

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY AND ST GABRIEL, STOKE GABRIEL, TOTNES.

England & Wales - Charity number 1138315

Details

Other names	STOKE GABRIEL PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-10-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Activities: The primary objective is delivering the mission of the Church to the parish and beyond in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

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:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£149,135	£147,808	-	-
2024-12-31	£121,505	£121,511	-	-
2023-12-31	£110,843	£121,281	-	-
2022-12-31	£91,475	£113,767	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,861	£90,542	-	-
2020-12-31	£67,333	£64,033	-	-

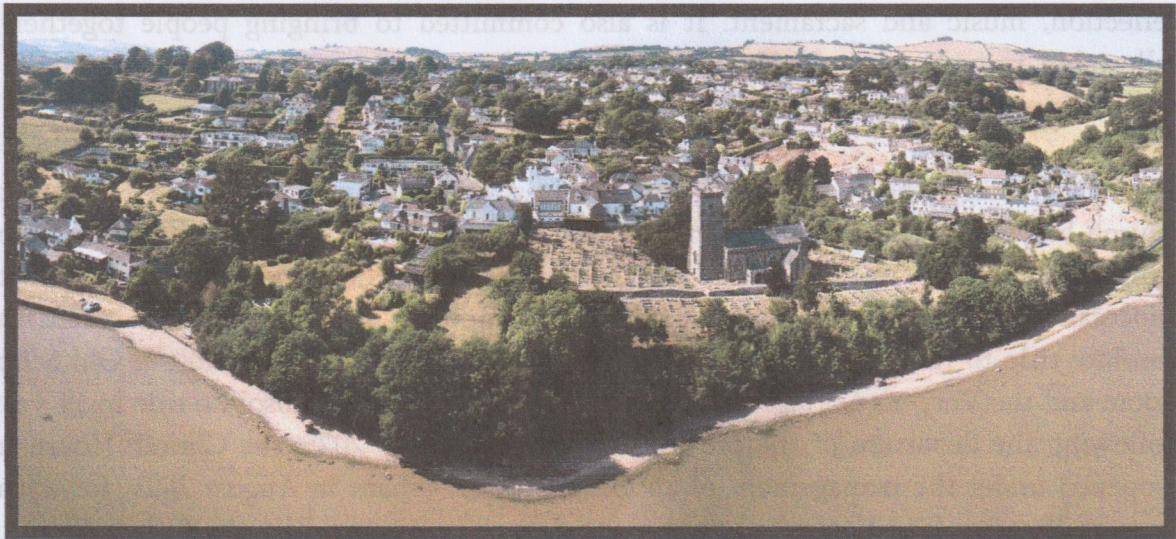
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN PETER WILLIAM HILL		
Dr Isabel Rosamund Ewart		2025-07-16
ELIZABETH MARGARET BALL		2013-05-28
Evelyn Graham Watson		
IAN KEITH POTHAM		2013-05-28
Janice Nott		2024-03-05
Michael John Maplestone Brown		2023-03-15
PATRICK JOHN WHARTON		2025-07-16
Rev Christopher Edward Martin		2023-11-15
Susan Clement		2024-03-13
Susan Elizabeth Roach		2023-03-15

Accounts



STOKE GABRIEL
PARISH CHURCH



The Parish Church of St Mary and St Gabriel

in the Totnes Mission Community, Diocese of Exeter

www.stokegabrielchurch.co.uk

Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2025

Incumbent & Team Rector: Rev'd Jim Barlow

Associate Priest: Rev'd Chris Martin

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Palace Avenue, Paignton

Independent Examiner: David Blood FCCA

4, Yonder Meadow, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes TQ9 6QE

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Registered Charity (No:1138315). Its address for correspondence is The Vicarage, School Hill, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes TQ9 6QX

AIM and PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Gabriel (PCC) cooperates with the Incumbent and the Associate Priest in promoting the mission and ministry of the church in the parish of Stoke Gabriel.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to keeping the church at the centre of parish life, providing a range of services, both Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & Common Worship (CW), said and sung, and opportunities for worship that put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, reflection, music and sacrament. It is also committed to bringing people together in fellowship, providing care for the community, and marking significant events in the life of individuals, the community and the nation.

The PCC manages the care, finances and administration associated with its Grade 1 listed church building and churchyard, and also for its other properties, the Old School Room (Church Hall), the Verger's Cottage and the Church House Inn. Together with the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance, the PCC (via the Incumbent and two Churchwardens) has absolute title to the Church House Inn. The PCC has possessory title to the Old School Room and the Verger's Cottage, which can be converted into an absolute title in 11 years. Following the departure of the previous tenant in January 2025, the Church House Inn reopened under the management of an excellent new tenant in August 2025, for a lease term of 15 years. The Verger's Cottage continues to be occupied by the Verger Emeritus with the full consent of the PCC.

The PCC encourages members of the congregation to live out their faith as part of the family of Christ, supporting the missional and pastoral objectives of the church and contributing to its day-to-day care and administration. The church enjoys a warm sense of community which is reflected in the parish as a whole. Central to church life is the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of *every* individual.

STUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of the trustees, that is the PCC members, is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC comprises ex officio members and members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC met six times during the year. Members who served during 2025 were as follows:

Ex Officio Members	
Incumbent & Team Rector	Rev'd Fr Jim Barlow
Associate Priest (Stoke Gabriel)	Rev'd Chris Martin
Churchwardens	Mr Mike Stott (until August 2025)
	Mr Gerald Watson
	Dr Isy Ewart (from August 2025)

Deanery Representative, Safeguarding Officer & PCC Secretary	Mrs Liz Ball
Deanery Representative	Mrs Sue Roach
Elected Members	
Licensed Lay Minister	Mr Alan Hill
PCC Treasurer	Mr Ian Potham
	Mr Norman Betts
	Mrs Evelyn Watson
	Mrs Val Proctor
	Mr Michael Brown
	Mr Patrick Wharton (from May 2025)
	Mr Mark Yallop (Until September 2025)
	Mrs Sue Clement
	Mrs Jan Nott
	Mr Mike Stott (from August 2025)

Mr Norman Betts, the Verger Emeritus, was on sick leave throughout the year although he continues to carry out a handful of duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Residing in the vicarage Rev'd Chris Martin was the Associate Priest for the parish for the whole of 2025. He led all the services apart from a few occasions when they were led by another member of the Totnes Team Ministry. Under the excellent joint leadership of the Team Rector, Fr Jim Barlow, and Rev'd Chris Martin, the parish church is now optimally placed to flourish. In addition, a series of 'Vision afternoons' during the year identified 'work with children and young people' and 'reach into the community' as particular areas of focus for the forthcoming years (see below).

The range of services, which was extended in 2024 to include the addition of several new forms of service, continued in 2025. In addition, a new Harvest service, established in collaboration with the Stoke Gabriel Horticultural Society, also proved extremely popular and well received in October 2025, as was the new child-friendly service designed to incorporate the renewal of promises for the village's Scouting groups for the Sunday nearest St George's Day. A service to 'Remember Loved Ones' was held in November and was deeply appreciated by those who came. And the new Pet Blessing service in September saw 11 dogs blessed!

Performance Metrics (with the corresponding 2024 figures in brackets):

Membership of the church electoral roll was 89 (105) while the number of participants was 101 (83).

The usual attendance at our principal Sunday services increased to 61 (55) although a notable difference in attendance (about 16 on average) exists between Choral Eucharist and

Choral Matins with the former being favoured. Having identified working with children and young people as a priority focus area for the coming years, the new fortnightly Sunday morning group for children aged 2 to 11 (called ACORNS) commenced in September 2025 to great acclaim and already has 9 children on its books.

The usual average attendance at the Sunday 8.15 Service of Holy Communion was 10 (13). Monthly services of Choral Evensong/Compline were attended by an average of 22 (25) people. The Wednesday 10.00 services of Holy Communion were attended by an average of 10 (10) people.

The services at Easter and Christmas drew numbers of 114 (149) and 154 (145) respectively. The Quayside Easter service was attended by 21 (31) people. The Crib service on Christmas Eve continues to attract the largest number of attendees of any service with some 189 (175) adults and children, for whom many families see this event as an integral part of their Christmas celebrations.

A VE-Day Commemoration service was held on 8th May and attended by some 58 people.

During the year, there were 5 (3) baptisms, 2 (0) Confirmations, 1 (1) wedding, 12 (8) funerals. There are approximately six burial plots remaining before the churchyard is full although there is sufficient space for the interment of ashes for another decade. An application to close the churchyard was postponed given the slow uptake of burial plots.

A Lent course was held in the village with over 20 (15) in attendance. A weekly meditative opportunity of "quiet waiting" was offered in church during Advent with an average attendance of around 12 adults. And, in the period between Ascension and Pentecost, several gathered each day to pray blessings over the village as part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative.

PARISH OUTREACH

Under the leadership of the Associate Priest, the church continued to bring the Good News to the younger members of the parish. Contact was maintained with the village primary school and scout group. Tailored for children, Crafty Events were held on six occasions. Three were held during Lent, Easter and Advent, one to celebrate Harvest, one to celebrate Pentecost and one held in summer 2025 on the theme of 'kingdom party'. On average 15 (17) children attended these events with an average of 30 (33) adults and children attending the associated services in church.

The lonely, bereaved and vulnerable in the community were supported through regular one-to-one visits, telephone calls and social events, and through home communions offered by the Associate Priest. In particular, lunches for the senior folk of the parish continue to grow in popularity. There were 11 lunches at Emma's with more than 50 (50) people at each one, necessitating two sittings. There was also one New Year's lunch in the Village Hall with in excess of 65 (60) people.

A coach load of parishioners also enjoyed an afternoon visit to Exeter cathedral in June, where we were treated to a Cathedral tour, tea and cake, and Evensong.

In seeking to broaden its reach to the community, a Community coffee morning was planned for early 2026 in the Old School Room and it is hoped that this will become a regular monthly fixture in the church diary, providing a space for folk to meet and chat over tea, coffee and cake.

In addition, the Associate Priest's vision to see a prayer labyrinth mown into the vicarage garden came to fruition in 2025. The PCC officially opened and blessed it in May 2025 and it was available for parishioners to use between set hours for 3 days a week from June until September. The feedback from those who recorded their experience of using it has been very positive.

The church continued its support of charities locally and further afield. Locally, it included Stepping Stones in Totnes. Further afield, it included the Mission to Seafarers, Children's Society, Royal British Legion, Christian Aid and Water Aid. We also continue to sponsor a young Ugandan girl, Winny Angel, through World Vision. Regular monthly collections were made in support of Stepping Stones and the CR2 EE (Christian Response to Eastern Europe).

