund has benefitted from a donation of £375,000 from one parishioner family and also £1,790 from other parishioners. Over a £1,000 from a concert and interest on the funds invested was £3,305.

The Unrestricted Funds Budget for 2022

It is difficult to anticipate income and expenditure whilst the Covid-19 pandemic could restrict activities in the future.

Income: We are budgeting for £105,000.
In 2021 Income totalled £111,522

Expenditure: We are budgeting for a total of £105,650 (2021: £101,783). The main item which is difficult to budget is church maintenance. We have allocated a round sum £10,000

We have agreed that it is prudent to maintain reserves of around 6 months of budgeted expenditure which amounts to around £52,000
The budgeted Deficit of £500 for 2022 will reduce the Unrestricted Reserves to £88,191

Nick Lennard
Treasurer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Year ended 31 December 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Voluntary Income							
Direct Giving	2(a)	56,658	14,906		377,528	449,092	183,743
Other	2(b)	11,877	2,000			13,877	11,189
Events & Activities Gross	2(c)	40,427			1,317	41,744	22,887
Other Ordinary Income	2(d)						
Income from Investment	2(e)	2,560	355		3,305	6,220	2,706
Total Income		111,522	17,261		382,150.32	510933	220,525
Expenditure							
Grants	3(a)		8,464			8,464	6,197
Support Costs	3(b)	341				341	191
Directly relating to the Work of the Church	3(c)	88,940	5,967		18,176	113,083	89,060
Fundraising and Publicity	3(d)	121				121	147
Church Administration	3(e)	10,870				10,870	9,917
Total Expenditure		100,272	14,431		18,176	132,879	105,512
DEPRECIATION	4	(1,511)				(1,511)	(1,428)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		9,739	2,830		363,974	376,544	113,585
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		11,678	-	-	20,244	31,922	7,916
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		21,417	2,830		384,218	408,466	121,501
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021		67,274	64,685	10,000	141,900	283,859	162,358
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2021		88,691	67,515	10,000	526,118	692,325	283,859

The Notes on Pages 24 to 30 form part of these accounts

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	3,926	4,728
Investments	5	257,591	175,669
		261,517	180,397
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	25,086	23,246
Cash at Bank and in hand		411,667	90,297
		436,753	113,543
LIABILITIES; Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,946)	(10,081)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		430,807	103,462
NET ASSETS		692,324	283,859
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted		88,691	67,274
Restricted		67,515	64,685
Endowment		10,000	10,000
Organ Fund		526,118	141,900
		692,325	283,859

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15 February 2022
and signed on its behalf by:

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Fr. Peter Edwards Jan Howard

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

See Appendix to Accounts

2 Income

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2,021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
2(a)		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
	Planned Giving:						
	Gift Aided Giving	42,691				42,691	39,376
	Income Tax recoverable	10,788	1,675		738	13,201	34,677
	Uncovenanted	1,333				1,333	1,623
	Collections		4,449			4,449	3,437
	Sundry Donations	1,846	8,782		376,791	387,419	104,630
		56,658	14,906		377,528	449,092	183,743
2(b)	**Other Voluntary Income**						
	Maintenance Trust	11,777				11,777	11,189
	Legacies	100	2,000			2,100	
		11,877	2,000			13,877	11,189
2(c)	**Events & Activities Gross Income**						
	Fetes, FairTrade etc	30				30	360
	Magazines	878				878	457
	Hall Hire	5,176				5,176	3,179
	Church Use	6,492			1,317	7,809	3,074
	PCC Fees	3,275				3,275	1,447
	Car Park	22,490				22,490	11,627
	St John's Contribution	2,000				2,000	2,000
	Miscellaneous	87				87	743
		40,427			1,317	41,744	22,887
2(d)	**Other Ordinary Income**						
2(e)	**Income from Investment**						
	Interest (Gross)	2,560	355		3,305	6,220	2,706
		2,560	355		3,305	6,220	2,706
	Total Income	111,522	17,261		382,150	510,933	220,525

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3 **Expenditure**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a)	**Grants**						
	Missionary and Charitable Giving:						
	Church Overseas - Missions		263			263	557
	- Aid		323			323	68
	Home missions and Church societies		324			324	223
	Other Charities		6,464			6,464	4,157
	Church Schools		1,090			1,090	1,192
			8,464			8,464	6,197
3(b)	**Support Costs**						
	Services						
	Publications	341				341	191
		341				341	191
3(c)	**Directly relating to the work of Church**						
	Ministry:						
	Diocesan Common Fund	50,016				50,016	50,728
	Clergy Expenses	3,111	128			3,239	1,963
	Church Running Costs						
	Heating and Lighting	3,964				3,964	3,763
	Cleaning	4,852				4,852	3,529
	Insurance:Buildings, Plate etc	3,636				3,636	3,665
	Sacristy, Cassocks & Votive candles	407				407	837
	Church Maintenance	7,987				7,987	13,661
	Major Projects		4,100		18,028	22,127	
	VAT Refund on restoration last year						(5,708)
	Parish Magazine expenditure	47				47	75
	Hall Running Costs:						
	Heating and Lighting	2,643				2,643	2,508
	Organ and Choir:						
	Organist	6,090				6,090	5,215
	Music and Choir	1,091	1,520			2,611	2,637
	Organ/Piano Maintenance	2,958				2,958	1,874
	Miscellaneous	2,138	79		148	2,365	3,252
	Icon						382
	200th Anniversary 2020						639
	Flowers		140			140	40
		88,940	5,967		18,176	113,083	89,060
3(d)	**Fundraising and Publicity**						
	Costs of Events etc	121				121	147
		121				121	147
3(e)	**Church Administration**						
	Independent Examiners Fees	660				660	660
	Printing and Copying	1,757				1,757	1,084
	Stationery						953
	Staff Costs	7,933				7,933	6,755
	Office Telephone	521				521	465
		10,870				10,870	9,917
	Total Expenditure	100,272	14,431		18,176	132,879	105,512

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Gross Book Value	At Cost 1 January 2021	69,094	10,245	79,339
	Additions		709	709
	At 31 December 2021	69,094	10,954	80,048
Depreciation	At 1 January 2021	69,094	5,517	74,611
	Charge for year	0	1,511	1,511
	At 31 December 2021	69,094	7,028	76,122
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2021	0	3,926	3,926
	At 31 December 2020	0	4,728	4,728

The church rooms are an integral part of the Church site. The equipment comprises copy printer, a computer, a CD player, and a dishwasher.

5 INVESTMENTS

Investments at 1 January 2021	175,669
Investments in the year	50,000
Net surplus on revaluation at 31 December 2021	31,922
At 31 December 2021	257,591
At 31 December 2020	175,669

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Organ Fund	Total
	£	£	£		£
Fixed Assets	3,926				3,926
Investments	49,832	67,515	10,000	130,244	257,591
Current Assets	40,879			395,874	436,753
Current Liabilities	(5,946)				(5,946)
Fund Balance	88,691	67,515	10,000	526,118	692,324

7 DEBTORS

	2,021	2020
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	13,201	9,006
Prepayments	11,083	5,625
Floats	505	140
Stock	110	110
St John's Bathwick	187	8,365
	25,086	23,246

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8 LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,192	2,662
Creditors for goods and services	3,754	7,419
	5,946	10,081

9 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 01-01-21	Received	Paid	Balance at 31-12-21
Alms	3,871	4,449	7,941	380
Pastoral	635	759	370	1,024
Emergency Fund	1,019	384	361	1,042
Zambia	2,423	507		2,930
Liturgical Display	478			478
Restoration Fund	56,259	4,880	4,099	57,040
Flowers	0	290	140	150
Choir Fund	0	5,992	1,520	4,472
Restricted Funds	64,685	17,261	14,431	67,515
Organ Fund	141,900	402,394	18,176	526,118
	206,585	419,655	32,607	593,633
Endowment fund	10,000			10,000
Unrestricted funds	67,274	123,200	101,783	88,691
	283,859	542,855	134,390	692,324

The restricted fund comprises the Church Restoration Fund (£57,039)
and the alms collected for church and other charities at home and abroad (£6,210)
The Organ Fund is used to repair and restore the organ.
The Endowment Fund comprises a single permanent endowment which allows income arising to be spent primarily for the encouragement of the choir particularly on the needs of youngsters and encouraging the study of music.

