

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOLLASTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1138471

Details

Other names	PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S WOLLASTON, St Mary's Church
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-10-19
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: St Mary's Church Wollaston is a C of E church within the Diocese of Peterborough; a church where all ages are welcome; where practical concern is offered to the poor and disadvantaged and the worship is passionate. Services are held every Sunday, with teaching groups for children and youth; children's and youth groups are also held mid week as well as home groups.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£77,870	£94,903	-	-
2024-12-31	£102,795	£103,725	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,365	£66,967	-	-
2022-12-31	£72,002	£70,802	-	-
2021-12-31	£288,882	£68,640	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Audrey Scott		2026-04-12
Christopher Dommett		2025-04-13
Christopher Howes		2025-03-10
David Rose		2025-04-13
Denise Major		2025-04-13
Gemma Bowman-Yard		2025-04-13
Gemma Emmanuel		2026-04-12
Holly Horspole		2024-04-13
Ivor Emmanuel		2026-04-12
JEAN ROSE		2012-08-06
JULIE ROGERS		2021-05-30
Michael Edgecombe		2026-04-12
SARAH HOWES		2021-05-30
Tracey Hollowell		2025-04-13

Accounts

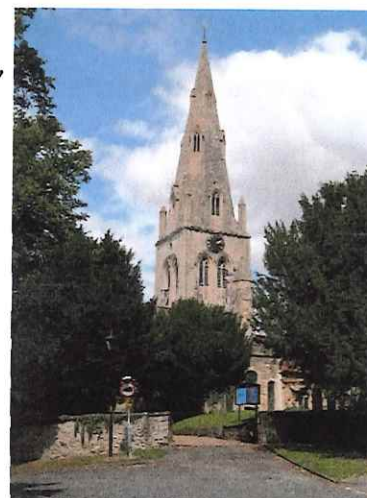
St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1138471

Aim and purposes

St Mary's Church Wollaston is part of the WEBS benefice, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat and Strixton; Wollaston and Strixton are one parish, but with each church being run independently. However, being one parish there is one electoral role with a total of eighty-seven names, fifty-three being resident in the villages of Wollaston or Strixton and thirty-four being non-resident.

St Mary's Wollaston District Church Council, (DCC), has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Adrian Morton, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church. The vision for St Mary's Wollaston is to be a church that increasingly sees God's Kingdom come. This is underpinned by promoting the Word of God, the Worship of God, undertaking the Works for God and witnessing to the Wonders of God.



Unfortunately Revd. Adrian Morton left the Benefice in September 2025 to move to a new Parish in Boston, Lincolnshire, so our Benefice is now in vacancy.

Our Curate, Revd. Holly Horspole, who was appointed in July 2022, who returned to ministry in November 2024, went on maternity leave again in August 2025 and is not expected to return until May 2026.

Fortunately there are two retired priests in the benefice who are assisting with services. Revd. Canon Margaret Johnson is helping with St Mary's Wollaston and St Mary's Bozeat and Revd. Janet Tebby is assisting with St Romwald Strixton and St Peter & St Paul Easton Maudit.

During 2025, the youth and children's worker, Mrs Sarah Howes, was employed part-time by the Benefice, working 13.5 hours a week in Wollaston and Bozeat, and also working for 13.5 hours per week for a neighbouring parish of All Saints Earls Barton. Both places contribute towards her salary and benefits.

Also during 2025, a member of the congregation of St Mary's Wollaston was licensed by the Diocese as a Lay Minister. Ivor Emmanuel is continuing on to do Reader training with the diocese.

From September 2023 until July 2025, an Exploring Ministry Intern was welcomed to the Parish. Jake Nicholls was working in the Benefice for two years to assess whether he would like to explore a role in ministry within the church. We are pleased to say that Jake has decided to pursue this ministry and has been accepted on to the Ordination training programme and he left us in July 2025 to start a University course in Cambridge in September 2025 as his first step towards ordination.

Normal morning services have continued during 2025, with the addition of the First Sunday Evening Worship service starting again monthly from July 2025. However, it has been noted that numbers attending are still lower than pre-pandemic years.

Exploration of the five-fold ministries as evidenced in Ephesians chapter 4: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd and Teacher continued to be discussed during the first part of 2025, and since the Vicar departed to a new Parish, have been focussed on during the First Sunday Evening Worship and Prayer services.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment to the District Church Council (DCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's Wollaston the DCC consists of the incumbent, the curate, the churchwardens, reader, licensed lay ministers, Deanery Synod Representative and members elected by those members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the church. All who attend services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the DCC. The DCC operates the three year rule for the elected members. During 2025, the church held its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 13th April 2025 which was the third year of the triennium. Steve Barnes, who was elected in 2024 moved away, and so resigned from the DCC. Also elected in 2025 was Sarah Hamblin, but she also has subsequently moved away and also Christopher Dragon, who subsequently has moved to a new church, and so both have resigned from DCC. Other members were re-elected to their positions.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated on the High Street, Wollaston in Northamptonshire. It is a parish jointly with St Romwald Strixton and in the WEBS Benefice with St Mary's Bozeat and St Peter & St Paul Easton Maudit, in the Deanery of Wellingborough, in the Diocese of Peterborough, within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 81 Irchester Road, Wollaston, Northamptonshire NN29 7RW, however during vacancy, the Church Administrator, Mrs Jean Rose is receiving post. (2 Manchester Road, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northants. NN29 7SR).

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006, updated 2020) and a registered charity registered with the Charity Commission.

DCC Members for the current year at the date of this report are:-

The Reverend Adrian Morton	Chairman (Moved away to a new Parish 16 th September 2025)
The Reverend Holly Horspole now on maternity leave)	Assistant Curate (resumed ministry until August 2025,
Mrs Louise Morton	Reader (moved away to a new Parish 16 th September 2025)
Mrs Jean Rose	Secretary / Church Administrator
Mr Christopher Howes	Treasurer
Mrs Julie Rogers	Church Warden

Mr Christopher Dommett

Deputy Church Warden

Mr Christopher Dragon (elected April 2025, resigned July 2025)

Mr Steve Barnes (Resigned from DCC January 2025)

Mrs Gemma Bowman-Yard

Mrs Gemma Emmanuel (elected September 2025 as Deputy Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Sarah Hamblin (elected April 2025, resigned January 2026)

Mrs Tracey Hollowell

Mrs Sarah Howes (Children's & Youth Worker)

Mrs Denise Major

Mr David Rose (Fabric Officer)

Bankers: Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Paul Adams

Worship, Prayer and Evangelism

Sunday morning services have continued to be livestreamed using YouTube. Watching figures are good enough to continue this format, especially for members of the congregation who are unable to attend in person and for those who are involved in the children and youth work.

During Services of Holy Communion, the wine is now offered in one cup as recommended by the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Sunday morning service offers a time of testimonies, where congregation members can tell of answers to prayer that have occurred in the preceding week. This portion of the service is now live-streamed, and members are made aware of this by on-screen notices and printed notices in the foyer. The testimonies are very encouraging to the congregation, and raise the expectation of seeing God at work in this community.

Prayer Ministry – The WhatsApp group which was set up in 2020 to meet any practical as well as prayer needs of the local church members is still in operation.

Prayer Chain - The confidential prayer line is now based on email. Messages requesting prayer support are passed on to a wide number of dedicated members who will pray for that need for two weeks. Requests for this service come from the church family and also the local community. This service is confidential, only those on the prayer chain know the details.

Prayer Walking – In 2023, a group of congregation members met regularly each week to pray around the village. This has continued with some prayer walking being undertaken in

other local villages and towns. However due to changes in personal circumstances this has continued at every two weeks during 2025.

