

# **Parish of the Ascension Hanger Hill with West Twyford St Mary**

## **Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **1 Reference and Administrative Information**

The Parish of the Ascension Hanger Hill with West Twyford St Mary is situated in the northern part of the London Borough of Ealing and is part of the Willesden Area of the Diocese of London within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was registered with the Charity Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The Charity name is The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Ascension, Hanger Hill with West Twyford, St Mary. The Charity number is 1138274.

The PCC's correspondence address is:  
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The PCC's bankers are:  
Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

The PCC's solicitors are:  
Prince Evans Solicitors LLP, Craven House, 40-44 Uxbridge Road, W5 2BS

The PCC's independent examiner is:  
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The PCC members who served during the period covered by this report are:

Vicar:	The Revd Simon Reed (PCC Chair)
Minister at St Mary's:	The Revd Pete Harris
Pastoral Assistants:	Mrs Elizabeth (Liz) Williams (PCC Secretary) Ms Rachel White
Churchwarden:	Ms Philippa Bird (from 23/04/23) (PCC Vice Chair from 22/05/23))
Deputy wardens:	Mrs Rosy Sookias (A) Mr Arby Ghazarian (M)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mr Kester Worme (to 23/04/23)
Elected members:	Mrs Denise Avanesian, Mr Colin McKenzie, Mr Kester Worme (from 23/04/23)

### **2 Structure, Governance and Management**

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The method of appointing PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules and in the Parish Scheme as approved by the Bishop's Council on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2002 and subsequently amended on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006. All members of the congregation are encouraged to apply for membership of the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

In addition to ad hoc working parties, there are three subordinate bodies which report to the PCC, namely:

1) the Standing Committee which is empowered by the PCC to transact business between Council meetings and which, for the period covered by this report, comprised the Vicar, Minister at St Mary's, Church Wardens, Deputy Church Wardens, PCC secretary and the Parish Treasurer.

2) the Church of the Ascension District Church Council to which the PCC delegates the day to day management of the Church of the Ascension part of the parish and which comprises some PCC members and some directly elected members according to the requirements of the Parish Scheme. For the period of this report this comprised the Vicar, the Minister at St Mary's, the Pastoral Assistants, the Churchwarden, the Ascension Deputy Churchwarden, the Parish Treasurer, Ascension elected PCC members and the following elected members: Mrs Iyabo Adeola, Mrs Stella Bell (to 23/4/23) Mr Lee Dewsnap, Mrs Susan Lawes, Dr Lucy Pavesi, Mr Anthony Momoh (co-opted 13/7/23)

3) the St Mary's District Church Council to which the PCC delegates the day to day management of the St Mary's part of the parish and which comprises some PCC members and some directly elected members according to the requirements of the Parish Scheme. For the period of this report this comprised the Vicar, the Minister at St Mary's, the Pastoral Assistants, the Churchwarden, St Mary's Deputy Churchwarden, the Parish Treasurer, St Mary's elected PCC members and the following elected members: Mr Kester Worme (to 23/4/23)

### **3 Objectives and Activities**

The PCC (the Trustees) confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Revd Simon Reed, in the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and in promoting within the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC also has responsibility for the financial affairs of the parish and for supporting the District Church Councils as they strive to achieve the ideals embraced by their respective vision statements:

The Church of the Ascension – *"To create community and grow community"*

St Mary's West Twyford - *"To be a church growing closer to God, each other, and our community."*

### **4 Achievements and Performance**

The PCC met six times during 2023 with an average attendance of 63%. The two District Church Councils each met on six occasions. The Ascension DCC had an average attendance of 73% participating members (one *ex officio* St Mary's member did not attend and is not included in the statistics). The St Mary's DCC had an average attendance of 72% (the one *ex officio* Ascension member did not attend and is not included in the statistics). The deliberations of both DCCs were reported to the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

In addition to routine business and receiving reports from subordinate committees, the PCC or Standing Committee considered the following matters in particular:

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| • Parish budget and Common Fund contributions         | • Annual Safeguarding update and PCC training |
| • Parish external mission giving                      | • Montessori lease renewal                    |
| • Repayment of the St Mary's Restoration Project loan | • Parish Mission Strategy Group               |
| • Energy efficiency and Eco church reports            | • Ascension & St Mary's Mission Action Plans  |
|   | • Review of Parish policies                   |

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In addition to routine business, the Ascension DCC considered the following matters in particular:

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| • Mission Action Plan update | • Church heating system                                     |
| • Social events              | • Church and Hall maintenance, including Quinquennial works |
| • Installation of bike racks |   |

In addition to routine business, St Mary's DCC considered the following matters in particular:

- Mission Action Plan
- The Open Door
- Montessori School proposal
- Energy consultant report
- Social events
- Boundary fence with 46 Brentmead Gardens
- Church and Community Hall maintenance, inc. Quinquennial works

At the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024, the Electoral Roll stood at 95 with 71 members belonging to the Church of the Ascension and 24 to St Mary's. The figures for 2023 were 96, 69 and 27 respectively.