Analysis of Charitable Funds In the previous year

	Balance at 01-01-20	Received	Paid	Balance at 31-12-20
Alms	5,165	4,204	5,498	3,871
Pastoral	1,071	63	499	635
Emergency Fund	796	224	0	1,019
Zambia	2,369	54	0	2,423
Liturgical Display	859		381	478
Restoration Fund	36,611	13,939	(5,708)	56,259
Flowers	0	40	40	0
Choir Fund		854	854	0
Restricted Funds	46,871	19,378	1,564	64,685
Organ Fund	31,648	110,252	0	141,900
	78,519	129,630	1,564	206,585
Endowment funds	10,000	167	167	10,000
Unrestricted funds	73,839	98,643	105,208	67,274
	162,358	228,440	106,940	283,859

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10 RELATED FUNDS

St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick Maintenance Trust Fund is a related fund.
Its Objects are: The maintenance of the fabric of the Parish Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick, Bath and the upkeep of the organ and furniture and fittings therein. If not required as above in any year, to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish.

11 RELATED PARTIES

No member of the PCC has been remunerated for services provided.

A donation of £375,000 was received from Laura and Rando Howard.
Rando Howard is the son of the churchwarden, Mrs Jan Howard.
The funds will used principaly to finance the restoration of the organ.

12 CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENT

The PCC has committed to a contract for £360,000 for the restoration of the organ, to be completed before Christmas 2023. A deposit of 5% has been paid.

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MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Aid to the church in need	40	
Goa Anglican Centre	38	
Mercy in Action	115	
Oxford Mission	70	
House of Hope	3,804	
Church Overseas - Missions		4,067
DEC India	265	
Sightsavers	49	
USPG	58	
Church Overseas - Aid		372
Bible Society	46	
Bibles for Children	75	
Church Army	53	
Mission to Seafarers	76	
Society of Martha and Mary	74	
Home missions and Church societies		324
Assistant clergy	300	
Additional Curates Society	80	
Bath Street Pastors	82	
Bath Welcomes Refugees	179	
Bathwick Women's Refuge	44	
Childrens Society	120	
Christian Aid	224	
Combat Stress	167	
DHI	81	
Dorothy House	154	
Feed the minds	57	
Genesis	185	
Julian House	295	
Macmillan Cancer Care	96	
Month in Bath	35	
Open Christmas	49	
SANDS Bath	57	
Soup Run	313	
St Francis	68	
St Lukes Health for the Clergy	37	
Other Charities		2,621
St. Mary's Bathwick School	1,030	
St. Mark's School	50	
Church Schools		1,080
		8,464

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

St Mary the Virgin Bathwick PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent 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. Details of the funds held are provided in Note 9.
Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes
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Income recognition

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when receivable.
Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure recognition

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

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets
In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis. Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over five years

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The PCC reported that the Unrestricted Funds surplus for the year was £9,739
and the value of the investments increased by £15,025
The Organ Fund benefitted from a donation of £375,000 from a parishioner family.

The trustees have undertaken a review of the income and expenditure for the next 12 months and are of the view that the PCC will continue to operate on a going concern basis for the next 12 months.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 22 to 29.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required or this year under s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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 s130 of the 2011Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Graham Barber
Chartered Accountant
Graham Barber Accountancy Ltd
4 Beaufort West
Bath
BA1 6QB

17 March 2022

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Mary's Church on Sunday 9th May 2021, during the 10:30 Eucharist, with Fr. Peter Edwards in the Chair

Fr. Peter welcomed people to the Annual Vestry Meeting and following Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which owing to the current restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic was being held during the Eucharist.
Those present: Churchwardens Nicola Parker and Janet Howard, plus 64 people on the parish electoral roll and 7 as observers not on the electoral roll. Also, Fr. Antony Claridge (Assistant Priest) as an observer.

Apologies for absence: Fr. Richard Hunt, Beryl Llewelyn, David Llewelyn, Judy Mason, Neville Mason and Marion Stoneham.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 11th October 2020. Copies were provided before the meeting rather than the normal practice of the minutes being read by the honorary secretary.
Roy Hatch proposed, and Helen Moss seconded that they be accepted; agreed unanimously.

Election of Churchwardens
Before proceeding to the election of churchwardens Fr. Peter told the meeting that he wanted to give a Big Thank You to the churchwardens, especially Nicky Parker, who had served in this capacity for 6 years. They had not only supported him personally, but also done much to support the church. He then presented them each with a gift as a token of his appreciation and thanks. Nicky, on behalf of the churchwardens, then thanked Fr. Peter for all that he had done during the past difficult months of the pandemic. She also thanked Clare, his wife, for all the support she had given to him over this difficult time. Finally, Nicola thanked the congregation for all the support they had given her during her time as churchwarden.
Fr. Peter reported that there were 2 nominations for the position of Churchwardens:
Janet Iris Howard: proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby and seconded by Nicola Jane Parker
Margret Clare Goodhart: proposed by Nicola Jane Parker and seconded by Marilyn Joan Kirby
There being no further nominations, the two people named above were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens in the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Bathwick for the ensuing year.

Deputy Churchwardens:
Fr. Peter then expressed his thanks for the work that Dawn Lennard and Keith Moss carry out behind the scenes as "Tuesday Bankers".
Fr. Peter proposed from the chair that Keith Moss and Dawn Lennard continue as Deputy Churchwardens with the role of "Tuesday Bankers", Julia Brownbridge seconded this motion, and these appointments were agreed unanimously by the meeting.
Any other business: None
There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Fr Peter Edwards, Rector of Bathwick

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 9th May 2021 (following Annual Vestry Meeting) Held during the 10:30 Eucharist due to Covid -19 pandemic restrictions

The list of Apologies and the Attendance is noted as being the same as for the Annual Vestry Meeting.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the 11th October 2020.
Carla Maddocks proposed, and John Porteous seconded that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes. None

3. To receive the New Electoral Roll. Andy Parker reported the total on the Electoral Roll remained at 139 (an increase of 5 from October 2020).
To receive the Annual Parish Reports. Copies of the report booklet were available before the meeting. In order to keep the meeting as brief as possible, rather than going through each report individually Fr. Peter thanked all those who had contributed to the running of St Mary's, before mentioning in particular the work done by Nick Lennard (Treasurer) and Marilyn Kirby (Secretary).

Fr. Peter then asked for a proposer and seconder for the reports as published in the booklet (filed with these minutes) Julia Brownbridge proposed, and Jean Alker seconded that the reports contained in the said booklet be accepted; agreed unanimously.

Election of members of the Parochial Church Council. Fr. Peter announced that there were 4 vacancies for three years and 1 vacancy for 2 years (due to Clare Goodhart being elected as a churchwarden and therefore an *ex-offico* member of PCC. Fr. Peter informed the meeting he had received the following three nominations prior to the meeting:

Nicola Elaine Mathiason: proposed by Janet Iris Howard and seconded by John Stuart Porteous
Andrew Geoffrey Parker: proposed by Carla Elisabeth Maddocks and seconded by Carole Harriett Skepper Stickney
Patricia Helen Moss: proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby and seconded by Janet Iris Howard

There were no further nominations.
Fr. Peter declared the above duly elected to serve for the normal 3 year term.
He then thanked them for offering to serve in this capacity.

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC. Nick Lennard proposed, and Helen Moss seconded that Graham Barber be appointed as Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC; agreed unanimously.

7. AOB:

a. Fr. Peter thanked the congregation for both supporting him personally and also for supporting one another during this difficult time. He added that it had been wonderful to see how people have supported each other and that this was a manifestation of living out Our Lord's call to "Love one another as I have loved you".

b. Fr. Peter then thanked Kerry Hughes (parish administrator) for all her hard work

c. Shelia Edwards then gave her personal thanks for all that Fr. Peter had done during the Covid 19 pandemic, especially in facilitating the streaming of services.