Youth and children's work – The youth are led by Sarah H. as the Youth & Children's Worker who has set up a Sunday morning youth group which runs concurrently with the Sunday morning service, a weekly during term time Youth Café plus a weekly during term time evening Youth Group. These two groups from September 2025 have both met on alternate weeks, due to fewer helpers. All youth across the benefice are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The Outdoor Youth events which utilises a well-supervised fire pit and other external activities have continued occasionally through 2025. These events are very well attended and very well received.

Sarah also heads up a small team who are allowed into the secondary school during lunchtimes to host games and meetings.

The Primary School-aged children have their own Sunday morning group held in the Chancel in church and once a month come together for the whole service with the adults and youth at the All Age Service on a third Sunday morning. There have occasionally been simple lunches held after the third Sunday service to encourage families to stay, participate and feel they belong to the family of the church. During 2025 a 2-day morning event was held during the school holidays which had a Biblical theme of Jesus as the ultimate superhero and included craft activities and games.

The toddlers who attend church have their own room in which to play during the Sunday service and there are toys and activities there which are changed on a regular basis. This facility is much appreciated by the families who come. The service is relayed into the room via a speaker system so parents still feel a part of the proceedings.

The **3Ts (Toddlers, Toast & Toys)** group meets during term time, weekly, on a Tuesday morning in church. It continues to flourish with an increasing number of children and carers attending. The format allows free play, refreshments, Bible stories and singing, all activities are age appropriate for pre-school children. The group has a good reputation in the village and beyond and we are finding the group is being recommended by local health visitors. From September 2025, following the departure of the Incumbent and his wife, the group is now run by Sarah H. and has changed its name to **Tuesday Tots**, however, the ethos is the same, and it is still very well attended.

Church Groups

he Bereavement Journey course was run again during 2025. The course comes from Holy Trinity Brompton, the creators of the Alpha course. It is a 7 week course which helps the bereaved work through their loss. The loss need not be the death of a loved one but can be the loss of a job, a disability caused by illness or even the loss of a relationship.

The Mothers' Union – The group focussed their meetings in 2025 on a series of Bible studies led by different members of the group. The Mothers' Union members financially supports AFIA (Away From It All). This project offers free holidays to families who have met with adversity. The members also support work at the local prison (HMP Five Wells), with prayer leaflets, supplying good quality men's clothes so that prisoners can attend family funerals, if

allowed to do so, as well as offering 'thinking of you' cards for bereaved prisoners. All work undertaken at the prison is carried out with the assistance of the Prison Chaplaincy Team.

Prayer underpins the work of the Mothers' Union, so regular bulletins with prayer pointers are distributed. Much knitting and sewing has been undertaken with 22 blankets going to the Daylight Centre for the rough sleepers and to Africa. Also 62 hats, scarves and gloves were sent to Ukraine and Poland with the Blytheswood Care Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Also in the shoe boxes were 42 sewn pencil cases filled with items of stationery. The Gossett Ward (Baby Intensive Care Unit) in Northampton General Hospital also received some of the first sized baby hats, the remainder with cardigans, booties and mittens were sent to Baby Basics. 52 dresses and 12 cloth bags made from recycled pillow cases and old sheets have been created and sent out to Africa along with 157 knitted vests for babies in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Somalia.

Kintsugi Hope Well-being Course – This course was run in various locations during 2025, with the membership being renewed to run further courses. The subjects explore a range of emotions and feelings to help promote positive wellness. Courses are open to both church members and the local community.

3C's – (Coffee, Cake and Chat) which is a regular meeting place on every Wednesday morning for all sorts of people in the community. Numbers attending have levelled out but different people are attending since the pandemic, which means we are reaching approximately 70, mostly elderly, and mostly widowed people. The initiative is to provide a warm and welcoming space for people to make friends and come for a chat. Since November 2024, this event has become part of the government's Warm Spaces initiative.

St Mary's Church Bell Ringers – There is a small, dedicated team of ringers who regularly ring the six bells at St Mary's Wollaston. Some members learnt to ring for the millennium, while others have joined since. There is always an open afternoon to tie in with Wollaston Open Gardens in July to try and attract new learners or returners to ringing. Wollaston bells are known to be difficult as they are heavy bells rung from the tower crossing floor which means the ropes have a very long draught. However, the bells ring weekly for the Sunday service and also for practice night each Wednesday evening.

Supporting Local Charities

St Mary's Church Wollaston arranges a weekly collection of food donations to go to the **Daylight Centre Food Bank** in Wellingborough. The food bank not only supports those in food poverty but also the daytime homeless and rough sleepers.

The church also acts as a local drop off point for the charity **Baby Basics**. This Northamptonshire charity provides Moses Baskets full of helpful items of clothing, bedding and treats for young Mums and those struggling to provide for new-born babies.

Wollaston & Strixton Mothers' Union collect old spectacles for **Vision Aid Overseas** which are recycled and the lenses are used to help the sight needs of those less fortunate in Zambia.

Quinquennial Inspection and Fabric Report

The building is well maintained and up to date with maintenance. The Quinquennial Inspection occurred in May 2023 and the report received in October 2023. The architect commented on the good state of maintenance and praised the Vicar and District Church Council for their committed care of the building. Priority one issues have now all been completed and the majority of Priority Two issues have now been addressed and are waiting on better weather in order to action the repairs.

Financial review

Wollaston's Parish Share was not paid in full due to the massive increase in gas prices and some regular givers moving away later in the year. The Benefice share for 2025 was paid in full.

At year end 31/12/25 there was a balance of £20,808.45 in the current account. Comprised of unrestricted General Funds (£1646.72), designated Youth Benefice Fund £5,978.51, Fabric Fund £4,181.08, Financial Aid Fund £749.64, New Extension Fund £9,339.38, designated Children's Work Fund £69.30, Intern Payments/Hosting Fund £234.62, Worship fund £607.94, and WEBS Benefice fund £1,294.70. There are no outstanding Agency Funds.

The deficit in the General Fund is being addressed in the first couple of months of 2026.

The designated New Extension Fund has monies in two savings accounts. Kingdom Bank £109,673.09 and Charity Bank £89,410.07.

The designated Youth Benefice Fund also has £21,711.30 in the Kingdom Bank savings account.

Financial Aid Fund – A hardship fund was instituted by the DCC (District Church Council) in 2020, and is still in place, fulfilling its original role, which is to assist those who were suffering financially because of the pandemic/cost of living/energy crisis. The fund has helped those who were made redundant, those who were unemployed and those in food poverty.

We are grateful to all who have given generously of their time and money over the past year.

The current Reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow to meet known Commitments, and to work towards building a reserve for the building upkeep and the replacement of assets.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work to make the church a lively and vibrant community. Churchwardens, secretary, treasurer, fabric officer, all DCC members, children and youth leaders, the music group, technical team, bell ringers, flower arrangers, people on the refreshment rota, cleaning rota and services rota, in fact the majority of the congregation for their help in whichever way their gifting supports the church.

Public Benefit Statement

The following are the ways in which advancing religion through the church's aims and objectives has the potential to be for the public benefit:

- the provision of sacred spaces, churches and worship services;
- the provision of public rituals and ceremonies;
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children;
- contributing towards a better society for example by promoting social cohesion and social capital and providing a moral or ethical framework for living;
- carrying out, as a practical expression of religious beliefs, other activities (such as combatting loneliness, supporting local food banks), which may also be charitable;
- contributing to followers' or adherents' good mental and physical health; aiding the prevention of ill health, speeding recovery and fostering composure in the face of ill health;
- providing comfort to the bereaved;
- providing community space and activities to benefit the local village population.