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

An important medium of communication with the parish and beyond, the parish magazine has a print run in excess of 420 copies, of which about 350 are hand delivered to households and the remainder are sold through local outlets. Focusing on church services and events, and the names of those who have asked for prayer, a weekly list is emailed to over 100 recipients. Online communication to a wider audience is provided by the church web site, stokegabrielchurch.co.uk, ACNY (A Church Near You) and the social media platform, Facebook, the church group of which has a membership of 487 (400). Posters are displayed around the parish on telephone poles and notice boards to inform the wider community of church events and to keep the mission of the church alive in the public eye.

SAFEGUARDING, GDPR & SAFETY

The church continues to commit itself to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual, especially the young and vulnerable. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to comply with the House of Bishops' on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). It is also GDPR and safety compliant.

CARE OF CHURCH AND OTHER PROPERTY

The church building continues to be open from about 9.00 to 17.00 every day for visitors and locals requiring an opportunity for peace and reflection. During the year, the following works were undertaken:

- Partnership with Stoke Gabriel Horticultural Society's 'Pocket Meadow Project' to create a willow-framed obelisk with everlasting sweetpeas in the churchyard
 - Various dilapidation building works on the Church House Inn, the costs of which the PCC is seeking to recover from the previous tenant
 - General tidy up of Church Walk and Churchyard in July working party
 - Installation of framed photograph of King Charles III onto the north wall
 - Continued removal of ivy from monuments
 - Deep cleaning and clearout of the Old School Room following the departure of the pre-school
 - Dedication of Book of Remembrance of Stoke Gabriel Servicemen and Servicewomen at the Remembrance Sunday service into a custom-made cabinet in the lady chapel
- There is also a project underway aimed at rehangng the bells and making changes to the infrastructure around the bells to enable safer roof tower access.

VOLUNTEERS

The church is blessed with an army of loyal and committed volunteers from among and beyond the church membership who give generously in support of the church and its mission to the community of Stoke Gabriel. In particular, the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church raises much-needed funds for the repair of its church building. The PCC thanks them all wholeheartedly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts of £149,135 and payments of £147,808 produced a small surplus of £1,327. There would have been a deficit, but Parish Magazine subscriptions for 2026 were paid earlier than before, resulting in an increased income of £2,537.

A change of tenancy and lease renewal for the Church House Inn has dominated and had an adverse effect on our finances. We are faced with an ongoing dispute with the previous tenant over the costs of dilapidations.

The pub was closed for 7 months and not fully operational for 9, resulting in a rental loss of £9,000 compared with last year, and running costs of £4,670. Total expenditure for the year was £65,301, including essential works of £33,000 to get the pub up and running.

We are in the process of obtaining Listed Buildings Consent to enable the completion of all outstanding building work.

A very successful appeal to help fund remedial works and professional fees, totalling £148,000 raised £105,625 from Gift Aided donations of £47,125 and loans of £58,500. The loans are for a period of 3 years and interest free, and we are looking to repay them from a claim against the outgoing tenant.

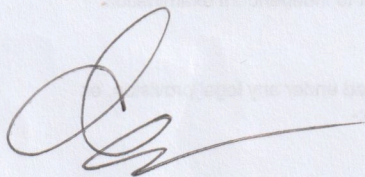
The financial demands of the Church House Inn meant that we were unable, for the first time in living memory, apart from once during the Covid epidemic, to meet our Diocesan Common Fund (Parish Share) contributing £38,032 against the request of £57,045, a shortfall of £19,013.

On the plus side, we benefited from a full year's donations through the Parish Giving Scheme, with Planned Giving up 22% to £41,550.

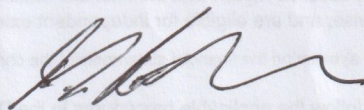
RESERVES POLICY

To build a reserve of £60,000, so that the Church and it's assets are kept in a good state of repair, to repay Church House Inn loans when they fall due, and to meet our Common Fund payments.

This Annual Report and Financial Statement was approved by PCC on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Chris Martin
Associate Priest (Stoke Gabriel)



Mr Ian Potham
PCC Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page .

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page , you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the 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 Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), . I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

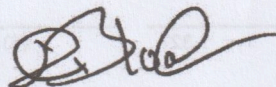
the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 Blood FCCA - Independent Examiner



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This report was signed on 18 March 2026

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	67,455	47,125	114,580	84,929
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	4,520	4,520	2,845
Investments	A4	3,800	-	3,800	13,814
Other	A5	23,763	2,472	26,235	19,917
Total income	A	95,018	54,117	149,135	121,505
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	B1	-	4,630	4,630	5,376
Charitable activities	B2	95,338	47,840	143,178	116,135
Total expenditure	B	95,338	52,470	147,808	121,511
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(320)	1,647	1,327	(6)
Transfers between funds	C	(25,000)	25,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(25,320)	26,647	1,327	(6)
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward		45,103	6,194	51,297	51,303
Total funds carried forward		19,783	32,841	52,624	51,297

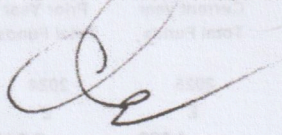
The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

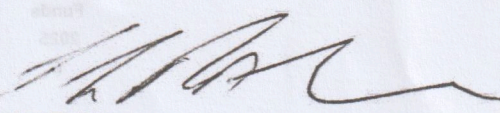
	SORP Note Ref	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments held as fixed assets	A4	9,162	31,042
Total fixed assets		9,162	31,042
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	B B4	101,962	20,255
Total current assets		101,962	20,255
Net current assets		101,962	20,255
		111,124	51,297
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	C2	(58,500)	-
The total net assets of the charity		52,624	51,297
Restricted Revenue Funds	D2	32,841	6,194
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	D3	19,783	45,103
Total charity funds		52,624	51,297

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page -1.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.


Reverend Chris Martin
Trustee


Mr Ian Potham

Approved by the board of trustees on 18 March 2026

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts from individuals				
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Small donations individually less than £1000	9,775	250	10,025	10,810
Donations over £1,000		37,500	37,500	11,757
Total donations and gifts from individuals	9,775	37,750	47,525	22,567

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Legacies receivable

Small legacies individually less than £1000		-	-	-
legacies over £1000		-	-	-
Total legacies receivable	-	-	-	-

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Planned giving and gift aid

individual amounts under £1,000	53,232	9,375	62,607	51,844
Total Planned giving and gift aid	53,232	9,375	62,607	51,844

Other voluntary receipts

Individual amounts under £1,000	4,448		4,448	10,518
donations over £1000		-	-	-
Total Other voluntary receipts	4,448	-	4,448	10,518

Total Donations and Legacies

67,455	47,125	114,580	84,929
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Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Concerts	-	4,520	4,520	2,845
Total from other activities	-	4,520	4,520	2,845

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025 as required by the SORP 2015

investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Property rental Income	2,000	-	2,000	11,000
Dividend Income	1,800	-	1,800	2,814
Total investment income	3,800	-	3,800	13,814

Other income and gains

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Statutory fees	6,126	-	6,126	4,430
Summary of Other income				
Church magazine	9,205	-	9,205	6,668
Old school room	5,190	-	5,190	6,670
Refund clergy expenses	-	-	-	-
Outreach, Choir and Sundries	3,242	2,472	5,714	2,149
Total other income	23,763	2,472	26,235	19,917

Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	6,818	-	6,818	7,187
Mission	4,827	1,293	6,120	6,040
Diosean parish share	38,032	-	38,032	54,046
Team clergy expenses	1,853	-	1,853	1,898
Magazine expenditure	6,113	-	6,113	5,109
Insurance	4,038	-	4,038	3,941
Other running costs	4,640	417	5,057	7,510
Organ Repairs	-	-	-	-
Total direct spending	66,321	1,710	68,031	85,731

Premises Expenses

Light heat and power	3,526	-	3,526	2,833
Old school room and verger's cottage	4,346	-	4,346	4,519
Churchyard and church walk maintenance	1,724	250	1,974	6,417
Church house inn expenses	19,421	45,880	65,301	2,141
Clock repairs	-	-	-	14,494
Total support costs	29,017	46,130	75,147	30,404

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025 as required by the SORP 2015

Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Total direct spending	66,321	1,710	68,031	85,731
Total charitable trading costs	-	-	-	-
Total grantmaking costs	-	-	-	-
Total support costs	29,017	46,130	75,147	30,404
Total Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure	95,338	47,840	143,178	116,135

Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Concerts	-	4,630	4,630	5,376
Total fundraising costs	-	4,630	4,630	5,376

Salary Costs

Salary costs include verger, organist and cleaner.

Investments

Investments have been valued as at 31 December 2025

Investment 670 M and G Charifund Income units

Cost £9,162.00

Market Value £11,574.00

Properties

The church through Trusteeship owns the following properties:

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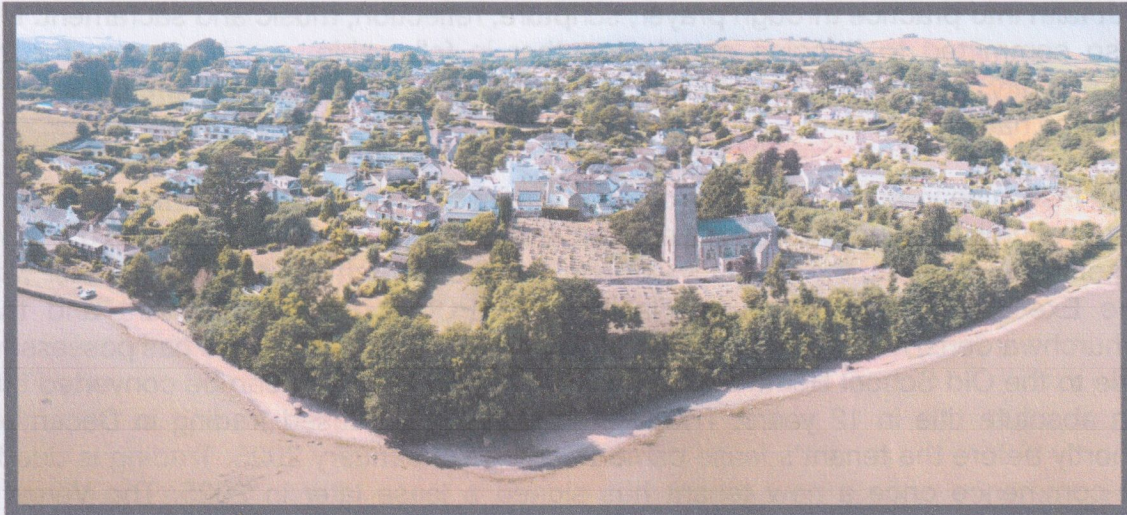
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Kildare James Legacy	2,000.00
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	<u>32,841.59</u>

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STOKE GABRIEL
PARISH CHURCH



The Parish Church of St Mary and St Gabriel

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Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2024

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AIM and PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Gabriel (PCC) cooperates with the Incumbent and the Associate Priest in promoting the mission and ministry of the church in the parish of Stoke Gabriel.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to keeping the church at the centre of parish life, providing a range of services, both BCP & CW, said and sung, and opportunities for worship that put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, reflection, music and sacrament. It is also committed to bringing people together in fellowship, providing care for the community, and marking significant events in the life of individuals, the community and the nation.