The meeting ended at 11:05 am

Fr. Peter Edwards, Rector of Bathwick

ST MARY'S, BATHWICK, ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL MEETINGS
ON SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2022 following the Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING,

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Sunday 9th May 2021
3. Matters arising
4. To elect two Churchwardens to serve for the ensuing year
5. To appoint deputy Churchwarden(s) for the ensuing year
6. Any other business

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, following the Vestry Meeting

1. To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of Sunday 9th May 2021
2. Matters arising
3. To receive the Electoral Roll
4. To receive the Parish Annual Reports (published in the booklet), secretary's, church-wardens' & treasurer's reports need to be formally received
5. To elect 4 members of the Parochial Church Council to serve for 3 years
6. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC
7. Matters arising there-from: "any person may ask questions about parochial matters, or bring about a discussion of such matters, by moving to give any recommendation to the PCC in relation to its duties" (Rules of Business for Annual Meetings)

AGENDA FOR THE PCC MEETING immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. To welcome newly elected members
3. To elect a Vice Chairperson
4. To effect co-options
5. To appoint an Honorary Treasurer
6. To appoint an Honorary Secretary
7. To appoint members to the Standing Committee
8. To appoint an Electoral Roll Officer
9. Dates of 2022 meetings
10. Any other business



Icon of the Virgin and Child
by
Silvia Dimitrova

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BA

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ANNUAL REPORTS 2021

to be presented at

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 9th May 2021 during
Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Mary's Church is situated in Bathwick, Bath. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England.
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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with Charity Commission. Reg Charity No 1137972
PCC members who have served from 11th October 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

	Name	***Post***
Incumbent	The Revd. Peter Edwards	Chairman
Readers	Marilyn Kirby	PCC Secretary, Standing Committee, Restoration Action Group
	Thomas Bunn	Reader Emeritus
	Stephen Howard	Deanery Synod, Finance Committee
	Marcus Wedge	Finance & Fabric Committees
Churchwardens	Nicola Parker	Standing Committee; Fabric, Finance, Safeguarding Officer Children's Church and Social Committees
	Jan Howard	Standing Committee; Fabric and Finance Committees, Mission Group
Diocesan Synod	John Porteous	Vice Chairman PCC, Standing Committee; Fabric, Finance, 2020 Group
Deanery Synod	Julia Brownbridge *	
	Stephen Howard	
	Nicola Parker	
Elected Members:	Ruth Beavin *	
	Julia Brown	Children's Church, Christian Outreach Group, Mission Group
	Julia Brownbridge	Social, 2020 Group
	Clare Goodhart*	
	Roy Hatch	Restoration Action Group
	Nick Lennard	Treasurer, Finance and Fabric Committees, Standing Committee
	Carla Maddocks	Resigned March 2020
	Nicola Mathiason	Mission Group
	Helen Moss	Social Committee, Christian Outreach Group, Mission Group
	Andrew Parker	Fabric Committee, Electoral Roll Officer
	Thelma Paterson-Fox ^	Walsingham Cell, Christian Outreach Group
	Carole Stickney	Social and Fabric Committees, 2020 Group
Co-opted Members:	None	

**since APCM 2020. ^ until APCM 2020*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.
All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.

The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition it also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and its associated property. The PCC sees the Church's mission as witnessing steadfastly to the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel through prayer and preaching and the celebration of the sacraments through service to the people of Bathwick and further afield and to those in need. The Church Hall provides a safe haven for young people in the local area.

MISSION STATEMENT

By God's grace and mindful of our heritage
we aim to extend the Community of Faith
where God is glorified
and the Good News of Jesus Christ
is proclaimed and lived

THE "WORSHIP" ETHOS

St Mary's has been "Anglo Catholic" since "Oxford Movement" times, when the Church of England was re-affirmed as Catholic, in worship and practice. That revered tradition, as demonstrated by the Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist, has been influenced by subsequent developments in Catholic teaching and practice of liturgy. Music, (generally traditional classical and Anglican), is valued, with statues, art, incense and vestments adding to the sense of the numinous. Celebration of the Sacraments with awe and wonder at the mystery of the love of God is a priority. Two key texts are 1 Cor. 14:40 and Hebrews 12:22-24.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters,

This is now my eighth year as parish priest of Bathwick, and as I have said in previous years, I continue to be so very grateful to all members of the St Mary's congregation for their warm support for me and my family – no more so than during this past year.

As we entered 2020 we expected that the year would be dominated by the celebration of the church's bicentenary – and our celebrations duly began last February with a week of celebrations covering the actual 200th anniversary itself on 4th February. We had drawn up plans to continue celebrating this milestone in the life of the church and parish including musical events, a flower festival, visiting preachers and other social activities.

Sadly, however, most of these plans for the bicentenary celebrations were, of course, unable to take place because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Little did any of us know at the start of 2020 that the virus that was first identified in China at the very end of the previous year would have such a devastating effect on us all. As reported six months ago in my report to last year's delayed APCM, all church activity stopped during the middle of March 2020, and the church remained closed until July, as well as for a further period later in the year during the second lockdown.

The pandemic has of course had an enormous impact on everyone, and we give thanks for all those who have courageously served the people of our own community as well as those across the nation and beyond during these past twelve months. We give thanks in particular for those working in our National Health Service – particularly those who have treated Covid patients in the RUH; for those who have researched the virus to create the vaccines that now give us so much hope, as well as those who have worked to manufacture and administer these; for our emergency services, teachers and supermarket workers, those involved in transport and distribution, our Council workers who have continued to perform their duties, and many other groups besides.

We give thanks for the sense of community that was generated during the first weeks and months of the first lockdown, as many of our neighbours and friends grew in their sense of community and loving service of the housebound, the sick and all those in need. I can vouch on a personal level for those who helped me and my household as we isolated with Covid at Christmas 2020 – thankfully, myself and my family only experienced mild symptoms.

As a result of the restrictions placed upon us, there were inevitably fewer activities taking place in the church than in previous years. However, we maintained our life of worship – with all of us learning how to engage with worship via the internet. For myself, I had to quickly learn how to "live stream" services onto Facebook, Zoom and YouTube; others had to learn how to access these various platforms to maintain the worshipping life of our parish. During the latest (third) lockdown imposed in early 2021, we have continued to keep the two churches of the Bathwick benefice open for public worship – in contrast with the other Church of England churches of the city and Deanery – many thanks to Churchwardens and all those others who have made this possible by ensuring that the necessary safeguards are in place to maintain Covid security.

The reduction in activity in the church and the hall over the past year has meant, however, that we have experienced a significant deficit in terms of our finances in 2020. Of course, this has been a common experience for the vast majority of churches and charities as well as many businesses both locally and nationally. Details of the 2020 accounts are of course to be found later in this report. Thanks to Nick Lennard and the Finance team for their continued careful stewardship of our financial resources.

As I write this report, we are looking forward to the full re-opening of all primary and secondary schools on 8 March 2021. But of course our own church primary school has been open throughout the past year – in person for the children of key workers and some vulnerable children; and online for its other pupils. Our school headteacher and staff have worked incredibly hard, displaying resolve and considerable versatility, to support all the children of our school. And thanks too to our co-Chairs of Governors, Lucy Spedo-Mirandola and Matt Cochrane, and to all our other Governors, for their work and commitment to enable this to take place.

Other thanks are due from me personally to our Churchwardens Nicky Parker and Jan Howard, to our PCC members, our assistant clergy and Readers, to our Parish Administrator Kerry Hughes, and to all those who have maintained the life of our church as well as supporting me personally over these past months.