Presented and approved at the DCC meeting on **9th March 026** and signed on their behalf:-

Signed.....J. Rogers.....

Date.....9-3-26.....

Name.....J. ROGERS.....

Position.....CHURCH WARDEN.....

St Mary's Church

Wollaston

Financial Statements to 31st December 2025

Receipts and payments

	From	01 January 2025	01 January 2024
Note	To	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
Worship - Worship Fund (Designated) Fund			
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Worship		0.00	(£607.94)
Total Expenditure on charitable activities		0.00	(£607.94)
Total Expenditure on:		0.00	(£607.94)
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		0.00	£607.94
Brought forward balance		£607.94	0.00
Total carried forward balance		£607.94	0.00

Graves - Wollaston Graves Up Keep Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:			
Investments			
Increase(Decrease) in investment value		(£61.01)	0.00
Total Investments		(£61.01)	0.00
Total Income and endowments from:		(£61.01)	0.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£61.01)	0.00
Brought forward balance		0.00	0.00
Adjustments		£1,526.10	0.00
Total carried forward balance		£1,465.09	0.00

General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bank	£39,575.00	£44,397.65
Other planned giving	£4,780.00	£6,345.00
Digital Giving	£835.47	£782.17
Loose plate collections	£1,797.41	£1,756.80
One-off Gift Aid gifts	£851.89	0.00
Donations/Contributions	£245.00	£594.10
Donation towards Heating/Lighting	£540.00	£246.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£10,801.22	£10,764.78

Total Donations and legacies	£59,425.99	£64,886.50
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Income from charitable activities

PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	£1,253.00	£1,811.00
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Total Income from charitable activities	£1,253.00	£1,811.00
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Other trading activities

Fundraising	£25.59	0.00
St Mary's Church Use	£740.00	£1,225.92

Total Other trading activities	£765.59	£1,225.92
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Investments

Bank and building society interest	£42.39	£41.42
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Total Investments	£42.39	£41.42
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Other income

Other Income	0.00	0.00
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Total Other income	0.00	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£61,486.97	£67,964.84
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Giving to mission and aid societies	£101.50	0.00
Other Giving-Speakers,Trusts etc	£1,835.00	£1,350.00
Parish share	£32,298.00	£44,699.00
Verger payments for Weddings and Funeral	0.00	£30.00
Intern Payments/Hosting	0.00	0.00
Benefice expenses	£2,083.60	£4,867.00
Parish training and mission	£440.00	£560.00
Worship	£28.95	0.00
Church running - insurance	£4,213.58	£4,086.10
Organ / piano expenses	0.00	£40.00
Church Maintenance	£682.95	£1,689.20
Church Supplies	£720.26	£860.29
Equipment Repairs and Renewals	0.00	£533.30
Upkeep of services	£1,665.97	0.00
Churchyard Upkeep	£555.00	£749.76
Administration/Stationery	£207.44	£147.20
Church running - electric	£1,375.23	£1,123.21
Church running - gas	£9,796.62	£10,677.77
Church running - water	£342.01	£337.27
Church running-Internet/WiFi	£431.88	£431.88
Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	£1,061.67	£1,036.78
Governance/proffessional/audit/softwear	£40.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	£240.00
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£57,879.66	£73,458.76
Total Expenditure on:	£57,879.66	£73,458.76
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£3,607.31	(£5,493.92)
Brought forward balance	£230.09	£9,393.96
Transfers to/(from)	(£5,484.12)	(£4,148.28)
Total carried forward balance	(£1,646.72)	£9,393.96

Youth-WEBS - Under 18's Benefice Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bank	£1,000.00	£1,260.00
Donations/Contributions	£1,050.00	£1,900.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£179.12	£302.50
Grants	0.00	£9,763.56

Total Donations and legacies	£2,229.12	£13,226.06
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Investments

Bank and building society interest	£449.39	0.00
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Total Investments	£449.39	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£2,678.51	£13,226.06
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Salary of Youth Worker	£10,270.03	£2,169.48
Youth Work Expenses	£333.22	0.00
Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	£48.00	0.00

Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£10,651.25	£2,169.48
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Total Expenditure on:	£10,651.25	£2,169.48
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£7,972.74)	£11,056.58
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Brought forward balance	£35,572.55	£23,813.68
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Transfers to/(from)	£90.00	0.00
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Total carried forward balance	£27,689.81	£23,813.68
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WEBS - WEBS Benefice Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Donations/Contributions	£3,972.28	0.00
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Total Donations and legacies	£3,972.28	0.00
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Income from charitable activities

Grenke Photocopier Lease Reimbursed	0.00	£680.96
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Total Income from charitable activities	0.00	£680.96
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Other income

Other Income	£1,305.50	0.00
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Total Other income	£1,305.50	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£5,277.78	£680.96
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Salary of Lay Minister	£2,430.50	0.00
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Working Expenses of Lay Minister	£752.56	0.00
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Working expenses of Incumbent	£507.36	0.00
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Working expenses of Intern	£417.93	0.00
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Working expenses of Curate	£1,066.76	0.00
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Benefice expenses	£77.09	0.00
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Outreach	£515.32	0.00
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Grenke Photocopier Lease Payments	£1,267.18	£680.96
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Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	£360.00	0.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£7,394.70	£680.96
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Total Expenditure on:	£7,394.70	£680.96
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£2,116.92)	0.00
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Brought forward balance	0.00	0.00
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Transfers to/(from)	£3,411.62	0.00
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Total carried forward balance	£1,294.70	0.00
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Financial - Financial Help Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

One-off Gift Aid gifts	£60.00	0.00
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Donations/Contributions	£717.83	£140.00
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Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£15.00	£47.50
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Total Donations and legacies	£792.83	£187.50
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Total Income and endowments from:	£792.83	£187.50
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Other Giving-Speakers,Trusts etc	£985.00	£1,115.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£985.00	£1,115.00
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Total Expenditure on:	£985.00	£1,115.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£192.17)	(£927.50)
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Brought forward balance	£941.81	£1,869.31
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Total carried forward balance	£749.64	£1,869.31
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Children - Childrens Work Fund (Designated) Fund

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Brought forward balance	£69.30	£69.30
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Total carried forward balance	£69.30	£69.30
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Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Other income

Insurance claims	£1,260.00	0.00
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Total Other income	£1,260.00	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£1,260.00	0.00
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Church Maintenance	£2,829.74	0.00
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Governance/proffessional/audit/softwear	£2,148.00	0.00
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Church major repairs	£3,018.64	£460.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£7,996.38	£460.00
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Total Expenditure on:	£7,996.38	£460.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£6,736.38)	(£460.00)
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Brought forward balance	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
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Transfers to/(from)	£1,980.00	£3,018.27
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Total carried forward balance	£4,181.08	£6,121.78
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Intern - Intern Payments/Hosting Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies		
Donations/Contributions	£1,370.40	£2,168.62
Grants	0.00	£5,000.00
Total Donations and legacies	£1,370.40	£7,168.62
Other income		
Other Income	0.00	£2,587.20
Total Other income	0.00	£2,587.20
Total Income and endowments from:	£1,370.40	£9,755.82

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Intern Payments/Hosting	£3,880.80	£8,684.40
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£3,880.80	£8,684.40
Total Expenditure on:	£3,880.80	£8,684.40
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£2,510.40)	£1,071.42
Brought forward balance	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
Total carried forward balance	£234.62	£1,673.60

Extension - New Extension fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

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One-off Gift Aid gifts	£10.00	0.00
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Bank and building society interest	£4,983.56	£5,243.43
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Total Investments	£4,983.56	£5,243.43
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Total Income and endowments from:	£5,003.56	£5,355.93
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Governance/professional/audit/softwear	£6,115.20	£17,075.60
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Archived-ChancelIRf - Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair Fund (Restricted) Fund**Expenditure on:**

Expenditure on charitable activities

Other Expenses	0.00	£689.00
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Investments		£1,465.09	0.00
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There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable **(2025: £2302.34, 2024: £0)**.