The PCC manages the care, finances and administration associated with its Grade 1 listed church building and churchyard, and also for its other properties, the Old School Room (Church Hall), the Verger's Cottage and the Church House Inn. Together with the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance, the PCC (via the Incumbent and two Churchwardens) has absolute title to the Church House Inn. The PCC has possessory title to the Old School Room and the Verger's Cottage, which can be converted into an absolute title in 12 years. The Church House Inn ceased trading in December shortly before the tenant's lease came to an end in January 2025. Trading is due to re-commence once a new tenant has signed a lease later in 2025. The Verger's Cottage continues to be occupied by the Verger Emeritus with the full consent of the PCC.

The PCC encourages members of the congregation to live out their faith as part of the family of Christ, supporting the missional and pastoral objectives of the church and contributing to its day-to-day care and administration. The church enjoys a warm sense of community which is reflected in the parish as a whole. Central to church life is the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual.

STUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of the trustees, that is the PCC members, is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC comprises ex officio members and members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC met six times during the year.

Members who served during 2024 were as follows, with two new members joining the PCC at the AGM but one subsequently resigning.

Ex Officio Members	
Incumbent & Team Rector	Rev'd Fr Jim Barlow
Associate Priest (Stoke Gabriel)	Rev'd Chris Martin
Churchwardens	Mr Mike Stott
	Mr Gerald Watson
Deanery Representative, Safeguarding Officer & PCC Secretary	Mrs Liz Ball

Deanery Representative	Mrs Sue Roach
Elected Members	
Reader	Mr Alan Hill
PCC Treasurer	Mr Ian Potham
	Mr Norman Betts
	Mrs Evelyn Watson
	Mrs Val Proctor
	Mr Michael Brown
	Mrs Nickie Jones (Until July)
	Mr Mark Yallop
	Mrs Sue Clement (From March)
	Mrs Jan Nott (From March)

Mr Norman Betts, the vergers, was on sick leave throughout the year although he continues to carry out a handful of duties. In recognition of a lifetime's commitment and service to the parish church, the title of Vergers Emeritus was conferred upon him in December. The Gift Aid Officer, Mr John Ball, performed the role of vergers until he resigned in August 2024, following which the duties were allocated among a number of volunteers.

The succession plan is to be re-activated and more people encouraged to stand for election to the PCC.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Residing in the vicarage with his wife and black labrador, Welly, the year 2024 was the first full calendar year in which Rev'd Chris Martin was the Associate Priest for the parish. Established as the local face of the church, he is widely respected by parishioners, whether of the faith or not. He led all the services apart from a few occasions when they were led by another member of the Totnes Team Ministry. Under the excellent joint leadership of the Team Rector, Fr Jim Barlow, and Rev'd Chris Martin, the parish church is now optimally placed to flourish.

The range of services was extended in 2025 with the addition of several new forms of service including a new service of Morning Worship for baptisms, a new Quayside Easter service at the break of dawn, and an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols.

Performance Metrics (with the corresponding 2023 figures in brackets):

Membership of the church electoral roll was 105 (107) while the number of participants was 83 (82).

The usual attendance at our principal Sunday services increased to 55 (52) although a notable difference in attendance (about 10) exists between Choral Eucharist and Choral Matins with the former being favoured. While overall attendance remains healthy, younger members of the parish continue to be under-represented. Three new services of Morning Worship with baptism proved to be popular and were attended by 75 people of mixed ages.

The usual attendance at the Sunday 8.15 Service of Holy Communion remains the same at 13. Monthly services of Choral Evensong/Compline were attended by an average of 25 people. The Wednesday 10.00 services of Holy Communion were attended by about 10 people.

The new Advent Service of Lessons and Carols was attended by 56 people. The services at Easter and Christmas increased on the previous year with numbers of 149 (142) and 145 (127) respectively. The new Quayside Easter service was attended by 31 people. The Crib service on Christmas Eve continues to attract the largest number of attendees of any service with some 175 (171) adults and children, for whom many families see this event as an integral part of their Christmas celebrations.

A D-Day Commemoration service was held on 6th June and attended by some 40 people.

During the year, there were 3 (3) baptisms, 1 (1) wedding, 8 (5) funerals. There are eight burial plots remaining before the churchyard is full although there is sufficient space for the interment of ashes for another decade. An application to close the churchyard was postponed given the slow uptake of burial plots, with none taken up at all during the past year.

A Lent course was held in the village with about 15 (8) in attendance. A weekly meditative opportunity of "quiet waiting" was offered in church during Advent with about 10 in attendance. A Saturday afternoon was spent with the Team Rector and Associate Priest discussing the mission of the church in Stoke Gabriel. The aim of the meeting was to take stock of where the parish church was at this time and about 40 people attended. A second meeting is planned for the 2025 to discuss where we should be headed.

PARISH OUTREACH

Under the leadership of the Associate Priest, the church continued to bring the Good News to the younger members of the parish. Contact was maintained with the village primary school and scout group. Tailored for children, Crafty Events were held on six occasions. Three were held during Lent, Easter and Advent, one to celebrate Harvest, one to celebrate Pentecost and was held in summer on the theme of friendship. On average 17 children attended these events with an average of 33 adults and children attending the associated services in church.

The lonely, bereaved and vulnerable in the community were supported through regular one-to-one visits, telephone calls and social events, and through home communions offered by the Associate Priest. In particular, lunches for the senior folk of the parish continue to grow in popularity. There were 11 lunches at Emma's with more than 50 (30) people at each one, necessitating two sittings. There was also one New Year's lunch in the Village Hall with about 60 people.

The church continued its support of charities locally and further afield. Locally, it included Stepping Stones in Totnes. Further afield, it included the Mission to Seafarers, Children's Society, Royal British Legion, Christian Aid and Water Aid. We also continue to sponsor a young Ugandan girl, Winny Angel, through World Vision.

Regular monthly collections were made in support of Stepping Stones and the CRUK (Christian Response to Ukraine).

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

An important medium of communication with the parish and beyond, the parish magazine has a print run in excess of 420 copies, of which about 350 are hand delivered to households and the remainder are sold through local outlets. Focusing on church services and events, a weekly Pew Sheet is emailed to over 100 recipients with about 50 copies being printed and made available at the principal Sunday service. Online communication to a wider audience is provided by the church web site, stokegabrielchurch.co.uk, ACNY (A Church Near You) and the social media platform, Facebook, the church group of which has a membership of 400 (330). Posters are displayed around the parish on telephone poles and notice boards to inform the wider community of church events and to keep the mission of the church alive in the public eye.

SAFEGUARDING, GDPR & SAFETY

The church continues to commit itself to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual, especially the young and vulnerable. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to comply with the House of Bishops' on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). It is also GDPR and safety compliant.

CARE OF CHURCH AND OTHER PROPERTY

The church building continues to be open from about 9.00 to 17.00 every day for visitors and locals requiring an opportunity for peace and reflection. During the year, the following works were undertaken:

- Restoration of collapsed west churchyard wall
- Installation of new intruder alarm system and lock safe in vestry, and repair of safe
- Removal of ivy from monuments during May churchyard working party
- Repairs to organ following damp weather & installation of small organ heater
- Automation of church tower clock
- Provision of ramps for disabled access to OSR
- Installation of new church notice board in car park
- Re-print of updated church guide
- Commission of Book of Remembrance of Stoke Gabriel Servicemen and Servicewomen

VOLUNTEERS

The church is blessed with an army of loyal and committed volunteers from among and beyond the church membership who give generously in support of the church and its mission to the community of Stoke Gabriel. In particular, the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church raises much-needed funds for the repair of its church building. The PCC thanks them all wholeheartedly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts of £121,505 and payments of £121,511, resulted in a deficit of just £6.

Regular giving increased by £27,753 to £74,411, which was particularly boosted by a single Gift Aided donation of £12,215 towards the automation of the church clock.

The successful launch of the Parish Giving Scheme in June, produced nearly £9,000 for the year, and despite this, the traditional methods of giving held up well.

We are well supported by the Friends of the Church, who covered the costs of churchyard wall repairs £4,000.

The church clock was fully automated at a cost of £14,494, covered by a single donation and refund of VAT, through the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

We continued to meet in full our Common Fund Request of £54,046, up 8.5% on last year.

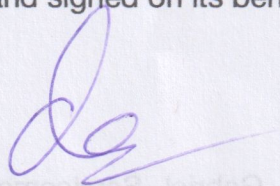
The year ahead will be particularly challenging, in the short term, as we will have considerable expense relating to a new 15-year lease for the Church House Inn, where the existing tenant of 32 years is retiring. We have earmarked £10,000 for these costs, and have already withdrawn this sum from our M & G Charifund investment, now valued at £33,000.

We look forward to receiving an annual rental income of £18,000 from the new lease, payable monthly, from spring 2025, to stabilise our finances.

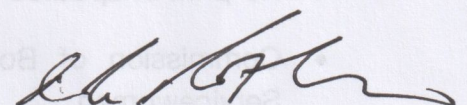
RESERVES POLICY

To build a reserve of £50,000, so that the Church and its assets, are kept in a good state of repair, and to meet our Common Fund commitment in full. This to be reviewed in Nov 2025.

This Annual Report and Financial Statement was approved by PCC on 19th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Chris Martin
Associate Priest (Stoke Gabriel)



Mr Ian Potham
PCC Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page .

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page , you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the 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 Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP). I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

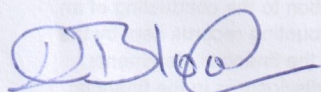
the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 Blood FCCA - Independent Examiner



Chartered Certified Accountants

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This report was signed on

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	84,929	-	84,929	72,323
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	2,845	2,845	5,482
Investments	A4	13,814	-	13,814	12,410
Other	A5	18,569	1,348	19,917	20,628
Total income	A	117,312	4,193	121,505	110,843
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	B1	-	5,376	5,376	3,753
Charitable activities	B2	114,450	1,685	116,135	117,528
Total expenditure	B	114,450	7,061	121,511	121,281
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure for the year		2,862	(2,868)	(6)	(10,438)
Transfers between funds	C			-	-
Net movement in funds		2,862	(2,868)	(6)	(10,438)
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward	E	42,241	9,062	51,303	61,741
Total funds carried forward		45,103	6,194	51,297	51,303

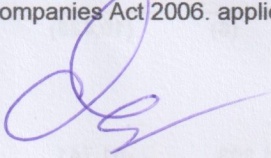
The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	SORP Note Ref	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments held as fixed assets	A4	31,042	40,204
Total fixed assets		31,042	40,204
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	B B4	20,255	11,099
Total current assets		20,255	11,099
Net current assets		20,255	11,099
The total net assets of the charity		51,297	51,303
Restricted Revenue Funds	D2	6,194	9,062
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	D3	45,103	42,241
Total charity funds		51,297	51,303

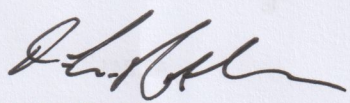
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page -1.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.


