

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, NEWICK

England & Wales · Charity number 1138070

Details

Other names	NEWICK PCC, St Mary's Newick's Church
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-09-16
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: Promotion of whole mission of the Church of England in the Benefice of Newick.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£212,409	£208,404	-	-
2024-12-31	£208,976	£201,689	-	-
2023-12-31	£191,213	£196,223	-	-
2022-12-31	£141,368	£154,089	-	-
2021-12-31	£179,603	£133,614	-	-
2020-12-31	£142,566	£131,978	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Paul K Mundy	Chair	2026-05-03
ANTHONY JAMES MALLINSON		
Anthony Bailey		2020-10-11
Audrey Ford		2020-10-11
CATHERINE LEILA FRANCIS		
Caroline Smith		2018-08-15
Christopher Hume		2017-11-06
Dan Cowley		2022-05-22
JEREMY BURDETT		
Jonathan David Campbell		2026-05-03
Jonathan Fenton-Vince		2022-05-22
Mandy Stockwell		2022-05-22
PATRICIA LOUISE BAILEY		
Pamela Mundy		2024-04-21
Sara-Jane Fuller		2019-04-28

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1138070

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ORGANISATION

Council Members

Mr J Fenton-Vince	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mr I Reekie	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mrs M Stockwell	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mr D Cowley	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mr A Bailey	
Mrs A Ford	
Mrs L Farmer	
Mrs S Fuller	
Mrs C Smith	
Mr C Hume	
Mr G Clinton	(Resigned 22 September 2025)
Mr A Mallinson	
Mr J Burdett	
Mrs C Francis	
Mrs P Bailey	
Mrs P Mundy	
Mr R Bellis	

Charity number 1138070

Independent examiner Independent Examiners Limited

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

St Mary's Parochial Church Council presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Financial Statements and comply with the charity's Governing Document, that being the Church Representation Rules, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019).

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent Rector, the Reverend Paul Mundy, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church of St Mary's and Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick.

Objectives and activities

The Primary objective of St Mary's Newick's Church PCC is to live out and declare the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to manifest the love of God in the world, according to the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion and the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, following the five marks of mission:

Tell – Teach – Tend – Transform - Treasure

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need in loving service and by serving the common good.
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation and Sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Public benefit

The Council Members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake and with regard public benefit.

Activities

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (No 1138070) under the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Membership is determined under the new Church Representation Rules 2020. Membership consists of the Rector, ex-officio members, Churchwardens, Lay Readers, Members of Deanery Synod and up to twelve members of the Church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) or later co-opted during the year.

St Mary's is the only church in Newick. We seek to serve villagers of all faiths and none. Our heavily used Barn Centre hosts a wide range of village activities. Most members of our fast-growing Newick Youth Club have no formal church connection. Our substantial pastoral care provision aims to serve all members of our Newick community.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

St Mary's offers a range of weekly, monthly, and special services designed to be spiritually fulfilling and beneficial for our community. Regular services took place at St Mary's for BCP Holy Communion, Evensong, and weekly 10am Services, together with Healing and Memorial services, School services in Church and Fresh Expressions of worship in our monthly Worship 2. Our special services included memorial, healing and thanksgiving services which are well supported. St Mary's plays a central role in our community life. Our Church attendance was well maintained in 2025.

The usual attendance at services on a normal Sunday at St Mary's averaged 16 at the 8am and 127 adults and 10 young people at the 10 am Service.

Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday are important Newick events which are led by our Church in cooperation with other Newick bodies including the highly active Newick Bonfire Society.

During the year in the parish there were 4 Baptisms, 3 Weddings, 1 Blessing and 23 Funerals.

St Mary's is a beautiful Grade II listed building set in an impressive churchyard.

A well-used public footpath runs through our Churchyard. We work hard to keep our Churchyard attractive and well maintained with good bench provision for visitors. Many Newick residents use it regularly, particularly in the summer months.

We held two gardening days in 2025 which prepared our Church and Churchyard for looking their best throughout the seasons. We have one First World War memorial in our churchyard.

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival took place in December, which brought members of our congregation and our parish together. The day was full of festive spirit and raised significant funds for both our Church and our local Hospice.

Our Parish Magazine is distributed free each month to every household within the Parish and is also available in the Church and online via our website. This keeps all our parishioners informed of the important matters and activities within our church. It also details activities taking place within the community - keeping everyone in touch with both church and community life. The Magazine provides a valuable opportunity for small businesses in Newick to advertise. Many of these businesses generate a substantial proportion of their turnover through our magazine, which provides significant benefit to both businesses and local customers.

We also provide a weekly e-newsletter. This newsletter, with a circulation of 193, complements the magazine. It provides scope for a much wider advertising of community events, up-to-date parish and community news and an influential weekly reflection from Rector Rev Paul Mundy.

The Church and the Barn Centre

Our church building is in good order. Roofs, gutters, and downpipes are cleared regularly. Our Sexton keeps Church maintenance up to date. We received a favourable rating in our 2023 Quinquennial inspection, and all matters raised are either in hand or scheduled.

Regular maintenance tasks such as fire extinguisher servicing, piano tuning, organ tuning, and blower servicing are carried out under the direction and supervision of our Sexton who keeps our PCC fully informed.

Our website provides access to PCC and other committee minutes, together with timetable information and full details of parish events.

Our Barn Centre is essential to our church activities and serves a wide variety of other village activities. It is used extensively. We are in the process of investigating a renovation project to improve the facilities.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Barn Centre and Path Project

The investigation stages of our project to renew and extend our Barn Centre and replace our main church paths continued in 2025. Our paths are old brick laid paths which are uneven, slippery when wet and difficult for wheelchair and other disabled access. Our Barn Centre requires substantial work to address maintenance issues and to modernize our toilet facilities. We also need to extend and modernize our catering facilities. These demands to expand and improve our facilities are in a response to the increasing community demands. This is a major project which will require substantial fund-raising activity.

Pastoral Care

With some members of our parish unable to attend church due to age, infirmity or sickness, our Incumbent, together with Mrs Patsy Bailey, our Authorised Lay Minister (ALM), visit our parishioners to celebrate communion with them either at their home, in hospital or in a residential home.

Our ALM also looks after our Pastoral Care Team who are on hand to visit those who are sick or unable to get out, to help with essential journeys and keep them in touch with St Mary's.

She maintains as many connections as possible within the community and often with other churches. Her role varies from helping individuals to access an assessment re mobility to helping with a grant application to enable our local Chatterbox Room to extend their activities.

Supporting the bereaved and those approaching the end of their lives plays a vital role alongside provision of food to families or older folk, organising monthly visits for hymns and prayers at a local residential home and running our Community Hub which is a welcoming warm space for members of the community. This has proved hugely successful. Our "Tea at Three" and our Lunch Club continue to thrive, providing a warm welcome, good food and company.

The Pastoral Care Team is up to date with first aid training, food preparation, and how to recognize signs of abuse with basic safeguarding responsibilities.

Where possible older people are encouraged to attend our communal outreach activities instead of home visits, as there are significant wellbeing advantages to socializing outside the four familiar walls of the home.

All activities illustrate that St Mary's cares for the wider community and these volunteers represent our church and the essence of our faith.

Access, inclusion, and reordering

We continue to recognise a need to provide better access to disabled people, particularly those in wheelchairs. We also want to make all comers feel included - it is clear that inclusiveness is as important as access to disabled visitors. We appreciate the need to provide more comfortable seating for older members. We also need space to enable our important pre and post service hospitality provision to flourish and to enable better hospitality provision at the increasing number of events we are holding in St Mary's. Accordingly, in 2024 we applied to our Diocese for a Temporary Removal Order (TRO) for several pews. This was agreed by the Diocese and the work was done. It has been an unqualified success and a most important step forward for St Mary's and our congregation. We have applied for a Faculty to make this work permanent.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Youth Work

Our Youth Work continued to grow strongly in 2025. This is a major area of our outreach to children and young families.

Our Owls Club serves children of primary school age. They meet on the third Sunday of the month with their families attending services and in the other weeks, they participate in other activities including our Newick Youth Choir. We have a team of four DBS helpers most months, enabling splitting into two groups when numbers increase.

For Lent a Church of England 'Hope' Leaflet, along with a flowerpot and sunflower seeds were delivered to the families. Then at Easter, Owls leaders again organised an Easter trail outside the Church, which ran on Easter Sunday and was attended by over 90 children with their families. In the October half term, a Craft and Lego morning was held for Owl and Owlet families.

In August, when the Owls Club and Owlets do not meet, several children and their families joined together, twice, to enjoy picnics on the village King George Recreation Ground. They also had an invitation to join the Churchyard Gardening Days, Harvest Lunch, the Christmas Eve Nativity Service and the Remembrance Sunday Service. An Advent calendar (including a Christmas Story booklet with puzzles) was delivered to each child at the end of November.

The Owlets Club that was started in October 2024 has continued to flourish. This is a parent and babies/tots' group which runs every Monday during term time.

In Newick Primary School, assemblies continued as a routine on Wednesday mornings, with a style of assembly to mimic a Church service and teach the children the Lord's Prayer. The assembly routinely has a covered table set up with a cross / Holy Trinity candle / Bible to remind the children of the symbolism of the Christian faith. The Primary School has regular termly services in the church with over 250 children attending together with over one hundred teachers and parents. The atmosphere is wonderful. The Leavers' Service at the end of the school year when the Year 6 class was presented with bibles and farewelled was particularly noteworthy.

We run two clubs for secondary school children on Wednesday evening during term time. NYC (Newick Youth Club) serves Year 7 and 8 young people with a regular attendance of 25. Our Youth work is part of our outreach and service to the community. We have several young leaders who help, some of whom are doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award and using this work as their volunteering. This has helped us shape future leaders.

NCT (Newick & Chailey Together) - is our Year 8+ youth group with over 30 young people attending each week during term time. The Group enjoys a wide range of activities. Our summer programme, "Get Hyped", of outdoor activities on the village Recreation Ground is a popular highlight which concluded with an end of term barbecue attended by 120; members and their families.

In 2025, our Youth Worker Lee continued with the successfully organised Lunchtime Club at our local Chailey Secondary School. We again welcomed Chailey School to an evening Christmas service of lessons and carols in December. The School Orchestra played beautifully, the evening was a resounding success.

The highlight of our youth work year is May Camp. 38 of our young people attended in 2025. The camp is a Diocesan organized three-day event under canvas in May each year at Plumpton Racecourse for several hundred young people from the Diocese. There is a wide range of leisure and sporting activities. Evening worship and social activities provide opportunity to encounter God through worship, talks and prayer. Everyone joins in and the atmosphere is wonderful. God in action. It is notable and rather wonderful that this seems to apply to all our young people who attend, although many of them have no formal Church connection.

The progress of our youth work continues to be both a joy and a blessing and bodes well for the future. Our Rector Paul, Youth Worker Lee and their enthusiastic team of wonderful young assistants do a truly marvellous job, as have our dedicated team who lead our Owls Group and Youth Choir. They have all earned our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial review

2025 was another challenging year for St Mary's. We started the year with funds in hand of £104,862 after making a prior year end adjustment for Magazine Creditors of £7,686 and finished the year with funds in hand of £108,867.

We recorded a very modest surplus of £4,005. We are working hard to use our income effectively across all our various activities but with donations and regular giving down 6% on last year it means we have been dependent on giving to specific activities to enable our Youth Work and Pastoral Care to function effectively. We have seen an increase of 70% in the Restricted Fund giving which is a testament to those recognising the value of these specific activities which benefit the wider community.

We have continued to keep fully up to date with maintenance on the Church and Barn Centre. We have also progressed our preparatory work for our Barn Centre and path projects as well as considering a reorganization within the Church. We will need to appeal to the Electoral Roll and the wider community to support our aspirations for the future.

Two generous legacies have been the rock on which our activity depends. The Lacey Bequest of £36,681 and the Manvell Bequest of £36,759 have been vital in underwriting our growing activities. Without these legacies our major initiatives in youth work, our youth choir, and making our magazine free to all in the village would have been impossible. We recognise the importance of legacies to fund major capital projects in the future.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy is under review. Our expenditure is increasing as we widen the scope of our activities, and we lifted our General Fund reserve to £28k at the end of 2025 (2024: £16k). We aspire to transfer £5,000 each year between quinquennial inspections to our designated Fabric Fund recognizing that our ancient church building requires significant ongoing maintenance, much of which is recognised and quantified at quinquennial inspections.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, our readers and those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services and are members of our congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

St Mary's is fortunate to have a strong and active PCC. All major activities and responsibilities are covered by designated members and sub-committees. Essential work on key areas such as risk assessment and management, safeguarding, health and safety, built environment maintenance and financial management and planning are well covered and reported in our PCC minutes. Our PCC pays full attention to the business of our church in terms of administration, co-operation with our Diocese, worship, prayer, pastoral care and our vital and expanding Youth Work provision.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

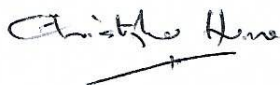
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The council members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Fenton-Vince	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mr I Reekie	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mrs M Stockwell	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mr D Cowley	(Reappointed 6 April 2025)
Mr A Bailey	
Mrs A Ford	
Mrs L Farmer	
Mrs S Fuller	
Mrs C Smith	
Mr C Hume	
Mr G Clinton	(Resigned 22 September 2025)
Mr A Mallinson	
Mr J Burdett	
Mrs C Francis	
Mrs P Bailey	
Mrs P Mundy	
Mr R Bellis	

We would like to thank all those in our Pastoral team supporting Patsy our ALM, our Verger Rebecca and the wonderful ladies who help to make all the events held throughout so hospitable to all, our tireless Church Administrator Sara and our Youth workers who have provided a great year of mission and support to our up-and-coming future congregation and church leaders.

The Council Members' report was approved by the Board of Council Members.



Mr C Hume
Trustee

23 March 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Newick for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 25.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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

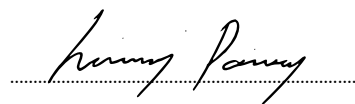
Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

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



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25th March 2026

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	143,959	-	15,115	159,074	162,023
Charitable activities	3	30,656	10,206	5,290	46,152	41,603
Investments	4	4,894	-	-	4,894	3,475
Other income	5	-	-	2,289	2,289	1,875
Total income		179,509	10,206	22,694	212,409	208,976
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	170,563	13,725	24,116	208,404	201,689
Total expenditure		170,563	13,725	24,116	208,404	201,689
Net income/(expenditure)		8,946	(3,519)	(1,422)	4,005	7,287
Transfers between funds		1,328	386	(1,714)	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	10,274	(3,133)	(3,136)	4,005	7,287
Prior Year Adjustment re Magazine Creditor:	18					(7,686)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		8,790	84,058	12,014	104,862	105,261
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		19,064	80,925	8,878	108,867	104,862

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	153,212	-	8,811	162,023
Charitable activities	3	29,048	10,714	1,841	41,603
Investments	4	3,475	-	-	3,475
Other income	5	50	1,825	-	1,825
Total income		185,785	12,539	10,652	208,976
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	169,723	15,366	16,600	201,689
Total expenditure		169,723	15,366	16,600	201,976
Net income/(expenditure)		16,062	(2,827)	(5,948)	7,287
Transfers between funds		(11,801)	6,960	4,841	-
Net movement in funds	8	4,261	4,133	(1,107)	7,287
Post Year Adjustment re Magazine Creditor:	18	(7,686)			(7,686)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		12,215	79,925	13,121	105,261
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>8,790</u>	<u>84,058</u>	<u>12,014</u>	<u>104,862</u>

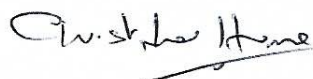
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	6,525		1,753	
Cash at bank and in hand		124,957		125,602	
		<u>131,482</u>		<u>127,355</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(22,615)		(22,493)	
Net current assets			<u>108,867</u>		<u>104,862</u>
 The funds of the charity					
Restricted funds	13		8,878		12,014
Unrestricted funds - general	15		19,064		8,790
Unrestricted funds – designated	14		80,925		84,058
			<u>108,867</u>		<u>104,862</u>

The financial statements were approved by the council members on 23 March 2026.



Mr C Hume

Trustee

ST MARV'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Mary's Newick Parochial Church Council is a Church of England Parish in Newick, East Sussex.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Financial Statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn.

The Financial Statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Council Members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Council Members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Financial Statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Council Members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	143,959	-	15,115	159,074	144,451	-	8,811	153,262
Legacies	-	-	-	-	8,761	-	-	8,761
	<u>143,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,115</u>	<u>159,074</u>	<u>153,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,811</u>	<u>162,023</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from charitable activities								
Services provided under contract	16,020	10,206	5,290	31,516	16,089	10,714	1,841	28,644
Other trading activities • Magazine & Bookstall								
Other income	14,636	-	-	14,636	12,959	-	-	12,959
	30,656	10,206	5,290	46,152	29,048	10,714	1,841	41,603

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4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	4,894	3,475

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5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds designated	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds General	Unrestricted funds designated	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	-	-	2,289	2,289	50	1,825	-	1,875

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	24,547	18,082
Mission, Evangelism & Pastoral	53,048	58,753
Rectory expenses	1,967	5,190
Parish Share	72,609	71,352
Light & Heat	13,001	7,946
Insurance	4,115	4,025
Rates	3,919	3,979
Church repairs	16,121	12,310
PPS & Telephone	632	502
Administrative expenses	3,141	3,006
Magazine expenses	14,104	15,014
	207,204	200,159
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	1,200	1,530
	208,404	201,689
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds – general	170,563	169,723
Unrestricted funds – designated	13,725	15,366
Restricted funds	24,116	16,600
	208,404	201,689

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs	1,200	1,530
Analysed between:		
Unrestricted funds – general	1,200	1,530

Governance costs include the Independent Examiner's Fee of £930 (2024 £1,530)

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8	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£.	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,200	1,530
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9 Employees

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	7	7
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Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	20,502	14,463
Social security costs	4,045	3,619
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	24,547	18,082
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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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11	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Amounts falling within one year:		
	Trade debtors	-	-
	Other debtors	6,525	1,753
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		6,525	1,753
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12	Creditors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Amounts falling within one year:		
	Trade creditors	17,323	18,674
	Accruals and deferred income	5,292	3,819
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		22,615	22,493
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13 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Outward Giving Fund	-	-	-	3,500	3,500
Pilgrim; Bibles; Intergen Opera	-	12,810	-	(12,810)	-
Dance for Fun and Fitness	-	2,289	(1,800)	4,261	4,750
Flower Fund	-	800	(1,100)	928	628
Pastoral Care	-	1,505	(1,241)	(264)	-
Youth Fund	12,014	5,290	(19,975)	2,671	-
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	12,014	22,694	(24,116)	(1,714)	8,878
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Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Dance for Fun and Fitness	(227)	-	(1,335)	1,562	-
Flower Fund	367	495	(900)	38	-
Pastoral Care	(2,568)	1,588	(2,261)	3,241	-
Youth Fund	15,549	8,569	(12,104)	-	12,014
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	13,121	10,652	(16,600)	4,841	12,014
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For this year, transfers from restricted funds represent the reimbursement of general funds for expenditure incurred on behalf of restricted fund purposes during the year, including costs relating to the Pilgrim sabbatical, school leavers' bibles, and the inter-generational opera project.