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

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The Church of England Pensions Board has agreed that some employers could use assets in the DBS of the CWPF in lieu of contributions to Pension Builder Classic and/or Pension Builder 2014. You will see this information on your DBS statement which will be sent separately.

The next valuation is being carried out as at 31 December 2025.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, **St Mary's Wollaston** could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

St Mary's Church

Wollaston

Financial Statements to 31st December 2025

Receipts and payments

	From	01 January 2025	01 January 2024
Note	To	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
Worship - Worship Fund (Designated) Fund			
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Worship		0.00	(£607.94)
Total Expenditure on charitable activities		0.00	(£607.94)
Total Expenditure on:		0.00	(£607.94)
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		0.00	£607.94
Brought forward balance		£607.94	0.00
Total carried forward balance		£607.94	0.00

Graves - Wollaston Graves Up Keep Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:			
Investments			
Increase(Decrease) in investment value		(£61.01)	0.00
Total Investments		(£61.01)	0.00
Total Income and endowments from:		(£61.01)	0.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£61.01)	0.00
Brought forward balance		0.00	0.00
Adjustments		£1,526.10	0.00
Total carried forward balance		£1,465.09	0.00

General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bank	£39,575.00	£44,397.65
Other planned giving	£4,780.00	£6,345.00
Digital Giving	£835.47	£782.17
Loose plate collections	£1,797.41	£1,756.80
One-off Gift Aid gifts	£851.89	0.00
Donations/Contributions	£245.00	£594.10
Donation towards Heating/Lighting	£540.00	£246.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£10,801.22	£10,764.78

Total Donations and legacies	£59,425.99	£64,886.50
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Income from charitable activities

PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	£1,253.00	£1,811.00
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Total Income from charitable activities	£1,253.00	£1,811.00
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Other trading activities

Fundraising	£25.59	0.00
St Mary's Church Use	£740.00	£1,225.92

Total Other trading activities	£765.59	£1,225.92
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Investments

Bank and building society interest	£42.39	£41.42
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Total Investments	£42.39	£41.42
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Other income

Other Income	0.00	0.00
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Total Other income	0.00	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£61,486.97	£67,964.84
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Giving to mission and aid societies	£101.50	0.00
Other Giving-Speakers,Trusts etc	£1,835.00	£1,350.00
Parish share	£32,298.00	£44,699.00
Verger payments for Weddings and Funeral	0.00	£30.00
Intern Payments/Hosting	0.00	0.00
Benefice expenses	£2,083.60	£4,867.00
Parish training and mission	£440.00	£560.00
Worship	£28.95	0.00
Church running - insurance	£4,213.58	£4,086.10
Organ / piano expenses	0.00	£40.00
Church Maintenance	£682.95	£1,689.20
Church Supplies	£720.26	£860.29
Equipment Repairs and Renewals	0.00	£533.30
Upkeep of services	£1,665.97	0.00
Churchyard Upkeep	£555.00	£749.76
Administration/Stationery	£207.44	£147.20
Church running - electric	£1,375.23	£1,123.21
Church running - gas	£9,796.62	£10,677.77
Church running - water	£342.01	£337.27
Church running-Internet/WiFi	£431.88	£431.88
Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	£1,061.67	£1,036.78
Governance/proffessional/audit/softwear	£40.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	£240.00
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£57,879.66	£73,458.76
Total Expenditure on:	£57,879.66	£73,458.76
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£3,607.31	(£5,493.92)
Brought forward balance	£230.09	£9,393.96
Transfers to/(from)	(£5,484.12)	(£4,148.28)
Total carried forward balance	(£1,646.72)	£9,393.96

Youth-WEBS - Under 18's Benefice Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bank	£1,000.00	£1,260.00
Donations/Contributions	£1,050.00	£1,900.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£179.12	£302.50
Grants	0.00	£9,763.56

Total Donations and legacies	£2,229.12	£13,226.06
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Investments

Bank and building society interest	£449.39	0.00
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Total Investments	£449.39	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£2,678.51	£13,226.06
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Salary of Youth Worker	£10,270.03	£2,169.48
Youth Work Expenses	£333.22	0.00
Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	£48.00	0.00

Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£10,651.25	£2,169.48
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Total Expenditure on:	£10,651.25	£2,169.48
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£7,972.74)	£11,056.58
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Brought forward balance	£35,572.55	£23,813.68
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Transfers to/(from)	£90.00	0.00
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Total carried forward balance	£27,689.81	£23,813.68
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WEBS - WEBS Benefice Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

Donations/Contributions	£3,972.28	0.00
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Total Donations and legacies	£3,972.28	0.00
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Income from charitable activities

Grenke Photocopier Lease Reimbursed	0.00	£680.96
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Total Income from charitable activities	0.00	£680.96
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Other income

Other Income	£1,305.50	0.00
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Total Other income	£1,305.50	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£5,277.78	£680.96
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Salary of Lay Minister	£2,430.50	0.00
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Working Expenses of Lay Minister	£752.56	0.00
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Working expenses of Incumbent	£507.36	0.00
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Working expenses of Intern	£417.93	0.00
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Working expenses of Curate	£1,066.76	0.00
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Benefice expenses	£77.09	0.00
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Outreach	£515.32	0.00
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Grenke Photocopier Lease Payments	£1,267.18	£680.96
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Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	£360.00	0.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£7,394.70	£680.96
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Total Expenditure on:	£7,394.70	£680.96
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£2,116.92)	0.00
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Brought forward balance	0.00	0.00
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Transfers to/(from)	£3,411.62	0.00
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Total carried forward balance	£1,294.70	0.00
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Financial - Financial Help Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies

One-off Gift Aid gifts	£60.00	0.00
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Donations/Contributions	£717.83	£140.00
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Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£15.00	£47.50
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Total Donations and legacies	£792.83	£187.50
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Total Income and endowments from:	£792.83	£187.50
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Other Giving-Speakers,Trusts etc	£985.00	£1,115.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£985.00	£1,115.00
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Total Expenditure on:	£985.00	£1,115.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£192.17)	(£927.50)
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Brought forward balance	£941.81	£1,869.31
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Total carried forward balance	£749.64	£1,869.31
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Children - Childrens Work Fund (Designated) Fund

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Brought forward balance	£69.30	£69.30
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Total carried forward balance	£69.30	£69.30
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Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Other income

Insurance claims	£1,260.00	0.00
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Total Other income	£1,260.00	0.00
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Total Income and endowments from:	£1,260.00	0.00
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Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Church Maintenance	£2,829.74	0.00
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Governance/proffessional/audit/softwear	£2,148.00	0.00
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Church major repairs	£3,018.64	£460.00
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Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£7,996.38	£460.00
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Total Expenditure on:	£7,996.38	£460.00
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£6,736.38)	(£460.00)
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Brought forward balance	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
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Transfers to/(from)	£1,980.00	£3,018.27
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Total carried forward balance	£4,181.08	£6,121.78
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Intern - Intern Payments/Hosting Fund (Designated) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies		
Donations/Contributions	£1,370.40	£2,168.62
Grants	0.00	£5,000.00
Total Donations and legacies	£1,370.40	£7,168.62
Other income		
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There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable **(2025: £2302.34, 2024: £0)**.

