



**The Parochial Church Council of**  
*St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick*

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**Diocese of Bath & Wells**

*Changing Lives, Changing Churches for Changing Communities*

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**2022**

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**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Post</i></b>
<i>Incumbent</i>	Revd. Peter Edwards	Chairman
<i>Readers</i>	Marilyn Kirby Thomas Bunn Stephen Howard Marcus Wedge	PCC Secretary: Standing Committee, Restoration Action Group Emeritus Deanery Synod, Finance Committee Finance & Fabric Committees
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Nicola Parker # Jan Howard Clare Goodhart	Standing, Fabric, Finance, Children's Church, RAG & Social Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees Standing Committee, Fabric and Finance Committees, Children's Church, Organ Restoration Working Group, Evangelism & Mission Group
<i>Diocesan Synod</i>	John Porteous	Vice Chairman PCC, Standing Committee; Fabric and Finance
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Julia Brownbridge * Stephen Howard Nicola Parker #	Restoration Action Group Finance Committee See under churchwarden entry
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Ruth Beavin * Julie Brown Julia Brownbridge Clare Goodhart ~ Roy Hatch Nick Lennard Nicola Mathiason Helen Moss Andrew Parker Carole Stickney	Social, Evangelism and Mission Benefice Group Children's Church and Mission Group RAG See under churchwarden entry Restoration Action Group Treasurer: Standing Committee, Finance and Fabric Committees Mission Group Mission Group Electoral Roll Officer, Fabric Committee, Restoration Action Group Organ Restoration Working Group Social and Fabric Committees

*Co-opted Members:* None

# Churchwarden until APCM 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Deanery Synod from APCM 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

~ Elected member from APCM 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, Churchwarden from APCM 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

\* Since APCM 11<sup>th</sup> 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 apologises 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 being to discuss general business and the second on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at which the Accounts and Annual Reports will be presented prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The First PCC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> September and been very well received. The Fifth Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

On 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Baptistry- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022! A musical highlight was definitely the wonderful Gala Concert by Dr Peter King on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 September 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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: £50,728 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.

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

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**

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Year ended 31 December 2021  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Organ Fund	TOTAL FUNDS	
		£	£	£	£	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>							
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
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>111,522</b>	<b>17,261</b>		<b>382,150.32</b>	<b>510,933</b>	<b>220,525</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>100,272</b>	<b>14,431</b>		<b>18,176</b>	<b>132,879</b>	<b>105,512</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	4	(1,511)				(1,511)	(1,428)
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>9,739</b>	<b>2,830</b>		<b>363,974</b>	<b>376,544</b>	<b>113,585</b>
<b>GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>11,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,244</b>	<b>31,922</b>	<b>7,916</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>21,417</b>	<b>2,830</b>		<b>384,218</b>	<b>408,466</b>	<b>121,501</b>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021		67,274	64,685	10,000	141,900	283,859	162,358
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2021</b>		<b>88,691</b>	<b>67,515</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>526,118</b>	<b>692,325</b>	<b>283,859</b>
The Notes on Pages 24 to 30 form part of these accounts							

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BALANCE SHEET  
at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	3,926	4,728
Investments	5	<u>257,591</u>	<u>175,669</u>
		261,517	180,397
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	25,086	23,246
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>411,667</u>	<u>90,297</u>
		<u>436,753</u>	<u>113,543</u>
<b>LIABILITIES; Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
	8	(5,946)	(10,081)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>430,807</u>	<u>103,462</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>692,324</u></u>	<u><u>283,859</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
	9		
Unrestricted		88,691	67,274
Restricted		67,515	64,685
Endowment		10,000	10,000
Organ Fund		526,118	141,900
		<u><u>692,325</u></u>	<u><u>283,859</u></u>
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:			
..... Fr. Peter Edwards	..... Jan Howard		
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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 £	2020 £
<b>2(a) Voluntary Income (direct giving)</b>						
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
<b>2(b) Other Voluntary Income</b>						
Maintenance Trust	11,777				11,777	11,189
Legacies	100	2,000			2,100	
	11,877	2,000			13,877	11,189
<b>2(c) Events &amp; Activities Gross Income</b>						
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
<b>2(d) Other Ordinary Income</b>						
<b>2(e) Income from Investment</b>						
Interest (Gross)	2,560	355		3,305	6,220	2,706
	2,560	355		3,305	6,220	2,706
<b>Total Income</b>	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 £	2020 £
<b>3(a) Grants</b>						
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
<b>3(b) Support Costs</b>						
Services						
Publications	341				341	191
	341				341	191
<b>3(c) Directly relating to the work of Church</b>						
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
<b>3(d) Fundraising and Publicity</b>						
Costs of Events etc	121				121	147
	121				121	147
<b>3(e) Church Administration</b>						
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	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
		£	£	£
<b>Gross Book Value</b>	At Cost 1 January 2021	69,094	10,245	79,339
	Additions		709	709
	At 31 December 2021	69,094	10,954	80,048
<b>Depreciation</b>	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
<b>Net Book Value</b>	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)
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>88,691</b>	<b>67,515</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>526,118</b>	<b>692,324</b>

**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
	<b>25,086</b>	<b>23,246</b>

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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
	<u>5,946</u>	<u>10,081</u>

**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
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<u>64,685</u>	<u>17,261</u>	<u>14,431</u>	<u>67,515</u>
<b>Organ Fund</b>	<u>141,900</u>	<u>402,394</u>	<u>18,176</u>	<u>526,118</u>
	206,585	419,655	32,607	593,633
<b>Endowment fund</b>	10,000			10,000
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>67,274</u>	<u>123,200</u>	<u>101,783</u>	<u>88,691</u>
	<u>283,859</u>	<u>542,855</u>	<u>134,390</u>	<u>692,324</u>

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
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<u>46,871</u>	<u>19,378</u>	<u>1,564</u>	<u>64,685</u>
<b>Organ Fund</b>	<u>31,648</u>	<u>110,252</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>141,900</u>
	78,519	129,630	1,564	206,585
<b>Endowment funds</b>	10,000	167	167	10,000
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>73,839</u>	<u>98,643</u>	<u>105,208</u>	<u>67,274</u>
	<u>162,358</u>	<u>228,440</u>	<u>106,940</u>	<u>283,859</u>

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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 principally 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.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN BATHWICK  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2021

**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
		<u>8,464</u>

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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.

#### 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 2011 Act; 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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17 March 2022

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in St Mary's Church on  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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-officio* 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021
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
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





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by  
Silvia Dimitrova