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14 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	<i>At 1 January 2025</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>At 31 December 2025</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Barn	3,208	10,206	(13,725)	311	-
Dance for Fun and Fitness	4,261	-	-	(4,261)	-
Fabric Fund	21,527	-	-	5,000	26,527
Flower Fund	928	-	-	(928)	-
Lacey Bequest	11,681	-	-	-	11,681
Manvel Bequest	36,759	-	-	-	36,759
Pastoral Care	5,694	-	-	264	5,958
Youth Fund	-	-	-	-	-
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	84,058	10,206	(13,725)	386	80,925
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Previous year:	<i>At 1 January 2024</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>At 31 December 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Barn	-	9,852	(6,644)	-	3,208
Dance for Fun and Fitness	4,598	1,825	(600)	(1,562)	4,261
Fabric Fund	16,527	-	-	5,000	21,527
Flower Fund	966	-	-	(38)	928
Lacey Bequest	11,681	-	-	-	11,681
Manvel Bequest	36,759	-	-	-	36,759
Pastoral Care	9,394	-	(459)	(3,241)	5,694
Youth Fund	-	862	(7,663)	6,801	-
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	79,925	12,539	(15,366)	6,960	84,058
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15. Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	8,790	179,509	(170,563)	1,328	19,064
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Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	12,215	185,785	(169,723)	(11,801)	16,476
Post year end adjustment for Magazine Creditors.	-----	-----	-----	-----	<u>(7,686)</u>
					8,790

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 December 2025:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	19,064	80,925	8,878	108,867
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	£	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	8,790	84,058	12,014	104,862
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17 Related party transactions

None of the council members (trustees) received any remuneration or benefits in their capacity as trustees during the year.

During the year, payments were made to the following council members for services provided to the charity in other capacities: one trustee received £5,105.51 as Organist, one trustee received £6,246.16 as Parish Administrator, one trustee received a stipend of £750 for services as Sexton, and one trustee received £1,800 for running Dancing for Fun and Fitness in 2025. These payments were authorised by the PCC.

During the year, payments were made to the following persons connected to council members: a family member of a PCC member was paid £2,141.26 for operating the AV equipment at the church, and a family member of a PCC member received a stipend of £750 for services as the Verger in 2025.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period except for reimbursements for expenses incurred on the charity's behalf. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

18 Prior year adjustment

During the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025, it was identified that magazine advertising income of £7,686 received during the year ended 31 December 2024 related to advertisements to be placed in the 2025 magazines. As the related magazines had not yet been published at 31 December 2024, this income should have been deferred at that date. The opening fund balances have been adjusted accordingly, reducing unrestricted general funds by £7,686.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1138070

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COMPANY INFORMATION

Council Members

Mr J Fenton-Vince

Mr I Reekie

Ms M Stockwell

Mr D Cowley

Mr A Bailey

Ms A Ford

Ms L Farmer

Ms S Fuller

Ms C Smith

Mr C Hume

Mr G Clinton

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Mr J Burdett

Ms C Francis

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ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The council members present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Governing Document, that being the Church Representation Rules, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019).

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Mundy, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, and the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St Mary's and Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick.

Objectives and activities

The Primary objective of St Mary's Newick's Church PCC is to live out and declare the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to manifest the love of God in the world, according to the thirty-nine articles of Religion and the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector & Incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical following the five marks of mission:

Tell-Teach-Tend-Transform-Treasure

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need in loving service and by serving the Common Good.
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation and Sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Public benefit

The council members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake and with regard Public Benefit.

Activities

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (No 1138070) under the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Membership is determined under the new Church Representation Rules 2020. Membership consists of the Rector, ex- officio members, Churchwardens, Lay Readers, Members of Deanery Synod and up to twelve members of the Church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) or later co-opted during the year.

St Mary's is the only Church in Newick. We seek to serve villagers of all faiths and none. Our heavily used Church Hall hosts a wide range of village activities. Most members of our fast-growing Newick Youth Club have no formal Church connection. Our substantial pastoral care provision serves all members of our Newick community. We aspire to help Newick be the best and friendliest village it can be.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

St Mary's offers a range of weekly, monthly, and special services designed to be spiritually fulfilling and beneficial for our community. Our special services included memorial, healing and thanksgiving services which were well supported. In 2023 we offered Worship 2, a fresh expression of worship once a month on Sunday evenings which provides an opportunity for more outgoing worship. This has been very well received and has continued successfully in 2024.

St Mary's plays a central in our community life. Our Church attendance was well maintained in 2024. Regular services took place at St Mary's for BCP Holy Communion, Evensong, and weekly 10am Services, together with Healing and Memorial services, School services in Church and Fresh Expressions of worship in our monthly Worship 2.

The average attendance at services on a normal Sunday at St Mary's averaged sixteen at the 8am and 78 adults and nine young people at the 10 am Service.

Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday are important Newick events which are led by our Church in cooperation with other Newick bodies including the highly active Newick bonfire Society. We run an annual service on the Green led by our Rector to observe the one-minute silence at 11.00 am. Over three hundred people attended this service in 2024. Our Remembrance Sunday service filled our Church to capacity with wreaths laid by Newick's various youth groups and community bodies.

During the year in the parish there were 7 Baptisms, 7 Weddings & Blessings and 15 Funerals.

St Mary's is a beautiful building set in an impressive churchyard. A well-used public footpath runs through our Churchyard beside the Church building. We work hard to keep our Churchyard attractive and well maintained with good bench provision for visitors. Many Newick residents use it regularly, particularly in the summer months. We held two gardening days which prepared our Church and Churchyard for looking their best throughout the seasons. We have several First World War memorials in our churchyard. In 2024 our Rector led a group of the fathers of our Owls Club children to Normandy on a tour of the battlefields.

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival and market took place in December, which brought members of our congregation and our parish together. The day was full of festive spirit and raised significant funds for both our Church and our local Hospice.

Our parish magazine is distributed free each month to every household within the Parish and is also available in the Church and online via our website. This keeps all our parishioners informed of the important matters and activities within our church. It also details activities taking place within the community - keeping everyone in touch with both church and community life. The magazine provides a valuable opportunity for small businesses in Newick to advertise. Many of these businesses generate a substantial proportion of their turnover through our magazine, which provides significant benefit to both businesses and local customers.

We also provide a weekly e-newsletter detailing parish activities which is widely distributed in our village.

Our outward giving group continued to support varying causes during the year, including Family Support Work, Leprosy Mission, Chailey Heritage and Bevern Trust -a local home providing 24/7 care for people with profound disabilities. As part of our outward giving, we continue to support Christian charities both at home and abroad, concentrating on charities for which individual members of our congregation are already working hard and providing financial support.

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The Church and the Barn Centre

Our Church building is in good order. Roofs, gutters, and downpipes are cleared regularly. Our active Sexton keeps Church maintenance up to date. We received a favourable rating in our 2023 Quinquennial inspection, and all matters raised are either in hand or completed.

Regular maintenance tasks such as fire extinguisher servicing, piano tuning, organ tuning, and blower servicing are carried out under the direction and supervision of our Sexton who keeps our PCC fully informed.

Our website provides access to PCC and other committee minutes, together timetable information and full details of parish events.

Our Barn Centre is essential to our Church activities and serves a wide variety of other village activities. It is working to capacity and in need of renovation.

Barn Centre and Path Project

The early stages of our project to renew and extend our Barn Centre and replace our main Church paths continued in 2024. Our paths are old brick laid paths which are uneven, slippery when wet and difficult for wheelchair and other disabled access. Our Barn Centre requires substantial work to address maintenance issues and to modernize our toilet facilities and hopefully provide the first Changing Places toilet facility in our village. We also need to extend capacity and modernize our catering facilities to 21st century standards.

These are major projects which will require substantial fund-raising activity.

Pastoral Care

With some members of our parish unable to attend church due to age, infirmity or sickness, our Reverend Paul Mundy, together with our Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) visit our parishioners to celebrate communion with them either at their home, in hospital or in a residential home.

Our ALM also looks after our Pastoral team who are on hand to visit those who are sick or unable to get out and to help with essential journeys and keep them in touch with St Mary's.

She maintains as many connections within the community and often with other Churches as possible and her role varies from helping individuals to access an assessment re mobility to helping with a grant application to enable our local Chatterbox room to extend their activities. Supporting the bereaved and those approaching the end of their lives plays a vital role alongside provision of food to families or older folk, organising monthly visits for hymns and prayers at a local residential home and running our Community Hub which is a welcoming warm space for members of the community while providing support to the Ukrainian's living locally. This has proved hugely successful and includes a professional specialising in the support of Ukraine guests visiting weekly, the problems these people face vary and we have done all we can to assist them. Our "Tea at Three" and our lunch club continue to thrive, providing a warm welcome, good food and company.

The Pastoral Care team is up to date with first aid training, food preparation, and how to recognize signs of abuse with basic safeguarding responsibilities.

Where possible older people are encouraged to attend our communal outreach activities instead of home visits, as there are significant wellbeing advantages to socializing outside the four familiar walls of the home.

All activities illustrate that our Church cares for the wider community and these volunteers represent our Church and the essence of our faith.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Access, inclusion, and reordering

As reported last year we identified a need to provide better access to disabled people, particularly those in wheelchairs. We also wanted to make all comers feel included - it became clear that inclusiveness is as important as access to disabled visitors. We recognised the need to provide more comfortable seating for older members. We also need space to enable our important pre and post service hospitality provision to flourish and to enable better hospitality provision at the increasing number of events we are holding in St Mary's. Accordingly, we applied to our Diocese for a Temporary Removal Order (TRO) for several pews. This was agreed by the Diocese and the work was done. It has been an unqualified success and a most important step forward for St Mary's and our congregation. We have applied for a Faculty to make this work permanent.

Youth Work

Our Youth Work continued to grow strongly in 2024. This is a major area of our outreach to children and young families.

Our Owls Club serves children of primary school age. They meet once a month with their families attending services and in other weeks, they participate in other activities including our Newick Youth Choir.

We have a team of four DBS helpers most months, enabling splitting into two groups when numbers increase. The average number during the first half of the year was six and this rose to eleven from July onwards.

The families of Owls enjoyed a Picnic on the village King George Recreation Ground in August. They also had an invitation to join the Churchyard Gardening Days, Harvest Lunch, the Christmas Eve Nativity Service and the Remembrance Sunday Service. These were well received, and some non-church families also attended.

At Easter, Owls leaders offered a Bible Society Easter trail outside the Church for families and children, which ran on Easter Sunday and was attended by over 90 children with their families. Great fun and well appreciated.

In October 2024 we started the Owlets Club. This is a parent and babies/tots group which runs every Monday during term time. An average of six children with their parents have been attending and it is hoped to increase this number over time.

In Newick Primary School, assemblies continued as a routine on Wednesday mornings, with a style of assembly to mimic a Church service and teach the children the Lord's Prayer. The assembly routinely has a covered table set up with a cross / Holy Trinity candle / Bible to remind the children of the symbolism of the Christian faith. The primary school has regular termly services in the Church with some over 250 children attending together with over one hundred teachers and parents. The atmosphere is wonderful. The Leavers' Service at the end of the school year when the year 6 class was presented with bibles and farewelled was particularly noteworthy.

We run two clubs for secondary school children on Wednesday evening during term time. NYC (Newick Youth Club) serves year 7 and 8 young people with a regular attendance of 30+. We have several young leaders who help, some of whom are doing their Duke of Edinburgh and using this work as their volunteering. This has helped us shape future leaders.

As we started our new academic year in September 2024. We saw an increased regular attendance of some 35 young people each week. The children come from Newick and surrounding areas. The majority have no formal Church connection. Our youth work is part of our outreach and service to our village.

NCT (Newick & Chailey Together) - is our year 8+ youth group with over 30 young people attending each week during term time. The group enjoys a wide range of activities. Our summer program of outdoor activities on the village recreation ground is a popular highlight and included a well-attended barbecue for members and their families. We finished our year off with over 60 Young people and parents partaking in a quiz about Christmas, hearing about the true meaning of Christmas and May Camp 2024.

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In 2023, for the first time our youth worker Lee had organized a lunchtime Club at our local Chailey Secondary School – it was a great success and continued in 2024. We again welcomed Chailey School to an evening Christmas service of lessons and carol in December. The school orchestra played beautifully, the evening was a great success, and the school has already booked a repeat for 2025.

The highlight of our youth work year is May Camp. 30 of our young people attended in 2024. The camp is a Diocesan organized three-day event under canvas in May each year at Plumpton racecourse for several hundred young people from the Diocese. There is a wide range of leisure and sporting activities. Evening worship and social activities provide opportunity to encounter God through worship, talks and prayer. Everyone joins in and the atmosphere is wonderful. God in action. It is notable and rather wonderful that this seems to apply to all our young people who attend, although many of them have no formal Church connection.

The progress of our youth work continues to be both a joy and a blessing and bodes well for the future. Our Rector Paul, youth worker Lee and their enthusiastic team of wonderful young assistants do a truly marvellous job, as have our dedicated team who lead our Owls Group and Youth Choir. They have all earned our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial review

2024 was another challenging year for St Mary's.

We started the year with funds in hand of £105,261 and finished the year with funds in hand of £112,548. The surplus was £7,287 and was added to reserves. Whilst in surplus we must work towards a better financial result.

One significant bright spot in 2024 was that our income from Donations and Legacies rose some 6.8% during the year, an excellent result. This supported a substantial increase in our activities on youth work and all areas of our mission during the year.

This increase in our giving, and in the general level of our activities is pleasing evidence of the continuing progress of St Mary's under the dynamic and energetic leadership of our Rector Rev Paul Mundy.

We have continued to keep fully up to date with maintenance on our beautiful but demanding Church and Barn Centre. We have also progressed our preparatory work for our Barn Centre and path projects.

Two generous legacies are the rock on which our activity depends. The Lacey Bequest of £36,681 and the Manvell Bequest of £36,759 have been vital in underwriting our growing activities. Without these legacies our major initiatives in youth work, our youth choir, and making our magazine free to all in the village would have been impossible.

Legacies past and future will remain vitally important to the future of St Mary's.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy is under review. Our expenditure is increasing as we widen the scope of our activities, and we lifted our General Fund reserve to £16k at the end of 2024 (2023: £12k). We aspire to transfer £5,000 each year between quinquennial inspections to our designated Fabric Fund recognizing that our ancient Church requires significant ongoing maintenance, much of which is recognized and triggered at quinquennial inspections.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Vicar), churchwardens, our readers and those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services and are members of our congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

St Mary's is fortunate to have a strong and active PCC. All major activities and responsibilities are covered by designated members and sub-committees. Essential work on key areas such as risk assessment and management, safeguarding, health and safety, built environment maintenance and financial management and planning are well covered and reported in our PCC minutes. Our PCC pays full attention to the business of our Church in terms of administration, cooperation with our Diocese, worship, prayer, pastoral care and our vital and expanding Youth Work provision.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The council members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Fenton-Vince

Mr I Reekie

Ms M Stockwell

Mr D Cowley

Mr A Bailey

Ms A Ford

Ms L Farmer

Ms S Fuller

Ms C Smith

Mr C Hume

Mr G Clinton

Mr A Mallinson

Mr J Burdett

Ms C Francis

Mrs P Bailey

Ms P Mundy

(Appointed 21 April 2024)

Mr R Bellis

(Appointed 21 April 2024)

We would like to thank all those in our Pastoral team supporting Patsy our ALM, our Verger Rebecca and the wonderful ladies who help to make all the events held throughout so hospitable to all, our tireless Church Administrator Sara and our Youth workers who have provided a great year of mission and support to our up-and-coming future congregation and church leaders.

The council members' report was approved by the Board of Council Members.



Mr C Hume

Trustee

19 March 2025

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the council members on my examination of the financial statements of St Mary's Newick Parochial Church Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the council members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



David Martin FCA

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Dated: 19 March 2025

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	153,212	-	8,811	162,023	151,590
Charitable activities	3	29,048	10,714	1,841	41,603	34,571
Investments	4	3,475	-	-	3,475	4,183
Other income	5	50	1,825	-	1,875	869
Total income		185,785	12,539	10,652	208,976	191,213
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	169,723	15,366	16,600	201,689	196,223
Total expenditure		169,723	15,366	16,600	201,689	196,223
Net income/(expenditure)		16,062	(2,827)	(5,948)	7,287	(5,010)
Transfers between funds		(11,801)	6,960	4,841	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	4,261	4,133	(1,107)	7,287	(5,010)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		12,215	79,925	13,121	105,261	110,271
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		16,476	84,058	12,014	112,548	105,261

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	132,109	954	18,527	151,590
Charitable activities	3	26,080	8,191	300	34,571
Investments	4	4,183	-	-	4,183
Other income	5	-	367	502	869
Total income		162,372	9,512	19,329	191,213
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	153,992	35,686	6,545	196,223
Total expenditure		153,992	35,686	6,545	196,223
Net income/(expenditure)		8,380	(26,174)	12,784	(5,010)
Transfers between funds		(28,242)	27,905	337	-
Net movement in funds	8	(19,862)	1,731	13,121	(5,010)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		32,077	78,194	-	110,271
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		12,215	79,925	13,121	105,261

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,753		4,745	
Cash at bank and in hand		125,602		112,358	
		<u>127,355</u>		<u>117,103</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(14,807)		(11,842)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			112,548		105,261
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The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	14		12,014		13,121
Unrestricted funds - general	16		16,476		12,215
Unrestricted funds - designated	15		84,058		79,925
			<u>112,548</u>		<u>105,261</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the council members on 19 March 2025



Mr C Hume
Trustee

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Mary's Newick Parochial Church Council is a Church of England Parish in Newick, East Sussex.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the council members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the council members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the council members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Audio and visual equipment	25% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	144,451	-	8,811	153,262	131,109	954	18,527	150,590
Legacies	8,761	-	-	8,761	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>153,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,811</u>	<u>162,023</u>	<u>132,109</u>	<u>954</u>	<u>18,527</u>	<u>151,590</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from charitable activities								
Services provided under contract	16,089	10,714	1,841	28,644	9,572	8,191	300	18,063
Other trading activities - Magazine & Bookstall								
Other income	12,959	-	-	12,959	16,508	-	-	16,508
	<u>29,048</u>	<u>10,714</u>	<u>1,841</u>	<u>41,603</u>	<u>26,080</u>	<u>8,191</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>34,571</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	3,475	4,183

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Other income	50	1,825	-	1,875	-	367	502	869

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	18,082	19,701
Mission, Evangelism & Pastoral	58,753	55,539
Rectory expenses	5,190	2,206
Parish share	71,352	68,668
Light & Heat	7,946	10,462
Insurance	4,025	3,921
Rates	3,979	3,551
Church repairs	12,310	14,650
PPS & Telephone	502	469
Administrative expenses	3,006	757
Magazine expenses	15,014	14,704
	<u>200,159</u>	<u>194,628</u>
 Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	1,530	1,595
	<u>201,689</u>	<u>196,223</u>
 Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	169,723	153,992
Unrestricted funds - designated	15,366	35,686
Restricted funds	16,600	6,545
	<u>201,689</u>	<u>196,223</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,595</u>
Analysed between:		
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,595</u>

Governance costs includes the Independent Examiner's fee of £1,530 (2023: £1,595)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,530	1,595