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2026, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 10% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 1997 service so that the pension increase was also 10% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to an annual cap of 5% for pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 2006 and 2.5% for pensions in payment in respect of service post April 2006). This followed

improvements in the funding position over 2025. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The Church of England Pensions Board has agreed that some employers could use assets in the DBS of the CWPF in lieu of contributions to Pension Builder Classic and/or Pension Builder 2014. You will see this information on your DBS statement which will be sent separately.

The next valuation is being carried out as at 31 December 2025.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, **St Mary's Wollaston** could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

Accounts

St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

Registered Charity Number: 1138471

Aim and purposes

St Mary's Church Wollaston is part of the WEBS benefice, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat and Strixton; Wollaston and Strixton are one parish, but with each church being run independently. However, being one parish there is one electoral role with a total of ninety-eight names, sixty-two being resident in the villages of Wollaston or Strixton and thirty-six being non-resident.

St Mary's Wollaston District Church Council, (DCC), has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Adrian Morton, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church. The vision for St Mary's Wollaston is to be a church that increasingly sees God's Kingdom come. This is underpinned by promoting the Word of God, the Worship of God, undertaking the Works for God and witnessing to the Wonders of God.



Our Curate, Revd. Holly Horspole, who was appointed in July 2022, but has been absent on maternity leave since the end of November 2023 has now returned to ministry within the parish since November 2024.

Since returning from sabbatical leave in December 2023, the Vicar has led the congregation in an exploration of the five-fold ministries as evidenced in Ephesians chapter 4. These are Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd and Teacher. The idea is that all Christians should have these gifts, and where these gifts are evident then churches will grow and make more disciples for Christ, which is the mission of the church. An exploration of these gifts has continued throughout 2024 and will become foundational to the ethos of the church and its discipleship of church members.

During 2024, the diocese continued to fund the youth mission enabler, Mrs Sarah Howes, until she completed her training in September, thereafter, her employment has been split between the WEBS Benefice and the church of All Saints in Earls Barton, who contribute towards her salary and costs.

From September 2023 until July 2024, an Exploring Ministry Intern was welcomed to the Parish. Jake Nicholls was working in the Benefice for a year to assess whether he would like to explore a role in ministry within the church. We are pleased to say that Jake has decided to pursue this ministry and has been accepted on to the Ordination training programme which means he can continue to stay with the Benefice as well as partake in short-term placements in other churches in the locality who hold different traditions of the Christian faith. Jake is still assisting with children's and youth work as well as partaking in other activities within the churches. The majority of his funding is from a grant from the Diocese of Peterborough, which is supplemented by gifts from each of the four churches in the benefice.

Normal services have continued during 2024, but numbers attending are still lower than pre-pandemic years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment to the District Church Council (DCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's Wollaston the DCC consists of the incumbent, the curate, the churchwardens, reader, licensed lay ministers, Deanery Synod Representative and members elected by those members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the church. All who attend services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the DCC. The DCC operates the three year rule for the elected members. During 2024, the church was able to hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 14th April 2024 which was the second year of the triennium. Steve Barnes and Denise Major were welcomed to the DCC. Nigel and Jayne Clent, and Ivor Emmanuel came off the DCC having served their term of office. Other members were re-elected to their positions.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated on the High Street, Wollaston in Northamptonshire. It is a parish jointly with St Romwald Strixton and in the WEBS Benefice with St Mary's Bozeat and St Peter & St Paul Easton Maudit, in the Deanery of Wellingborough, in the Diocese of Peterborough, within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 81 Irchester Road, Wollaston, Northamptonshire NN29 7RW.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006, updated 2020) and a registered charity registered with the Charity Commission.

DCC Members for the current year at the date of this report are:-

The Reverend Adrian Morton	Chairman
The Reverend Holly Horspole 2024)	Assistant Curate (resumed ministry from November
Mrs Louise Morton	Reader
Mrs Jean Rose	Secretary
Mrs Diane Robinson	Treasurer
Mrs Julie Rogers	Church Warden
Mr Matthew Beeby 2024)	Deputy Church Warden (resigned from post in May
Mr Steve Barnes (elected to DCC at the APCM in April 2024)	
Mrs Gemma Bowman-Yard	
Mrs Jayne Clent (As wife to Nigel, Jayne resigned in April 2024 to await a move to their Curacy destination)	
Rev. Nigel Clent (following ordination to the priesthood in June 2024, Nigel came off the	

DCC in April 2024)

Mr Ivor Emmanuel (completed 3 years term of office, therefore stepped down in April 2024)

Mrs Tracey Hollowell

Mrs Sarah Howes (Youth Mission Enabler)

Mr Paul Sharratt

Co-opted on to the DCC in June 2024:

Mr David Rose (Fabric Officer)

Bankers: Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Paul Adams

Worship, Prayer and Evangelism

Sunday morning services have continued to be livestreamed using YouTube. Watching figures are good enough to continue this format, especially for members of the congregation who are unable to attend in person.

During Services of Holy Communion, the wine is now offered in one cup as recommended by the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Sunday Evening worship time of Pursuing His Presence was reintroduced in 2023, but ceased in January 2024 due to low attendance.

The Sunday morning service offers a time of testimonies, where congregation members can tell of answers to prayer that have occurred in the preceding week. This portion of the service is now live-streamed, and members are made aware of this by on-screen notices and printed notices in the foyer. The testimonies are very encouraging to the congregation, and raise the expectation of seeing God at work in this community.

Prayer Ministry – The Whats-App group which was set up in 2020 to meet any practical as well as prayer needs of the local church members is still in operation.

Prayer Chain - The confidential prayer line is now based on email. Messages requesting prayer support are passed on to a wide number of dedicated members who will pray for that need for two weeks. Requests for this service come from the church family and also the local community. This service is confidential, only those on the prayer chain know the details.

Prayer Walking – In 2023, a group of congregation members met regularly each week to pray around the village. This has continued with some prayer walking being undertaken in other local villages and towns. However due to changes in personal circumstances this has continued at every two weeks during 2024.

Prayer Group – A prayer group now meets regularly every two weeks at a church member's home to pray for the needs of the church, the people and the local community.

Youth and children's work – The youth are led by Sarah H. as the Youth Mission Enabler who has set up a Sunday morning youth group which runs concurrently with the Sunday morning service, a weekly during term time Youth Café plus a weekly during term time evening Youth Group. The evening youth group have been working through the Kintsugi Hope well-being course. All youth across the benefice are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The Outdoor Youth events which utilises a well-supervised fire pit and other external activities have continued through 2024. These events are very well attended and very well received.

Sarah also heads up a small team who are allowed into the secondary school during lunchtimes to host games and meetings.

The Primary School-aged children have their own Sunday morning group held in the Chancel in church and once a month come together for the whole service with the adults at the All Age Service on a third Sunday morning. There have occasionally been simple lunches held after the third Sunday service to encourage families to stay, participate and feel they belong to the family of the church. During 2024 a day event was held during the school holidays which had a Biblical theme of wells and included craft activities and a simple lunch.

The toddlers who attend church have their own room in which to play during the Sunday service and there are toys and activities there which are changed on a regular basis. This facility is much appreciated by the families who come. The service is relayed into the room via a speaker system so parents still feel a part of the proceedings.

The **3Ts (Toddlers, Toast & Toys)** group meets during term time, weekly, on a Tuesday morning in church. It continues to flourish with an increasing number of children and carers attending. The format allows free play, refreshments, Bible stories and singing, all activities are age appropriate for pre-school children. The group has a good reputation in the village and beyond and we are finding the group is being recommended by local health visitors.