### **5 Report on the Activities of the Parish Generally in 2023**

In reporting on the activities and health of our Parish in 2023, context is vital. Our experiences, both positive and negative, are not unique. Across the churches of post lockdown Ealing there is a common pattern. Finances are very tight with few Parishes able to pay their full Common Fund contribution. Volunteers are thin on the ground making church activities hard to maintain. At the same time there is some evidence of recovery in numbers and of engagement in new initiatives.

This pattern describes our own Parish. At the Ascension we have seen a growth in attendance numbers which, including those joining online, takes us back close to pre-pandemic levels. At St Mary's it has been harder because in the comparable period seven members have moved out of the area and two have died. Allowing for this, the congregation, although still smaller, is numerically stable and seeing newcomers, which is healthy. At the same time we are still some way from understanding that church is something which requires all of us to play a part to make anything happen. Where once we had teams, both of our Junior Churches now depend on Rae White alone producing resources and activities every week for our children. Many other tasks also depend on too few people.

Despite these pressures we continue to engage with our neighbourhoods through Ascension Friends, St Mary's Coffee morning, hosting the Stay and Play toddler group, through Spring and Christmas events at the Ascension, and the St Mary's summer barbecue. We have also engaged in significant new initiatives. In January we launched The Open Door welfare café at St Mary's, pioneered by Rae, which draws a regular clientele from outside the church, and meets real needs with acts of practical Christian love. In Hanger Hill we hosted a Coronation street party and sang carols and Christmas songs in Ithaki restaurant and the Greystoke pub. All these things give visibility to the church and credibility when we seek to communicate the Gospel message.

All of this has taken place against a backdrop of considerable challenges. Until mid March the Ascension was worshipping in the Hall until the new church boiler was installed, with all the resulting pressures on the service leaders who did most of the setup each weekend. When Philippa Bird stepped up as Church Warden to support Rosy Sookias as Deputy it made a huge difference to our ability to look after and improve our buildings. Thanks must also go to Arby Ghazaryan, Deputy Warden at St Mary's, for all his work chipping away at long-standing maintenance tasks, and Colin McKenzie's management of our finances in all this. It has also been a very challenging year for all of our ordained and commissioned ministers with Pete, Liz, Rae and myself all facing health issues either personally or in our families, but carrying on to the best of our ability.

It may be helpful to give some idea of the sustained and demanding level of activity in our Parish by reporting that in the week up to and including Christmas, I prepared and led seven church services, made four visits for home communions, prepared and led a funeral, and also prepared everything for the Sunday after Christmas. Various pastoral needs and administrative tasks were also dealt with during that time. Our ministers are stretched, our church councils are smaller than they should be, and our volunteers are fewer than they need to be. These issues need improvement but despite all that, by the grace of God we seem able to do more than just survive, and people inside and outside the church speak of the positive difference the life and ministry of the Ascension and St Mary's makes to them. In the end that is what matters most.

Revd Simon Reed (Vicar of the Parish)

## **6 Financial Review**

In 2020 we outsourced our bookkeeping to Kevin Ogilvie of Charity Bookkeeping and Examination Services, and in the process changed our accounting systems and made some small amendments to the way income and expenditure is reported. This arrangement has continued since.

The 2023 accounts show a deficit of about £55,000. Total income was £134,201, total expenditure £189,588 - This is mostly due to the cost of replacing the Ascension church boiler – around £47,000. We were only able to pay this because of the generosity of former parishioners leaving money to the church. The legacy fund also paid for hand driers for St Mary's.

Apart from this, income was sufficient to cover our running costs. These include salary and wage costs of around £2,200 a month. Much of this is for jobs that were once done by volunteers. I would ask everyone to be aware of this when considering their level of giving to the parish. That said, we are enormously grateful for all donations, large and small.

Income from lettings of both churches and halls increased marginally compared to 2022, but has not kept up with inflation.

Membership of the Planned Giving Scheme was 52 at 31st December 2023, with 37 members belonging to the Church of the Ascension, 14 to St Mary's, and one anonymous. The figures for 2022 were 52, 37, 15 and 0 respectively. During the year, more parishioners joined the Parish Giving scheme, to give a total of 22, all but three from the Ascension, and a total income for the year of £21,514 (2022: £19,612) before tax recovery. Other planned giving income was £13,810 for the Ascension, and £7,263 for St Mary's. The St Mary's figure is significantly below 2022.