Reverend Chris Martin
Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on


Mr Ian Potham

Treasurer

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
<i>Donations and gifts from individuals</i>				
Donations and gifts from individuals				
Small donations individually less than £1000	10,810	-	10,810	8,080
Donations over £1,000	11,757	-	11,757	-
Total donations and gifts from individuals	22,567	-	22,567	8,080

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Legacies receivable

Small legacies individually less than £1000		-		
legacies over £1000		-		2,835
Total legacies receivable	-	-	-	2,835

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Planned giving and gift aid

individual amounts under £1,000	51,844		51,844	35,744
Total Planned giving and gift aid	51,844	-	51,844	35,744

Other voluntary receipts

Individual amounts under £1,000	10,518		10,518	8,755
donations over £1000		-	-	16,910
Total Other voluntary receipts	10,518	-	10,518	25,665

Total Donations and Legacies

	84,929	-	84,929	72,324
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Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Concerts	-	2,845	2,845	5,482
Total from other activities	-	2,845	2,845	5,482

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

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Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Property rental Income	11,000	-	11,000	9,500
Dividend Income	2,814	-	2,814	2,910
Total investment income	13,814	-	13,814	12,410

Other income and gains

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Statutory fees	4,430	-	4,430	5,247
Summary of Other income				
Church magazine	6,668	-	6,668	6,744
Old school room	6,670	-	6,670	6,520
Refund clergy expenses	-	-	-	-
Outreach, Choir and Sundries	801	1,348	2,149	2,117
Total other income	18,569	1,348	19,917	20,628

Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	7,187	-	7,187	7,094
Mission	5,118	922	6,040	4,308
Diosean parish share	54,046	-	54,046	49,765
Team clergy expenses	1,898	-	1,898	1,837
Magazine expenditure	5,109	-	5,109	5,522
Insurance	3,941	-	3,941	3,814
Other running costs	6,997	513	7,510	13,086
Organ Repairs				12,200
Total direct spending	84,296	1,435	85,731	97,626

Premises Expenses

Light heat and power	2,833	-	2,833	2,415
Old school room and verger's cottage	4,519	-	4,519	10,230
Churchyard and church walk maintenance	6,167	250	6,417	6,479
Church house inn expenses	2,141	-	2,141	-
Clock repairs	14,494	-	14,494	778
Total support costs	30,154	250	30,404	19,902

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Total Charitable expenditure

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Total direct spending	84,296	1,435	85,731	97,626
Total charitable trading costs	-	-	-	-
Total grantmaking costs	-	-	-	-
Total support costs	30,154	250	30,404	19,902
Total Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure	114,450	1,685	116,135	117,528

Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

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Concerts	-	5,376	5,376	3,753
Total fundraising costs	-	5,376	5,376	3,753

Salary Costs

Salary costs include verger, organist and cleaner.

Investments

Investments have been valued as at 31 December 2024

Investment	2270 M and G Charifund Income units
Cost	£31,042.00
Market Value	£33,423.00

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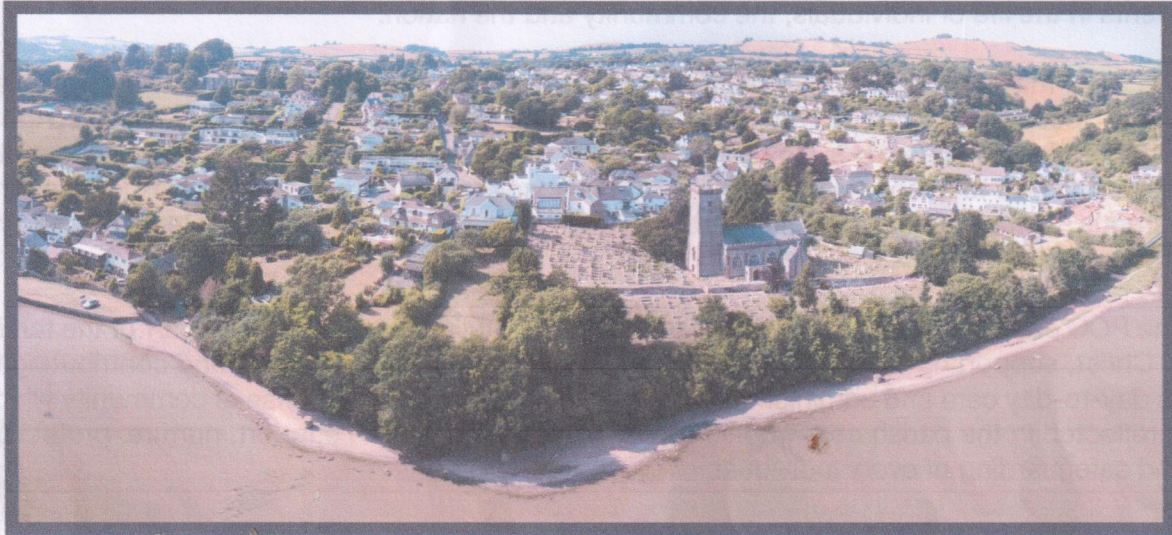
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STUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of the trustees, that is the PCC members, is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC comprises ex officio members and members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The PCC meets six times a year.

Members who served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
Incumbent & Team Rector	Rev'd Fr Jim Barlow
Associate Priest (Stoke Gabriel)	Rev'd Gill Still (Until 14 th May)
	Rev'd Chris Martin (From 11 th October)
Churchwardens	Mr Mike Stott
	Mrs Sue Clement (Until 15 th March)
	Mr Gerald Watson (From 15 th March)
Deanery Representatives	Mr Alan Hill (Until 15 th March)
	Mr Norman Betts (Until 15 th March)
	Mrs Liz Ball (From 15 th March)
	Mrs Sue Roach (From 15 th March)
Elected Members	
Reader	Mr Alan Hill (From 15 th March)
PCC Secretary	Mrs Liz Ball (Until 15 th March)
PCC Treasurer	Mr Ian Potham
Verger	Mr Norman Betts (From 15 th March)
	Mrs Anne-Marie Curror (Until 15 th March)
	Mrs Christine Hunt (Until 15 th March)
	Mr Derek Nott (Until 15 th March)
	Mrs Evelyn Watson
	Mrs Val Proctor

	Dr Michael Rhodes (Until resignation in May)
	Mrs Anne Miles (Until resignation in September)
	Mrs Sue Clement (Until resignation in September)
	Prof Ken Miles (Until resignation in November)
	Mr Michael Brown (From 15 th March)
	Mrs Nickie Jones (From 15 th March)
	Mr Mark Yallop (From 15 th March)

Mrs Liz Ball and Mr Ian Potham were elected as PCC Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Mr Norman Betts is the Verger but has been on sick leave from 25th June since when Mr John Ball has been deputizing for him.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

2023 was a year of significant change in the life of the parish. Rev'd Gill Still retired as the Associate Priest for Stoke Gabriel in May after more than seven years of faithful ministry. There followed a short interregnum of five months during which the parish was the beneficiary of the clergy resource available within the Totnes Team Ministry, allowing all our regular services to continue as normal. Then, with grateful appreciation to the Incumbent for the successful implementation of a strategy of focused ministry within the Mission Community, Rev'd Chris Martin was installed as the new Associate Priest on the 11th October. Together with his wife, Tina, and black labrador, Welly, they have moved into the Vicarage and quickly settled into their new life.

Services were fully back to normal following Covid although the communion cup continues to be used with safeguards and with some controversy. A few elderly church members have not returned to church services, but the numbers have been more than offset by the number of new members. The size of the congregation has grown slightly over the year and remains healthy although continues to lack representation from younger members of the parish.

A succession plan was developed to provide long-term cover and succession for the Offices of Churchwarden, Treasurer and Secretary and PCC membership. Five new members joined the PCC at the AGM but since then there have been four resignations and one member on long-term sick leave. The plan needs to be re-activated and more people encouraged to stand for election.

Performance Metrics:

Membership of the church electoral roll increased to 107 while the number of participants increased from 80 to 82.

The usual attendance numbers at our principal Sunday services of Choral Eucharist and Choral Matins increased marginally over the previous year and now stands at about 52. A similar marginal increase was also experienced with the Sunday 8.15 service of Holy Communion with the usual attendance being about 13. Monthly services of Choral Evensong were attended by some 15 to 40 people. The Wednesday 10.00 service of Holy Communion was attended by about 10 people.

Attendances at Easter and Christmas services increased significantly on the previous year with numbers of 142 and 184 respectively. The Crib service on Christmas Eve continues to attract the largest number of attendees of any service with some 170 adults and children, for whom many families see this event as an integral part of their Christmas celebrations.

A service of celebration of the King's Coronation was held on Sunday 7th May at 11.00 followed by celebratory fizz and shortbread.

During the year, there were 3(7) baptisms, 1(3) wedding, 2 marriage blessings, 5(9) funerals and 10(10) interment of ashes (with the numbers for 2022 shown in brackets). There are eight burial plots remaining before the churchyard is full although there is sufficient space for the interment of ashes for another decade. An application to close the churchyard will be made in 2024, no objection having been made by either SHDC or the Parish Council.

A Lent course was held within the village with about 8 in attendance on each occasion. A Team pilgrimage to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation took place around the village on Saturday 25th March with about 20 pilgrims.

PARISH OUTREACH

Under the leadership of the team clergy, the church continued to bring the Good News to the younger members of the parish and their families. Contact was maintained with the pre-school group and with the village primary school. An Easter trail was mounted in the village orchard. Tailored for children, Crafty Events were held on six occasions. Three were held during Lent, Easter and Advent, two were held in celebration of St Valentine and St Francis and one was held in summer during Carnival week.

The lonely, bereaved and vulnerable in our community were supported through regular one-to-one contact and social events. In particular, lunches and afternoon teas for the senior folk of the parish continue to be very popular. There were 9 lunches at Emma's with more than 30 people at each one, one New Year's lunch in the Village Hall with about 60 people, and an afternoon cream tea in the Village Hall with about 50 people. The numbers for Emma's are increasing, occasionally requiring two separate sittings.