Church Groups

The Bereavement Journey course was run again during 2024. The course comes from Holy Trinity Brompton, the creators of the Alpha course. It is a 7 week course which helps the bereaved work through their loss. The loss need not be the death of a loved one but can be the loss of a job, a disability caused by illness or even the loss of a relationship. There are plans to take this course into the local prison, HMP Five Wells.

The Mothers' Union – The group focussed their meetings in 2024 on a course entitled 'Metamorphosis Bite-Size' which explores resources and activities within the local community and attempts to identify gaps in need which may then be filled by the members. The Mothers' Union members financially supports AFIA (Away From It All). This project offers free holidays to families who have met with adversity. The members also support work at the local prison (HMP Five Wells), with prayer leaflets, supplying good quality men's clothes so that prisoners can attend family funerals, if allowed to do so, as well as offering 'thinking of you' cards for bereaved prisoners. All work undertaken at the prison is undertaken with the Prison Chaplaincy Team.

Prayer underpins the work of the Mothers' Union, so regular bulletins with prayer pointers are distributed. Much knitting has been undertaken with 42 blankets going to Ukraine, Poland and Africa. Also hats, scarves and gloves were sent to Ukraine and Poland with the Blythwood Care Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. 47 dresses and 12 pairs of shorts made from pillow cases and old sheets have been created and sent out to Africa along with 149 knitted vests for babies in Djibouti and Somalia.

Kintsugi Hope Well-being Course – This course was run in the local library by church members and offers an exploration of emotions and feelings to help promote positive wellness. It was open to both church members and the local community. It is hoped this course will run again in 2025.

Health and Wellbeing – The group continued to meet until October 2024 when the last meeting was held. The closure of the group was due to the resignation of the chairperson, and a diminishing number of attendees. Meetings included a session on dietary myths, a session on mental health and how to improve your own, sensory gardening, a speaker from The Trussell Trust about food banks, a tour of St Mary's Church with a quiz and a craft session among other subjects. The closure of the accounts for this group (held separately to church funds) resulted in donations to the church, to the British Heart Foundation and to the local food bank at the Daylight Centre.

3C's – (coffee, cake and chat) which is a regular meeting place on a Wednesday morning for all sorts of people in the community. Numbers attending have levelled out but different people are attending since the pandemic, which means we are reaching approximately 70, mostly elderly, and mostly widowed people. The initiative is to provide a warm and welcoming space for people to make friends and come for a chat. Since November 2024, this event has become part of the government's Warm Spaces initiative.

Film Night – The films were shown monthly up to March 2024 and included 'The Great Escaper', Michael Caine portraying an Army soldier who escaped from his care home and returned to France for the 60th commemoration of D Day, this being based on a true story, and the season finale was 'Ticket to Paradise', a romantic comedy starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts.

Open Church – the church was open every Friday morning for anyone to call in for a time of prayer, a listening ear, or information until the end of March 2024 when this facility ceased. Light refreshments were also offered. This event was also a part of the Warm Spaces initiative. Closure was due to the increasingly high cost of gas required to heat the church which was costing well beyond the budgeted amount.

Supporting Local Charities

St Mary's Church Wollaston arranges a weekly collection of food donations to go to the **Daylight Centre Food Bank** in Wellingborough. The food bank not only supports those in food poverty but also the daytime homeless and rough sleepers.

The church also acts as a local drop off point for the charity **Baby Basics**. This Northamptonshire charity provides Moses Baskets full of helpful items of clothing, bedding and treats for young Mums and those struggling to provide for new-born babies.

Wollaston & Strixton Mothers' Union collect old spectacles for **Vision Aid Overseas** which are recycled and the lenses are used to help the sight needs of those less fortunate in Zambia.

Quinquennial Inspection and Fabric Report

The building is well maintained and up to date with maintenance. The Quinquennial Inspection occurred in May 2023 and the report received in October 2023. The architect commented on the good state of maintenance and praised the Vicar and District Church Council for their committed care of the building. Priority one issues have mostly been addressed. Priority Two issues have now been addressed and are waiting on better weather in order to action the repairs.

Financial review

Wollaston's Parish Share was not paid in full due to the massive increase in gas prices. The Benefice share for 2024 was paid in full.

At year end 31/12/24 there was a balance of £43,677.34 in the current account. Comprised of unrestricted General Funds £838.03, designated Youth Benefice Fund £14,310.64, Fabric Fund £8,937.46, Financial Aid Fund £941.81, and New Extension Fund £15,432.08 (£20K was transferred in from the Charity Bank savings account), designated Children's Work Fund £69.30, Intern Payments/Hosting Fund £2,745.02 and Agency Funds of £403 (All PDBF paid to them in January 25).

The designated New Extension Fund has monies in two savings accounts. Kingdom Bank £107,398.93 and Charity Bank £85,953.93.

The designated Youth Benefice Fund also has £21,261.91 in the Kingdom Bank savings account.

Financial Aid Fund – A hardship fund was instituted by the DCC (District Church Council) in 2020, and is still in place, fulfilling its original role, which is to assist those who were suffering financially because of the pandemic/cost of living/energy crisis. The fund has helped those who were made redundant, those who were unemployed and those in food poverty.

We are grateful to all who have given generously of their time and money over the past year.

The current Reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow to meet known Commitments, and to work towards building a reserve for the building upkeep and the replacement of assets.

Volunteers

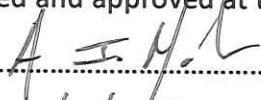
We would like to thank all the volunteers who work to make the church a lively and vibrant community. Churchwardens, secretary, treasurer, fabric officer, all DCC members, children and youth leaders, the music group, technical team, bell ringers, flower arrangers, people on the refreshment rota, cleaning rota and services rota, in fact the majority of the congregation for their help in whichever way their gifting supports the church.

Public Benefit Statement

The following are the ways in which advancing religion through the church's aims and objectives has the potential to be for the public benefit:

- the provision of sacred spaces, churches and worship services;
- the provision of public rituals and ceremonies;
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children;
- contributing towards a better society for example by promoting social cohesion and social capital and providing a moral or ethical framework for living;
- carrying out, as a practical expression of religious beliefs, other activities (such as combatting loneliness, supporting local food banks), which may also be charitable;
- contributing to followers' or adherents' good mental and physical health; aiding the prevention of ill health, speeding recovery and fostering composure in the face of ill health;
- providing comfort to the bereaved;
- providing community space and activities to benefit the local village population.

Presented and approved at the DCC meeting on 10th March 2025 and signed on their behalf:-

Signed.....