As I end this short report, may I commend to your prayers all those from our congregation who died in 2020 or for whom funeral or memorial services took place in St Mary's church: Allen Gay, Roger Boothroyd, Stephen Cooke and Peter Lockyer. In early 2021 we also lost Doreen Winnicott who had been a member of St Mary's Church choir for many years. We continue to pray for those who mourn their passing. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May God continue to bless this place and all that we seek to do in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Revd Peter Edwards
Rector of Bathwick
March 2021

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT YEAR 2020-2021

The aim of the following report is to provide certain formal information as well as noting significant PCC decisions not otherwise covered in the separate Committee and other Church group reports. The Secretary apologies for any overlaps or omissions that may have occurred.
The Standing Committee comprises the Chairman, the two Church Wardens, Vice Chairman, the Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer.
There were 134 members on the Electoral Roll as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 11th October 2020. In addition, we have a number of regular attendees who are not on the Roll.
Due to restrictions during the Covid pandemic there was only one meeting of the PCC.
The PCC Meeting followed immediately the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 11th October 2020. Fr. Peter welcomed Ruth Beavin and Clare Goodhart as new members of the PCC and Nick Lennard and Carole Stickney as returning members (also Julia Brownbridge who returned as a Deanery Synod member)
The following Officers were elected; Hon. Treasurer Nick Lennard, Hon. Secretary Marilyn Kirby, Vice Chairman John Porteous, and Electoral Roll Officer Andy Parker. The Meeting then elected the Standing Committee: Fr. Peter Edwards, the Vice Chairman of the PCC (John Porteous), the Churchwardens (Nicola Parker and Jan Howard), the Secretary (Marilyn Kirby) and the Treasurer (Nick Lennard).
There were no co-options to the PCC. The Parish Return was submitted to the Diocese following this meeting.
At the time of writing this report the final meeting before the APCM was still to take place (13 April 2021) at this meeting the Accounts and Annual Reports will be presented for the Annual Meeting.

Marilyn Kirby
Hon PCC Secretary

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Since our last report for the APCM in October 2020 very little has happened in terms of work on the fabric of the building. Fortunately, we have kept up to date with the maintenance of the building and there have been no emergencies to deal with.

As part of our bicentenary celebrations the PCC had decided to commission an icon from local icon painter, Silvia Dimitrova, showing the Virgin Mary with the Child Jesus, holding the church, as He gives a blessing. At the end of 2020 we finally had permission from the DAC to go ahead with the commission and Silvia has been asked to start work on the piece. Hopefully this will be completed some time this year.

There have been no further additions to the inventory this year and the terrier remains unchanged

We would like, once again, to record thanks to Marcus Wedge for his enthusiasm and all that he does to maintain the fabric of the Church and the hall complex. Also, we are most grateful to Jenny Jones and Dawn Lennard for their hard work, maintaining the garden; to Molly Wedge, Sarah Davies and Helen Lees, the dedicated sacristy team, for their unsung work behind the scenes; to the ladies who have helped out with flower arrangements whilst we look for someone to take over the flower team; and to the Friday cleaning squad. All of these have had a particularly difficult year but have still managed to keep St. Mary's up and running in as normal a way as possible.

Nicola Parker & Jan Howard
Churchwardens

READERS

It's been as quiet a year for our Readers as for everyone else, at least in relation to our tasks carried out in our capacity "as Readers".
As many of you will know Thomas Bunn, who for a while has been more visible at St John's than at St Mary's, has stepped back from Reader office and now luxuriates in the venerable title of Reader Emeritus. Thank you so much to Thomas for all the sterling work he has done for many years both as Reader and in many other ways, notably as heating supremo at St John's, from which he has also retired. Thomas will naturally maintain his connections at St John's but we also hope to see more of him at St Marys' along with Deborah of course, provided the St Mary's Service does not interfere with the golf.
In the meantime Marilyn, Marcus and I remain "on call" as it were if there is anything we can do as Readers to assist members of the St Mary's family.

Stephen Howard

SERVERS

I have no doubt that the dedicated team of St Mary's servers feel the loss of the freedom to perform their liturgical tasks, as keenly as the congregation feel their absence. It seems unlikely that the form of our glorious Service will be restored in full as soon as we would like, but whenever the call comes the servers will answer it, or at least as many as are still available and can remember what to do!

Stephen Howard

SIDESPEOPLE

The list of sidesmen and women remains the same as last year apart from saying a huge thank you to Jean Tanser who has decided to stand down after many years of service and also goodbye and thank you to Christian Barrett (nee Whyte) who has moved back to Scotland with her family. Therefore there are now 23 sidesmen and women for 2021- 2022:

Mr. M. Allsop, Mrs. D. Allsop, Mrs J. Brownbridge, Mr. P. Chilvers,
Dr A. Crossland, Mrs. B. Crossland, Mr. R. Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs C. Goodhart,
Mr. R. Hatch, Mr. G. Jones, Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. J. Lees, Mrs. H. Lees, Mr. N. Lennard,
Mrs. D. Lennard, Mrs B. Llewellyn, Mrs. C. Maddocks, Mr R. Manaton, Mr. K. Moss,
Mrs. H. Moss, Mrs. T. Paterson-Fox, and Mrs. M. Stoneham.

This past year the role of our sidesmen and women has been crucial, not only in welcoming people to church but also in encouraging the use of hand sanitiser and other anti- Covid measures. It has also been a difficult year with people shielding and self isolating so I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for being flexible and being prepared to swap duties at a moment's notice.

If you would like to join the team, and you are on the Electoral Roll, then please talk to one of the church wardens. Thank you.

Nicola Parker

SACRISTY

Preparing for all our services this past year has had its challenges!!! But we have succeeded! Just long to be back at the High Altar!! Thank you to Helen and Sarah who have been thrown into the 'deep end' - You both have been amazing! Also, thank you to Neville and Judy for making sure all candles are refilled! To Sheila, Jan and new recruit Ruth for hoovering, dusting and most of all Brass cleaning - all this happens to make sure our church is looking its best for Sunday each week.
A special thank you to Marcus for help with 'heavy lifting' - closing and opening the reredos - banners away and brought out etc. and looking after our clock. All this would not happen without your support.

Molly Wedge

MUSIC

The past twelve month period has certainly been like no other that we have experienced and it is hard to believe that our weekly routine has been so drastically affected.

Needless to say, the toll on musical events has been heavy but I was able to give the advertised lunchtime recital on October 8th and it was good to see a pleasing number in the audience for that occasion. One of those attending was our Assistant Organist, Stephen Cooke, and it was late that same evening that I was stunned to receive the news that Stephen had died in a motorcycle accident on his way home from work. I think we have all been in a state of shock and disbelief ever since and still expect to see him walk in on a Sunday morning. Stephen was a quiet and most unassuming colleague and was a huge support to me, taking over the playing for the Sunday morning services in 2018 thus enabling me to fulfill my Abbey commitments and arrive at St Mary's in time to conduct the motet. Stephen was due to give the lunchtime recital on October 15th so I was privileged to play his programme that day, in the presence of family members, as a tribute. Thank you, Stephen, for all that you brought to St Mary's in the short time that you were with us. At some stage in the future it is hoped to hold a concert at St Mary's in memory of Stephen. Our only other event during the year was the Christmas Celebration service which took place in the evening of Sunday, 20th December. This replaced the usual service of Lessons and Carols as, sadly, congregational singing was still not permitted at this time. We all enjoyed preparing a slightly different programme for the occasion and it was good to be able make use of our excellent platform area at the front of the nave.

During the year we were extremely sad to lose two long-serving members of the choir – Roger Boothroyd in August and Peter Lockyer in November. We continue to miss them as they contributed greatly to all that we did and I would like to record my thanks to both of them for their loyal support of the music at St Mary's over many years. Happily, towards the end of 2020, we welcomed back two former members of the choir – Nicola Mathiason (alto) and Graeme Stacey (bass) – and, since October, we have been delighted to have our alto Choral Scholar Juliette Littlewood back with us after her year's work placement. We are also appreciating having Father Richard singing bass with us when he is not otherwise engaged in taking services. Numerically then, we remain at a healthy fifteen but there is always room for expansion! Do contact me if you are at all interested in joining us.

We have been unable to make very much progress on fundraising for the Organ Restoration project due to the many restrictions but, thanks to two generous anonymous donations, we are almost half-way towards our target and we shall resume our energies on this front as soon as we can. There is now a little more on the parish web site about the proposed restoration (with some more to be added in the near future) so please keep spreading the word!