9 Council Members

None of the council members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

During the year, 1 trustee was paid £5,172.50 as Organist, 1 trustee was paid £6,126.80 as Parish Administrator, 1 trustee received a stipend of £750 for services as Sexton, and another trustee was paid £800 for running Dancing for Fun and Fitness in 2024. This was not remuneration for their acting as Trustees.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	7	6
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	14,463	15,971
Social security costs	3,619	3,730
	18,082	19,701

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:		
	£	£
Trade debtors		3,586
Other debtors	1,753	1,159
	1,753	4,745

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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,988	10,522
Accruals and deferred income	3,819	1,320
	14,807	11,842

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1.4 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
Dance for Fun and Fitness	(227)	-	(1,335)	1,562	-
Flower Fund	367	495	(900)	38	-
Pastoral Care	(2,568)	1,588	(2,261)	3,241	-
Youth Fund	15,549	8,569	(12,104)	-	12,014
	<u>13,121</u>	<u>10,652</u>	<u>(16,600)</u>	<u>4,841</u>	<u>12,014</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Dance for Fun and Fitness	-	573	(800)	-	(227)
Flower Fund	-	30	-	337	367
Pastoral Care	-	846	(3,414)	-	(2,568)
Youth Fund	-	17,880	(2,331)	-	15,549
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,329</u>	<u>6,545</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>13,121</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
Barn	-	9,852	(6,644)	-	3,208
Dance for Fun and Fitness	4,598	1,825	(600)	(1,562)	4,261
Fabric Fund	16,527	-	-	5,000	21,527
Flower Fund	966	-	-	(38)	928
Lacey Bequest	11,681	-	-	-	11,681
Manvell Bequest	36,759	-	-	-	36,759
Pastoral Care	9,394	-	(459)	(3,241)	5,694
Youth Fund	-	862	(7,663)	6,801	-
	<u>79,925</u>	<u>12,539</u>	<u>(15,366)</u>	<u>6,960</u>	<u>84,058</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Barn	(2,451)	8,191	(14,333)	8,593	-
Dance for Fun and Fitness	4,831	367	(600)	-	4,598
Fabric Fund	11,527	-	-	5,000	16,527
Flower Fund	1,466	-	(500)	-	966
Lacey Bequest	11,681	-	-	-	11,681
Manvell Bequest	36,759	-	-	-	36,759
Pastoral Care	9,706	-	(312)	-	9,394
Youth Fund	4,675	954	(19,941)	14,312	-
	<u>78,194</u>	<u>9,512</u>	<u>(35,686)</u>	<u>27,905</u>	<u>79,925</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	12,215	185,785	(169,723)	(6,801)	21,476
General funds	-	-	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>12,215</u>	<u>185,785</u>	<u>(169,723)</u>	<u>(11,801)</u>	<u>16,476</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	32,077	162,372	(153,992)	(28,242)	12,215
	<u>32,077</u>	<u>162,372</u>	<u>(153,992)</u>	<u>(28,242)</u>	<u>12,215</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	16,476	84,058	12,014	112,548
	<u>16,476</u>	<u>84,058</u>	<u>12,014</u>	<u>112,548</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	12,215	79,925	13,121	105,261
	<u>12,215</u>	<u>79,925</u>	<u>13,121</u>	<u>105,261</u>

18 Related party transactions

During the year a family member of a PCC member was paid £550 for operating the AV equipment at the church, another family member of a PCC member received a stipend of £750 for services as the Verger and another family member of a PCC member was paid £1,743.52 for Youthwork in 2024.

Accounts

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The council members present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Governing Document, that being the Church Representation Rules, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019).

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Mundy, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, and the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St Mary's and Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick.

Objectives and activities

The Primary objective of St Mary's Newick's Church PCC is to live out and declare the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to manifest the love of God in the world, according to the thirty-nine articles of Religion and the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector & Incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical following the five marks of mission:

The council members have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake and with regard Public Benefit.

Tell-Teach-Tend-Transform-Treasure

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need in loving service and by serving the Common Good.
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation and Sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (No 1138070) under the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Membership is determined under the new Church Representation Rules 2020. Membership consists of the Rector, ex- officio members, Churchwardens, Lay Readers, Members of Deanery Synod and up to twelve members of the Church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) or later co-opted during the year.

St Mary's is the only Church in Newick. We seek to serve villagers of all faiths and none. Our heavily used Church Hall hosts a wide range of village activities. Most members of our fast-growing Newick Youth Club have no formal Church connection. Our substantial pastoral care provision serves all members of our Newick community. We aspire to help Newick be the best and friendliest village it can be.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievements and performance

St Mary's offers a range of weekly, monthly, and special services designed to be spiritually fulfilling and beneficial for our community. Our special services included memorial, healing and thanksgiving services which were well supported. In 2023 we offered Worship 2, a fresh expression of worship once a month on Sunday evenings which provides an opportunity for more outgoing worship.

St Mary's plays a central in our community life. Our joyful celebration of King Charles III's coronation involved the whole village. It was an important reminder of the role the Church holds during times of national celebration and mourning.

Our Church attendance was well maintained in 2023. Regular services took place at St Mary's for BCP Holy Communion, Evensong, and weekly 10am Services, together with Healing and Memorial services, School services in Church and Fresh Expressions of worship in our monthly Worship 2.

The average attendance at services on a normal Sunday at St Mary's averaged eighteen at the 8am and 78 adults and seven young people at the 10 am Service.

Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday are important Newick events which are led by our Church in cooperation with other Newick bodies including the highly active Newick bonfire Society. We run an annual service on the Green led by our Rector to observe the one-minute silence at 11.00 am. Over three hundred people attended this service in 2023. Our Remembrance Sunday service filled our Church to capacity with wreaths laid by Newick's various youth groups and community bodies.

During the year in the parish there were 4 Baptisms, 5 Weddings & Blessings and 13 Funerals.

St Mary's is a beautiful building set in an impressive churchyard. A well-used public footpath runs through our Churchyard beside the Church building. We work hard to keep our Churchyard attractive and well maintained with good bench provision for visitors. Many Newick residents use it regularly, particularly in the summer months.

We held two gardening days which prepared our Church and Churchyard for looking their best throughout the seasons. The team have uncovered several First World War memorials which led to our Rector Leading a group of the fathers of our Owls Club children to Ypres on a tour of the battlefields.

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival and market took place in December, which brought members of our congregation and our parish together. The day was full of festive spirit and raised funds for both our Church and our local Hospice.

Our parish magazine is distributed free each month to every household within the Parish and is also available in the Church and online via our website. This keeps all our parishioners informed of the important matters and activities within our church. It also details activities taking place within the community - keeping everyone in touch with both church and community life. The magazine provides a valuable opportunity for small businesses in Newick to advertise. Many of these businesses generate a substantial proportion of their turnover through our magazine, which provides significant benefit to both businesses and local customers.

We also provide a weekly e-newsletter detailing parish activities which is widely distributed in our village.

Our outward giving group continued to support varying causes during the year, including Family Support Work, Leprosy Mission, and Bevern Trust - a local home providing 24/7 care for people with profound disabilities.

As part of our outward giving, we continue to support Christian charities both at home and abroad, concentrating on charities for which individual members of our congregation are already working hard and providing financial support.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Church and the Barn Centre

Our Church building is in good order. Roofs, gutters, and downpipes are cleared regularly. Our active Sexton keeps Church maintenance up to date. We received a favourable rating in our 2023 Quinquennial inspection, and all matters raised are either in hand or completed.

Regular maintenance tasks such as fire extinguisher servicing, piano tuning, organ tuning, and blower servicing are carried out under the direction and supervision of our Sexton who keeps our PCC fully informed.

Our website provides access to PCC and other committee minutes, together timetable information and full details of parish events.

Our Barn Centre is essential to our Church activities and serves a wide variety of other village activities. It is working to capacity and in need of renovation.

Barn Centre and Path Project

After delays caused by covid lockdowns, 2023 saw the early stages of our project to renew and extend our Barn Centre and replace our main Church paths. Our paths are old brick laid paths which are uneven, slippery when wet and difficult for wheelchair and other disabled access. Our Barn Centre requires substantial work to address maintenance issues and to modernize our toilet facilities and hopefully provide the first changing places toilet facility in our village. We also need to extend capacity and modernize our catering facilities to 21st century standards.

These are major projects which will require substantial fund-raising activity.

Pastoral Care

With some members of our parish unable to attend church due to age, infirmity or sickness, our Reverend Paul Mundy, together with our Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) visit our parishioners to celebrate communion with them either at their home, in hospital or in a residential home.

Our ALM also looks after our Pastoral team who are on hand to visit those who are sick or unable to get out and to help with essential journeys and keep them in touch with St Mary's.

She maintains as many connections within the community and often with other Churches as possible and her role varies from helping individuals to access an assessment re mobility to helping with a grant application to enable our local Chatterbox room to extend their activities. Supporting the bereaved and those approaching the end of their lives plays a vital role alongside provision of food to families or older folk, organising monthly visits for hymns and prayers at a local residential home and running our Community Hub which is a welcoming warm space for members of the community while providing support to the Ukrainian's living locally. This has proved hugely successful and includes a professional specialising in the support of Ukraine guests visiting weekly, the problems these people face vary and we have done all we can to assist them. Our "Tea at Three" and our lunch club continue to thrive, providing a warm welcome, good food and company.

The Pastoral Care team is up to date with first aid training, food preparation, and how to recognize signs of abuse with basic safeguarding responsibilities.

Where possible older people are encouraged to attend our communal outreach activities instead of home visits, as there are significant wellbeing advantages to socializing outside the four familiar walls of the home.

All activities illustrate that our Church cares for the wider community and these volunteers represent our Church and the essence of our faith.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Access, inclusion, and reordering

During 2023 we identified a need to provide better access to disabled people, particularly those in wheelchairs. We also wanted to make all comers feel included – it became clear that inclusiveness is as important as access to disabled visitors. We recognised the need to provide more comfortable seating for older members. We also need space to enable our important pre and post service hospitality provision to flourish and to enable better hospitality provision at the increasing number of events we are holding in St Mary's. Accordingly, we applied to our Diocese for a Temporary Removal Order (TRO) for several pews. This was agreed by the Diocese and the work was done. It has been an unqualified success and a most important step forward for St Mary's and our congregation. We shall be applying for a Faculty in 2024 to make this work permanent.

Youth Work

Our Youth Work continued to grow strongly in 2023. This is a major area of our outreach to children and young families.

Our Owls Club serves children of primary school age. They meet once a month with their families attending services and in other weeks, they participate in other activities including our Newick Youth Choir.

We have a team of four DBS helpers most months, enabling splitting into two groups when numbers increase. We also welcomed two young leaders to join us each week in November as they are now in Year 7. It has been wonderful to see relationships develop within these smaller groups.

Three events were offered to the families of Owls during the year: including a Picnic on the Rec in July, an Arty Party in May half term, and a Fun by the Fire in October half term at the Barn Centre. These were well received, and some non-church families also attended.

At Easter, Owls leaders offered a Bible Society Easter trail outside the Church for families and children, which ran on Easter Sunday and was well attended, great fun and well appreciated.

In August, the Holiday Club was run over three days at Newick Primary School. It was a great success with over sixty children attending. Volunteers from St Mary's and our neighbouring parish of St Peter's Chailey provided the work force. The focus of the holiday club was Restoration Station, based on John's Gospel by Scripture Union. It was a lot of fun and much enjoyed by the children.

Owls begins with sharing our 'Good News' together and a time of personal prayer when appropriate, followed by a craft, learning from the bible, and discussions together, covering so far 'The Parable of the Talents' and 'Christingle.'

In December Owls celebrated the birth of Jesus at the amazing Crib service. Some 340 adults and 141 children attended. The Church was packed, and the atmosphere was wonderful. Our newly established Youth Choir sang to the delight of the congregation.

In Newick Primary School, assemblies continued as a routine on Wednesday mornings, with a new style of assembly initiated in October to mimic a Church service and teach the children the Lord's Prayer. The assembly now routinely has a covered table set up with a cross / Holy Trinity candle / Bible to remind the children of the symbolism of the Christian faith. The primary school has regular termly services in the Church with some over 250 children attending together with over one hundred teachers and parents. The atmosphere is wonderful. The Leavers' Service at the end of the school year when the year 6 class was presented with bibles and farewelled was particularly noteworthy.

We run two clubs for secondary school children on Wednesday evening during term time. NYC (Newick Youth Club) serves year 7 and 8 young people with a regular attendance of 20+. We have several young leaders who help, some of whom are doing their Duke of Edinburgh and using this work as their volunteering. This has helped us shape future leaders.

As we started our new academic year in September 2023. We saw an increased regular attendance of some 33 young people each week. The children come from Newick and surrounding areas. The majority have no formal Church connection. Our youth work is part of our outreach and service to our village.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

NCT (Newick & Chailey Together) - is our year 8+ youth group with over 30 young people attending each week during term time. The group enjoys a wide range of activities. Our summer program of outdoor activities on the village recreation ground is a popular highlight and included a well-attended barbecue for members and their families. We finished our year off with over 60 Young people and parents partaking in a quiz about Christmas, hearing about the true meaning of Christmas and May Camp 2024.

This year for the first time our youth worker Lee organized a lunchtime Club at our local Chailey Secondary School. It proved a great success and will continue in 2024. Also, for the first time in 2023 we welcomed Chailey School to an evening Christmas service of lessons and carol in December. The school orchestra played beautifully, the evening was a great success, and the school has already booked a repeat for 2024.

The highlight of our youth work year is May Camp. 21 of our young people attended in 2023. The camp is a Diocesan organized three-day event under canvas in May each year at Plumpton racecourse for several hundred young people from the Diocese. There is a wide range of leisure and sporting activities. Evening worship and social activities provide opportunity to encounter God through worship, talks and prayer. Everyone joins in and the atmosphere is wonderful. God in action. It is notable and rather wonderful that this seems to apply to all our young people who attend, although many of them have no formal Church connection.

The progress of our youth work in 2023 was both a joy and a blessing and bodes well for 2024. Our Rector Paul, youth worker Lee and their enthusiastic team of wonderful young assistants have done a truly marvellous job in 2023, as have our dedicated team who lead our Owls Group and Youth Choir. They have all earned our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Financial review

2023 was another challenging year for St Mary's.

We started the year with funds in hand of £110,271 and finished the year with funds in hand of £105,261. The deficit of £5,010 was comfortably covered by our reserves. But we cannot continue to run deficits and must work towards a better financial result.

One significant bright spot in 2023 was that our income from Donations rose some 22% during the year, an excellent result. This supported a substantial increase in our activities on youth work and all areas of our mission during the year.

This increase in our giving, and in the general level of our activities is pleasing evidence of the continuing progress of St Mary's under the dynamic and energetic leadership of our Rector Rev Paul Mundy.

We have continued to keep fully up to date with maintenance on our beautiful but demanding Church and Barn Centre. We have also progressed our preparatory work for our Barn Centre and path projects.

Two generous legacies received in previous years are the rock on which our activity depends. The Lacey Bequest of £36,681 and the Manvell Bequest of £36,759 have been vital in underwriting our growing activities. Without these legacies our major initiatives in youth work, our youth choir, and making our magazine free to all in the village would have been impossible.

Legacies past and future will remain vitally important to the future of St Mary's.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is under review. Our expenditure is increasing as we widen the scope of our activities, and we lifted our General Fund reserve to £40,000 at the end of 2023. We aspire to transfer £5,000 each year between quinquennial inspections to our designated Fabric Fund recognizing that our ancient Church requires significant ongoing maintenance, much of which is recognized and triggered at quinquennial inspections.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Vicar), churchwardens, our readers and those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services and are members of our congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

St Mary's is fortunate to have a strong and active PCC. All major activities and responsibilities are covered by designated members and sub-committees. Essential work on key areas such as risk assessment and management, safeguarding, health and safety, built environment maintenance and financial management and planning are well covered and reported in our PCC minutes. Our PCC pays full attention to the business of our Church in terms of administration, cooperation with our Diocese, worship, prayer, pastoral care and our vital and expanding Youth Work provision.

The council members who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Fenton-Vince

Mr I Reekie

Ms M Stockwell

Mr D Cowley

Mr A Bailey

Ms A Ford

Ms L Farmer

Ms S Fuller

Ms C Smith

Mr A Young

(Resigned 1 January 2023)

Mr C Hume

Mr G Clinton

Mr A J Mallinson

Mr J J B Burdett

Ms C L Francis

Ms P L Bailey

We would like to thank all those in our Pastoral team supporting Patsy our ALM, our Verger Rebecca and the wonderful ladies that help to make all the events held throughout so hospitable to all, our tireless Church Administrator Sara and our Youth workers who have provided a great year of mission and support to our up-and-coming future congregation and church leaders.

The council members' report was approved by the Board of Council Members.

Mr C Hume

Trustee

5 April 2024

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the council members on my examination of the financial statements of St Mary's Newick Parochial Church Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the council members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

David W Martin FCA

Knill James LLP
One Bell Lane
Lewes
East Sussex
BN7 1JU

Dated: 5 April 2024

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes							
Income and endowments from:								
Donations and legacies	2	132,109	954	18,527	151,590	119,508	4,591	124,099
Charitable activities	3	26,080	8,191	300	34,571	35,651	5,572	41,223
Investments	4	4,183	-	-	4,183	1,786	-	1,786
Other income	5	-	367	502	869	-	1,753	1,753
Total income		162,372	9,512	19,329	191,213	156,945	11,916	168,861
Charitable activities	6	153,992	35,686	6,545	196,223	173,166	20,276	193,442
Net income/(expenditure)		8,380	(26,174)	12,784	(5,010)	(16,221)	(8,360)	(24,581)
Transfers between funds		(28,242)	27,905	337	-	12,518	(12,518)	-
Net movement in funds		(19,862)	1,731	13,121	(5,010)	(3,703)	(20,878)	(24,581)
Reconciliation of funds:								
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		32,077	78,194	-	110,271	35,780	99,072	134,852
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		12,215	79,925	13,121	105,261	32,077	78,194	110,271

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	4,745		3,586	
Cash at bank and in hand		112,358		116,927	
		<u>117,103</u>		<u>120,513</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(11,842)		(10,242)	
Net current assets			105,261		110,271
			<u>105,261</u>		<u>110,271</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	14		13,121		-
Unrestricted funds - general			12,215		32,077
Unrestricted funds - designated	15		79,925		78,194
			<u>105,261</u>		<u>110,271</u>
			<u>105,261</u>		<u>110,271</u>

The financial statements were approved by the council members on 5 April 2024

Mr C Hume
Trustee

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

St Mary's Newick Parochial Church Council is a Church of England Parish in Newick, East Sussex.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the council members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the council members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the council members in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	131,109	954	18,527	150,590	119,508	4,591	-	124,099
Legacies receivable	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
	<u>132,109</u>	<u>954</u>	<u>18,527</u>	<u>151,590</u>	<u>119,508</u>	<u>4,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,099</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from charitable activities								
Sale of goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities	9,572	8,191	300	18,063	14,914	5,572	-	20,486
Other trading activities - Magazine & Bookstall								
Other income	16,508	-	-	16,508	20,737	-	-	20,737
	<u>26,080</u>	<u>8,191</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>34,571</u>	<u>35,651</u>	<u>5,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,223</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Investment income	4,183	1,786
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5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Other income	367	502	869	1,753	-	1,753
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ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	19,701	22,920
Mission, Evangelism & Pastoral	55,539	40,477
Rectory expenses	2,206	1,199
Parish Share	68,668	66,218
Light & Heat	10,462	7,329
Insurance	3,921	4,971
Rates	3,551	3,263
Church repairs	14,650	25,511
PPS & Telephone	469	418
Administration expenses	757	-
Magazine expenses	14,704	15,577
	<u>194,628</u>	<u>187,883</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	-	4,987
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance	1,595	572
	<u>196,223</u>	<u>193,442</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	153,992	173,166
Unrestricted funds - designated	35,686	20,276
Restricted funds	6,545	-
	<u>196,223</u>	<u>193,442</u>

7 Grants payable

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Grants to institutions:	
LINKS	4,987
	<u>4,987</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Governance costs	1,595	572
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Analysed between:		
Unrestricted funds	1,595	572
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Governance costs includes the Independent Examiner's fee of £1,595 (2022: £572)

9 Council Members

None of the council members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

During the year, 7 Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £3,714. These were for their travel and other expenses relating to their work as trustees.