Date.....10/3/25

Name.....ADRIAN MORTON

St Mary's Church, Wollaston

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31/12/2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	£65,622.25	£20,715.93	0.00	0.00	£86,338.18	£76,105.62
Income from charitable activities	£1,811.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£2,491.96	£1,261.96
Other trading activities	£1,225.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,225.92	£120.00
Investments	£41.42	£10,110.22	0.00	0.00	£10,151.64	£3,877.68
Other income	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00
Total income	£68,700.59	£34,094.31	0.00	0.00	£102,794.90	£81,365.26
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditure on charitable activities	£72,850.83	£30,185.44	£689.00	0.00	£103,725.27	£66,967.14
Other expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total expenditure	£72,850.83	£30,185.44	£689.00	0.00	£103,725.27	£66,967.14
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(£4,150.24)	£3,908.87	(£689.00)	0.00	(£930.37)	£14,398.12
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	£1,000.00	£5,405.69	0.00	0.00	£6,405.69	£3,413.30
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£5,405.69)	(£1,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(£6,405.69)	(£3,413.30)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net movement in funds	(£8,555.93)	£8,314.56	(£689.00)	0.00	(£930.37)	£14,398.12
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	£9,393.96	£249,483.26	£689.00	0.00	£259,566.22	£245,168.10
Total funds carried forward	£838.03	£257,797.82	0.00	0.00	£258,635.85	£259,566.22

Balance Sheet

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
	0.00	0.00
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£259,038.85	£261,140.39
	£259,038.85	£261,140.39
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	£403.00	£1,574.17
	£403.00	£1,574.17
Net current assets less current liabilities	£258,635.85	£259,566.22
Total assets less current liabilities	£258,635.85	£259,566.22
Liabilities		
	0.00	0.00
Total net assets less liabilities	£258,635.85	£259,566.22
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	£838.03	£9,393.96
Designated		
Designated - Childrens Work Fund	£69.30	£69.30
Designated - Fabric Fund	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
Designated - Financial Help Fund	£941.81	£1,869.31
Designated - Intern Payments/Hosting	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
Designated - New Extension fund	£209,531.68	£215,935.59
Designated - Under 18's Benefice Fund	£35,572.55	£23,813.68
Restricted		
Restricted - Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair	0.00	£689.00
Fund Totals	£258,635.85	£259,566.22

Represented by**Unrestricted**

General fund	£838.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	£838.03	£9,393.96
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Designated

Childrens Work Fund		£69.30	0.00	0.00	£69.30	£69.30
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Fabric Fund		£8,937.46	0.00	0.00	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
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Financial Help Fund		£941.81	0.00	0.00	£941.81	£1,869.31
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Intern Payments/Hosting		£2,745.02	0.00	0.00	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
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New Extension fund		£209,531.68	0.00	0.00	£209,531.68	£215,935.59
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Under 18's Benefice Fund		£35,572.55	0.00	0.00	£35,572.55	£23,813.68
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WEBS Benefice		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Restricted

Agency collection		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£689.00
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6501: Santander current account			
General fund	Unrestricted	£838.03	£9,393.96
Under 18's Benefice Fund	Designated	£14,310.64	£3,232.81
New Extension fund	Designated	£15,432.08	£11,265.17
Financial Help Fund	Designated	£941.81	£1,869.31
Fabric Fund	Designated	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
Children's Work Fund	Designated	£69.30	£69.30
Intern Payments/Hosting	Designated	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
Agency collection	Restricted	£403.00	£1,574.17
Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair	Restricted	0.00	£689.00
		£43,677.34	£35,889.10
6507: Charity Bank Ethical Fixed Rate Account			
New Extension fund	Designated	£86,700.67	£100,710.50
		£86,700.67	£100,710.50
6509A: Kingdom Bank Higher Rate Savings Account			
Under 18's Benefice Fund	Designated	£21,261.91	£20,580.87
New Extension fund	Designated	£107,398.93	£103,959.92
		£128,660.84	£124,540.79
Cash At Bank And In Hand		£259,038.85	£261,140.39
Agency Accounts			
6699: Agency collections			
Agency collection	Restricted	£403.00	£1,574.17
		£403.00	£1,574.17
Agency Accounts		£403.00	£1,574.17
Grand Total		£258,635.85	£259,566.22

Analysis of income and expenditure

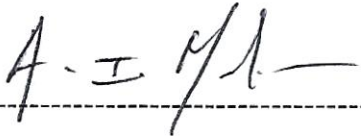
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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	£44,397.65	£1,260.00	0.00	0.00	£45,657.65	£43,853.95
Other planned giving	£6,345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£6,345.00	£8,236.00
Digital Giving	£782.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	£782.17	£295.60
Loose plate collections	£1,756.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,756.80	£1,182.65
One-off Gift Aid gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,156.80
Donations/Contributions	£594.10	£4,283.62	0.00	0.00	£4,877.72	£2,675.10
Donation towards Heating and Lighting	£246.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£246.00	0.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£11,500.53	£408.75	0.00	0.00	£11,909.28	£13,493.52
Grants	0.00	£14,763.56	0.00	0.00	£14,763.56	£5,212.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£65,622.25	£20,715.93	0.00	0.00	£86,338.18	£76,105.62
Income from charitable activities						
PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	£1,811.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,811.00	£581.00
Grenke Photocopier Lease Reimbursed	0.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£680.96	£680.96
Income from charitable activities Totals	£1,811.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£2,491.96	£1,261.96
Other trading activities						
St Mary's Church Use	£1,225.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,225.92	£120.00
Other trading activities Totals	£1,225.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,225.92	£120.00
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	£41.42	£10,110.22	0.00	0.00	£10,151.64	£3,877.68
Investments Totals	£41.42	£10,110.22	0.00	0.00	£10,151.64	£3,877.68
Other income						
Other Income	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00
Other income Totals	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00
Income and endowments Grand totals	£68,700.59	£34,094.31	0.00	0.00	£102,794.90	£81,365.26

EXPENDITURE ON:**Expenditure on charitable activities**

Giving to mission and aid societies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£95.00
Other Giving-Speakers, Trusts etc	£1,350.00	£1,115.00	0.00	0.00	£2,465.00	£1,790.70
Parish share	£44,699.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£44,699.00	£28,824.00
Verger payments for Weddings and Funeral	£30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£30.00	0.00
Salary of Youth Worker	0.00	£2,169.48	0.00	0.00	£2,169.48	0.00
Intern Payments/Hosting	0.00	£8,684.40	0.00	0.00	£8,684.40	£3,326.40
Benefice expenses	£4,867.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£4,867.00	£5,116.00
Toddler and Parent Group Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£50.44
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Reverend Adrian Morton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mary's Church, Wollaston.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

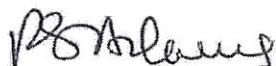
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St Mary's Church, Wollaston

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31/12/2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	£65,622.25	£20,715.93	0.00	0.00	£86,338.18	£76,105.62
Income from charitable activities	£1,811.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£2,491.96	£1,261.96
Other trading activities	£1,225.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,225.92	£120.00
Investments	£41.42	£10,110.22	0.00	0.00	£10,151.64	£3,877.68
Other income	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00	0.00	£2,587.20	0.00
Total income	£68,700.59	£34,094.31	0.00	0.00	£102,794.90	£81,365.26
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditure on charitable activities	£72,850.83	£30,185.44	£689.00	0.00	£103,725.27	£66,967.14
Other expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total expenditure	£72,850.83	£30,185.44	£689.00	0.00	£103,725.27	£66,967.14
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(£4,150.24)	£3,908.87	(£689.00)	0.00	(£930.37)	£14,398.12
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	£1,000.00	£5,405.69	0.00	0.00	£6,405.69	£3,413.30
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£5,405.69)	(£1,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(£6,405.69)	(£3,413.30)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net movement in funds	(£8,555.93)	£8,314.56	(£689.00)	0.00	(£930.37)	£14,398.12
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	£9,393.96	£249,483.26	£689.00	0.00	£259,566.22	£245,168.10
Total funds carried forward	£838.03	£257,797.82	0.00	0.00	£258,635.85	£259,566.22