I am sure that we all yearn for a return to something like normality and I look forward to meeting on a more regular basis with our wonderful choir – to whom, as always, I give my thanks for their support and friendship.

Gary Desmond

BELLRINGERS

Like many things we may once have taken for granted, ringing at St Mary's Bathwick has been limited over the past year for reasons we are all too familiar with. Ringing has been suspended completely during all three lockdowns, with limited ringing for Sunday services in between. When restrictions ease to a point where enough ringers are comfortable, we hope to ring for services once again, though we are all looking forward to whenever we can return to regular practices and quarter peal ringing!

This year we have taken delivery of the parts for a bell ringing simulator. Once we are able, we will be looking to get this installed, which will allow us to better analyse our ringing and help train up new learners with less disturbance for local residents.

As and when normality returns, if anyone reading this would like to see what we do, have a go, or (better still!) consider joining the band and learning to ring, they will be made most welcome. Just get in touch with our tower correspondent for details :-

Molly Waterson 07790-230767, molly_waterson@hotmail.com .

Matthew Skues

FLOWERS

It is now over a year since Carol retired and we still have that vacancy unfilled! Thank you to Marion and Felicity who have coped with silk flowers and at Christmas thank you to Jan, Judy and Marion who helped with fresh flowers at Christmas.
BUT help is desperately needed!!! Please think and pray if God is calling you to join our Friday morning band of helpers.

Molly Wedge

CHURCH GARDENS

As with so much during 2020, even the Church Garden took on a different aspect as, sadly, no one could use it. Ironically, the summer was one with perfect growing conditions and everything flowered in abundance. The only way these blooms could be shared and enjoyed was through photographs on the weekly sheet, together with many articles in Bathwick News.

Jenny and Dawn settled into their new 'lady gardener' roles, and with the help of grasscutter Stu, the garden has prospered and remains a peaceful oasis in the heart of Bathwick.

Jenny Jones and Dawn Lennard

CAR PARK

What a year!!!! The loss financially is enormous!! as well as loss of the out-reach of meeting visitors, shoppers and rugby fans etc.
As we look forward to an improved half year and new beginnings, I hope to recruit and train others to help.

Marcus Wedge

WALSINGHAM

Sadly, last July's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. However, we have made a booking for this year; Sunday 25th July to Thursday 29th July, half-board as usual. If all goes to plan, we will be sharing this year's pilgrimage with a group from St Luke's Swindon. They are also regular Walsingham Pilgrims and it seems an excellent idea to share the coach with them and hence reduce the final cost.
Normally we would have asked for deposits by this stage, but this seemed unwise under the present circumstances. Understandably so far only a few people have indicated their intention to come. Therefore, <u>if anyone is now in a position to consider making a reservation please talk to Helen Lees</u>. If you are one of those who have never been on a Walsingham Pilgrimage and would like to know more, then talk to Helen, who would be delighted to tell you more about this very special place.

Helen Lees

BATHWICK ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

How much can change in twelve months! Just over a year ago it was a pleasure to meet many of you at Education Sunday and to celebrate the bicentenary of St. Mary's Church. Just a few weeks later, all our lives changed in ways we could have barely imagined.

Whilst I am sure many of us long for a return to 'life before lockdown', there are positives on which we can draw both personally and from a school perspective. I last wrote in August 2020 and reflected on the first lockdown. Since then, our staff and children were delighted that September brought some sense of normality. Whilst we had to adapt many different school process and procedures to fit with the restrictions laid down by Public Health England and the Department for Education, the building was alive with learning and laughter.

Despite the wider national restrictions, Autumn Term was a super start to the academic year. Our children were a credit to themselves, their families and the school and approached their learning with great enthusiasm. We were certainly blessed with no Covid cases in either children or staff at school and as such we did not need to close any classes for the entire term. However, it was evident nationally cases were rising and as such the further lockdown was announced late on Monday 4th January this year. I have written before that we have an able and committed staff team who pull together through both good and more challenging times. Once again, our staff have gone above and beyond to support the smooth running of the school. Teaching Assistants and teachers found themselves at just a few hours notice completely adapting our approach to learning as we moved online for most children. The school building once again was open only to vulnerable children and those whose parent or parents were critical workers. Due to a change in Government guidance, we had significantly more children at school than during the first lockdown. Since then, teachers have worked hard to provide a full curriculum for children via online videos and teaching assistants have worked admirably supporting children in school. Our office, site and catering teams continued to adapt quickly and professionally to the many changes and demands placed on them. Thank you to all the staff and Governor teams who have worked tirelessly to support our school.

We know many children have found this latest, and hopefully last, lockdown a real challenge. The poor weather and lack of social contact has been significant for many children. Whilst school has provided regular sessions for all children to socialise with classmates online and opportunities for them to connect with school in person as part of their daily exercise, we know that we have important work to do once all children return on Monday 8th March to support them pastorally.

As headteacher, I would like to express my thanks for your prayers and support. In your prayers, please especially uphold the children of Bathwick School as they return to school next week. Covid has impacted them all in different ways **–** some quite considerably – and so knowing you are thinking of them will be a blessing to us all.

Kevin Purkiss, Headteacher

HALL AND CHURCH HIRE

Hall bookings for the first three months totalled £2,610 from U3A, Bath Camerata and Pilates, but there have been very few bookings during the lockdown.

Church bookings were made at the beginning of the year but it was necessary to make refunds for lockdown periods.

The total income from hall and church bookings was less than £6,000 . In the previous year it was over £20,000

Kerry Hughes

SOUP RUN

Sadly, we were not able to continue with the Soup Run this year.
Tony Coverdale donated our resources to the Genesis Gateway Centre, where they offer hope, support and a future to the homeless and vulnerable people in Bath.
Many thanks are due to both St Mary's and St John's who continue to provide, through their generous donations, a valuable support for this very worthwhile cause.
We wait, hopefully, for a time when we may be able to continue this action of Outreach from the Bathwick and Widcombe Churches.

Margaret Ledbury—Soup Run Coordinator

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

We welcome Julia Brownbridge who has joined your band of Deanery representatives in place of the late Peter Goodhart.
The rolling programme of Archdeacon's Inspections, administration of which was delegated to the Deanery and which was due to take place at St Mary's in May/June 2020, was in the event deferred, as were a number of other Deanery activities I imagine.
The popular Jeremy Key-Pugh, a Reader at Bath Abbey, stood down as Lay Dean to much acclaim, after many years of service in that role.
The (ordained) Area Dean for Bath is now the Revd Stephen Girling, and at the November Synod (by Zoom) we were invited to pray for him, for trust in Christ in these times, for God's vision for our city and deanery, for Bishop Peter's healing, and for Bishop Ruth for managing the diocese in his absence.
He was commissioned as Area Dean by the Archdeacon the Revd Adrian Youings for a term of six years unless earlier determined.
The Archdeacon then delivered a pep talk about deployment of resources, emphasising that all are involved in mission not just the ordained.
We live in difficult times financially. There is in place a Parish Share Relief Scheme. Application may be made to reduce payment of the Parish Share. This is funded out of Diocesan Board of Finance reserves. It is anticipated that there will be a deficit of £750,000 to £1m over the next four years and that savings will have to be found. A major structural review is being carried out.
The new Area Dean, Stephen Girling (from Bath Abbey) resolved to promote prayerfulness, hospitality and innovation, a disposition of risk taking, letting go of ego and seeing what is useful, releasing our grip on the reins and being willing to fail, but to learn thereby.
At the February 21 meeting, among those elected to the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group and known to us, were Dilwen Miller and Brenda Wall.
Three speakers then shared their personal missions with the wider church (us). The major themes were: that God wants to unite us as one, one spirit and one mind, although unity is not to be the same as uniformity. We were called upon to build friendships and to love dearly, the prize being one body. We were encouraged to be practical about these aspirations, for example by meeting neighbours, knocking on doors and being tangible in loving our neighbours. By being a practical friend: talking, phoning, shopping, visiting.
The Bath College chaplain, Eden Hunter (whom we have mentioned before) is a supporting face within the college and undertakes pastoral care by "getting involved" in the life of the college and of the students.