In addition, there were £4,045 of donations for the Open Door project, and a legacy of £5,000, which was added to the Legacy Fund for major expenditure.

Until 2020, the Parish paid less than one twelfth of its Common Fund each month, with a balancing top-up at the end of the year. Since then we have paid the whole amount in monthly instalments. This year, the total paid was £40,000 (2022: £36,000; 2021: £50,000). All these figures are much less than we were paying before the pandemic, and well below the assessed cost of a single-minister parish, which means we are being subsidised by other parts of the wider church.

During the year, we paid off the remaining £14,000 of our loan from the diocese for St Mary's restoration. This accounts for the rest of the year's deficit.

At the end of the year, the general fund stood at £10,585, the legacy fund at £68,493, and the Open Door fund at £3,366.


I am pleased to report that, excluding the boiler and the loan repayment, parish income exceeded expenditure by about £6,000; however, this is much less than the surplus in 2022.

Colin McKenzie (Treasurer)

## **7 Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy that the value of unrestricted funds should not exceed the value of approximately six months' unrestricted payments. The balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 comply with this policy.

It is PCC policy to invest funds not immediately required with the Church of England Central Board of Finance.

Revd Simon Reed: 

## **Independent Examiner's report**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

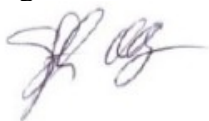
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 13th March 2023

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Giving						
CoA	44,715	—	(200)	—	44,515	72,078
St M	8,082	—	—	—	8,082	11,485
Parish	6,340	9,045	100	—	15,485	5,758
Tax Recovery						
CoA	—	—	—	—	—	3,446
St M	—	—	—	—	—	2,619
Church Halls						
CoA	43,084	—	—	—	43,084	38,352
St M	4,856	—	—	—	4,856	6,037
Other income						
CoA	3,774	—	—	—	3,774	5,951
St M	6,440	—	—	—	6,440	6,940
Parish	3,849	4,116	—	—	7,965	6,628
<b>Total income</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>13,161</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>134,201</b>	<b>159,294</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Churches	395	—	615	—	1,010	591
CoA	28,022	44,579	—	—	72,601	14,193
St M	25,570	2,221	—	—	27,791	20,463
Church Halls	2,404	—	—	—	2,404	—
CoA	10,417	—	—	—	10,417	14,118
Parish Staff	8,526	—	—	—	8,526	6,158
Work of the Church	57,119	2,769	440	—	60,328	52,993
Miscellaneous	5,968	7	535	—	6,509	3,143
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>138,423</b>	<b>49,575</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>189,588</b>	<b>111,658</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(17,282)</b>	<b>(36,415)</b>	<b>(1,689)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(55,386)</b>	<b>47,635</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	96	210	—	306	8,025
Gross transfers between funds - out	(306)	—	—	—	(306)	(8,025)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(17,588)</b>	<b>(36,318)</b>	<b>(1,479)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(55,386)</b>	<b>47,635</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>28,173</b>	<b>108,177</b>	<b>(12,325)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>124,026</b>	<b>76,228</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>10,585</b>	<b>71,859</b>	<b>(13,804)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,640</b>	<b>123,864</b>

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	HSBC current account	—	—
6502	Co-Op Bank	8,261	23,514
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	43,743	84,187
6515	Pre-paid debit card	178	—
6590	Cash in hand	200	—
6595	Tax Reclaim	18,126	34,430
Z05	Accounts Receivable	559	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>71,068</b>	<b>142,131</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	218	952
9902	LDF Loan	—	13,674
Z04	Accounts Payable	2,210	3,479
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>18,105</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>68,640</b>	<b>124,026</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(55,386)	47,635
Z01	Starting balances	124,026	76,390
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>68,640</b>	<b>124,026</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	10,585	28,173
	Designated	71,859	108,177
	Restricted	(13,804)	(12,325)
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>68,640</b>	<b>124,026</b>

## Signed

Signature	_____	_____
Name	_____	_____
Position	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____