The church continued its support of charities locally and further afield. Locally, it included Stepping Stones in Totnes. Further afield, it included the Mission to Seafarers, Children's Society, Royal British Legion, Christian Aid and Water Aid. We also continue to sponsor a young Ugandan girl, Winny Angel, through World Vision. Regular monthly collections were made in support of Stepping Stones and the CRUK (Christian Response to Ukraine).

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

An important medium of communication with the parish and beyond, the parish magazine has a print run in excess of 420 copies, of which about 350 are hand delivered to households and the remainder are sold through local outlets. Focusing on church services and events, a weekly Pew Sheet is emailed to over 100 recipients with about 45 copies being printed and made available at the principal Sunday service. Online communication to a wider audience is provided by the church web site, stokegabrielchurch.co.uk, ACNY (A Church Near You) and the social media platform, Facebook, which has a membership in excess of 330. Posters are displayed around the parish on telephone poles and notice boards to inform the wider community of church events and to keep the mission of the church alive in the public eye.

SAFEGUARDING, GDPR & SAFETY

We continue to commit ourselves to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual, especially the young and vulnerable. We are also GDPR and safety compliant.

CARE OF CHURCH AND OTHER PROPERTY

The church building continues to be open from about 9.00 to 17.00 every day for visitors and locals requiring an opportunity for peace and reflection. During the year, the following works were undertaken:

- Survey of bells carried out and now awaiting itemised costings
- Repairs to organ trumpet and oboe pipes undertaken and completed, also tuned
- A "Big Churchyard Help Out" was organised in May at which much of the ivy was removed from the east wall of churchyard
- Retaining churchyard wall repaired; collapsed west wall due to be repaired in 2024
- South Porch roof leak repaired
- Waterproofing & repointing of tower roof, wood treatment in bell and clock chamber, restoration of door, and minor tower infill stonework repairs
- Net Zero Projects
 - All nave halogen downlights replaced by LED lights
 - Quooker removed and hot water for coffee now provided by kettles
 - Hot water for washing now on timer switch
 - External flood lighting now on timer/light sensor switches
 - Reduced usage of night time storage heaters in vestries

The Old School Room boiler was replaced. No work of any note was required to the Verger's Cottage or to Church Walk.

VOLUNTEERS

The church is blessed with an army of loyal and committed volunteers from among and beyond the church membership who give generously in support of the church and its mission to the community of Stoke Gabriel. In particular, the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church raises much-needed funds for the repair of its church building. The PCC thanks them all wholeheartedly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The full Statement of Financial Activities and the Report of the Independent Examiner are attached hereto.

In summary, receipts of £110,843 and payments of £121,281, resulted in a deficit of £10,438.

Regular giving of £46,658, an increase of £4,274 on last year, with plate collections and planned giving, through standing orders and envelope scheme, all up.

The Church House Inn rental income of £9,500, although £500 up on last year, is only 53% of Pre-Covid levels. We are in the process of renewing/negotiating a new lease, looking to again achieve a return of £18,000 p.a.

We continued to meet our Common Fund request of £49,765, an increase of £4,185 on 2022.

During the year we carried out organ repairs, at a cost of £12,200, covered by a small grant and £11,750 from the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church, The Friends also contributed £5,160 to other essential repairs and maintenance.

We continued with energy efficiency measures spending £2,088, helping to hold energy costs of £2,414 at last year's level.

Schoolroom and Verger's Cottage expenditure went up by £5,925 to £10,230, reflecting legal fees £3,560 and £2,640 for boiler replacement.

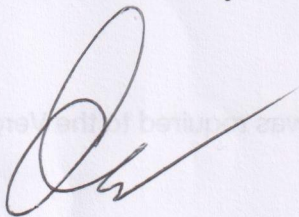
Looking ahead, 2024 will be equally challenging, particularly with an increase of 8.6% in our Common Fund request to a staggering £54,046.

The incredible support of the Friends will no doubt cover the costs of essential maintenance, and until we are able to obtain a decent return from the new Church House Inn lease, we may need to dip into our reserves to make ends meet. These are held in the M & G Charifund and valued at £42,188 at the year end.

Reserves Policy:

To build a reserve of £50,000, so that the Church and it's assets, are kept in a good state of repair, and to meet our Common Fund commitment in full.

This Annual Report and Financial Statement was approved by PCC on March 5th 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Chris Martin
Associate Priest (Stoke Gabriel)



Mr Ian Potham
PCC Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page .

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page , you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the 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 Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP). I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

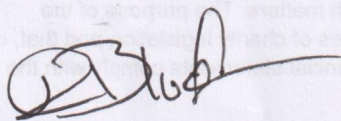
the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 Blood FCCA - Independent Examiner



Chartered Certified Accountants

4 Yonder Meadow
Stoke Gabriel
Devon
TQ9 6QE

This report was signed on 5 March 2024

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	71,703	620	72,323	57,330
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	5,482	5,482	2,523
Investments	A4	12,410	-	12,410	12,138
Other	A5	18,650	1,978	20,628	19,483
Total income	A	102,763	8,080	110,843	91,474
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	B1	-	3,753	3,753	3,128
Charitable activities	B2	114,119	3,409	117,528	110,638
Total expenditure	B	114,119	7,162	121,281	113,766
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure for the year		(11,356)	918	(10,438)	(22,292)
Transfers between funds	C	2,485	(2,485)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,871)	(1,567)	(10,438)	(22,292)
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward	E	51,112	10,629	61,741	84,033
Total funds carried forward		42,241	9,062	51,303	61,741

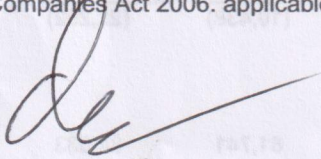
The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	SORP		2023	2022
	Note Ref		£	£
Fixed assets				
Investments held as fixed assets	A4		40,204	50,255
Total fixed assets			40,204	50,255
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	B4	11,099		11,486
Total current assets		11,099		11,486
Net current assets			11,099	11,486
The total net assets of the charity			51,303	61,741
Restricted Revenue Funds	D2		9,062	10,629
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	D3		42,241	51,112
Total charity funds			51,303	61,741

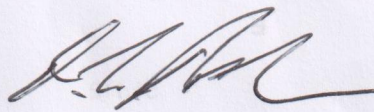
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page -1.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



Reverend Chris Martin
Trustee



Mr Ian Potham

Approved by the board of trustees on 5 March 2024

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts from individuals				
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Small donations individually less than £1000	8,080	-	8,080	6,696
Total donations and gifts from individuals	8,080	-	8,080	6,696

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Legacies receivable

Small legacies individually less than £1000

legacies over £1000

Total legacies receivable

		-		
	2,835	-	2,835	2,250
Total legacies receivable	2,835	-	2,835	2,250

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Planned giving and gift aid

individual amounts under £1,000

Total Planned giving and gift aid

	38,408	170	38,578	35,688
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Other voluntary receipts

Individual amounts under £1,000

donations over £1000

Total Other voluntary receipts

	5,470	450	5,920	5,668
	16,910	-	16,910	9,279
Total Other voluntary receipts	22,380	450	22,830	14,947

Total Donations and Legacies

	71,703	620	72,323	57,331
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Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Concerts	-	5,482	5,482	2,523
Total from other activities	-	5,482	5,482	2,523

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

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Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Property rental Income	9,500	-	9,500	9,000
Dividend Income	2,910	-	2,910	3,138
Total investment income	12,410	-	12,410	12,138

Other income and gains

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Statutory fees	5,247	-	5,247	5,313
Summary of Other income				
Church magazine	6,744	-	6,744	6,296
Old school room	6,520	-	6,520	6,540
Refund clergy expenses	-	-	-	-
Outreach, Choir and Sundries	139	1,978	2,117	1,334
Total other income	18,650	1,978	20,628	19,483

Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	7,094	-	7,094	6,753
Mission	4,219	90	4,309	5,111
Diosean parish share	49,765	-	49,765	45,580
Team clergy expenses	1,837	-	1,837	1,432
Magazine expenditure	5,522	-	5,522	4,585
Insurance	3,814	-	3,814	3,611
Other running costs	12,057	1,029	13,086	8,542
Organ Repairs	11,750	450	12,200	
Total direct spending	96,058	1,569	97,627	75,613

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

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Premises Expenses

Light heat and power	2,414	-	2,414	2,409
Old school room and verger's cottage	10,230	-	10,230	4,305
Churchyard and church walk maintenance	5,284	1,195	6,479	6,229
Church house inn upgrades	-	-	-	-
Clock repairs	133	645	778	22,082
Total support costs	18,061	1,840	19,901	35,025

Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Total direct spending	96,058	1,569	97,627	75,613
Total charitable trading costs	-	-	-	-
Total grantmaking costs	-	-	-	-
Total support costs	18,061	1,840	19,901	35,025
Total Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure	114,119	3,409	117,528	110,638

Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Concerts	-	3,753	3,753	3,128
Total fundraising costs	-	3,753	3,753	3,128

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Salary Costs

Salary costs include verger, organist and cleaner.

Investments

Investments have been valued as at 31 December 2023

Investment	2940 M and G Charifund Income units
Cost	£40,204.00
Market Value	£42,188.00

Properties

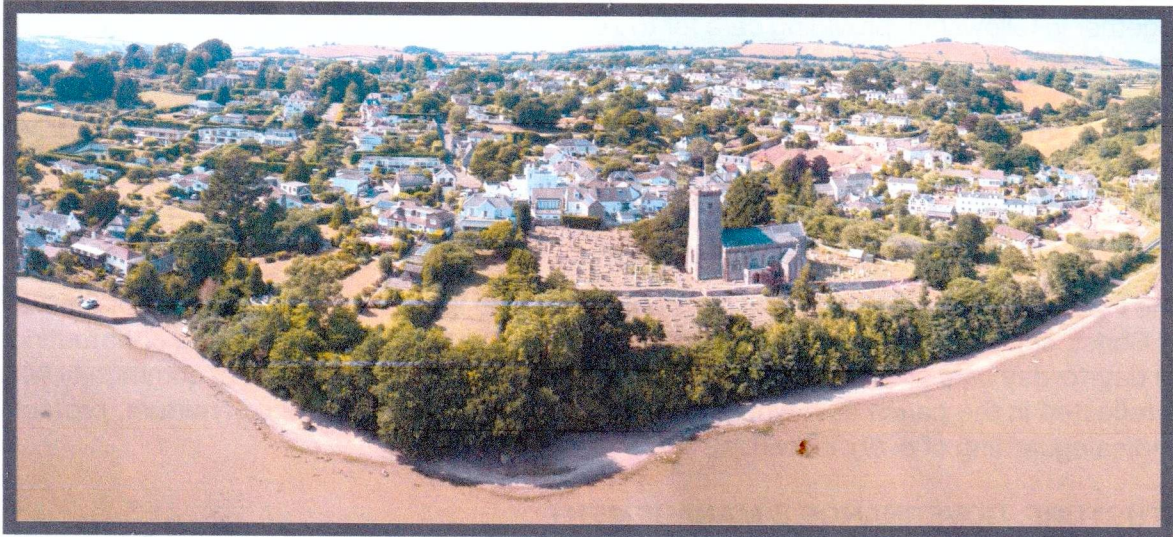
The church through Trusteeship owns the following properties:

- a) Church House Inn. Valued by Croft surveyors at £1,300,000 on 6th July 2023 for insurance purposes.
- b) Church cottage. Buildings insured by Ecclesiastical at £358,033 from 29th September 2023.
- c) Old School Room Buildings. Building insured by Ecclesiastical at £494,476 confirmed via e mail 31 August 2023.