The absence of formal worship at Synod in a church setting, was missed. Your representatives hope that it will be possible to resume the regular pattern of Synod in the not too distant future.

Stephen Howard

GREEN REPORT

Energy Audit year	CO_2 Foot-print in tonnes	Gas in kWh's	Electricity in kWh's
2018/19	33.2	144,156	16,288
2019/20	33.2	151,117	12,754
2020/21	27.1	124.245	9.866

The figures for the last year show the effect of the pandemic reflected in the decrease in use of the church and church hall.
The percentage CO2 footprint in 2020/21 is 87.2% for Gas.

Keith Moss

ZAMBIA—ST JAMES BUCHI

St Mary's Link is with St James Buchi and Fr Alfred and Monica
As with most things 2020 was not a very productive year for the St Mary Buchi link. I have kept in fairly regular contact with Fr Alfred on WhatsApp throughout the pandemic and Richard and I pray daily for him and the church in Zambia. The pandemic affected Zambia and like us the shops and churches in Zambia were closed from 29 March 2020 until June. In Zambia people were encouraged to keep social distance, wear masks and wash their hands, so life there was much like life here except harder as many people do not have fridges and need to buy food daily. Also, health care is very minimal. Fr Alfred says, 'greetings and we are remembering you in our prayer'. Fr Alfred sent a short video and picture of his daughter Temwani, whom you may remember came with him to England. He always sends Christmas, and Easter greetings.

Jo Hunt

SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

The following activities were suspended during the period from the APCM on 11 October 2020 until the date of this meeting, due to the continuing government restrictions during Covid-19 pandemic.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
JUNIOR CHURCH
BATHWICK BENEFICE LUNCH CLUB
SOCIAL
MOTHERS UNION
RESTORATION APPEAL GROUP

SAFEGUARDING

It is a legal requirement, under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults), that the PCC should appoint a relevant person who has due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The PCC of St Mary's has complied with this by appointing me as the Safeguarding Officer.

It is now a requirement, rather than a recommendation, that all PCC members should complete Basic Safeguarding Awareness training. Due to the pandemic this has to be completed online at the moment and details can be found on the Bath and Wells Diocesan website or by going directly to

https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org

As Safeguarding Officer, I would like to remind you that our parish safeguarding policy is always available for you to read and if anyone ever has any concerns involving our young and/or vulnerable people please talk to me as soon as possible.

Nicola Parker

GENERAL DATA PRIVACY REGULATIONS MAY 2018

The PCC's General Privacy Notice and the Electoral Roll Privacy Notice are both published on the church's website and/or are available on request

Revd Peter Edwards

TREASURER'S REPORT

The finance committee met to receive reports on the financial situation of the church, to agree the following year's budget and to discuss and resolve any financial issues.

Overview

The financial results for the year have been impacted by the Covid-19 Virus pandemic. The church was closed for 19 weeks which reduced income, but expenditure was reduced only a little. The Unrestricted Funds Deficit for the year was £14,481. It was partially offset by £7,916 growth in our investments, and so the Net Expenditure was £6,565 and the Unrestricted Reserves are now £67,274.

A generous parishioner gave £106,250 (including Gift Aid tax) as a contribution to the Organ Restoration Fund. That fund now stands at £141,900 and will need to reach over £350,000 before restoration work can commence.

Unrestricted funds comprise the general operating expenses of the church and the other funds are for monies received and expended for certain specific purposes. In the summary accounts the Restricted Funds column contains five funds (Alms, Restoration, Emergency, Pastoral and Zambia),
The Organ Fund accumulates funds for its restoration, and the Music Endowment Fund contains money given specifically for music at the church.

Assets

The Total Net Assets as at 31 December 2020 were £283,859 (2019: £162,358).
Of these £67,274 (2019: £73,839) is for unrestricted use by the church for its general running costs) and the balance of £216,585 (2019: £88,519) is in restricted funds.

Unrestricted Funds

This fund records the income and expenditure of the church. The income from giving by the congregation (includes tax reclaimed Gift Aid) was £51,732 (2019: £51,645) which was an increase of £87 compared to the previous year.

Hall hire and Church hire reduced by £14,125
Income from the car park reduced by £10,309
Fees for weddings and funerals reduced by £1,731
We had a contribution of £2,000 towards joint expenses from our sister church St. John's.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trade - Income of £220 came from the sale of FairTrade products; costs were £425 making a deficit of £205. Note that we have stock of £110 so that is a potential write off if it cannot be sold.

Other Voluntary Income

The church maintenance trust, (which is a separate fund which does not appear in our accounts) gave us £11,189,

Interest received was allocated proportionately to the Funds, Unrestricted was £1,402 making a Total Unrestricted Income of £90,728 (2019: £109,836)

Expenditure was £103,781 (2019: £108,797) of which the largest components was our quota to the Diocese (which goes to meet the cost of the clergy) of £50,728 (2019: £49,959 and maintenance of the building of £13,661 (2019: £13,958. Of this:

masonry works, lead roofing and refurbishing the war memorials boards cost £5,575, repairs following the burglary cost £1,584. The balance comprised smaller items of general maintenance of the church, hall and garden and security.

A further £13,465 (2019 £15,532) went on heat and lighting, cleaning and insurance

The net result for the year was a deficit of £14,481 (2019: £478 surplus).

Investments are revalued each year, and this year showed a gain of £7,916

The Unrestricted Funds carried forward are £67,274 (2019: £73,839).

The Restricted Funds

These balances carried forward represent the money received for specific purposes and not yet spent.

Alms	**3,490**
Liturgical Display	**859**
Restoration Appeal	**56,259**
Emergency	**1,019**
Pastoral	**635**
Zambia	**2,423**
	64,685
Music Endowment	**10,000**
Organ Restoration	**141,900**

The Restricted Funds

Alms are collections received but not yet remitted.
Restoration Fund monies are the accumulation of fund-raising efforts less monies expended.
We recovered VAT of £5,708 relating to expenditure in the previous year.
Income totalled £13,939 which included £10,500 from the sale of the 1541 Coverdale bible.
The lockdown prevented us from benefitting from the fete and Marilyn's lectures.
Emergency Fund has collections which are accumulated and disbursed to specific appeals e.g. a natural disaster.
The Flower Fund donations of £40 just covered expenditure of £40 and so the Fund is exhausted.
The Pastoral Fund is at the disposal of the parish priest. There was a collection of £63 and £499 was used for some pastoral grants.
Zambia - £54 alms collected for our link parish and the seminary in Zambia.

Organ Restoration Fund has benefitted froma donation of £106,250 from a parishioner.

The Unrestricted Funds Budget for 2021
It is difficult to anticipate income and expenditure whilst the Covd-19 pandemic restricts church activities.