## Fund movement by type

		<b>Opening</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains/losses</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<b>ARepair - Ascension Repair Fun</b>							
Restricted		(1,117)	—	—	—	—	(1,117)
<b>Sub-total for ARepair</b>		<b>(1,117)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1,117)</b>
<b>Asst - Parish Assistants</b>							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sub-total for Asst</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Legacy - Legacy Fund</b>							
Designated		108,177	7,116	46,800	—	—	68,493
<b>Sub-total for Legacy</b>		<b>108,177</b>	<b>7,116</b>	<b>46,800</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,493</b>
<b>Mission - Mission Fund</b>							
Restricted		(101)	—	—	—	—	(101)
<b>Sub-total for Mission</b>		<b>(101)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(101)</b>
<b>Opendoor - Open Door</b>							
Designated		—	6,045	2,776	96	—	3,366
<b>Sub-total for Opendoor</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>6,045</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,366</b>
<b>Pastoral - Parish Pastoral Fund</b>							
Restricted		1,805	(100)	300	210	—	1,615
<b>Sub-total for Pastoral</b>		<b>1,805</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,615</b>
<b>Rest - St Mary's Restoratio</b>							
Restricted		(14,177)	—	229	—	—	(14,406)
<b>Sub-total for Rest</b>		<b>(14,177)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(14,406)</b>
<b>Synod - Deanery Syond Grant</b>							
Restricted		1,264	—	1,060	—	—	204
<b>Sub-total for Synod</b>		<b>1,264</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>General - General fund</b>							
Unrestricted		28,173	121,141	138,423	(306)	—	10,585
<b>Sub-total for General</b>		<b>28,173</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>138,423</b>	<b>(306)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,585</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>124,026</b>	<b>134,201</b>	<b>189,588</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,640</b>

## Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total
Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year



## INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

### Giving - CoA

CoA Planned Giving	13,810	—	—	—	13,810	13,805
PGS Giving	21,960	—	—	—	21,960	19,612
CoA Gift Aid	24	—	—	—	24	—
CoA Loose plate collections	731	—	—	—	731	310
CoA Unrestricted Donations	2,759	—	—	—	2,759	33,273
CoA Restricted Donations	—	—	(200)	—	(200)	250
Tax recovered on PGS Giving COA	5,431	—	—	—	5,431	4,858
Total	44,715	—	(200)	—	44,515	72,108

### Giving - St M

St M Planned Giving	7,263	—	—	—	7,263	10,477
St M Gift Aid	61	—	—	—	61	424
St M Loose plate collections	492	—	—	—	492	546
St M Unrestricted Donations	267	—	—	—	267	38
Total	8,082	—	—	—	8,082	11,485

### Giving - Parish

Other planned giving	5,848	—	—	—	5,848	5,298
Parish Unrestricted Donations	121	—	—	—	121	—
Parish Restricted Donations	50	—	100	—	150	—
On Line/card donations	321	—	—	—	321	—
Donations to Mission	—	—	—	—	—	460
Donations -Open Door	—	4,045	—	—	4,045	—
Legacies	—	5,000	—	—	5,000	—
Total	6,340	9,045	100	—	15,485	5,758

### Tax Recovery - CoA

CoA Tax Recovered on Planned Giving	—	—	—	—	—	3,446
Total	—	—	—	—	—	3,446

### Tax Recovery - St M

St M Tax Recovered on Planned Giving	—	—	—	—	—	2,619
Total	—	—	—	—	—	2,619

### Church Halls - CoA

CoA Church hall lettings	43,084	—	—	—	43,084	38,352
Total	43,084	—	—	—	43,084	38,352

### Church Halls - St M

St M Church hall lettings	4,856	—	—	—	4,856	6,037
Total	4,856	—	—	—	4,856	6,037

### Other income - CoA

CoA Fundraising/Events	1,057	—	—	—	1,057	2,304
CoA Church Lettings	2,717	—	—	—	2,717	3,704
CoA Welcome Area Lettings	—	—	—	—	—	90
Total	3,774	—	—	—	3,774	6,098

**Other income - St M**

St M Fundraising/Events	686	—	—	—	686	2,114
St M Church Lettings	5,754	—	—	—	5,754	4,826
Total	6,440	—	—	—	6,440	6,940

**Other income - Parish**

Non-recurring one-off grants	—	2,000	—	—	2,000	4,641
Other funds generated	302	—	—	—	302	(421)
Parish Magazine	32	—	—	—	32	—
Parish Fundraising/Events	776	—	—	—	776	937
Bank and building society interest	—	2,116	—	—	2,116	900
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,068	—	—	—	1,068	50
Magazine income - advertising	399	—	—	—	399	106
Parish magazine sales	316	—	—	—	316	415
Unidentified Income	957	—	—	—	957	—
Total	3,849	4,116	—	—	7,965	6,628
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>13,161</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>134,201</b>	<b>159,471</b>