During the year, 5 trustees made donations to the Church totalling £5,724 and 1 trustee paid £50 for Barn rental.

During the year, 1 trustee was paid £4,245 as Organist, 1 trustee was paid £2,059 as Parish Administrator and 1 trustee was paid £1,244 to clean the Barn. This was not remuneration for their acting as Trustees.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	6	6
	=====	=====
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	15,971	22,920
Social security costs	3,730	-
	=====	=====
	19,701	22,920
	=====	=====

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,586	3,586
Other debtors	1,159	-
	<u>4,745</u>	<u>3,586</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	10,522	10,242
Accruals and deferred income	1,320	-
	<u>11,842</u>	<u>10,242</u>

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
Dance for Fun and Fitness	-	573	(800)	-	(227)
Flower Fund	-	30	-	337	367
Pastoral Care	-	846	(3,414)	-	(2,568)
Youth Fund	-	17,880	(2,331)	-	15,549
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,329</u>	<u>(6,545)</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>13,121</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

15 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Barn	(2,451)	8,191	(14,333)	8,593	-
Dance for Fun and Fitness	4,831	367	(600)	-	4,598
Fabric Fund	11,527	-	-	5,000	16,527
Flower Fund	1,466	-	(500)	-	966
Lacey Bequest	11,681	-	-	-	11,681
Manvell Bequest	36,759	-	-	-	36,759
Pastoral Care	9,706	-	(312)	-	9,394
Youth Fund	4,675	954	(19,941)	14,312	-
	<u>78,194</u>	<u>9,512</u>	<u>(35,686)</u>	<u>27,905</u>	<u>79,925</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
	<u>99,072</u>	<u>11,916</u>	<u>(20,276)</u>	<u>(12,518)</u>	<u>78,194</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>32,077</u>	<u>162,372</u>	<u>(153,992)</u>	<u>(28,242)</u>	<u>12,215</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>35,780</u>	<u>156,945</u>	<u>(173,166)</u>	<u>12,518</u>	<u>32,077</u>

ST MARY'S NEWICK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	12,215	79,925	13,121	105,261
	<u>12,215</u>	<u>79,925</u>	<u>13,121</u>	<u>105,261</u>
	<u><u>12,215</u></u>	<u><u>79,925</u></u>	<u><u>13,121</u></u>	<u><u>105,261</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	32,077	78,194	-	110,271
	<u>32,077</u>	<u>78,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,271</u>
	<u><u>32,077</u></u>	<u><u>78,194</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>110,271</u></u>

18 Related party transactions

During the year a family member of a trustee was paid £1,132 for doing the AV at the church and a family member of another trustee was paid £750 as Verger. A councillor received a stipend of £750 and another received £2,574 for services as the administration officer.

Accounts

2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Newick

Aim and purposes:

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Mundy, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St Mary's and Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick.

Objectives, Activities and Vision

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. This commitment is supported by promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. We enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Promoting the whole mission of the church – pastoral, social, evangelical and ecumenical
- Enabling people to know Jesus better and making Him better known
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need, ability to pay or religious affiliation
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives

To meet our charitable objectives we have continued to follow our Mission Action Plan (MAP), setting out and expanding our guiding principles. We also take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Key elements our MAP include:

- Worship of God and the proclamation of His Gospel
- Listening to God in prayer
- Linking to the wider community
- Support and education in the Christian faith, especially for the young
- Maintaining Church property

Our vision for the future is to serve the people of Newick of all faiths and of none, to maintain and improve our built environment, to build on the success of our burgeoning Youth Work, and to make Newick the best and kindest village it can be for the benefit of all residents.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the course of a month and over a year that our community finds to be spiritually fulfilling and beneficial.

2022 began with a renewed sense of hope and expectation following the lifting of Covid restrictions at the end of 2021. However, on Thursday 24th February Russia invaded Ukraine and the world prepared itself for another European war. At St Mary's this meant welcoming Ukrainian refugees into the homes of many in our parish, welcoming family's mothers and children into our services and our schools.

It is one of the great joys of 2022 to see these relationships grow and for the Ukrainian families in Newick to become such an important part of our community.

St Mary's was also a central part of our community's joy and mourning as we first celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and then sadly hosted the period of National Mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at her beloved Balmoral Castle on the 8th of September 2022 aged 96. St Mary's was open from sunrise to sunset for those who wished to sign the Book of Condolence and light a candle in Her memory, with hundreds passing through our doors.

Over the year our Church attendance rose, with an increase of services taking place at St Mary's from BCP Holy Communion, Evensong, 10am Services, Healing and Memorial, School services back in Church and Fresh Expressions of worship in monthly our Worship 2 service (named as it takes place on the second Sunday of the month and provides an opportunity for more outgoing worship).

The average attendance at services on a normal Sunday at St Mary's averaged 22 at the 8am plus online attendance and 71 and the 10am, this increased in 2022 to 96 for our third Sunday plus over 14 young people attending Owls.

During the year in the parish there were the following 12 Baptisms, 10 Weddings & Blessings and 19 Funerals.

Our Remembrance Service took place on the Village Green and in Church and were well supported back to pre-pandemic numbers. It is with huge thanks to NEASSA (Newick Emergency and Armed Services Support Association) for all they do in enabling and supporting our season of Remembrance.

Our Healing Services, Thanksgiving and Memorial Services were all well supported, and we held a beautifully crafted "Blue Christmas" Service in early December which offers a much-needed time of reflection to those struggling with loss or grief in the season of Advent & Christmas.

Our Christmas services which were well attended with a back to pre-pandemic turnout for the 'At the Crib' Service, Advent Carols, Lessons and Carols and our midnight and Christmas Day services.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the church.

The Church and the Barn Centre

Our church opened daily again following the covid restrictions as we want our community to have the opportunity for private prayer from dawn to dusk.

2022 has been a quieter year than previously for maintenance work although there been some major items of note. In January we had a visit from members of the DAC to discuss among other matters, the need to upgrade the footpaths which are uneven and hazardous, their advice was extremely useful for informing future discussions.

In April, a new digital heating control system was installed. So we now have a 21st century digital control for a 20th century boiler supplying a late nineteenth century heating system but it is working well overall and can be operated remotely.

In May our inspecting architect carried out the quinquennial inspection which we are pleased to say passed with flying colours.

In October our energy supplier had smart meters installed in the Church and Barn Centre and in November, our lightning conductor system was tested by our service provider. Following the addition of a further earthing rod, we now have good protection against lightning strikes.

Sadly around this time heavy rain resulted in heavy flooding in the boiler room. Measures previously taken were not sufficient to protect the boiler but thankfully the flood water subsided fairly quickly and essential remedial work was carried out during the Boiler servicing by our provider.

Many other regular tasks such as fire extinguisher servicing, piano tuning, organ tuning and blower servicing have been carried out as usual throughout the year.

With the pandemic on the wane, activities in the Barn Centre 2022 returned to a more normal level. Wedding and birthday celebrations, and sadly wakes, increased in number and Gentlemen's Suppers, Gardening Day lunches and the Lunch Club became regular features again. The Youth Club flourished and the numbers of young people attending increased. Weekly Pilates, Tai Chi and Dancing took place alongside the Women's Prayer Group, with monthly meetings of Solo Friends, Tea at Three, the Sewing Group and The Afternoon Club.

Demand for the Barn facilities continues to grow, with a new course on Life Coaching started in 2023 and a further set of Yoga classes anticipated. Broadly speaking revenue is back to pre-pandemic levels but against that has to be set the increase in energy prices without any form of government funded relief.

Pastoral Care

With some members of our parish unable to attend church due to age, infirmity or sickness, our Reverend Paul Mundy, together with our Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) visit our parishioners to celebrate communion with them either at their home, in hospital or in a residential home.

Our ALM also looks after our Pastoral team who are on hand to visit those who are sick or unable to get out and to help with essential journeys and generally keep them in touch with St Mary's.

She maintains as many connections within the community and often with other Churches as possible and her role varies from helping individuals to access an assessment re mobility to helping with a grant application to enable our local Chatterbox room to extend their activities. Supporting the bereaved and those approaching the end of their lives plays a vital role alongside provision of food to families or older folk, organising monthly visits for hymns and prayers at a local residential home and Running our Community Hub which is a welcoming warm space for members of the community while providing support to the Ukrainian's living locally. This has proved hugely successful and includes a professional specialising in the support of the Ukraine guests visiting weekly, the problems these people face varies and we have done all we can to assist them. Our "Tea at Three" and our lunch club continue to thrive, providing a warm welcome, good food and company.

Mission and Evangelism

Our Owls Club continues to thrive, with an average of 15 children each month. New families joined as others departed, balancing the numbers. We continue to support and encourage a young helper who volunteers at Owls as part of her Duke of Edinburgh and to ensure that she is adequately supervised yet given responsibility to add challenge to her role.

At Easter a Bible Society Easter trail outside Church for families and children took place. , In August, a three day Aquatastic Holiday Club ran in our neighbouring village, attracting 60 children, with 27 volunteers. The focus of the holiday club was Jesus' encounters with water to reveal his supernatural and awesome power as the son of God. The water slide was an ambitious challenge enjoyed by all the children big and small. The thunderstorm and downpours on the final day added to the watery nature of the club.

Other trips and activities took place in November and December - in addition to the regular Owls club and all culminated in a decorated tree for our annual St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival and n celebrating the birth of Jesus at our amazing Crib service, which was attended by several Owls as well as many other children from the village.

Assemblies continued in our Primary School led by our Reverend and our Children and Family Youth Minister and are now routine on Wednesday mornings. A new style of assembly was initiated in October to mimic a Church service and teach the children the Lord's Prayer. The assembly now routinely has a covered table set up with cross / Holy Trinity candle / Bible to remind the children of the symbolism of the Christian faith and a group of 12 children from Yr1-6, regularly meet with our Youth Minister to plan activities to involve them in a half-termly assembly.

Our NYC (Newick Youth Club) run by St Mary's has regular attendance of 35-40 young people and in July 2022 we advertised to Newick and other neighbouring primary schools and had 20+ attend a welcome evening.

September saw us regularly hosting over 60 young people each week.

NYC is still getting new members & NCT has had a good core group attending with new members once a term or so.

We had a variety of activities - combat archery, water games, tag in the woods, colour party and more and have utilised the village and school playing fields and we are aware that younger siblings are already planning their Wednesday nights to be with us.

We took 12 young people to encounter God through worship, talks and prayer at May Camp and we received positive feedback from parents confirming that the young people had a great time. One boy mentioned he has never been so quiet and felt peace like this before. Next year we hope to have a small DofE group, another great May Camp, a few summer trips and continue to build on the youth groups we have.

We taught 38 young people how to give CPR and use a defibrillator, just one of our winter welcome specials.

We launched the St Mary's Youth Choir - fantastic to have our young people singing with us for our major festivals over the year.

We hosted some concerts and live music - Opera and Concert Bands. Music is at the heart of our mission and outreach at St Mary's and something we wish to build on further in the future.

We held two gardening days which prepared our Church and Churchyard for looking their best throughout the seasons. During the autumn day, the team uncovered a hidden gravestone remembering a young man, Frederick Langridge, killed in the First World War. This has inspired a group young Newick Dad's to plan a visit to Belgium in 2023 to remember the Newick Lads who lost their lives in The Great War.

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival and market took place in December which brought members of our congregation and our parish together and was full of festive spirit, a wonderful performance by Vivace Choir and raised funds for both the church and our local Hospice.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to every household within the Parish and is also available in the Church and online via our Website. This keeps all our parishioners informed of the important matters and activities within our church, and is also a reference to activity taking place within the community - keeping everyone in touch with both church and community life.

Our outward giving group have dispersed £3950 to varying causes during the year, including Family Support Work, Leprosy Mission, Links International and Bevern Trust - a local home providing 24/7 care to people with profound disabilities.

As part of our outward giving it has always been the intention to explore joint ventures with charities with the hope of involvement, either at home or abroad, working with Christian charities helped by volunteers from St. Mary's.

Financial Review

2022 was a difficult year for St Mary's. We started the year with funds in hand of £126,852 and finished the year with funds in hand of £110,271, a decline of some 13%.

Our giving for 2022 fell to £99,201 from a comparable 2021 figure of £111,802.

Our expenses rose from £133,614 in 2021 to £154,089 in 2022.

This reflected increased activity and expenditure in our core mission, and in our maintenance expenditure on our Church and Barn Centre.

The decline in giving is a matter of real concern, which we are addressing. Our traditional plate giving fell, in part reflecting a move away from cash to card giving. We have reinstated plate giving in our services accordingly. We must also reinforce awareness that it costs over £2,000 per week to keep our doors open and that we struggle to meet these costs. We are heavily dependent on the exceptionally generous giving of a few members of our congregation.

The increase in expenditure is to an extent unavoidable.

Our policy is to keep fully up to date with maintenance on our beautiful but demanding Church and Barn Centre. We have done this.

Significant cost increases were seen in youth-work where expenditure doubled to some £15,000, in energy costs, in salaries, in our general mission work in the Parish which doubled to some £9,000 and our Parish Share which rose by almost £6,000.

Two generous legacies are the rock on which our activity depends - the Lacey Bequest of £36,681 and the Manvell Bequest of £36,759. Without these legacies our major initiatives in youth work, our youth choir, and making our magazine free to all in the village would have been impossible.

Legacies past and future will remain vitally important to the future of St Mary's.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is under review. Our expenditure is increasing as we widen the scope of our activities and we expect to lift our General Fund reserve to £40,000 at end 2023.. We aspire to transfer £5000 each year between quinquennial inspections to our designated Fabric Fund recognizing that our ancient Church requires significant ongoing maintenance, much of which is recognized and triggered at quinquennial inspections. We have now crystallized plans for substantial redevelopment of our Church Hall/Barn Centre and reordering of our Church itself to generate more flexibility of seating and use of the Church space. With this in mind we are maintaining legacy funding in our Balance Sheet to pump-prime the substantial appeals which will be necessary to fund these projects which are in active development.

Optional Information:

We would like to thank all those in our Pastoral team supporting Patsy our ALM, our Verger Rebecca and the wonderful ladies that help to make all the events held throughout so hospitable to all and our Youth workers who have provided a great year of mission and support to our up and coming future congregation and church leaders.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Vicar), churchwardens, or readers and those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services and are members of our congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC met six times during this year with an average level of attendance of **85%**

The PCC also has some committees dealing with particular aspects of parish life. These committees which include worship and prayer, outreach, fabric, and mental wellbeing, all report back to the PCC, providing updates and discussion points regularly.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated in Church Road, Newick, East Sussex and is part of the Diocese of Hastings, within the Church of England.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Revd. Paul Mundy	Rector
Christopher Hume	Churchwarden, Treasurer and PCC Vice Chair
Sara Fuller	Churchwarden,
Jeremy Burdett	Lay Reader and Member of Deanery Synod
Geoffrey Clinton	Lay Reader
Patsy Bailey	Associate Lay Reader and Member of Deanery Synod
Kate Francis	Member of Deanery Synod

Elected members:

Caroline Smith	Safeguarding Officer
Tony Bailey	Sexton
Linda Farmer	
Audrey Ford	
Anthony Mallinson	
Alan Young	
Dan Cowley	PCC Secretary
Mandy Stockwell	
Johnathan Fenton-	
Vince	
Ian Reekie	Deputy Treasurer

Receipts and payments

	From	01 January 2022	01 January 2021
Note	To	30 December 2022	30 December 2021
Barn - Barn (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments from:			
Income from charitable activities			
Barn rental		5,572.00	2,628.00
Total Income from charitable activities		5,572.00	2,628.00
Total Income and endowments from:		5,572.00	2,628.00
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Barn running - electricity		1,838.00	336.42
Hall running - gas - NA		138.00	-
Barn running - maintenance & cleaning		969.00	473.90
Hall + major repairs - structure		690.00	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities		3,635.00	810.32
Total Expenditure on:		3,635.00	810.32
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		1,937.00	1,817.68
Brought forward balance		(887.68)	(2,705.36)
Total carried forward balance		1,049.32	(2,705.36)

LACEY - Lacey Bequest (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Legacies	-	36,680.74
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Total Donations and legacies	-	36,680.74
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Total Income and endowments from:	-	36,680.74
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	36,680.74
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Brought forward balance	36,680.74	-
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Total carried forward balance	36,680.74	-
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Dance - Dance For Fun And Fitness (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Other income

DFF	1,753.00	994.70
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Total Other income	1,753.00	994.70
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Total Income and endowments from:	1,753.00	994.70
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Mission, Evangelism & Pastoral Care	800.00	800.00
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Parish training and mission	-	200.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	800.00	1,000.00
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Total Expenditure on:	800.00	1,000.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	953.00	(5.30)
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Brought forward balance	3,877.70	3,848.00
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Total carried forward balance	4,830.70	3,848.00
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YOUTH - Youth Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Other	980.00	-
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Donations appeals etc	3,381.00	-
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Total Donations and legacies	4,361.00	-
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Total Income and endowments from:	4,361.00	-
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Youthwork Staff costs	120.00	4,359.86
Ali Brown Salary	5,396.81	-
Ali Brown expenses	584.86	-
Lee Buck salary	5,209.60	-
Lee Buck expenses	1,882.49	-
Youth Choir	120.00	-
Other Youthwork expenses	1,983.18	-

Total Expenditure on charitable activities	15,296.94	4,359.86
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Total Expenditure on:	15,296.94	4,359.86
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(10,935.94)	(4,359.86)
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Brought forward balance	9,379.24	-
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Transfers to/(from)	-	17,384.10
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Total carried forward balance	(1,556.70)	-
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Fab - Fabric (Designated) Fund

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

verger expenses	-	6,000.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	-	6,000.00
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Total Expenditure on:	-	6,000.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	(6,000.00)
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Brought forward balance	11,527.00	19,527.00
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Total carried forward balance	11,527.00	19,527.00
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Flower - Flower (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc	230.00	100.00
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Total Donations and legacies	230.00	100.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	230.00	100.00
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Other staff salaries	500.00	-
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verger expenses	-	400.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	500.00	400.00
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Total Expenditure on:	500.00	400.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(270.00)	(300.00)
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Brought forward balance	1,736.00	2,036.00
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Total carried forward balance	1,466.00	2,036.00
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Manvell - Marvell Bequest (Restricted) Fund