Restricted Fund summary 31 December 2023

	£
Concerts	3,850.62
Choir fund	1,605.77
Kildare James Legacy	2,500.00
Outreach	1,105.49
	9,061.88

Accounts



The Parish Church of St Mary and St Gabriel,
in the Totnes Mission Community, Diocese of Exeter
www.stokegabrielchurch.co.uk

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2022

Incumbent & Team Rector: Rev'd Jim Barlow
Associate Priest: Rev'd Gill Still

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Palace Avenue, Paignton

Independent Examiner: David Blood FCCA
4, Yonder Meadow, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes TQ9 6QE

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Registered Charity (No:1138315). Its address for correspondence is The Vicarage, School Hill, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes TQ9 6QX

AIM and PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Gabriel (PCC) works with the Incumbent and the Associate Priest in promoting the mission and ministry of the church in the parish of Stoke Gabriel.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to keeping the church at the centre of parish life, providing a range of services (BCP & CW) and opportunities for worship that put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, reflection, music and sacrament. It is also committed to bringing people together in fellowship, providing care for the community, and marking significant events in the life of individuals, the community and the nation.

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Members who served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
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Associate Priest	Rev'd Gill Still
Reader & Deanery Representative	Mr Alan Hill
Churchwardens	Mrs Sue Clement
Chairman	Mr Derek Nott (Until 16 th March)
Chairman	Mr Mike Stott (From 16 th March)
Verger & Deanery Representative	Mr Norman Betts
Elected Members	
Secretary	Mrs Liz Ball
Treasurer	Mr Ian Potham
	Mrs Anne-Marie Curror
	Mrs Christine Hunt
	Mrs Evelyn Watson
	Prof Ken Miles
	Mrs Anne Miles
	Mrs Val Proctor
	Dr Michael Rhodes
	Mr Mike Stott (Until 16 th March)
	Mr Derek Nott (From 16 th March)

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

2022 was the first full year in which the life of the parish returned to some semblance of normality following the Covid restrictions. With a gradual approach, services were substantially restored although the communion cup continues to be used with safeguards. While some church members have yet to return to church services, a number of new members have started to attend and the size of the congregation remained healthy.

With grateful appreciation to the Incumbent, the Mission Community adopted a strategy of focused ministry with fractional headcount being used to support House for Duty priests in the remote parishes including Stoke Gabriel. In consequence, the available headcount means that a resident parish priest can be recruited to replace the much-loved Associate Priest when she retires in 2023.

A succession plan was developed to provide long-term cover and succession for the Offices of Churchwarden, Treasurer and Secretary. A measure of its success will be known in 2023.

Performance Metrics:

Due in no small measure to the leadership of the Associate Priest, attendance at our principal Sunday services of Choral Eucharist and Choral Matins was maintained at a good level of about 50. The Sunday 8.15 service of Holy Communion was held every week with an attendance of about 12. Services of Evensong were held once a month with a special Choral Evensong on months with a fifth Sunday. Attendance at Evensong was about 12 but at Choral Evensong it increased to about 30-40. A Wednesday 10.00 service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion attracted up to about 10 people.

Festival services at Easter and Christmas were attended by 130 people (with 90 communicants) and 158 (with 139 communicants) respectively. The 4.00 Crib service on Christmas Eve attracted a very large number of families for whom this is an integral part of their Christmas celebrations with Father Christmas making an appearance!

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration was held to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, followed by the planting of a commemorative magnolia tree in the lower churchyard. A celebratory Songs of Praise was also held on the Quay to mark the event. A Service of Commemoration was held on her Late Majesty's subsequent death, all services being well attended. The Associate Priest delivered the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III to many parishioners at the church lychgate.

During the year, there were 7 baptisms, 3 weddings, 9 funerals and 10 interment of ashes. There is only a handful of burial plots remaining before the churchyard is full although there is sufficient space for interment of ashes for another decade.

A Lent course and an Advent course were held within the village with about 10-12 and 6-8 in attendance respectively.

Membership of the church electoral roll remained at 101 while the number of participants increased from 77 to 80.

PARISH OUTREACH

With grateful thanks to the Associate Priest's leadership, the church has continued to bring the Good News to the younger members of the parish and their families. Contact was maintained with the pre-school group and with the village primary school, for which special Easter and Christmas church services were held. Easter and Christmas trails were mounted in the village orchard. Crafty Events (a fresh expression of church tailored for children) were

held on 6 occasions. Four were held to coincide with Lent and the church festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Christmas and two were held over the summer holidays, one of which was held in Carnival Week and was attended by over 40 children.

Fellowship and social events also resumed with refreshments after the principal Sunday and other services.

The lonely, bereaved and vulnerable in our community were supported through regular one-to-one contact and social events. In particular, lunches and afternoon teas for the senior folk of the parish were re-established in March following Covid. There were 10 such events with about 30 people at each one. A greater number attended the afternoon cream tea in the Village Hall which also raised funds for Ukraine.

The church continued its support of charities locally and further afield. Locally, it included Stepping Stones (https://devonconnect.org/profile/stepping_1989) in Totnes. Further afield, it included the Mission to Seafarers, Children's Society, Royal British Legion, Christian Aid and Water Aid. We also continued to sponsor a young Ugandan girl, Winny Angel, through World Vision. Regular monthly collections were made in support of Stepping Stones and the CRUK (Christian Response to Ukraine).

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

An important medium of communication with the parish and beyond, the parish magazine has a print run in excess of 420 copies, of which about 350 are hand delivered to households and the remainder are sold through local outlets. Focusing on church services and events, a weekly Pew Sheet is emailed to over 100 recipients with about 45 copies being printed and made available at the principal Sunday service. Online communication to a wider audience is provided by the church web site, stokegabrielchurch.co.uk, ACNY (A Church Near You) and the social media platform, Facebook, which has a membership in excess of 250. Posters are displayed around the parish on telephone poles and notice boards to inform the wider community of church events and to keep the mission of the church alive in the public eye.

SAFEGUARDING, GDPR & SAFETY

We continue to commit ourselves to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual, especially the young and vulnerable. We are also GDPR and safety compliant.

CARE OF CHURCH AND OTHER PROPERTY

In discharging its responsibility for the care and maintenance of the fabric of the church and other PCC property, the following works were undertaken to the church:

- Church clock was repaired and reinstalled in the tower, and the clock faces were painted and re-gilded.
- Slates on the north side of the nave roof were re-placed.
- Grids, gullies and soak-aways were all cleared of debris.
- Ivy on the east wall of the churchyard was removed.
- Flaking walls of the nave and Lady Chapel were cleaned, sealed and re-painted.
- Organ was tuned twice.

- An Irish yew tree and laurel bush were removed to protect against churchyard wall damage.

A quinquennial survey of the condition of the church building and churchyard was issued in June. To much relief, the condition of the nave roof was better than feared but other repairs were identified which will be addressed over the next few years as finances permit.

No work of note was required to the Old School Room or the Verger's Cottage although repairs to Church Walk were undertaken.

VOLUNTEERS

The church is blessed with an army of loyal and committed volunteers from among and beyond the church membership who give generously in support of the church and its mission to the community of Stoke Gabriel. In particular, the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church raises much-needed funds for the repair of its church building. The PCC thanks them all wholeheartedly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts of £91,475 and payments of £113,767, produced a deficit of £22,292. This included completion of clock repairs, funded from last year's appeal, at a net cost of £18,447, after reclaiming VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

Regular giving held up well at £42,384, and we received legacies of £2,250.

Rental income from the Church House Inn increased by £3,750 to £9,000, but is still only half of the pre Covid level.

Three weddings in the year, helped increase Statutory Fees by 80% to £5,313.

We were again able to meet our Common Fund Request of £45,580 in full.

Energy expenditure was up by 147% at £2,408, partially offset by a Diocesan Grant of £820. We are fortunate that our Gas supply is on a 4 year fixed contract until Jan 2024, and we will continue to manage and improve energy efficiency, to particularly mitigate the effect of higher electricity costs.

Looking Ahead:

2023 will be even more challenging, with rental from the Church House Inn likely to be £9,000 less than received pre pandemic. We will also have to cope with a punitive increase of 9.2% in our Common Fund Request to £49,765 and higher energy costs.

We will need to look to the support of the Friends of the Church to help cover the costs of essential repairs and maintenance, and hopefully legacies to balance the books.

Reserves Policy;

Following the Quinquennial Report, we do not need to earmark funds for a new nave roof which is in better condition than we thought.

The revised policy is to hold a reserve of £50,000 to maintain the Church and Old Schoolroom in a good state of repair, ensure the Common Fund Request is met in full, and fund energy efficient expenditure.

Reserves will continue to be held in the M & G Charifund Income Units.

This Annual Report and Financial Statement was approved by PCC on March 8th 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Gill Still, Associate Priest



Mr Ian Potham, Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page .