**EXPENDITURE****Churches**

Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	57
Costs of fetes & other events	395	—	615	—	1,010	534
Total	395	—	615	—	1,010	591

**Churches - CoA**

CoA Church Running - Upkeep of Services	235	—	—	—	235	9
CoA Church running - electric	1,287	—	—	—	1,287	1,319
CoA Church running - gas	(1,570)	—	—	—	(1,570)	5,457
CoA Church running - water	181	—	—	—	181	542
CoA Church running - Insurance	1,471	—	—	—	1,471	1,756
CoA Church maintenance	22,837	44,579	—	—	67,416	3,839
CoA Church Running - Equipment	534	—	—	—	534	136
CoA Church Running - Cleaning	1,120	—	—	—	1,120	993
CoA Site - Routine Maintenance	532	—	—	—	532	—
CoA Site - Equipment	—	—	—	—	—	141
CoA Hall Running - Equipment	1,395	—	—	—	1,395	—
Total	28,022	44,579	—	—	72,601	14,193

**Churches - St M**

StM Church Running -upkeep of services	92	—	—	—	92	30
St M Church running - electric	12,036	—	—	—	12,036	5,036
St M Church Running - gas	598	—	—	—	598	564
St M Church Running -water	257	—	—	—	257	230
St M Church Running - insurance	5,219	—	—	—	5,219	4,904
St M Church Running - Maintenance	3,891	2,221	—	—	6,112	5,934
St M Church Running - equipment	1,089	—	—	—	1,089	1,160
St M Church Running - Misc	221	—	—	—	221	120
St M Church Running - cleaning	1,812	—	—	—	1,812	1,734
St M Church Running - Consumables and ge	260	—	—	—	260	235
St M Site - routine maintenance	95	—	—	—	95	204
StM Fundraising Costs	—	—	—	—	—	313

Total	25,570	2,221	—	—	27,791	20,463
<b>Church Halls</b>						
Vicar's telephone	187	—	—	—	187	—
Upkeep of churchyard	1,100	—	—	—	1,100	—
Rubbish collection both sites	1,117	—	—	—	1,117	—
Total	2,404	—	—	—	2,404	—
<b>Church Halls - CoA</b>						
CoA Hall running - Electricity	2,146	—	—	—	2,146	1,505
CoA Hall running - gas	2,154	—	—	—	2,154	7,137
CoA Hall running - insurance	1,471	—	—	—	1,471	1,460
CoA Hall running - maintenance	2,491	—	—	—	2,491	2,499
CoA Hall running - water	285	—	—	—	285	—
CoA Hall running - Cleaning	1,870	—	—	—	1,870	1,517
Total	10,417	—	—	—	10,417	14,118
<b>Parish Staff</b>						
Working expenses - Vicar	490	—	—	—	490	350
Book Allowance - Vicar	240	—	—	—	240	120
Secretarial Support	5,850	—	—	—	5,850	4,914
Parish Halls running - Hall Booking Secr	1,840	—	—	—	1,840	773
Parish Halls running - Hall Booking Secr	105	—	—	—	105	—
Total	8,526	—	—	—	8,526	6,158
<b>Work of the Church</b>						
Youth Work Expenses	454	—	—	—	454	—
Outreach/Mission	348	—	440	—	788	1,920
Children's Work	200	—	—	—	200	362
Upkeep of services	255	—	—	—	255	405
COA Organist	6,955	—	—	—	6,955	6,141
St M Keyboard player	2,962	—	—	—	2,962	2,417
Common Fund	40,000	—	—	—	40,000	36,000
Charitable giving	2,646	—	—	—	2,646	2,800
Open Door expenditure	—	2,769	—	—	2,769	—
Church office - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	36
Bookkeeping	2,500	—	—	—	2,500	2,292
Governance costs examination/audit fee	800	—	—	—	800	620
Total	57,119	2,769	440	—	60,328	52,993
<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
Administration - Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	156
Administration - Telephone	684	—	—	—	684	767
Administration - Office Supplies	884	—	—	—	884	563
Administration - Misc	1,313	—	—	—	1,313	(1,112)
Misc/Subs/Licences	462	7	—	—	469	451
Printing costs	2,354	—	306	—	2,659	2,022
Loan Interest	270	—	229	—	499	312
Total	5,968	7	535	—	6,509	3,158

<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	138,423	49,575	1,589	—	189,588	111,673
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	(17,282)	(36,415)	(1,689)	—	(55,386)	47,797

## **Independent Examiner's report**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

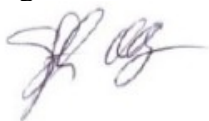
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 13th March 2023

Signed:



Stephen Hendy