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Brought forward balance	36,759.00	36,759.00
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Total carried forward balance	36,759.00	36,759.00
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General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Parish Giving Scheme	35,644.70	35,351.95
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Other	5,581.08	793.45
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Plate and Regular Giving	8,921.55	9,397.12
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Donations appeals etc	50,924.96	64,609.17
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Tax recovered	20,306.95	12,169.53
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Non-recurring one-off grants	-	500.00
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Total Donations and legacies	121,379.24	122,821.22
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Income from charitable activities

Fees for weddings and funerals	14,913.50	3,800.00
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Total Income from charitable activities	14,913.50	3,800.00
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Other trading activities

Bookstall sales - fund raising	429.20	48.00
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Magazine income - advertising	20,308.27	19,122.60
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Parish magazine sales	-	2,492.62
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Total Other trading activities	20,737.47	21,663.22
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Investments

Dividends	400.00	47.70
Bank and building society interest	1,385.69	48.59
Total Investments	1,785.69	96.29
Other income		
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	3,824.22
Total Other income	-	3,824.22
Total Income and endowments from:	158,815.90	152,204.95

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving - LINKS International	4,986.56	4,000.00
Mission, Evangelism & Pastoral Care	9,887.29	3,767.13
Parish share	66,218.00	60,718.00
Youthwork Staff costs	-	3,230.18
Salary of parish administrator	4,548.65	4,620.95
Other staff salaries	7,077.15	-
Working expenses of incumbent	8,283.90	8,247.01
Council tax	3,167.93	2,738.55
Parsonage house expenses	660.00	1,150.99
Water rates - rectory	538.56	479.45
Parish training and mission	352.00	371.82
Church running - insurance	4,971.34	4,758.91
Church Telephone & WiFi	418.49	331.01
Organ / piano tuning	743.88	457.56
Music	433.00	-
Organist expenses	4,332.50	-
Sexton Stipend	750.00	10,810.85
Sexton expenses	2,138.17	1,539.00
Electrical Work	812.20	-
Other church maint	6,991.28	-
verger expenses	2,624.22	8,687.62
verger Stipend	750.00	-
AV Expenses	4,516.47	-
AV Staff Expenses	1,118.50	-
Upkeep of churchyard	4,913.03	6,520.64
Administration - do not use	-	4,027.74

Visiting speakers / locums	136.80	-
Church running - electric	959.50	746.77
Church running - water	94.89	118.75
Church running - oil	3,930.21	1,643.75
Church running - heating and lighting	325.00	2,336.31
Magazine expenses	15,576.84	4,570.39
Bookstall costs	289.69	-
Barn running - electricity	1,637.46	1,666.12
Barn running - maintenance & cleaning	1,560.00	1,463.67
Barn running - heating and lighting	236.22	-
Governance costs examination/audit fee	572.00	630.00
Church major repairs - structure	-	3,270.00
Hall + major repairs - structure	2,652.00	462.00
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	169,203.73	143,365.17
Total Expenditure on:	169,203.73	143,365.17
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(10,387.83)	8,839.78
Brought forward balance	35,779.73	45,656.19
Transfers to/(from)	-	(17,384.10)
Total carried forward balance	25,391.90	45,656.19

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	-	8,000.00
	-	8,000.00
Current assets		
Debtors	3,586.08	4,026.64
Cash At Bank And In Hand	116,926.81	134,087.79
	120,512.89	138,114.43
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,242.02	11,262.70
	10,242.02	11,262.70

Net current assets less current liabilities	110,270.87	126,851.73
Total assets less current liabilities	110,270.87	134,851.73
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	110,270.87	134,851.73
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	32,076.64	35,779.73
Designated		
Designated - Barn	(2,450.36)	(887.68)
Designated - Dance For Fun And Fitness	4,830.70	3,877.70
Designated - Fabric	11,527.00	11,527.00
Designated - Flower	1,466.00	1,736.00
Designated - Lacey Bequest	11,680.74	36,680.74
Designated - Pastoral Care	9,706.25	-
Designated - Youth Fund	4,674.90	9,379.24
Restricted		
Restricted - Marvell Bequest	36,759.00	36,759.00
Fund Totals	110,270.87	134,851.73

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

		Balance	Previous balance
Tangible Assets			
6430: Audio Visual System			
Fabric	Designated	8,000.00	8,000.00
General fund	Unrestricted	(8,000.00)	-
		-	8,000.00
Tangible Assets		-	8,000.00
Cash At Bank And In Hand			

6501: Bank current account

Barn	Designated	(5,942.36)	(5,179.68)
Dance For Fun And Fitness	Designated	4,830.70	3,877.70
Flower	Designated	1,466.00	1,736.00
Lacey Bequest	Designated	11,680.74	36,680.74
Pastoral Care	Designated	9,706.25	-
Youth Fund	Designated	16,097.90	20,802.24
General fund	Unrestricted	(22,590.76)	(33,895.66)
Agency collection	Restricted	226.20	-
		15,474.67	24,021.34

6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account

Barn	Designated	4,292.00	4,292.00
Fabric	Designated	3,527.00	3,527.00
Marvell Bequest	Restricted	36,759.00	36,759.00
General fund	Unrestricted	56,874.14	65,488.45
		101,452.14	110,066.45

Cash At Bank And In Hand

 116,926.81 134,087.79

Debtors**Z05: Accounts Receivable**

General fund	Unrestricted	3,586.08	4,026.64
		3,586.08	4,026.64

Debtors

 3,586.08 4,026.64

Agency Accounts**6699: Agency collections**

Agency collection	Restricted	226.20	-
		226.20	-

Agency Accounts

 226.20 -

Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year**Z04: Accounts Payable**

Barn	Designated	800.00	-
Youth Fund	Designated	11,423.00	11,423.00
General fund	Unrestricted	(6,323.38)	(10,282.90)
		5,899.62	1,140.10

Z04-1: Mag creditor

General fund	Unrestricted	4,116.20	10,122.60
		4,116.20	10,122.60

Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,015.82	11,262.70
Grand Total	110,270.87	134,851.73

Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Barn								
Designated		(887.68)	5,572.00	3,635.00	(3,499.68)	-	-	(2,450.36)
Sub-totals		(887.68)	5,572.00	3,635.00	(3,499.68)	-	-	(2,450.36)
Dance								
Designated		3,877.70	1,753.00	800.00	-	-	-	4,830.70
Sub-totals		3,877.70	1,753.00	800.00	-	-	-	4,830.70
Fab								
Designated		11,527.00	-	-	-	-	-	11,527.00
Sub-totals		11,527.00	-	-	-	-	-	11,527.00
Flower								
Designated		1,736.00	230.00	500.00	-	-	-	1,466.00
Sub-totals		1,736.00	230.00	500.00	-	-	-	1,466.00
LACEY								
Designated		36,680.74	-	-	(25,000.00)	-	-	11,680.74
Sub-totals		36,680.74	-	-	(25,000.00)	-	-	11,680.74
Manvell								
Restricted		36,759.00	-	-	-	-	-	36,759.00
Sub-totals		36,759.00	-	-	-	-	-	36,759.00
Pastoral								
Designated		-	-	-	9,706.25	-	-	9,706.25
Sub-totals		-	-	-	9,706.25	-	-	9,706.25
YOUTH								
Designated		9,379.24	4,361.00	15,341.34	6,276.00	-	-	4,674.90

Sub-totals	9,379.24	4,361.00	15,341.34	6,276.00	-	-	4,674.90
General							
Unrestricted	35,779.73	156,944.70	173,165.22	12,517.43	-	-	32,076.64
Sub-totals	35,779.73	156,944.70	173,165.22	12,517.43	-	-	32,076.64
Totals	134,851.73	168,860.70	193,441.56	-	-	-	110,270.87

Analysis of income and expenditure

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies							
0101 - Parish Giving Scheme	35,644.70	-	-	-	35,644.70	35,351.95	
0201 - Other	5,581.08	980.00	-	-	6,561.08	793.45	
0301 - Plate and Regular Giving	8,921.55	-	-	-	8,921.55	9,397.12	
0550 - Donations appeals etc	49,053.76	3,611.00	-	-	52,664.76	65,856.83	
0601 - Tax recovered	20,306.95	-	-	-	20,306.95	20,115.34	
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	36,680.74	
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	
Donations and legacies Totals	119,508.04	4,591.00	-	-	124,099.04	168,695.43	
Income from charitable activities							
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	14,913.50	-	-	-	14,913.50	2,660.00	
1230 - Barn rental	-	5,572.00	-	-	5,572.00	2,628.00	
Income from charitable activities Totals	14,913.50	5,572.00	-	-	20,485.50	5,288.00	
Other trading activities							
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	429.20	-	-	-	429.20	48.00	
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	20,308.27	-	-	-	20,308.27	9,000.00	
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	-	2,492.62	
Other trading activities Totals	20,737.47	-	-	-	20,737.47	11,540.62	
Investments							
1001 - Dividends	400.00	-	-	-	400.00	47.70	

1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,385.69	-	-	-	1,385.69	95.10
Investments Totals	1,785.69	-	-	-	1,785.69	142.80
Other income						
1270 - DFF	-	1,753.00	-	-	1,753.00	1,029.70
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	3,824.22
Other income Totals	-	1,753.00	-	-	1,753.00	4,853.92
Income and endowments Grand totals	156,944.70	11,916.00	-	-	168,860.70	190,520.77

EXPENDITURE ON:

Expenditure on charitable activities

1830 - Giving - LINKS International	4,986.56	-	-	-	4,986.56	4,000.00
1850 - Mission, Evangelism & Pastoral Care	9,146.19	800.00	-	-	9,946.19	4,667.13
1910 - Parish share	66,218.00	-	-	-	66,218.00	60,718.00
2001 - Youthwork Staff costs	-	120.00	-	-	120.00	8,004.38
2011 - Ali Brown Salary	-	5,396.81	-	-	5,396.81	-
2012 - Ali Brown expenses	-	629.26	-	-	629.26	-
2013 - Lee Buck salary	-	5,209.60	-	-	5,209.60	-
2014 - Lee Buck expenses	-	1,882.49	-	-	1,882.49	-
2015 - Youth Choir	-	120.00	-	-	120.00	-
2016 - Other Youthwork expenses	-	1,983.18	-	-	1,983.18	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	4,548.65	-	-	-	4,548.65	4,620.95
2051 - Other staff salaries	7,265.15	500.00	-	-	7,765.15	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	8,283.90	-	-	-	8,283.90	8,967.04
2120 - Council tax	3,167.93	-	-	-	3,167.93	2,738.55
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	660.00	-	-	-	660.00	1,150.99
2140 - Water rates - rectory	538.56	-	-	-	538.56	479.45
2201 - Parish training and mission	352.00	-	-	-	352.00	571.82
2301 - Church running - insurance	4,971.34	-	-	-	4,971.34	4,758.91
2310 - Church Telephone & WiFi	418.49	-	-	-	418.49	331.01
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	743.88	-	-	-	743.88	457.56
2321 - Music	433.00	-	-	-	433.00	-
2322 - Organist expenses	4,332.50	-	-	-	4,332.50	-
2330 - Sexton Stipend	750.00	-	-	-	750.00	11,113.85

2331 - Sexton expenses	2,138.17	-	-	-	2,138.17	1,539.00
2332 - Electrical Work	812.20	-	-	-	812.20	-
2333 - Other church maint	6,991.28	-	-	-	6,991.28	-
2340 - verger expenses	2,624.22	-	-	-	2,624.22	17,761.77
2341 - verger Stipend	750.00	-	-	-	750.00	-
2342 - AV Expenses	8,516.47	-	-	-	8,516.47	-
2343 - AV Staff Expenses	1,326.50	-	-	-	1,326.50	-
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	4,913.03	-	-	-	4,913.03	7,045.64
2360 - Administration - do not use	-	-	-	-	-	4,027.74
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	136.80	-	-	-	136.80	-
2401 - Church running - electric	1,200.09	-	-	-	1,200.09	746.77
2420 - Church running - water	94.89	-	-	-	94.89	118.75
2430 - Church running - oil	3,930.21	-	-	-	3,930.21	1,643.75
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	325.00	-	-	-	325.00	2,336.31
2501 - Magazine expenses	15,576.84	-	-	-	15,576.84	4,600.39
2510 - Bookstall costs	289.69	-	-	-	289.69	-
2530 - Barn running - electricity	1,637.46	1,838.00	-	-	3,475.46	2,002.54
2540 - Hall running - gas - NA	-	138.00	-	-	138.00	-
2560 - Barn running - maintenance & cleaning	1,626.00	969.00	-	-	2,595.00	2,025.57
2590 - Barn running - heating and lighting	236.22	-	-	-	236.22	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	572.00	-	-	-	572.00	630.00
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	3,270.00
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	2,652.00	690.00	-	-	3,342.00	462.00
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	173,165.22	20,276.34	-	-	193,441.56	160,789.87
Expenditure Grand totals	173,165.22	20,276.34	-	-	193,441.56	160,789.87

Independent examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Newick

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, set out on the previous pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008 (The Regulations) and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner.

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirements of the "Regulations" and "The Act" do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the "Regulations".

Basis of this report.

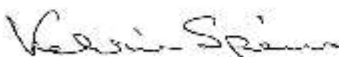
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all that would be required of an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the regulating records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met,or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr K Speirs
Fyndings, Station Road,
Plumpton Green BN7 3BX

24th April 2023

Accounts

St Mary's Newick

Living God's Kingdom



*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
Isaiah 35:1-2*

Praying – Serving – Growing – Together
22nd May 2022
11:30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting & APCM

Annual Meeting of Parishioners
(Vestry Meeting)

Election of Churchwardens
Election of Deputy Wardens

Annual Reports

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's, Newick.

PCC Report 2021 for APCM 2022

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC, working closely with the Rector, is responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of the Church, the church members and church buildings. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the Church within the wider community. Church Members are encouraged to stand for election to the PCC providing a balance of skills and experience.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (No 1138070) under the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Membership is determined under the new Church Representation Rules 2020. Membership consists of the Rector, ex-officio members, Churchwardens, Lay Readers, Members of Deanery Synod and up to twelve members of the Church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) or later co-opted during the year.

Ex-Officio Members

Rev. Paul Mundy	Rector
Mel Balloch	Churchwarden
Sara Fuller	Churchwarden
Jeremy Burdett	Lay Reader and Member of Deanery Synod
Geoffrey Clinton	Lay Reader
Patsy Bailey	Associate Lay Reader and Member of Deanery Synod
Kate Francis	Member of Deanery Synod

Elected Members

Christopher Hume	Vice Chair and Treasurer
Susan Balloch	PCC Secretary
Caroline Smith	Safeguarding Officer
Tony Bailey	Sexton
Isobel Baty	
Linda Farmer	
Audrey Ford	
Anthony Mallinson	
Jo Wood	
Alan Young	

In May 2021 membership of the PCC stood at seventeen. Alan Young stepped down from his position as Churchwarden at the APCM to study to become a Lay Reader but was then co-opted onto the PCC in July 2021. Sara Fuller stepped up to become Churchwarden in his place. Isobel Baty also resigned in May due to pressure of work. In the October of 2021 the PCC was greatly saddened at the death of Jo Wood, leaving membership of the PCC at fifteen. We would like to note our appreciation for the years of tireless work put into the PCC by Jo, both as a Churchwarden and a key member of the Pastoral Care Group. She is greatly missed.

Six PCC meetings were conducted in 2021 (January, March, May, July, September, November). These were held via zoom until September 2021 when relaxation of Covid restrictions made it possible to resume on a face-to-face basis. Agenda topics, for which one or two PCC members took the lead, along with members of the congregation, included: the mission action plan, safeguarding, prayer,

finance, health and safety, pastoral care, fabric, churchyard, outward giving, barn centre, free distribution of the parish magazine and the Christmas tree festival. Work on these was supported by several small groups and committees as listed below. The lead on each of these is in bold:

Standing Committee:	Revd. Paul Mundy, Mel Balloch, Tony Bailey, Jeremy Burdett, Geoff Clinton, Sara Fuller, Christopher Hume , Alan Young
Finance:	Christopher Hume , Robin Parris, Ruth Connellan, Mel Balloch, Ian Reekie
Fabric:	Anthony Bailey , Mel Balloch, Sara Fuller
Pastoral Care:	Patsy Bailey , Isobel Baty, Pat Beeston, Jebby Dyson, Ron & June Perou, Ian Reekie, Marion Young
Outward Giving:	Jeremy Burdett , Revd. Paul Mundy, Ron & June Perou, Ian Reekie, Sue Balloch
Youth:	Revd. Paul Mundy , Ali Brown, Lee Buck, Patsy Bailey, Isobel Baty, Rebecca Hume
Barn Centre:	Anthony Bailey , Patsy Bailey, Sue Balloch, Linda Farmer, Rosemary Walters, Revd. Paul Mundy
Churchyard:	Christopher Hume ; Alan Young; Anthony Bailey
Christmas Tree Festival:	Sara Fuller ; Jenny Smerdon
Parish Magazine:	Revd. Paul Mundy , Mel Balloch, Sue Balloch, Alex Harrison, Christopher Hume, Alan Morgan, Jackie Potter, Monica & Peter Todd

Aims and purposes as a charity

- Promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting the whole mission of the church – pastoral, social, evangelical and ecumenical
- Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives

To meet our charitable objectives we have continued to follow our Mission Action Plan (MAP), setting out and expanding our guiding principles. We also take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Key elements of the MAP include:

- Worship of God and the proclamation of His Gospel
- Listening to God in prayer
- Linking to the wider community
- Support and education in the Christian faith, especially for the young
- Maintaining Church property

Sue Balloch

How we did we affect people's lives in 2021

Worship and the Gospel

2021 continued to be a challenging year as the country entered a third Lockdown on the 6th January 2021 until 29th March and battled a new variant of Covid 19 with the government rolling out its vaccination programme. Churches were not formally closed this time around as we were informed that *"You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony"*

Numbers continued to be restricted and, until the vaccination programme was advanced, we maintained a pattern of worship of online and smaller services in person.

The average attendance at services on a normal Sunday at St Mary's averaged 18 at the 8:00 a.m. plus online attendance and 64 at the 10:00 a.m. plus online attendance.

During the year in the parish there were the following:
Baptisms 5, Weddings 4, and Funerals 17.

Other Services

Worship2 growing in numbers and gratefully received by all who attend.

Our Remembrance Service took place on the Green and in Church.

Our Thanksgiving and Memorial Service was well attended

Blue Christmas Service

Ministry

Rev'd. Paul Mundy continued his appointment as Rector and Incumbent of the Benefice of Newick and in the January of 2021 took up a 5 year role as Priest in Charge of St Peter's Chailey.

Giving

The pandemic has left us with many financial challenges and uncertainties; however, I am pleased to say that St Mary's appears to be weathering the storm. This is solely down to your incredible generosity through God's abundant provision, thank you all, and to the good governance and wise stewardship of Ruth Connellan, Robin Parris, Mel Balloch and Christopher Hume.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

- Promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting the whole mission of the church – pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical
- Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives:

We have continued to follow our Mission Action Plan (MAP), which sets out our guiding principles.