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page , you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the 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 Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), . I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 Blood FCCA - Independent Examiner



Chartered Certified Accountants

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This report was signed on 8 March 2023

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	52,445	4,886	57,331	80,689
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	2,523	2,523	564
Investments	A4	12,138	-	12,138	8,042
Other	A5	18,604	879	19,483	17,566
Total income	A	83,187	8,288	91,475	106,861
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	B1	-	3,128	3,128	320
Charitable activities	B2	85,275	25,364	110,639	90,222
Total expenditure	B	85,275	28,492	113,767	90,542
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		(2,088)	(20,204)	(22,292)	16,319
Transfers between funds	C	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,088)	(20,204)	(22,292)	16,319
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward		53,200	30,833	84,033	67,714
Total funds carried forward		51,112	10,629	61,741	84,033

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

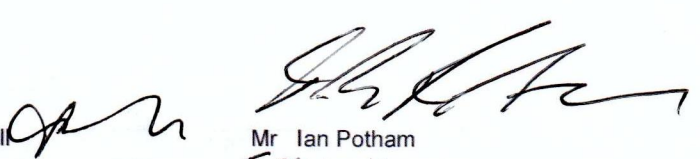
	SORP Note Ref	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments held as fixed assets	A4	50,255	50,255
Total fixed assets		50,255	50,255
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	B B4	11,486	33,778
Total current assets		11,486	33,778
Net current assets		11,486	33,778
The total net assets of the charity			
		61,741	84,033
Restricted Revenue Funds	D2	10,629	11,690
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	D3	51,112	59,354
Total charity funds		61,741	84,033

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page -1.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Reverend Gill Still
Trustee



Mr Ian Potham
Treasurer

Approved by the board of trustees on 8 March 2023

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
<i>Donations and gifts from individuals</i>				
Donations and gifts from individuals				
Small donations individually less than £1000	6,696	-	6,696	7,626
Total donations and gifts from individuals	6,696	-	6,696	7,626

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Legacies receivable

Small legacies individually less than £1000		-		1,111
Richard Dobson Trust	2,250	-	2,250	4,163
Total legacies receivable	2,250	-	2,250	5,274

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Planned giving and gift aid

individual amounts under £1,000	35,688	-	35,688	34,842
Total Planned giving and gift aid	35,688	-	35,688	34,842

Other voluntary receipts

Individual amounts under £1,000	5,417	251	5,668	19,168
donations over £1000	4,644	4,635	9,279	13,780
Total Other voluntary receipts	10,061	4,886	14,947	32,948

Total Donations and Legacies

	52,445	4,886	57,331	80,690
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Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Concerts	-	2,523	2,523	564
Total from other activities	-	2,523	2,523	564

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Property rental Income	9,000	-	9,000	5,250
Dividend Income	3,138	-	3,138	2,792
Total investment income	12,138	-	12,138	8,042

Other income and gains

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Statutory fees	5,313	-	5,313	2,944
Summary of Other income				
Church magazine	6,296	-	6,296	5,677
Old school room	6,540	-	6,540	6,902
Refund clergy expenses	-	-	-	2,043
	455	879	1,334	-
Total other income	18,604	879	19,483	17,566

Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	6,753	-	6,753	5,597
Mission	4,868	244	5,112	3,211
Diosean parish share	45,580	-	45,580	46,038
Team clergy expenses	1,432	-	1,432	1,882
Magazine expenditure	4,585	-	4,585	4,320
Insurance	3,611	-	3,611	3,519
Other running costs	6,634	1,908	8,542	7,212
Total direct spending	73,463	2,152	75,615	71,778

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

Premises Expenses

Light heat and power	2,408	-	2,408	975
Old school room and verger's cottage	4,305	-	4,305	5,688
Churchyard and church walk maintenance	5,099	1,130	6,229	4,562
Church house inn upgrades	-	-	-	3,718
Clock repairs	-	22,082	22,082	3,501
Total support costs	11,812	23,212	35,024	18,444

Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Total direct spending	73,463	2,152	75,615	71,778
Total charitable trading costs	-	-	-	-
Total grantmaking costs	-	-	-	-
Total support costs	11,812	23,212	35,024	18,444
Total Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure	85,275	25,364	110,639	90,222

Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Concerts	-	3,128	3,128	320
Total fundraising costs	-	3,128	3,128	320

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

Salary Costs

Salary costs include vergers, organist and cleaner.

Investments

Investments have been valued as at 31 December 2022

Investment	3675 M and G Charifund Income units
Cost	£50,254.69
Market Value	£54,004.86

Properties

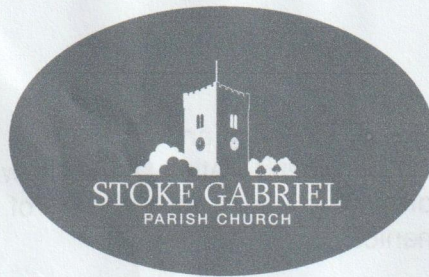
The church through Trusteeship owns the following properties:

- a) Church House Inn. Building insured by Broker Epress at £980,000 from 18 May 2022.
- b) Church cottage. Building insured by Ecclesiastical at £341,685 from 29 September 2022
- c) Old School Room Buildings. Building insured by Ecclesiastical at £460,833 confirmed via e mail 15 September 2022.

Restricted Fund summary 31 December 2022

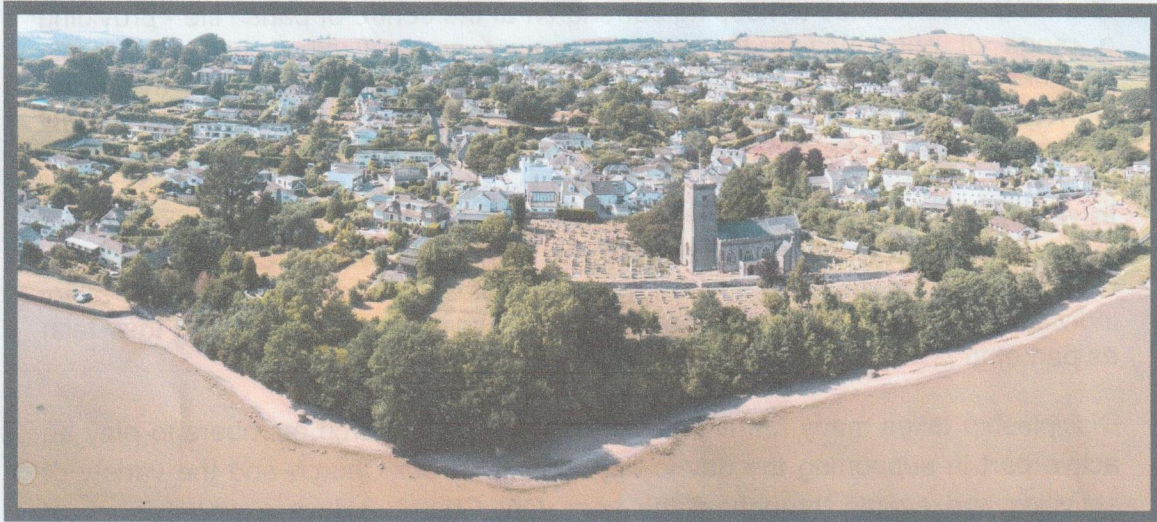
	£
Clock Fund	839.76
Concerts	2,121.94
Choir fund	680.26
Churchyard walls	1,000.00
Kildare James Legacy	4,985.00
Outreach	1,001.69
	<u>10,628.65</u>

Accounts



The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel, Stoke Gabriel

in the Diocese of Exeter and the Totnes Mission Community



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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT Parochial Church Council Year ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent: The Reverend Father Jim Barlow
Associate Priest: The Reverend Gill Still

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Palace Avenue, Paignton

Independent Examiner: David Blood FCCA
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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel Totnes is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2006) PCC is also a Registered Charity no: 1138315

AIM and PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Gabriel, Stoke Gabriel (PCC) works with the incumbent, the Reverend Father Jim Barlow and associate priest, Reverend Gill Still to promote in the parish the mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

As well as the Grade 1 listed building and its churchyard, the PCC has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Old School Room (Church Hall), the Verger's Cottage and the Church House Inn, which is leased to a tenant landlord.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to keeping our church at the centre of parish life - providing a range of opportunities for worship, prayer and reflection, bringing people together, caring for the community and marking significant events in the life of individuals and the community. In planning activities the PCC observes the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.

In worship, prayer is a key part of our life, this being enhanced by good choral music and a strong sense of the Church being the living presence of Christ. Central to church life is the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual. We try to enable all members of the congregation to live out their faith as part of the Church family.

Discipleship takes many forms and we encourage all church members to play an active part in supporting the day-to-day running of our Church and the variety of activities and events throughout the year. Our Church enjoys a warm sense of community which is reflected in the parish as a whole and new members are readily welcomed to join in.

The PCC discharges its responsibilities for the maintenance and preservation of the fabric of its medieval buildings.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

2021 was another year dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic, by lockdowns and restrictions which made the life of the parish very challenging, with services affected and activities restricted or cancelled.

It is a measure of the health of the parish that participation in church activities has remained strong, support of the community continued, albeit in different forms, and personal giving of the congregation stood up well. Our support of charities has been maintained, Common Share payments made in full and on time. and a successful appeal for funds to repair the church clock achieved twice the target sum with contributions from within and without the church community.

Congregations

Attendance at both Zoom and 'live' services remained strong and in such troubled times, attendance figures both on-line and in church have held up well, with around fifty to sixty joining in Sunday services and 86 on the electoral roll. New members were welcomed to the congregation.

Thanks for this go not only to the 'tech team' but also to the associate priest Rev. Gill Still who continued to lead the spiritual and worship life of the parish in albeit different media.

There was wide-spread gratitude for attempts to keep services 'normal'. During the year, there has been 5 Baptisms, 1 Wedding, 8 funerals and 3 burial of ashes

Safety

In opening the church, seating capacity was limited to around 50% to provide social distancing and hand sanitisers and masks made available at the door. Risk assessments and track-and-trace records have been completed for all activities in an attempt to limit infection spread and to keep all members of the congregation safe.

Worship:

The first part of the year saw services restricted to Zoom, but as restrictions were lifted these were gradually transferred back into church and Zoom confined to PCC and other committee meetings.

Mission:

Telephone and email communication were once more used to keep in touch with our congregation, and those in the parish who struggled with loneliness, bereavement and poor health.

Easter and Christmas trails were mounted in the village orchard and, as usual, telephone poles and notice boards used to keep the mission of the church alive in the public eye.

The children's Christmas Crib service moved outdoors into the scout field for the second year and attracted the usual large number of families for who this is an integral part of the Christmas period. Father Christmas also made an appearance!

Gill has maintained contacts with the pre-school group and with the village primary school and in the latter part of the year Crafty Animal and Crafty Advent afternoons were reintroduced for the younger children linked to the feast of St Francis and to Christingle Service.

Music:

As Government restrictions were relaxed in July, hymn singing was once more allowed, albeit with masks and the choir got back together for both rehearsal (initially on the south terrace but then in the nave of the church) and in services, with numbers, seating and masks respecting the need for social distancing and control of aerosol transmission.

In August the role of organist became vacant with the move of Wyn Turner out of the area, but we were very fortunate to be able to appoint a replacement in Matt Davies who had moved to a job in the area. This has ensured the continuation and progress of music in our services and helped the choir. to rebuild after the interruptions of the pandemic.

Technology:

Use of Zoom allowed services in the early part of the year. and made possible smaller meetings and committees. Websites, - both stokegabrielchurch.co.uk and A church near you and Facebook. have provided a platform to keep the parish and the wider community informed of the activities of the church.