Income: We are budgeting for £107,000.
In 2020 Income totalled £90,728

Expenditure: We are budgeting for a total of £108,000 (2019: £105,209).
The main item (which is difficult to budget) is church maintenance. We have allocated a round sum of £15,000

We have agreed that it is prudent to maintain reserves of around 6 months of budgeted expenditure which amounts to around £54,000

The budgeted Deficit of £1,000 for 2021 will reduce the Unrestricted Reserves to £66,274

Nick Lennard
Treasurer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Year ended 31 December 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Voluntary Income							
Direct Giving	2(a)	55,675	18,711		109,357	183,743	69,836
Other	2(b)	11,189				11,189	39,949
Events & Activities Gross	2(c)	22,462	140		285	22,887	54,234
Other Ordinary Income	2(d)						
Income from Investment	2(e)	1,402	527	167	610	2,706	2,200
Total Income		90,728	19,378	167	110,252	220,525	166,217
Expenditure							
Grants	3(a)	200	5,997			6,197	9,664
Support Costs	3(b)	191				191	529
Directly relating to the Work of the Church	3(c)	93,326	(4,433)	167		89,060	173,039
Fundraising and Publicity	3(d)	147				147	2,497
Church Administration	3(e)	9,917				9,917	8,556
Total Expenditure		103,781	1,564	167		105,512	194,285
DEPRECIATION	4	(1,428)				(1,428)	(561)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(14,481)	17,814		110,252	113,585	(28,629)
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		7,916	-	-	-	7,916	9,101
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(6,565)	17,814		110,252	121,501	(19,528)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020		73,839	46,871	10,000	31,648	162,358	181,886
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2020		67,274	64,685	10,000	141,900	283,859	162,358

The Notes on Pages 22 to 28 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	4,728	5,444
Investments	5	175,669	57,754
		180,397	63,198
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	23,246	13,098
Cash at Bank and in hand		90,297	96,897
		113,543	109,995
LIABILITIES; Amounts falling due within one year	8	(10,081)	(10,834)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		103,462	99,161
NET ASSETS		283,859	162,358
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted		67,274	73,839
Restricted		64,685	46,871
Endowment		10,000	10,000
Organ Fund		141,900	31,648
		283,859	162,358

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13 April 2021
and signed on its behalf by:

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Fr. Peter Edwards Nicola Parker

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

See Appendix to Accounts

2 Income

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS	
						2,020	2019
2(a)		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
	Planned Giving:						
	Gift Aided Giving	39,376				39,376	37,808
	Income Tax recoverable	10,733	1,901		22,043	34,677	12,698
	Uncovenanted	1,623				1,623	3,598
	Collections		3,437			3,437	6,668
	Sundry Donations	3,943	13,373		87,314	104,630	9,063
		55,675	18,711		109,357	183,743	69,836
2(b)	**Other Voluntary Income**						
	Maintenance Trust	11,189				11,189	11,949
	Legacies						28,000
		11,189				11,189	39,949
2(c)	**Events & Activities Gross Income**						
	Fetes, FairTrade etc	220	140			360	5,745
	Magazines	457				457	965
	Hall Hire	3,179				3,179	7,252
	Church Use	2,789			285	3,074	13,126
	PCC Fees	1,447				1,447	3,178
	Car Park	11,627				11,627	21,936
	St John's Contribution	2,000				2,000	2,000
	Miscellaneous	743				743	32
		22,462	140		285	22,887	54,234
2(d)	**Other Ordinary Income**						
2(e)	**Income from Investment**						
	Interest (Gross)	1,402	527	167	610	2,706	2,200
		1,402	527	167	610	2,706	2,200
	Total Income	90,728	19,378	167	110,252	220,525	166,217

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Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants						
Missionary and Charitable Giving:						
Church Overseas - Missions	200	357			557	476
- Aid		68			68	365
Home missions and Church societies		223			223	572
Other Charities		4,157			4,157	7,057
Church Schools		1,192			1,192	1,194
	200	5,997			6,197	9,664
Support Costs						
Services						145
Publications	191				191	384
	191				191	529
Directly relating to the work of Church						
Ministry:						
Diocesan Common Fund	50,728				50,728	49,959
Clergy Expenses	1,963				1,963	3,611
Church Running Costs						
Heating and Lighting	3,763				3,763	4,387
Cleaning	3,529				3,529	4,642
Insurance:Buildings, Plate etc	3,665				3,665	3,573
Sacristy, Cassocks & Votive candles	837				837	842
Church Maintenance	13,661				13,661	86,454
VAT Refund on restoration last year		(5,708)			(5,708)	
Parish Magazine expenditure	75				75	87
Hall Running Costs:						
Heating and Lighting	2,508				2,508	2,925
Organ and Choir:						
Organist	5,215				5,215	7,105
Music and Choir	1,616	854	167		2,637	3,885
Organ/Piano Maintenance	1,874				1,874	2,607
Miscellaneous	3,252				3,252	2,481
Icon		382			382	
200th Anniversary 2020	639				639	
Flowers		40			40	481
	93,326	(4,433)	167		89,060	173,039
Fundraising and Publicity						
Costs of Events etc	147				147	2,497
	147				147	2,497
Church Administration						
Independent Examiners Fees	660				660	600
Printing and Copying	1,084				1,084	1,718
Stationery	953				953	606
Staff Costs	6,755				6,755	5,153
Office Telephone	465				465	478
	9,917				9,917	8,556
Total Expenditure	103,781	1,564	167		105,512	194,285

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Gross Book Value	At Cost 1 January 2020	69,094	9,532	83,546
	Additions		713	713
	At 31 December 2020	69,094	10,245	84,259
Depreciation	At 1 January 2020	69,094	4,089	80,734
	Charge for year	0	1,428	1,428
	At 31 December 2020	69,094	5,517	82,162
Net Book Value	At 31 December 2020	0	4,728	4,728
	At 31 December 2019	0	5,444	1,673

The church rooms are an integral part of the Church site. The equipment comprises copy printer, a computer, a CD player, and a dishwasher.

5 INVESTMENTS

Investments at 1 January 2020	57,754
Investments in the year	110,000
Net surplus on revaluation at 31 December 2020	7,915
At 31 December 2020	175,669
At 31 December 2019	57,754

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Organ Fund	Total
	£	£	£		£
Fixed Assets	4,728				4,728
Investments	55,669		10,000	110,000	175,669
Current Assets	16,958	64,685		31,900	113,543
Current Liabilities	(10,081)				(10,081)
Fund Balance	67,274	64,685	10,000	141,900	283,859

7 DEBTORS

	2,020	2019
	£	£
Income Tax Recoverable	9,006	7,785
Prepayments	5,625	4,819
Floats	140	140
Stock	110	265
St John's Bathwick	8,365	89
	23,246	13,098

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8 LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,662	2,603
Creditors for goods and services	7,419	8,231
	10,081	10,834

9 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 01-01-20	Received	Paid	Balance at 31-12-20
Alms	5,165	4,204	5,879	3,490
Pastoral	1,071	63	499	635
Emergency Fund	796	224	0	1,019
Zambia	2,369	54	0	2,423
Liturgical Display	859			859
Restoration Fund	36,611	13,939	(5,708)	56,259
Flowers	0	40	40	0
Choir Fund		854	854	0
Restricted Funds	46,871	19,378	1,564	64,685
Organ Fund	31,648	110,252	0	141,900
	78,519	129,630	1,564	206,585
Endowment funds	10,000	167	167	10,000
Unrestricted funds	73,839	98,643	105,208	67,274
	162,358	228,440	106,940	283,859

The restricted fund comprises the Church Restoration Fund (£56,259)
and the alms collected for church and other charities at home and abroad (£7,567
The Organ Fund is used to repair and restore the organ.
The Endowment Fund comprises a single permanent endowment which allows income arising to be spent primarily for the encouragement of the choir particularly on the needs of youngsters and encouraging the study of music.

Analysis of Charitable Funds In the previous year

	Balance at 01-01-19	Received	Paid	Balance at 31-12-19
Alms	6,401	7,274	8,510	5,165
Pastoral	1,606	122	657	1,071
Emergency Fund	976	320	500	796
Zambia	1,731	638		2,369
Liturgical Display	859			859
Restoration Fund	68,048	41,415	72,852	36,611
Flowers	0	195	195	0
Restricted Funds	79,621	49,964	82,714	46,871
Organ Fund	25,761	6,269	382	31,648
	105,382	56,233	83,097	78,519
Endowment funds	12,243	148	2,391	10,000
Unrestricted funds	64,261	118,937	109,358	73,839
	181,886	175,318	194,846	162,358

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9 RELATED FUNDS

St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick Maintenance Trust Fund is a related fund.

Its Objects are: The maintenance of the fabric of the Parish Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick, Bath and the upkeep of the organ and furniture and fittings therein. If not required as above in any year, to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish.

10 RELATED PARTIES

No member of the PCC has been remunerated for services provided.