We also take account of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Key elements of the MAP include:

- Our worship of God and the proclamation of His Gospel
- Our listening to God in prayer
- Links in the wider community
- Support and education in the Christian faith, especially for the young
- Maintaining the property and fabric of our worship spaces



Rectory Report for the 2021 APCM

It has been a year of highs and lows, slowly trying to get back to normal with the incredible roll out of the vaccine programmes and yet still the deep sadness of losing loved ones, often suddenly and unexpectedly. We are thinking especially this year of our beloved Jo Wood who had served St Mary's so faithfully in joy, love and always full of prayer. Our love and our prayers go out to all who lost loved ones in 2021, and it really brings home the importance of the role in which our parish church plays out in the life and loss of our community.



We began January with a second porch licensing, this time at St Peter's Chailey as I took on the role of Priest- in- Charge of Chailey for a period of 5 years. I am thankful for the support of Churchwarden's and PCC's of both parishes for their co-operation in working alongside each other and for the sheer joy of collaborating together. I would like to offer special thanks to God for guiding Fr Martin Morgan to us and for his friendship and for his ministry to both Chailey and Newick.

2021 was not without its challenges as we dipped in and out of lockdowns and restrictions and we know that many of us found this season tougher than the previous year's challenges. However, being Newick, we rose to the occasion and we enjoyed much chaos and laughter as our pancake making with NYC was taken online, seeing multiple kitchens across the parish turned into flour disaster zones; our Ash and Palm Crosses delivered in plastic pouches; our Mothering Sunday restrictions meant that flowers were left outside the church for collection and all disappeared in a matter of hours.

From March, Weddings and Blessings began again, initially still with numbered restrictions, but it didn't make the days any less special and in certain circumstances I think the couples found the experience to be far more personal.

Just before Easter we delivered over a 100 chocolate Easter eggs to the schoolteachers and support staff who had been working tirelessly for so long to keep our schools open and teaching in bubbles and online schooling. Easter started with a cold Sunrise service with lots of flames from our firepit. We then warmed around the fire and were heartened with wobbly coffee and hot cross buns as we welcomed our Lord.

During April we gave thanks for the life and service of the Duke of Edinburgh, with the church open for private devotion and a Nation witnessing again the servant heart of our Queen in the midst of her loss.

ROMANS 12: 1

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.'



April also produced the first ever 'all parish' edition of the Newick Parish News. It was recognised as an important mission tool for St Mary's and we are hugely grateful to Jackie, Alex, Mel, Sue Christopher and all the Parish News delivery team for their perseverance, vision and guidance in enabling this wonderful publication to reach the very heart of every household in the community.

May meant I was out of action for a while following a spell in hospital having my vocal cords sorted out and I am hugely grateful to all who stepped in and stepped up. Also for those wise souls who 'advised' me not to return too quickly I believe this was so that I could get well and had nothing to do with my preaching!



June was a busy month as an early summer storm created a complicated situation with a tree down in the churchyard causing damage to several graves but again thanks to Christopher and Tony for their swift response in getting things sorted out. On the 3rd June Alan Young received an invitation to attend an interview at Church House on the 3rd July for a Reader Selection Conference, which was wonderful news, but as part of the process Alan would be unable to hold the post of Churchwarden and Reader in training at the same time! This meant that our original Churchwarden Succession plans had to

be revised. Thankfully, Sara Fuller, courageously stepped into the role, with Mel Balloch offering to guide Sara over the coming year. It was therefore a joy to see the licensing of our Churchwarden's at All Saints Crowborough with Sara commencing her first years and Mel remaining with us for 'One More Year'.

I am also happy to report that Alan was told on the 13th July that he had successfully passed his Reader Selection Conference as '*a very strong candidate*' and that he would be off to St Augustine's Theological College in September.

It was wonderful to have our school leavers services back in church in July and leavers' bibles were handed out to every young person leaving school in Newick and Chailey. This meant the compulsory attendance of 'the Rev' at the

sports day Colour Run in the afternoon!

July was also a time for sun, fun and coming together in love and hospitality and as you can see after the previous two years a powerful reminder of just how precious these moments together are.



August Holiday club was shared with Chailey and Barcombe and over 40 children attending. The sun shone, much fun was had and we learnt a lot about sheep.

It's been a fantastic year for our children's families and Youth Work and I'd like to thank our congregation and PCC for enabling our Youth work through your generosity and to Ali and Lee for their energy, gifts, vision and perseverance.

Going into 2022, prayer is needed for more volunteers to step forward to support our families and Children's ministry.

One of the great joys of the year has been to open our doors again to live music with concerts from – Vivace – Coro Nuovo – New Sussex Singers and Intergenerational Opera receiving great acclaim. It was so

wonderful to have our church filled with song and music.

September was a great month for Vocation, with Reader in training Alan Young and vocation discerning Mandy Stockwell beginning their studies with St Augustine's Theological College. In addition to this, Patsy Bailey continued her vocational training as an ALM for the parish and diocese by commencing the ALM Mission & Ministry Course. September saw the first Worship2 service inspired

by Josh Stockwell and led by Mandy Stockwell, a Fresh Expression Service created around Psalms and worship music. This has been gratefully and well received by those attending, with numbers increasing month on month. In September we ran our first Alpha Course for over two years at St Peter's Chailey, and up to twelve of us met together in hospitality to think about how and why we can have a faith, with some fantastic conversations and friendships made.

October was a busy month with Harvest festival for Church and Schools, a fabulous churchyard working party, a celebrity dinner at Bevern view, Bonfire celebrations in the village and our Thanksgiving service at St Mary's for those who had died before and during the pandemic. Special

thanks goes out to Patsy and all the pastoral team for their continued love and care.

Sometimes it really is a dog's life : in November Loki joined the family at the Rectory and loves coming to Church, especially when Juliet has a pocket full of shortbread.

We also welcomed Henry as he was co-opted onto the PCC.

Remembrance Day was extremely well supported both at our Church Service and on the Green and thank you to NEASSA for their support and hospitality. NEASSA also launched the Newick Remembrance Trail, connecting the history of the young men remembered on our memorial at St Mary's with the homes they

lived in around our village, this was

a huge success and it was wonderful to talk to so many people who came into St Mary's as part of the trail.

During 2021 we started to format our new Mission Action Plan and

huge thanks need to go to Sara Fuller for her structuring of the Deanery Audit and MAP into a working



organic vision plan which is both realistic and achievable. Our Map is following the diocesan vision strategy of the Four Mores and we look forward to expanding this with the church and the community in 2022.

The Four Mores are:

MORE OPEN: A SIGN OF BEING ONE, **MORE CONVERTED TO JESUS CHRIST:** A SIGN OF BEING HOLY, **MORE GENEROUS:** A SIGN OF BEING CATHOLIC, **MORE ENGAGED:** A SIGN OF BEING APOSTOLIC.

In late November we welcomed Bishop Ruth as St Mary's hosted the Deanery Confirmation Service and as one of the congregation mentioned

*"Wow she is amazing!
Bishop Ruth really is a thoroughly modern Bishop, isn't she?"*

We closed the year with a fantastic Christmas Tree festival & Christmas Fair. Huge thanks to Sara Fuller, Jenny Smerdon and their teams for creating and organising this joint fundraiser for St Mary's & St Peter & St James Hospice. Despite fears of another lockdown, many from the village and surrounding area visited the Church to support this start of Christmastide.

This was followed with our first Blue

Christmas Service, written and led by Fr Martin Morgan; this was a powerful time of reflection and acceptance for those struggling with loss at the approaching Christmas season.

This led us wonderfully and respectfully into our Christmas Celebrations. Our Advent & Christmas Appeal towards the costs of caring for our Pastoral Teams again showed just how generous our community can be, and on Christmas Day this year it was Joseph's turn to lead the way.

Once again, thank you to the angels who brought Joseph to life, as we thought about what it means to be the one behind the scenes, whose steadfastness enables others to enact God's calling upon their lives.

Reflecting on the year it has been interesting to see how a community can come together time and time again, in love, support,

generosity, and with great compassion and empathy. The message from 2021 must be "take care of you, so that you can take care of others" and this is a biblical narrative in thinking about how often Jesus took time out, to pray, to rest, to be alone and spend time in hospitality with friends and family.



Looking back at last year, we finished with the prayer of Ignatius of Loyola *Teach me good Lord, to serve You as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost. . .* This year we will finish with a slightly different version which I hope will give us the space to make time for God, to hear God's calling on our lives and to equip us with the strength and resilience to realise God's vision for St Mary's in the adventures ahead:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve.

To give, and yet be mindful of the cost

To fight, yet not ignore the wounds

To toil, yet have the self-compassion to seek rest

To labour and to know that in doing your will we need self-awareness

And to build resilience that we may serve you faithfully.

Electoral Roll Report

The current roll stands at 142. Of this number 123 live within the parish boundary and 19 live outside it.

Since last year's report, 8 names have been added and we extend our welcome to those people.

Sadly, three people have been removed as they are no longer with us. We give thanks for the lives of Geoffrey Harrison, John Hart and Josephine Wood.

Two other people have been removed but now regularly worship at St. Peter's Chailey so haven't actually left our wider church family.

The list of names on our Electoral Roll will be displayed in the porch for 2 weeks as required by the Diocese of Chichester. This list will include names only, no other data will be displayed.

Mandy Stockwell - Electoral Roll Officer

Children's Ministry

Although the first half of 2021 continued to be a very challenging year for the Children and Families Ministry due to the backdrop of the Pandemic, from March onwards face to face contact with children and families meant that gradually activities could resume, albeit with masks and much sanitizer and there was a gradual creep towards resuming 'normality'. To start 2021, lockdown began exactly one day after the children had gone back to school after the Christmas holidays on 4th January and schools did

not reopen until March 8th. During this time, I continued my Ministry online with Virtual New Year Club, moving to Zooms with the children in February. I continued to make videos for six Primary schools to show in classrooms, reaching over 600 children and continued to

communicate with families via email, WhatsApp and Zoom. This was perhaps the most difficult period of the Pandemic as online fatigue had set in and children were desperate to be back together again. The Church Mouse articles in the Newick Parish magazine and regular updates of the Porch noticeboard provided

a welcome distraction from the ennui of online. We were all praying for an end to the uncertainty and for the vaccination program to be successful and those prayers were certainly answered!



Towards the end of March, assemblies resumed in Fletching and Newick Primary schools, with children being 'bubbled' into classes and there were strict regulations to be followed in terms of following the Covid guidelines. This involved careful planning of what could and couldn't be done and transferred to the Sunday Clubs. Risk assessments were rigorously checked, adapted and Children's Clubs had to initially all take place outside until the end of April. This kicked off with a Good Friday outside activities morning at Barcombe and then Outside Easter Owls in Newick. The Sunday Clubs then took a regular rhythm of meeting with signups and separation from the rest of the congregation. I visited Newick Preschool a few times to interact with the little people there and Barcombe Bunnies baby and toddler group resumed cautiously in St Francis in April.



Holiday Club 2021 was planned and, in spite of ongoing Covid concerns, Mossy Church took place at a very sunny Barcombe Church in the last week of August with 60 children attending and 24 volunteers taking part over the three days from the communities of Barcombe, Chailey and Newick.

In September, Primary schools reopened with more of an air of normality, although Covid regulations were still in place but whole school assemblies were able to take place and I was also allowed to meet with mixed groups at lunchtime; the Faith Council in Newick, Worship Welcomers in Chailey and Y Club in

Barcombe. I also switched from Fletching Church to Chailey St Peter's at this time and began considering a different style of outreach with this Church community (now Free@4!)

In October, we held our first Light Party at Newick Church on Sunday October 31st, attended by 25 children, which was great fun. At Christmas, Owls had a Christingle-making session, which was really lovely and Barcombe ran its outside Nativity Trail for the second year, at which I served hot chocolate to over 100 people.



2021 proved to be yet another uncertain year with different people catching Covid at various points and the schools even went back to 'bubbles' again as Covid picked up in the winter months. 2023 has certainly been much less stressful, as mask-wearing has been reduced and there are far less regulations to follow!

So what next? Here are 3 prayer considerations for 2023 and beyond:

1. That volunteers from the Church family will be encouraged to step forward to help with Owls Club as we consider how children going into Year 7 can continue their Christian faith journey at Newick Church. We particularly need a male volunteer.
2. That we as a Church family will consider how children can be even more supported with their Christian faith journey and worshiping on non-Owls Sundays.
3. That we as a Church family consider ways of supporting parents and carers in their Christian faith, perhaps via an evening Zoom.

Ali Brown

Newick Youth Club

NYC has continued to run throughout the lockdowns online, so it was really good that 2021 meant we could now meet in person. We have had a very successful year. We have been able to regrow our youth club in September. We currently have 40 year 7's regularly attending weekly. We keep getting new young people join via friends spreading the word at school. We had an amazing 'Beat the Parents' Quiz night where we were able to advertise May Camp for 2022 with over a dozen young people showing interest in attending. We have enjoyed time together and the continuous growth of the club.

We also launched our older youth group from those that remain from the original NYC in 2020. NCT (Newick & Chailey together) was designed for year 9+. Although with our current numbers at NYC and the possibility of 40 more year 7's in September 2022 we may make NCT year 8+. This would mean we are engaging with 70 – 80 young people each week via youth group

We have planned activities for the spring term 2022 of wide range of games, welcome evenings, BBQ's, water fights and more. The young people love being outdoors and having this opportunity to be active. This allows them to be seen by the public and show how vibrant our youth club is.

We have also discussed with them about anti-social behaviour. After the Defib was stolen from the village hall. We wanted to make it clear this was their village as well and they should have respect for it as much as anyone else.

We had visits from our PCSO who later awarded us with a £500 cheque from the Police Community Support Fund for a new air hockey table and we have also trained 35 young people in CPR and Defib training.

This year has given us loads of opportunities with growth. I can't help but feel God is moving over our youth work here. We hope to get a DofE group started and hopefully reach out to Chailey secondary school in 2022

Lee Buck

Pastoral Care

St. Mary's has a dedicated and compassionate team who, through their care directed at vulnerable members of our community have brought to life the practical application of the teaching and example of Jesus. They have provided support within Covid restrictions throughout the year and as the restrictions were lifted, began visits and supporting activities, these included; lunch club, the exercise classes and Tea at Three, hospital and nursing home visits and bereavement support. These activities make a huge difference to people's mental health, meeting other people, getting out from their own four walls and most importantly knowing that the people of St. Mary's really do care about them. The team illustrated the Christian message that every person is important to God whoever they are. They touched the lives of eighty elderly people in one way or another plus more who attended the activities and who were supported when bereaved which brings it to well over one hundred people. The team met monthly and members were able to contact their team leader if worried about situations or needed to share experiences.

The pressures on adult social care and the NHS have impacted on the team as patients sometimes were discharged without sufficient support and unreasonable expectations of what voluntary support is available locally. Consequently liaising with adult social care has been necessary and continues in

support of those needing assessment for adaptations such as hand rails to make daily living safer and prevent falling.

Home communion was offered - gratefully received and all team members were happy to offer prayer time for those who wanted to share this.

At Easter and Christmas, every effort was made to ensure no one felt forgotten.

Solo Friends social events have made a huge difference to many peoples quality of life over the past year as has the Good Neighbour Scheme providing transport to hospital or the health centre,

The pastoral team works closely with both.

Food provision has been possible via the Uckfield food bank and at times the family support larder.

We have also been helpful in referring those in need to Newick Trust.

TLC monthly tea parties were not restarted as restrictions lifted but 'Tea at Three' replaced it which has enabled more people to attend.

This was one of the busiest and at times most stressful years, the team coped with the changes imposed by Covid and managed to provide valuable support to those in need in our parish.

Patsy Bailey

Men's Suppers

Our Men's Suppers fell victim to Covid in 2020 and most of 2021, but we managed to resume in November 2021. Peter Estcourt, for many years a much-loved and admired GP in Newick, was our speaker. He gave a fascinating account of his life, work and travels.

The evening was well attended, our ladies looked after us very well (Many thanks, you really are wonderful!) and a good time was had by all.

We were glad to welcome a table largely comprising fathers of children who attend our Church Owls club.

We have a full 4-supper program in place for 2022.

Christopher Hume

Sexton's Report

This year has been very active with both routine and specific maintenance tasks being undertaken.

A schedule is kept which specifies approximate dates and intervals for specified maintenance work. In addition many other tasks are identified often at short notice and are generally dealt with quite quickly apart from major works requiring PCC approval. The works carried out this year include -

- Weekly fire alarm tests in the barn centre, fire alarm servicing and fire extinguisher servicing in both church and barn centre carried out by qualified professionals.
- PAT testing of appliances in both buildings carried out annually by a qualified electrician.
- Five yearly fixed wiring inspections completed by a qualified electrician.
- Major tower project completed in September which involved repairs to west tower window stonework and door header. Derusting and repainting ferramenta and cleaning of stained glass and minor repairs. Work was approved by both PCC and diocese and was scheduled for a block of time when the church was less used. Other minor tower works were carried out at the same time. Qualified, skilled professionals employed for all critical works.
- Professional cleaning of all three modern etched glass windows at the western end of the building.
- New mild steel door keys were sought as replacements for poor quality cast iron keys which kept breaking, there was also a greater demand for keys by certain users.

- All external doors had their iron strap work repainted and three doors were treated with an oil finish to prevent degradation of the Victorian oak caused by the elements.
- Downpipes and drains have been regularly cleared with a persistent problem being caused by birds nesting in the hoppers. Minor repairs to the main roof tiles and improvements to downpipes have been carried out.
- There have been a number of sinkages of churchyard paths, notably in the lower churchyard between a run of cremation tablets. The path has been partially relaid to improve matters, no significant issue with underlying drainage have been identified.
- The eastern churchyard wall is in a very degraded state and liable to collapse. This was identified in the previous quinquennial review and is now being slowly addressed with repairs being done on a continuing basis subject to weather conditions.
- The boiler room has had various things done to reduce condensation and water seepage through brickwork but the basic problem of flooding remains. Hopefully before the end of this year or the start of 2022, a new strategy of fitting a drain overflow expansion pipe will be carried out. The fittings are ready and waiting in the boiler room as of December.
- During the late 2021 gardening day a 'french drain' was dug along the north aisle external wall and filled with shingle. The intention is to reduce the dampness in that wall in particular. Recent moisture readings suggest a minor improvement is taking place, but readings will be taken later in 2022 to see if the new installation has helped significantly.
- In mid November an inspection of our bells took place, by a member of the Sussex Churches Bell Restoration Fund. This was extremely informative and while the bells are safe to be rung for the foreseeable future, there are various minor but important maintenance tasks to be carried out early in 2022 and one item, the clapper in the tenor bell which will require the attention of a professional bellhanger.
- Boiler servicing done in early December and oil tank refilled as necessary to meet winter demand.
- New air hand driers installed in the barn centre toilets and other electrical works carried out.

Many other minor tasks too numerous to mention have been been dealt with. I would single out for mention a number of members of Church staff or PCC who have been essential to me carrying out my role as sexton. Christopher Hume both as treasurer and in charge of churchyard matters, Rebecca Hume, vergers with whom of necessity, I have a good working relationship, Julian Avis for all building related works and the tower bells and Jeremy Burdett for literally doing the spadework! There is still much to be done next year, but quite a lot of the activity taking place this year is in preparation for our next quinquennial inspection in May 2022.