Ancillary staff.

We continued to support our cleaner, gardener and verger and the church, and churchyard has been well-maintained - the churchyard had an honourable mention in the Devon's Best Churchyard Competition.

SAFEGUARDING

We continue to commit ourselves to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of every individual, especially the young and vulnerable. Most members of the PCC have been DBS checked, completed the Basic Awareness/Foundation Safeguarding course and the Domestic Awareness Course. A Safeguarding report is made at every PCC meeting.

DEANERY SYNOD

Two members of the PCC , Norman Betts and Alan Hill also serve as members of Deanery Synod and feed back to PCC meetings on discussions in the Synod.

CHURCH FABRIC

In spite of difficulties caused by the pandemic and reduced income the following tasks have been completed to secure the maintenance of his listed building

- Verger's Cottage Chimney Repaired. March 2021
 - Ash Tree & Cherry Tree removed Churchyard March 2021
 - (Ash Tree, 'Ash die back' & Cherry dead)
 - Introduction of the Sum Up Card Reader to church. June 2021
 - Schoolroom Floor sanded, repaired and oiled. July 2021
 - Lady Chapel restoration of chairs. July 2021
 - North door, West & South doors (inner & outer) oiled. August 2021
 - West Porch - minor repairs & walls/ceiling painted. August 2021
 - Introduction of baby changing facility Schoolroom. August 2021
 - Fire Survey completed Church & Schoolroom. August 2021
 - PAT Testing Completed Church & Schoolroom. September 2021
 - Flag Pole repaired and painted. September 2021
 - Boiler Service October 2021
 - Tower leak repaired. November 2021
 - Introduction of Contactless Giving/Donation Box. November 2021
- (Housing for SumUp machine)

PARISH OUTREACH

In addition to our support of the lonely and vulnerable in our community, and the promotion of the Gospel to the parish, the church has continued to support a number of charitable causes in the locality and further afield.—A Drop in Centre and Food Bank in Totnes, The Children's Society and Water Aid.

In 2020 we took on sole sponsorship through World Vision of a little girl rather aptly named Winny Angel. She is now 8 and lives in Busitema, Uganda. The money we give each month is combined with donations from other sponsors to transform life for all the children in the community of Busitema. It helps to give them clean water, nutritious food, healthcare, education and a way to earn a living. During 2021 Winny and her family attended a COVID-19 prevention workshop and received approved health information. Her confidence is growing in her reading and writing skills and she has received books and study materials to help her with her education and personal development. For every child like Winny who is helped, four more children benefit.

VOLUNTEERS

The church is blessed with an army of volunteers from within and outside the congregation who give generously of their time to support the church and its mission to the community of Stoke Gabriel. It would be invidious to name names, but the PCC wishes to thank them all.

Our thanks must also go to Gill for her care for those in need, for her creative response to the challenges of a second pandemic year and for her willingness and flexibility to adapt to new situations and to lead 'the team' through this difficult time. Thank you Gill!

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The year produced a surplus of £16,319, from receipts of £106,861, and payments of £90,542.

The highlight of the year, was the successful appeal for clock repairs, which raised a magnificent £26,132. We paid a 30% deposit of £3,501 to Smith of Derby, and repairs are under way. The appeal produced a surplus of some £16,000, which will enable us to restore the two clock faces next year, at a cost of £12,373, and other essential church maintenance.

The Covid pandemic continued to adversely affect the trade of the Church House Inn, and as a result our rental income of £5,250, was down £7,750 on last year. The renewal of the lease, which expired in Sep 2020, has been put on hold, and in the meantime the Treasurer negotiates the rent with the landlord on a quarterly basis.

Regular giving held up well increasing by 3.8%, and we received legacies of £5,273.

The Old Schoolroom rental was up £2,193 at £6,902, with the Pre-School operating fully again. In April the Pre-School joined the Link Academy Trust, and a Licence to Occupy is in place with an annual rental of £6,500.

We were able to meet our Common Fund Request of £46,038 in full.

We instigated a retention monies payment of £3,718, which the contractor had overlooked, for the Church House Inn upgrade completed in July 2019.

Reserves Policy

To build a reserve of £100,000, within the next 7 years, towards a new nave roof. This will be reviewed on completion of the Quinquennial Report due in 2022.

Reserves are held in the M&G Charifund, currently valued at £57,190 - an increase of £6,748, from last year.

Looking ahead

2022 will again be challenging, based on a lower rental expectancy from the Church House Inn,

Every effort will be made to meet our Common Fund request, and to achieve this we may have to look to the generosity of the Friends of the Church to help fund essential repairs and maintenance.

We will continue to promote contactless giving, to grow our income stream

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a Reader, two members of the Deanery Synod and other members elected at the annual Parochial Church Meeting in March each year.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish and for all financial matters. The Council meets six times a year.

During the covid lockdown and restrictions, a subcommittee was formed to handle immediate matters and met weekly, or as necessary to respond to changing situations. Sub committee members are shown by an asterisk *

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio

The Incumbent
Assistant Priest

Reverend Father Jim Barlow
Reverend Gill Still *

Reader

Mr Alan Hill *

Churchwardens

Mrs Sue Clement *
Mr Derek Nott *

Chairman

Deanery Synod Reps

Mr Alan Hill *
Mr Norman Betts

Elected Members:

Mrs Liz Ball * Secretary
Mr Ian Potham * Treasurer

Mrs Anne-Marie Curror
Mrs Chris Bradbury
Mrs Christine Hunt
Mr Robert Stewart- Bam
Mr Mike Stott*
Mrs Lynne Turcotte (member until March 2021)
Mrs Evelyn Watson

Members co-opted on to the PCC Sept/ Oct 2021

Prof. Ken Miles
Mrs Anne Miles
Mrs V Proctor
Dr M Rhodes

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page .

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page , you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the 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 Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), . I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;


the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 Blood FCCA - Independent Examiner



Chartered Certified Accountants

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This report was signed on 9 March 2022

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	53,825	26,864	80,689	42,871
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	564	564	1,355
Investments	A4	8,042	-	8,042	15,586
Other	A5	17,566	-	17,566	15,278
Total income	A	79,433	27,428	106,861	75,090
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	B1	-	320	320	-
Charitable activities	B2	85,452	4,770	90,222	71,761
Total expenditure	B	85,452	5,090	90,542	71,761
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-	-
Net income for the year		(6,019)	22,338	16,319	3,329
Transfers between funds	C	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,019)	21,338	16,319	3,329
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward		58,219	9,495	67,714	64,384
Total funds carried forward		53,200	30,833	84,033	67,713

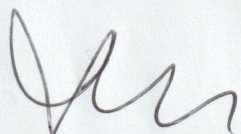
The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	SORP Note Ref	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments held as fixed assets	A4	50,255	50,255
Total fixed assets		50,255	50,255
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	B B4	33,778	17,458
Total current assets		<u>33,778</u>	<u>17,458</u>
Net current assets		33,778	17,458
The total net assets of the charity			
		<u>84,033</u>	<u>67,713</u>
Restricted Revenue Funds	D2	30,833	9,495
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	D3	53,200	58,218
		-	-
Total charity funds		<u>84,033</u>	<u>67,713</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page -1.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



Reverend Gill Still
Trustee



Mr Ian Potham
Treasurer

Approved by the board of trustees on 9 March 2022

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

Donations and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
<i>Donations and gifts from individuals</i>				
Donations and gifts from individuals				
Small donations individually less than £1000	7,625	-	7,625	7,309
Total donations and gifts from individuals	7,625	-	7,625	7,309

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Legacies receivable

Small legacies individually less than £1000	1,111	-	1,111	150
Richard Dobson Trust	4,163	-	4,163	-
Total legacies receivable	5,274	-	5,274	150

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Planned giving and gift aid

individual amounts under £1,000	34,842	-	34,842	31,342
Total Planned giving and gift aid	34,842	-	34,842	31,342

Other voluntary receipts

Individual amounts under £1,000	6,084	13,084	19,168	4,070
donations over £1000	-	13,780	13,780	-
Total Other voluntary receipts	6,084	26,864	32,948	4,070

Total Donations and Legacies

	53,825	26,864	80,689	42,871
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Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Concerts	-	564	564	1,355
Total from other activities	-	564	564	1,355

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

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Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Property rental Income	5,250	-	5,250	13,000
Dividend Income	2,792	-	2,792	2,586
Total investment income	8,042	-	8,042	15,586

Other income and gains

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Statutory fees	2,944	-	2,944	4,426
Summary of Other income				
Church magazine	5,677	-	5,677	6,143
Old school room	6,902	-	6,902	4,709
Refund clergy expenses	2,043	-	2,043	-
	-	-	-	-
Total other income	17,566	-	17,566	15,278

Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	5,597	-	5,597	4,971
Mission	3,211	-	3,211	2,578
Diosean parish share	46,038	-	46,038	39,460
Team clergy expenses	1,882	-	1,882	3,300
Magazine expenditure	4,320	-	4,320	3,048
Insurance	3,519	-	3,519	3,624
Other running costs	5,943	1,269	7,212	4,978
Total direct spending	70,510	1,269	71,779	61,958

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021 as required by the SORP 2015

Premises Expenses

Light heat and power	974	-	974	2,287
Old school room and verger's cottage	5,688	-	5,688	3,114
Churchyard and church walk maintenance	4,562	-	4,562	2,879
Church house inn upgrades	3,718	-	3,718	1,523
Clock repairs	-	3,501	3,501	-
Total support costs	14,942	3,501	18,443	9,803

Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Total direct spending	70,510	1,269	71,779	61,958
Total charitable trading costs	-	-	-	-
Total grantmaking costs	-	-	-	-
Total support costs	14,942	3,501	18,443	9,803
Total Governance costs	-	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure	85,452	4,770	90,222	71,761

Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Concerts	-	320	320	-
Total fundraising costs	-	320	320	-

The Parish of St Mary and St Gabriel

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Salary Costs

Salary costs include verger, organist and cleaner.

Investments

Investments have been valued as at 31 December 2021

Investment	3675 M and G Charifund Income units
Cost	£50,254.69
Market Value	£57,190.35

Properties

The church through Trusteeship owns the following properties:

- a) Church House Inn. Building insured by Broker Epress at £907,401 from 18 May 2021.
- b) Church cottage. Building insured by Ecclesiastical at £303,673 from 29 September 2021
- c) Old School Room Buildings. Building insured by Ecclesiastical at £416,286 confirmed via e mail.

Restricted Fund summary 31 December 2021

	£
Clock Fund	22,124.96
Concerts	2,726.67
Kildare James Legacy	4,985.00
Outreach	996.40
	<u>30,833.03</u>