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MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Aid to the church in need	68	
Goa Anglican Centre	77	
Mercy in Action	137	
Oxford Mission	75	
Church Overseas - Missions		357
USPG	51	
Barnabas Fund	17	
Church Overseas - Aid		68
Additional Curates Society	90	
Bibles for Children	61	
Mission to Seafarers	72	
Walsingham	200	
Home missions and Church societies		423
Bath Sands	49	
Bath Street Pastors	64	
Bath Welcomes Refugees	77	
Bathwick Women's Refuge	117	
Children's Society	1,000	
Children's Society	27	
Christian Aid	106	
DHI	80	
Dorothy House	167	
Dorothy House	79	
Feed the Minds	58	
Genesis	144	
Food Bank	200	
Honorary Assistant Priests	300	
Julian House	175	
Month in Bath	76	
Open Christmas	64	
Pastoral Grants	499	
Soup Run	400	
Soup Run	200	
St Francis	66	
St Lukes	99	
St Lukes	10	
Woodland Trust	101	
Other Charities		4,157
St. Mary's Bathwick School	1,193	
Church Schools		1,193
		6,197

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

St Mary the Virgin Bathwick PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Funds

Restricted funds represent 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. Details of the funds held are provided in Note 9.
Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes
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Income recognition

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when receivable.
Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure recognition

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

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets
In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.
Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over five years

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The PCC reported that the Unrestricted Funds deficit for the year of £6,565 caused by the pandemic was ameliorated by the increase in value of investments amounting to £7,916
The Restricted Funds benefited from the sale of the Coverdale Bible of £10,500
The Organ Fund benefitted from a donation of £106,250 from a parishioner.

The trustees have undertaken a review of the income and expenditure for the next 12 months and are of the view that the PCC will continue to operate on a going concern basis for the next 12 months.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 20 to 28.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required or this year under s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

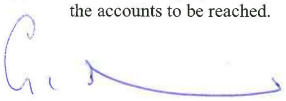
Independent examiner's statement

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 s130 of the 2011Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act 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.



Graham Barber
Chartered Accountant
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24 April 2021

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th October 2020, during the 10:30 Eucharist, with Fr. Peter Edwards in the Chair

Fr. Peter welcomed people to the postponed Annual Vestry Meeting and following Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which owing to the current restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic was being held during the Eucharist (taking the place of the sermon).
Fr. Peter then opened the meeting with prayer.
Those present: Churchwardens Nicola Parker and Janet Howard, plus 60 people on the parish electoral roll and 16 as observers not on the electoral roll. Also, Fr. Antony Claridge (Assistant Priest) as an observer.

Apologies for absence: Shelia Edwards, Judy Mason and Neville Mason.

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 7th April 2019. Copies were provided before the meeting rather than the normal practice of the minutes being read by the honorary secretary.
Nicholas Lennard proposed and Molly Wedge seconded that they be accepted; agreed unanimously.

Election of Churchwardens
Before proceeding to the election of churchwardens Fr. Peter expressed his heartfelt thanks for all Nicky Parker and Jan Howard had done during the Covid-19 pandemic, in both supporting him personally and within the life of the church, in particular for the pastoral support they had provided to many of the congregation through regular phone calls during lock-down. He then presented them each with a gift as a token of his appreciation and thanks. Nicky, on behalf of the churchwardens, then thanked Fr. Peter for all that he had done during the past difficult months of the pandemic. She also thanked Clare, his wife, for all the support she had given to him over this difficult time.
Fr. Peter reported that there were 2 nominations for the position of Churchwardens:
Nicola Jane Parker; proposed by Thelma Ann Paterson-Fox and seconded by Marilyn Joan Kirby
Janet Iris Howard; proposed by Marilyn Joan Kirby and seconded by Patricia Helen Moss
There being no further nominations, the two people named above were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens in the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Bathwick for the ensuing year.

Deputy Churchwardens:
Fr. Peter then expressed his thanks for the work that Peter Lockyer, Keith Moss and Dawn Lennard carry out behind the scenes as "Tuesday Bankers".
Fr. Peter proposed from the chair that Peter Lockyer, Keith Moss and Dawn Lennard continue as Deputy Churchwardens with the role of "Tuesday Bankers", Julia Brownbridge seconded this motion and these three appointments were agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Any other business: None
There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Fr Peter Edwards, Rector of Bathwick

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 11th October 2020 (following Annual Vestry Meeting)
Held during the 10:30 Eucharist due to Covid -19 pandemic restrictions

The list of Apologies and the Attendance is noted as being the same as for the Annual Vestry Meeting.
To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the 7th April 2019. Julie Brown proposed, and Jenny Jones seconded that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.
Matters arising from the Minutes. None

To receive the New Electoral Roll. Andy Parker reported the total on the Electoral Roll remained at 134 as two members had died, and two new members had been added.

To receive the Annual Parish Reports. Copies of the report booklet were available for 4 weeks before the meeting. In order to keep the meeting as brief as possible, rather than going through each report individually Fr. Peter thanked all those who had contributed in so many different ways to the running of St Mary's, before mentioning in particular Carole Stickney who was stepping down from organising the flower arranging team, a role she had carried out faithfully for a number of years. He then appealed for new people, either individually or as a team to offer to take on this important role. Fr. Peter added that reading through the reports it was clear that there are a number of other areas which would welcome support, of if anyone was interested "consider yourself invited"!
Fr. Peter then asked for a proposer and seconder for the reports as published in the booklet (filed with these minutes). Marcus Wedge proposed, and Ross Manaton seconded that the reports contained in the said booklet be accepted; agreed unanimously.

To elect 3 members of Deanery Synod to service for 3 years. Fr. Peter announced that he had received the following 3 nominations:
Stephen William Charles Howard: proposer Nicola Jane Parker; seconder Janet Iris Howard
Nicola Jane Parker: proposer Janet Iris Howard; seconder Helen Walker Lees
Julia Rosemary Brownbridge: proposer Marilyn Joan Kirby; seconder Janet Iris Howard
There being no further nominations these three were duly elected to serve on Deanery Synod. Fr. Peter thanks them for offering to serve in this capacity.

Election of members of the Parochial Church Council. Fr. Peter announced that there were 4 vacancies for three years, 2 vacancies for 2 years and one vacancy for one year and that he had received 4 nominations as detailed below:
Ruth Rosemary Beavin: proposer Nicola Jane Parker; seconder Janet Iris Howard
Margret Clare Goodhart: proposer Nicola Jane Parker; seconder Janet Iris Howard
Nicholas Peter Lennard: proposer Marilyn Joan Kirby; seconder Janet Iris Howard
Carole Harriett Skepper Stickney: proposer Marilyn Joan Kirby; seconder Nicola Jane Parker
There were no further nominations.
Fr. Peter declared the above duly elected to serve for the normal 3 year term.
He then thanked them for offering to serve in this capacity.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC.
Nick Lennard proposed, and Nicky Parker seconded that Graham Barber be appointed as Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC; agreed unanimously.

AOB: None.

The meeting ended at 11:05 am

Fr. Peter Edwards, Rector of Bathwick

ST MARY'S, BATHWICK, ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL MEETINGS
ON SUNDAY 9th MAY 2021 during the Parish Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING,

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Sunday 11th October 2020
3. Matters arising
4. To elect two Churchwardens to serve for the ensuing year
5. To appoint deputy Churchwarden(s) for the ensuing year
6. Any other business

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, following the Vestry Meeting

1. To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of Sunday 11th October 2020
2. Matters arising
3. To receive the Electoral Roll
4. To receive the Parish Annual Reports (published in the booklet), secretary's, church-wardens' & treasurer's reports need to be formally received
5. To elect 4 members of the Parochial Church Council to serve for 3 years
6. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Finances of the PCC
7. Matters arising there-from: "any person may ask questions about parochial matters, or bring about a discussion of such matters, by moving to give any recommendation to the PCC in relation to its duties" (Rules of Business for Annual Meetings)

AGENDA FOR THE PCC MEETING immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. To welcome newly elected members
3. To elect a Vice Chairperson
4. To effect co-options
5. To appoint an Honorary Treasurer
6. To appoint an Honorary Secretary
7. To appoint members to the Standing Committee
8. To appoint an Electoral Roll Officer
9. Dates of 2021 meetings
10. Any other business