Maintenance costs overall are expected to drop considerably during 2022 since the most critical works which were outstanding have already been done dealt with during the period 2020/2021

Anthony Bailey

Outward Giving Group

The group was allotted £4000 from church funds to disburse as it thought best.

The following payments were made during the year:

Chichester diocese Family Support Work	£600
Bevern Trust	£600
Leprosy Mission	£600

Wycliffe Bible translators for Katy Barnwell	£1000
Links International to go towards projects in Colombia	£600
Jimmy's Farm	£600

We have been updating the PCC about proposals to help the Wayuu people in Colombia, an indigenous people lacking any form of government support and suffering malnutrition. The project will aim initially to raise funds for the completion of their church and other facilities in the village of El Brasil. It is hoped that we can help set up water supply and food production in co-operation with Links International and other charities.

Although some funds may come from St. Mary's, we propose to widen the fund-raising to individuals in the church and beyond.

Jeremy Burdett

Churchyard Report 2021

Our Churchyard continued to progress in 2021.

We aim to serve our Church and our community by maintaining our lovely Churchyard as a fitting resting place for the departed, a safe, attractive and welcoming place for the many walkers who use the footpaths running through it, and a pleasant and peaceful place for the many people who like to spend time for reflection and refreshment on the seating we provide.

A lot of time, care and expense goes into the maintenance and development this requires. We spent over £5,000 on this in 2021.

We have the trees inspected for health and safety each year by Connick Tree Care, and carry out an annual program of tree work base on their recommendations. Grass cutting and path spraying are carried out regularly.

In 2021, for the first time, we grew out the central part of our old Churchyard to allow wild flowers and small mammals and insects to flourish between March and September. The results were promising, with a spectacular showing of oxeye daisies during the season. We shall continue this program in 2022 and future years, aiming to improve the diversity of wildflower and bird and wild life in this area.

In addition to paid work, a lot of our development work is carried out by our congregation on our two garden days each year. Many people work extremely hard, and their achievements over the years continue to beautify our Churchyard. Some good progress each year, and regular maintenance have paid real dividends. We receive many compliments these days, including a pleasing accolade from a recent DAC (Diocesan) inspection.

This year a hard-working team of our volunteers installed a French drain around those parts of our Church walls suffering damp from exposure to soil. This will be a major long-term improvement to our splendid and ancient Church building.

Our garden days are not just hard work – we enjoy a pleasant lunch and social gathering at the conclusion of each garden day, and these two occasions are an important and rewarding part of our Church year.

I am most grateful to all our congregational members who have worked so hard in our Churchyard. I am also most grateful to the many people who have donated plants, and to Bobbie Blundy who donated a splendid new bench for the centre of our New Churchyard.

Christopher Hume

St Mary's Lunch Club

We started back at our lunch club the 2nd Monday of the month in September 2021 after a break of 18 months due to Covid. We had a meeting first and thought it best to only invite 24 elderly folk to keep numbers low and minimise spread so we could spread out more in the Barn Centre. We also stopped our raffle and inviting outsiders in for entertainment. Actually we have sadly lost a few of our previous members and Jo one of our Fantastic cooks. so we only currently have 30 at the most on our register so most months we average 20-25. It is lovely to see everyone again and we still have 2 amazing teams of cooks our amazing pudding queens and amazing volunteers some of which are new and learning the routine off our experts. We have had to increase our price to £6 due to rising costs but we often are blessed with donated meals from the Cook shop so we can offer a free meal. We have also been fortunate to have some amazing drivers who assist and help especially as a few of our members have memory problems and forget they are coming. Paul kindly cooked our amazing Christmas Turkey lunch when both teams came together and although due to Covid we couldn't hear the school children's carols we did have a great Father Christmas and shared presents and mince pies together.

Now restrictions are hopefully lifting we have advertised for more members and have lots organised, Country singing and dancing and Paul is kindly cooking for our Easter lunch in April which is also our 6th birthday celebration. We are sharing ideas and recipes with Chailey lunch club and we network with solos and Tea at three, which is lovely.

Issie Baty

Uckfield Deanery Synod

22.7.21

The synod met over a zoom session for the elections of officers and News from various parishes.

25.11.21

The Synod members were welcomed in person at All Saints; Danehill with a very inspirational talk by Debbie Beer, Diocesan Environmental Officer, there was plenty of discussion and questions especially about the best types of heating. There is plenty of information available online to guide Churches and Debbie is a very useful contact.

Patsy Bailey

Solo Friends

Background

Solo Friends was inaugurated on 31st January 2019 as an activity group through which people living in their own in Newick could join in social events



Membership

Since then the number of Friends has steadily grown largely by word of mouth invitation.

Total membership is now 45 of which at least half are regular attenders at our activities.

All members are kept informed of activities and other matters of interest through a regular Keeping in Touch newsletter.

Events

The gradual lifting of Covid-19 restrictions has enabled us to resume full activities with monthly planning meetings in the Barn Centre and coffee mornings at The Pantry.

Monica Haynes continues to do an amazing job as central co-ordinator emailing a list of forthcoming events.

Our programme has a wealth & variety of events, with regular lunches at local pubs & restaurants, including two very enjoyable Christmas lunches.

Many of the activities are at Friends homes including lunches, teas and wine tasting as well as Canasta & Scrabble

We are also supporting village events, such as NADS & the Village Hall Film Nights as they restart.

Finance

There is no need for significant financial assistance as all events are self funding and we have enjoyed free use of the Barn Centre.

Individuals are responsible for paying for their own tickets for events.

Car sharing is used wherever possible and a fair means of cost sharing agreed with the driver.

To help offset printing and other expenses we recently had a bring and buy sale and hold a petty cash box.

Structure

The activities of Solo Friends are legally part of the pastoral work of St Mary's and as such a report summarising its activities are required to be submitted to the PCC.

The risk assessment responsibilities fall under the Health & Safety Policy of St Mary's.

Solo Friends are most grateful to the PCC for permitting their activities to be treated as part of St Marys pastoral activity and for the use of the Barn Centre.

Ian Reekie

Coffee Café

During the past year Coffee Café found itself frequently opening and closing its doors, trying to balance the avoidance of Covid with the need amongst us all to find some normality in life, which included our weekly chat over a cup of coffee, adding to our sense of well-being after such a long time where we had to keep our distance from each other. Great emphasis was still placed upon keeping that distance, when we were advised to return to the pews with our coffee and when absolutely everything from sugar to cake was served in its own wrapper.

The Coffee Café has now become increasingly popular both before and after our 10:00 a.m. services, particularly on Owls Sundays with the children hunting for that early morning chocolate biscuit and parents looking for that early morning coffee moment – and the opportunity to socialise with other parents.

We alternate the venue between the back of the Church and the Barn Centre – the Barn Centre is particularly popular in the summer where one can relax outside in the morning sunshine, whilst the Church Café remains popular with early arrivals.

A small team of volunteers keep the Café running in both venues but it is a small team and it would be greatly appreciated if additional volunteers could step forward, even if it is once a year, to give this team the pleasure of having coffee served to them, without having to worry about the milk, the cakes, the biscuits, the sugar, the drinks, the cups, the clearing up afterwards – and it is a rewarding time, enabling one to meet the congregation, sharing the cake and the chatter.

Rebecca Hume

Christmas Tree Festival

Having had a greatly reduced festival in 2020 we were delighted to be able to look at a bigger event for '21. The weekend was a great success with just shy of £2200 being raised. After expenses the total divided between St Mary's and St Peter & St James Hospice was just under £2000.

We had 37 trees sparkling in the church which was a great result, bearing in mind the escalating omicron/Covid concerns and having had several tree exhibitors cancel fairly last minute.

We did lose 12 booked stalls from the Saturday market which was disappointing as it literally halved the size but we looked at repositioning the 11 we had and it worked really well. There was a real buzz about the place and was naturally the busiest day of the three, with continual footfall between the church and the market. The Vicars BBQ was a huge success and with a choice of hot and cold drinks, cakes and even mulled wine to accompany a sausage or bacon bap, people happily enjoyed the food and the trees. The collection bucket in the church alone filled with £560 that day!

For reference, the main reason for stallholders cancelling was the draw of the Bluebell Vineyard market which was the same day and had a larger commercial feel which some stallholders felt would be more beneficial for them. There was also a non-refundable prepaid deposit scheme in place which is something we could potentially consider for future events. We also need to consider what other events may be taking place at the same time in the local area as this year particularly, the weekend of 10th - 12th December was very popular for fairs and markets.

Voting on the trees was also very successful over the course of the weekend and the top trees were:

UNDER 18'S		
Cubs & Scouts	61	First
Newick Primary School	46	Second
Newick Pre School	41	Third
CLUBS & SOCIETIES		
Rugby Club "Gnome Alone"	76	First
The Pantry	71	Second
Allotment Society	58	Third

The event closed at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday but we still saw people coming along to view the trees until 5:00 p.m. saying they really wanted a quick look before they all disappeared and we couldn't disappoint.

Thanks must go to everyone who worked hard leading up to and over the festival weekend to make it the success it was and that includes all the lovely bakers who provided cakes to be sold across the weekend in the church - and those who gave up their time to be in Church welcoming visitors and serving refreshments.

There were some lovely comments made by visitors to the church and one stall-holder said:

"After a late night running a party in London it was nice to have lovely people and other traders around. It didn't feel like working, we had steady sales and we would happily attend next year".

Sarah Fuller

Barn Centre

Another Strange Year

Putting together a report for the year ended 2021 required a bit of head scratching as we were slowly and painfully moving out of a full blown pandemic to a much freer world, but changed by its effects. The last Barn Centre committee meeting had been in January 2020 and since then there seemed little point having face-to-face committee meetings which would risk social distancing, zoom meetings are

never great. We have started our meetings again in November 2021 with an intention of quarterly meetings. Although the enterprise is fairly self-maintaining having a committee and recorded minutes is important as evidence when seeking grants of any kind.

Finances

The Barn Centre is primarily a church hall and as such, because it serves the Church first, it does not have to pay its way, but the utility bills still keep coming. However as hires have steadily increased and people have felt more able to meet socially again, this has gone some way to offsetting the running costs of the building.

Maintaining The Barn Centre

Throughout the pandemic SB and AB have continued to keep the building running and taking bookings as the waves of varying regulations allowed. It is good to report that thanks to gradual, and now complete relaxation of Covid regulations SB has been able to maximise bookings in the building to a more or less pre-pandemic level which is very much to her credit. The building has been kept clean and tidy and functional with provision of hand sanitiser, anti-bacterial cleaner, wipes and gloves and a Covid policy intended to ensure the safety of hirers. Our regular hirers have been very good about observing safe usage such as plenty of ventilation, social distancing and judicious use of masks. As a result the rate of infections was more or less nil up to the end of 2021.

Improvements

In December new air hand driers were installed in the toilets which obviates the nuisance of paper towels. The toilet block roof was going to be completely re-felted but had to be deferred to early 2022. Some internal improvements are still possible in order to make the building as usable and welcoming to congregation and hirers until a hoped for upgrade building programme can be put in place. The Church would really struggle to cope without the much used facilities the Barn Centre provides.

Anthony Bailey

Flower Team

Following the 2020 Lockdown restrictions, it is a joy to return to Worship at St. Mary's in 2021.

As the services are now streamed The Rector has requested an additional flower arrangement near the lectern, this is now included in the weekly flower rota and our funds increased to allow for the additional expense. We are mindful of finances and keep our costs as low as possible.

The donations for Easter Lilies were exceptional this year, this enabled the church to be beautifully decorated for the Easter Services.

Harvest was again one of the highlights of the year, with bright, colourful arrangements in celebration. We welcomed four people who joined our workshop for Remembrance Sunday. It was a delightful session and they produced amazing wall hangers as part of the decorations in the Nave. It was uplifting to be part of the Team, and the Remembrance Poppies were appreciated by everyone. These ladies have agreed to join us again for the Christmas workshop, and we look forward to another successful session.

Five additional people joined the usual team for the Christmas decorations, this was an enjoyable session and beautiful arrangements were produced.

We appreciate the assistance we have had for the festivals, and the additional help from the two gentlemen that come to our aid for repairs, provision of mechanics etc. we couldn't manage without them.

For various reasons the flower team has dwindled and we need more recruits to join the rota, not just for arranging, but who would be prepared to be called upon for generally helping out. As with our new ladies we would welcome anymore persons that would consider joining us. No special skills are needed, just a love of flowers and a willingness to join in.

The Flower Team

Church Cleaning

I am always surprised by the number of people who walk into St. Mary's and say that it feels like a well-cared for and much loved Church – and this is from all aspects, not just the cleaning.

The task of keeping our church clean can be quite a challenge, from muddy days to pouring with rain days, to glorious sunshine days when every cobweb that didn't appear 5 minutes ago suddenly makes its presence felt.

In addition to the mid-week cleaning, I have on a few occasions, when preparing for special events, been offered – and gratefully accepted - assistance by one or two members of our congregation, thus cutting down what could be a three to four hour task to under two.

Before Covid disrupted our lives, we used to have a team of volunteers who would appear on Saturday mornings, or Friday afternoons if we had a wedding, to make sure that all was in order for the weekend. I hope that we might re-instate this rota system and I would also like to see our Spring Cleaning morning re-instated, even if it becomes a Summer or Autumn event, as there are some aspects of church cleaning that cannot be undertaken by one person on their own and like; our Garden Days, it is always good to see us all working together.

My thanks to everyone for helping me keep St. Mary's as the much loved Church that it is – and don't hesitate in letting me know when you spy those sunshine cobwebs.

Rebeca Hume

Choir

It has been good to welcome back all our members of the choir to lead the music and worship for our services at Newick.

Recently, we were able to say farewell to Vivienne at her Memorial Service, which was a touching celebration of a wonderful person and someone who was much loved and valued by family and friends.

During the past year we have been pleased to welcome Amy Tapp and Emma Lomas as sopranos and to benefit from increased numbers of voices in the choir.

As a choir we have much enjoyed welcoming Chailey to our combined services and having members of the Chailey Choir join with us for these occasions. The next combined service is planned for the end of May when we shall be singing an Introit & the Anthem: *"With a Voice of Singing"*. We also much enjoyed singing with Chailey choir for their combined service earlier this year and we look forward to joining with them at Chailey on Maundy Thursday.

Preparations for our Service of Devotion for Holy Week "Stainer's Crucifixion" are going well and will lead into the Easter Services.

The church choir at St Mary's Newick much value the kind comments of encouragement and support they receive from members of the church and parishioners. We continue to be a happy band of pilgrims and shall be pleased to welcome new members should anyone wish to come and sing with us.

Jonathan Fenton-Vince

Safeguarding Report

The Church Website has the relevant policies, information and how to report concerns and access help. I keep a record of all those who are DBS checked and inform them when their checks need to be renewed. DBS checks now, have to be renewed every 3 years, as required by the Diocese, on the advice of the Charity Commission. Although, the Diocese informed Safeguarding Officers in January, to only place those with a new DBS check on the 3 year cycle. They said to keep those who had a current DBS on the 5 year cycle, as they were and only change this, when they have a new DBS check done.

Online Safeguarding training is available on the Diocese website. Face-to-face training has been withdrawn by the Diocese. This is challenging for some of our volunteers and we will be looking at how they can be supported to do this training.

Lee Buck, who runs the Youth Club Lee Buck and Ali, who runs Owls are very aware of their responsibilities for Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

Cara Barseghian, who is running the Youth Choir has completed her DBS and is aware of Safeguarding issues.

There are no outstanding Safeguarding issues.

Caroline Smith

Ringers' Report

During the last year, we have managed to ring for most church services as normal, including school services.

We rang for three weddings and a funeral.

We hosted two teams of visiting ringers.

We were privileged to have a visit from Trisha Hawkins, the great, great granddaughter of Mrs Blaauw who gifted the church the peal of bells in 1867.

Alan Young and I also had the 'privilege' of tolling the tenor for 30 minutes in honour of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on the day of his funeral on 17th April.

To finish the year off, we rang 2021 out from 11:45 until 11:59, at midnight the tenor struck 12, then the whole peal joined in ringing "Queens" (1,3,5,2,4,6) until 00:10 on 1.1.22. Then we each, along with a few parishioners who had come along – I think to see what all the noise was about, had a shot of port, wished for a better 2022, then all went home.

I think this was a well-received re-starting of an old tradition which had, unfortunately, not been done here for some years. I would like to try to make it an annual feature of Newick if we can.

We have taught two new ringers who will shortly become part of the team I can call upon to ring.

We arranged for a check-up of the bells by Nick Cullen of the Sussex Bell Restoration Society. He suggested a few tweaks, but nothing of great concern. Most have been carried out by our Sexton Tony and me. One or two are still in hand.

Finally, on behalf of my team, thank you for letting us ring your bells. We get enjoyment when we ring well, but occasionally we have an off day, for which I apologise! But you have to take the rough with the smooth.

Thank you

Julian Avis - Captain of Bells

APCM - Finance Report for 2021

St Mary's enjoyed a sound year financially in 2021.

We were fortunate to receive a bequest of £36,681 from the Walter Lacey estate. We also received a one-off return of capital of £3,872 from the Diocese in respect of long-standing legacies from many years ago where we qualified to receive the capital sum.

We also benefited from the success of our 2020 Christmas Appeal for youth work, which, when gift aid was taken into account, resulted in the establishment of a fund for Youth Work of £17,384.

Regular and Plate giving rose by £7824 during the year. In a year made difficult by Covid, this splendid result reflects the remarkable generosity of our congregation.

Our general expenses rose by £10487 during the year. Our youth work expenditure during the year of £8005 was charged to the Youth Fund in 2021 rather than to general expenses as in 2020. Taking this into account, our expenditure on the business and mission of the Church rose by £18492.

This has left the Church in a sound position with total funds on hand in our working (Barn, Dance, Fabric, Flower and Youth Work) funds, our General Fund which finances our everyday expenditure and our designated Reserve Funds (Lacey, Manwell) of £134,805.

This is satisfactory, but looking further forward we face some serious emerging financial challenges. Our congregation is ageing. A small number of major donors, all of mature years, provide a substantial proportion of our income. The scourge of inflation will reduce real income over the period to 31 12 2023, which will put pressure on giving. I estimate that this scourge of inflation will also reduce the value of our reserves by at least 10% by the end of 2023, which represents a serious loss for us.

At the same time we are spending increasing amounts on our mission and outreach. Our magazine now goes free, in colour to every household in the village, which is splendid outreach, but will turn the modest profit we used to make into a small loss. We budgeted and planned for this, of course, but it must still be paid for. And we shall spend increasing amounts on Youth Work, and Pastoral Care. This expenditure will mainly be met in 2022 from the proceeds of our successful Christmas 2020 and Christmas 2021 appeals for these activities.

After prayerful consideration we have decided to respond to these challenges with a giving campaign starting in May 2022. A key element of this will be an appeal for legacies. The Church of England has always relied heavily on legacy funding, and St Mary's is no exception. We shall continue to depend on Legacies in the years to come to support our Good Lord's work in Newick.

Christopher Hume

St Mary's Church Newick 2021

General Fund, year ended 31st December

	2021	2020	
Income			
Regular Giving	47,352	61,849	
Other	55,050	32,868	
Plate	9,397	7,359	
Bequests	36,681		
Tax Recovered	20,115	22,015	124,091
Interest received		143	557
Wedding and funeral fees		2,660	12,751
Fund Raising			
Sundry receipts		3,872	526
Magazine - income	11,493	11,233	
- expense	-4,600	-5,440	5,793
Barn Centre - income	3,658	350	
- expense	-6,171	-3,282	-2,932
TOTAL INCOME		179,650	140,785
Expense			
Charitable Giving	4,000	4,000	
Parish Contribution	60,718	61,648	
Church & Churchyard expenses	32,681	28,815	
Clergy & rectory expenses	13,708	12,863	
Mission & Evangelism	3,867	1,172	
Youthwork expenses	0	5,065	
Cost of Services	9,362	4,025	
Worship	0	976	
Sundry Expenses		1,250	
Administration Expenses	9,279	3,314	
TOTAL EXPENSES		133,614	123,127
Excess of income over expense		46,036	17,658
Transfer to Fabric Fund		-50	
Transfer to DFF fund		-30	
Transfer to Barn fund		-2,318	
Transfer to Youth fund		-17,384	
Transfer to Lacey fund		-36,681	
Fund brought forward		46,206	28,548
		35,779	46,206
BALANCE SHEET			
Fixed Asset - Audio visual system		8,000	16,000
Current Assets			
Cash on Deposit		110,067	82,020
Cash at Bank		24,021	17,826
Accounts receivable		4,027	15,004
		138,114	114,850
Loan amounts outstanding		-1,140	-17,384
Magazine advertising paid in advance		-10,123	-8,345
Current Assets less current liabilities		126,852	89,121
TOTAL ASSETS less LIABILITIES		134,852	105,121
FUNDS			
General		35,779	46,206
Barn		-888	-3,205
Dance		3,878	3,848
Fabric		11,527	19,477
Flower		1,736	2,036
Lacey		36,681	0
Manuel		36,759	36,759
Youth		9,379	0
TOTAL FUNDS		134,852	105,121

St Mary's Church, Newick

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets			
	6430: Audio Visual System	8,000	16,000
	Total Fixed assets	8,000	16,000
Current assets			
	6501: Bank current account	24,021	17,826
	6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	110,067	82,020
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,027	15,004
	Total Current assets	138,114	114,850
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	0	1614
	Z04: Accounts Payable	1,140	15,770
	Z04-1: Mag creditor	10,123	8,345
	Z04-2: NCR	0	-
	Z04-3: NDT funds	0	-
	Total Liabilities	11,263	25,729
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	134,852	105,121
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	29,731	4052
	Z01: Starting balances	105,121	101,069
	Total Reserves	134,852	105,121

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Newick

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, set out on the previous pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008 (The Regulations) and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner.

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirements of the "Regulations" and "The Act" do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the "Regulations".

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all that would be required of an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the regulating records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met,or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr K Speirs
Fyndings, Station Road,
Plumpton Green BN7 3BX

3rd May 2022

St. Mary's Parish Church Newick

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Sunday 22nd May 2022

AGENDA

1. Welcome and prayers
2. In attendance and apologies for absence

VESTRY MEETING

3. Election of Churchwardens

APCM

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 APCM
5. Mission Action Plan
6. Adoption of Diocesan Safeguarding Policy
7. Changes to the Electoral Roll
8. Election of Lay Representatives to the PCC
9. Annual Report to include:
 - a) Secretary's Report
 - b) Treasurer's Report including appointment of the Independent Examiner
 - c) Fabric Report
 - d) Deanery Synod Report
10. AOB
11. Close of Meeting

St. Mary's Parish Church Newick

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 23rd May 2021, 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and prayers

2. In attendance: Rev. Paul Mundy (Chair), Patsy Bailey, Tony Bailey, John Baker, Mel Balloch, Sue Balloch, Pat Beeston, Sylvia Chapman, Geoff Clinton, Ruth Connellan, Paddy Cumberlege, Dick Dyson, Jebby Dyson, June Ellis, Linda Farmer, Jonathan Fenton-Vince, Audrey Ford, Kate Francis, Sara Fuller, Gill Godsmark, Rosie Hallett, Christopher Hume, Rebecca Hume, Valerie Jago, Alex Jomiru, Allen Lucas, Juliette Lucas, Anthony Mallinson, Barry Mansfield, Shirley Mansfield, Ann Maxwell, Clive Maxwell, Alan Morgan, Lilian Morgan, Patricia Mundy, June Perou, Ron Perou, Ian Reekie, Christine Ripley, Malcolm Smith, Ash Stockwell, Josh Stockwell, Mandy Stockwell, Dorothy Thrower, Monica Todd, Peter Todd, Rosemary Walters, Jo Wood, Alan Young, Louise Young

Apologies for absence

Issie Baty, Jeremy and Jackie Burdett, Aveline Moore, John and Catherine Sclater, Caroline Smith

VESTRY MEETING

3. At the last Vestry Meeting in October 2020 (postponed due to the pandemic), Mel Balloch and Alan Young had been elected to continue serving as Churchwardens. As Alan was applying for Readership Training he was now required to step down as a warden. It was proposed that his place be taken by Sara Fuller. Sara's appointment was proposed by Alan Young, seconded by Rev'd Mundy and carried unanimously. Rev'd Mundy proposed a huge vote of thanks to Alan for his two years' service and wished him God speed with his Readership application. Sara was also thanked for being ready to step up to this important office. Mel Balloch had agreed to continue for a sixth year. His appointment was proposed by Paul Mundy, seconded by Sara Fuller and carried unanimously. Rev'd Paul said he would be lost without his Churchwardens. He asked those present to pray for up and coming Churchwardens and to consider if they themselves were being called. God works through his Holy Spirit he emphasised and asked that people would 'give God the time'.

APCM

4. Minutes of the previous annual meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous APCM, held on 11th October 2020, was proposed by Jonathan Fenton-Vince, seconded by Linda Farmer and passed unanimously. These were then signed by Rev'd Paul Mundy.

5. Know – Love – Follow – Jesus

Rev'd Mundy asked people to read the Annual Report which outlined our Mission for 2020 and showed clearly where God had been at work. He gave thanks to the Pastoral Care Team and to Valerie, Gill, Rebecca and Tony for all they had done to keep the Church open, covering all the necessary cleaning and social distancing requirements. We had continued to spread our Christian witness and to follow the Diocesan direction to Know, Love and Follow Jesus. Many had worked on a

voluntary basis, picking up the 'phone and keeping in touch with those who were isolated and many also had been very generous in their giving. Blessings on all.

One of the major changes had been worshipping on line, with many new people now staying in touch through our streamed and recorded services. This morning a large number had been watching the 8.00am Communion Service.

6. Adoption of Diocesan Safeguarding Policy

The Safeguarding Officer, Caroline Smith was not present today as she had spent all of the previous day training. Rev'd Mundy was thankful that Safeguarding was taken so seriously in St. Mary's. The Diocesan Safeguarding Policy had already been approved by the PCC.

7. Changes to the Electoral Roll

Mandy Stockwell reported that the Electoral Roll had remained stable since the last APCM, losing just two members who had died. One hundred and thirty nine people were presently on the Electoral Roll. It was hoped that the current influx of baptisms might encourage more families to join

8. Election of Lay Members to the Deanery Synod

The current Lay Members on the Deanery Synod had been appointed until 2023 (Jeremy Burdett, Patsy Bailey, Kate Francis). Members of the congregation were encouraged to consider applying for election in 2023. Membership provided an excellent opportunity to listen to other churches and exchange ideas with them.

9. Election of Representatives to the PCC

Issie Baty was the only person retiring from the PCC. She had been a great asset to the PCC during her years of service for which she was warmly thanked. No new members were proposed for election. If people were interested in joining the PCC they could talk to Christopher Hume or Sue Balloch in the first instance.

10. Annual Report 2020 including:

a) Secretary's report: there were no questions

b) Treasurer's report: Christopher Hume had been moved by the generosity of the congregation, with £17,500 donated to maintaining the work of the Children and Families Missioner and Youth Club Leader. Rev'd Mundy expressed his deepest thanks to Christopher Hume, Ruth Connellan and Robin Parris for taking over the Treasury work after Brian Hay died and for steering us so brilliantly through the pandemic. Christopher Hume extended his thanks to Mel Balloch. The Independent Examiner, Mr K Speirs, was unanimously approved. There were no questions.

c) Fabric report: the Churchwardens had been unable to make a visual check of the Church themselves but Tony Bailey as Sexton had assumed day to day responsibility for Fabric. Thanks were given to Tony for the thought, care and extensive work he had been putting into this central task. Alan Young commented on the wonderful change effected by the cleaning of the Millenium window. He also noted that the extra light now obtained through cleaning the west window had thrown up other problems.

There had been very complimentary feedback from the community on the wonderful maintenance of the churchyard. Thanks were due to Christopher Hume, Alan Young, Rebecca Hume, Tony Bailey and

others and to all who had supported the recent Garden Day. The churchyard was a window on the church for the community. Its maintenance had involved taking down trees, mending walls and all manner of other tasks. Alan Young said that sometimes it was difficult to realise that the churchyard had to be operated under certain rules and thanked people for their patience. Feedback was always appreciated.

d) Deanery Synod report: there were no questions.

The Annual Report 2020 was unanimously approved, proposed by Mel Balloch and supported by Dorothy Thrower. Rev'd. Mundy was thanked for his love and leadership and for the huge effort he had put in over the previous months to bring us through all the difficulties of the previous year.

Rev'd Mundy said that some things had happened both magically and miraculously. One thing was certain, he could not have done this without a Verger and Valerie Jago had been amazing, enabling all of us to continue. He gave a sincere vote of thanks to both Valerie and Chris Jago for all they had done. Although she had now stepped down, Valerie had offered to help our new Verger, Rebecca Hume, and our Deputy Verger Gill Godsmark when needed and everyone was very grateful for this. Rev'd Mundy thanked all for their support through the most difficult of years and said he felt extremely blessed.

11. AOB

There were no further matters raised but it was noted that the swearing in of the Churchwardens would take place in Crowborough on 21st June.

12. Close of Meeting

PKM thanked all those attending and closed the meeting with a prayer.

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<u>Notes to Accounts 2021</u>							
1	In 2020 some Donations were coded to Regular Giving, coding corectly split in 2021						
2	Includes donation to Christmas appeal for Pastoral Care Fund. Separate fund to be created to n						
3	Fewer services held in 2021						
4	Sale of DBF Investment						
5	Barn Centre includes income and expenditure for Dancing for Fun and Fitness. Expenditure on						
6	Payments in 2020 totalled £60,648. An allocation of £1k to the barn centre expenses was incorr						
7	Youthwork expenses covered by separate designated fund - see breakdown in Specific Fund De						
8	Prior year parish administrator allocated to Churchexpenses						
9	Q4 gift aid, received in Feb 22						
10	Magazine advertising income received in Q4 of 2021						

<u>Statement of Reserve Funds at December 2021</u>			
Includes the general fund for maintaining ongoing church activities, fabric fund for specific upkeep of church assets, also the Manvell and Lacey Bequests to be used for specifically identified initiatives serve as long term reserves for stabilisation of the balance sheet.			
Fund	Opening	Income	Expenditure
General	46,206	186,716	-142,575
Fabric	19,477	0	-8,000
Manvell	36,759	0	0
Lacey	0	0	0
TOTAL	102,442	186,716	-150,575

fund transfer	Closing		
-54,615	35,732		
50	11,527		
0	36,759		Specific Bequest, to be used for funding musical initiatives and projects
36,681	36,681		Partially allocated to fund the Newick Parish Magazine for 3 years to a maximum of £8k per year
-17,884	120,699		

Statement of Working Funds at December 2021			
Specific Funds for particular activities or initiatives, includes funds created following identified appeals.			
Fund	Opening	Income	Expenditure
Barn	-3,205	2,628	-810
Dance	3,848	1,030	-1,000
Flower	2,036	100	-400
Youth	0	0	-8,005
TOTAL	2,679	3,758	-10,215
Pastoral care fund - to be created in 2022 from General fund receipts in 2021.			

fund transfer	Closing		
500	-888		
0	3,878		
0	1,736		
17,384	9,379		Originally created via the Christmas appeal in 2020 to fund Youthwork in the village.
17,884	14,105		

St Mary's Church, Newick
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Barn	-3,205	2,628	810	500 -		-888
Dance	3,848	1,030	1,000	0 -		3,878
Fabric	19,477	0	8,000	50 -		11,527
Flower	2,036	100	400	-		1,736
Lacey		0	0	36,681 -		36,681
Manwell	36,759	0	0	-		36,759
Youth		0	8,005	17,384 -		9,379
General	46,206	186,716	142,575	-54,615 -		35,732
Totals	105,121	190,474	160,790	0 -		134,805

St Mary's Church, Newick
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Note	From To	1-Jan-21 31-Dec-21
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund		
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Parish Giving Scheme		47,351.95
Gift Aid - Envelopes - do not use		0
Other		793.45
Plate		9,397.12
Giving through church boxes		0
Donations appeals etc		90,437.83
Tax recovered		20,115.34
Legacies		0
Recurring grants		0
Non-recurring one-off grants		500
Other funds generated		0
Total Donations and legacies		131,914.69
Income from charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals		3,800.00
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		0
Barn rental		0
Total Income from charitable activities		3,800.00
Other trading activities		
Bookstall sales - fund raising		48
Magazine income - advertising		9,000.00
Parish magazine sales		2,492.62
Total Other trading activities		11,540.62
Investments		
Dividends		47.7
Bank and building society interest		48.59
Total Investments		96.29
Other income		
Surplus - sales of fixed assets		3,824.22
Total Other income		3,824.22
Total Income and endowments		151,175.82
Expenditure		
Raising funds		
Costs of fetes & other events		0
Total Raising funds		0
Expenditure on charitable activities		
NDT - Do not use	-	
Giving - LINKS International		4,000.00
Mission and Evangelism		3,867.13
Parish share		60,718.00
Youthwork Staff costs		-0.48
Salary of parish administrator		4,620.95

Working expenses of incumbent	8,967.04
Council tax	2,738.55
Parsonage house expenses	1,150.99
Water rates - rectory	479.45
Clergy Development	0
Parish training and mission	371.82
Church running - insurance	4,758.91
Church Telephone & WiFi	331.01
Organ / piano tuning	457.56
Church maintenance	11,113.85
Cleaning	1,539.00
Upkeep of services	9,361.77
Upkeep of churchyard	7,045.64
Administration	4,027.74
Church running - electric	746.77
Church running - water	118.75
Church running - oil	1,643.75
Church running - heating and lighting	2,336.31
Magazine expenses	4,600.39
Bookstall costs	0
Barn running - electricity	1,666.12
Barn running - maintenance	1,551.67
Barn running - heating and lighting	0
Governance costs examination/audit fee	630
Church major repairs - structure	3,270.00
Church major repairs - installation	0
Hall + major repairs - structure	462
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	0
Other PCC property upkeep	0
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	142,574.69
Total Expenditure	142,574.69
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	8,601.13
Brought forward balance	45,656.19
Transfers to/(from)	-17,384.10
Total carried forward balance	36,873.22

1-Jan-20

31-Dec-20

-	61,848.94	Balloch donaions moved to here from other			
-	32,867.54				
-	7,359.13				
-	0.04	Lacey bequest included here and transferred at year end			
-	22,015.04				
-					
-					
-					
-	124,090.69	168,596			
	12,751.00	Rebate to dioscee - 30%		1,140.00	
	260				
	350				
	13,361.00				
	16				
	8,707.00				
	2,526.00				
	11,249.00				
	187.22				
	370.27				
	557.49				
	250				
	250				
	149,508.18	190,375			
	Clergy	Barn	Churchyard & exp	Verger	Youthwork
	650				
	650				
	200		-		
	4,000.00				
	1,172.24				
	61,648.00				
	8,550.46				-0.48
	5,144.55				

	8,614.55	8,967		
	2,933.50	2,739		
	348	1,151		
	499.69	479		
	210	0		
	257.11	372		
	3,657.67		1143	3,615.91
-				331.01
	186			457.56
	8,074.90			11,113.85
	2,409.64			1,539.00
	4,024.72			
	4,748.62			7,045.64
	2,424.10			
	60.08			746.77
	114.08			118.75
	1,880.42			1,643.75
	29.33			2,336.31
	5,440.40			Included as neg income
	153.28			0
	387.34	1,666		Included as neg income
	2,539.46	1,552		Included as neg income
	245.53	0		
	240			
-				3,270.00
	706.28			0.00
-				462.00
	110	0		0.00
	189.99			0.00
	131,199.94			
	131,849.94			
	17,658.24			45,989
	27,997.95			37,388
-				
	45,656.19			

St Mary's Church, Newick

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 12/31/21	As at 12/31/20
Fixed assets			
	6430: Audio Visual System	8,000	16,000
	Total Fixed assets	8,000	16,000
Current assets			
	6501: Bank current account	24,021	17,826
	6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	110,020	82,020
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,027	15,004
	Total Current assets	138,068	114,850
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	0	1614
	Z04: Accounts Payable	1,140	15,770
	Z04-1: Mag creditor	10,123	8,345
	Z04-2: NCR	0	-
	Z04-3: NDT funds	0	-
	Total Liabilities	11,263	25,729
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	134,805	105,121
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	29,684	4052
	Z01: Starting balances	105,121	101,069
	Total Reserves	134,805	105,121

Year end journals 2022				
	DR	CR		
1) Reverse PY journals				
Tax recovered	7504		General fund	
Z05: Accounts Receivable		7504	General fund	
Z04: Accounts Payable	11423		Youth fund	
Tax recovered		11423	Youth fund	
Tax recovered	11423		Youth fund	
Tax recovered		11423	general fund	
1) Gift Aid for Q4				
	DR	CR	FUND	
Tax recovered		4026.81	General	
Z05: Accounts Receivable	4026.81		General	
2) transfer Youthwork staff costs to Youthwork fund				
Youthwork Staff costs	3645		Youth	
Youthwork Staff costs		3645	General	
3) Defer Q4 magazine advertising receipts to 2022				
Magazine income - advertising		10122.6	General	
Z04-1: Mag creditor	10122.6		General	

Fund transf

<u>Reconciliation of Specific Funds 2021</u>			
<u>Lacey Fund</u>			
Created in 2021 from a specific bequest. This fund will be used for funding specifically identified initiatives.			
Initial Donation	0		
Funding of Newick Magazine for 3 years from 2022 to a maximum of £8000 per annum. To support the project to improve the quality of the magazine and provide free of charge to the entire village community.	-24000		
Remaining balance	-24,000		
<u>Manwell</u>			
Specific Bequest, to be used for funding musical initiatives and projects			
Current balance	36,759		
Youth			
Originally created via the Christmas appeal in 2020 to fund Youthwork in the village.			
Original Balance	17,384		
Expenditure in 2021			
Staff remuneration			
Expenses			
2021 Closing balance	17,384		

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's Newick

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, set out on the previous pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008 (The Regulations) and s43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner.

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirements of the "Regulations" and "The Act" do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the "Regulations".

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all that would be required of an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the regulating records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met,or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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3rd May 2022