Balance Sheet

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
	0.00	0.00
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£259,038.85	£261,140.39
	£259,038.85	£261,140.39
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	£403.00	£1,574.17
	£403.00	£1,574.17
Net current assets less current liabilities	£258,635.85	£259,566.22
Total assets less current liabilities	£258,635.85	£259,566.22
Liabilities		
	0.00	0.00
Total net assets less liabilities	£258,635.85	£259,566.22
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	£838.03	£9,393.96
Designated		
Designated - Childrens Work Fund	£69.30	£69.30
Designated - Fabric Fund	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
Designated - Financial Help Fund	£941.81	£1,869.31
Designated - Intern Payments/Hosting	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
Designated - New Extension fund	£209,531.68	£215,935.59
Designated - Under 18's Benefice Fund	£35,572.55	£23,813.68
Restricted		
Restricted - Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair	0.00	£689.00
Fund Totals	£258,635.85	£259,566.22

Represented by**Unrestricted**

General fund	£838.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	£838.03	£9,393.96
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Designated

Childrens Work Fund	£69.30	0.00	0.00	£69.30	£69.30
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Fabric Fund	£8,937.46	0.00	0.00	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
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Financial Help Fund	£941.81	0.00	0.00	£941.81	£1,869.31
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Intern Payments/Hosting	£2,745.02	0.00	0.00	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
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New Extension fund	£209,531.68	0.00	0.00	£209,531.68	£215,935.59
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Under 18's Benefice Fund	£35,572.55	0.00	0.00	£35,572.55	£23,813.68
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WEBS Benefice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Restricted

Agency collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£689.00
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6501: Santander current account			
General fund	Unrestricted	£838.03	£9,393.96
Under 18's Benefice Fund	Designated	£14,310.64	£3,232.81
New Extension fund	Designated	£15,432.08	£11,265.17
Financial Help Fund	Designated	£941.81	£1,869.31
Fabric Fund	Designated	£8,937.46	£6,121.78
Children's Work Fund	Designated	£69.30	£69.30
Intern Payments/Hosting	Designated	£2,745.02	£1,673.60
Agency collection	Restricted	£403.00	£1,574.17
Inactive-Chancel Roof Repair	Restricted	0.00	£689.00
		£43,677.34	£35,889.10
6507: Charity Bank Ethical Fixed Rate Account			
New Extension fund	Designated	£86,700.67	£100,710.50
		£86,700.67	£100,710.50
6509A: Kingdom Bank Higher Rate Savings Account			
Under 18's Benefice Fund	Designated	£21,261.91	£20,580.87
New Extension fund	Designated	£107,398.93	£103,959.92
		£128,660.84	£124,540.79
Cash At Bank And In Hand		£259,038.85	£261,140.39
Agency Accounts			
6699: Agency collections			
Agency collection	Restricted	£403.00	£1,574.17
		£403.00	£1,574.17
Agency Accounts		£403.00	£1,574.17
Grand Total		£258,635.85	£259,566.22

Analysis of income and expenditure

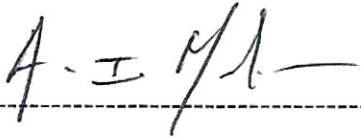
					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	£44,397.65	£1,260.00	0.00	0.00	£45,657.65	£43,853.95
Other planned giving	£6,345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£6,345.00	£8,236.00
Digital Giving	£782.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	£782.17	£295.60
Loose plate collections	£1,756.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,756.80	£1,182.65
One-off Gift Aid gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,156.80
Donations/Contributions	£594.10	£4,283.62	0.00	0.00	£4,877.72	£2,675.10
Donation towards Heating and Lighting	£246.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£246.00	0.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£11,500.53	£408.75	0.00	0.00	£11,909.28	£13,493.52
Grants	0.00	£14,763.56	0.00	0.00	£14,763.56	£5,212.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£65,622.25	£20,715.93	0.00	0.00	£86,338.18	£76,105.62
Income from charitable activities						
PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	£1,811.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,811.00	£581.00
Grenke Photocopier Lease Reimbursed	0.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£680.96	£680.96
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Other trading activities						
St Mary's Church Use	£1,225.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,225.92	£120.00
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Investments						
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Giving to mission and aid societies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£95.00
Other Giving-Speakers,Trusts etc	£1,350.00	£1,115.00	0.00	0.00	£2,465.00	£1,790.70
Parish share	£44,699.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£44,699.00	£28,824.00
Verger payments for Weddings and Funeral	£30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£30.00	0.00
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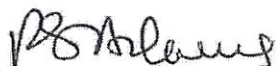
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Accounts

St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

Registered Charity Number: 1138471

Aim and purposes

St Mary's Church Wollaston is part of the WEBS benefice, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat and Strixton; Wollaston and Strixton are one parish, but with each church being run independently. However, being one parish there is one electoral role with a total of one hundred and two names, sixty-four being resident in the villages of Wollaston or Strixton and thirty-eight being non-resident.

St Mary's Wollaston District Church Council, (DCC), has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Adrian Morton, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church. The vision for St Mary's Wollaston is to be a church that increasingly sees God's Kingdom come. This is underpinned by promoting the Word of God, the Worship of God, the Works for God and the Wonders of God.



A new Curate, Revd. Holly Horspole, was appointed in July 2022, but Holly went on maternity leave at the end of November 2023. It is expected that she will return to parish duties in November 2024.

Between 1st September 2023 and 1st December 2023, the Vicar, the Revd. Adrian Morton was on planned sabbatical leave. Services proceeded as usual during this 3 month period, being taken by Revd. Holly Horspole, and assisted by two retired clergy, Revd. Margaret Johnson and Revd. Janet Tebby, both members of the Wollaston congregation.

During 2023, the diocese is continuing to fund the youth mission enabler, Mrs Sarah Howes, whilst she is in training.

Also from September 2023, an Intern was welcomed to the Parish. Jake Nicholls is working in the Benefice for a year to assess whether he would like to explore a role in ministry within the church. Jake is assisting with children's and youth work as well as partaking in other activities within the churches. The majority of his funding is from a grant from the Diocese of Peterborough.

Normal services have continued during 2023, but numbers attending are lower than pre-pandemic years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of District Church Council (DCC) members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's Wollaston the DCC consists of the incumbent, the curate, the churchwardens, reader, licensed lay ministers, Deanery Synod Representative and members elected by those members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the church. All who attend services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the DCC. The DCC operates the three year rule for the elected members. During 2023, the church was able to hold its Annual Parochial

Church Meeting (APCM) on 23rd April 2023 which was the start of a new triennium. Gemma Bowman-Yard and Tracey Hollowell were welcomed to the DCC. Other members were re-elected to their positions.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated in the High Street, Wollaston in Northamptonshire. It is a parish in the Deanery of Wellingborough, in the Diocese of Peterborough, within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 81 Irchester Road, Wollaston, Northamptonshire NN29 7RW.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006, updated 2020) and a registered charity registered with the Charity Commission.

DCC Members for the current year at the date of this report are:-

The Reverend Adrian Morton	Chairman
The Reverend Holly Horspole (from November 2023)	Assistant Curate (from July 2022, on maternity leave from November 2023)
Mrs Louise Morton	Reader
Mrs Jean Rose	Secretary
Mrs Diane Robinson	Treasurer
Mrs Julie Rogers	Church Warden
Mr Matthew Beeby	Deputy Church Warden
Gemma Bowman-Yard	
Mrs Jayne Clent	
Mr Nigel Clent	
Mr Ivor Emmanuel	
Tracey Hollowell	
Mrs Sarah Howes (Youth Mission Enabler)	
Mr Paul Sharratt	
Co-opted on to the DCC in May 2023:	
Mr David Rose (Fabric Officer)	

Bankers: Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Paul Adams

Worship, Prayer and Evangelism

Sunday morning services have continued to be livestreamed using YouTube. Watching figures are good enough to continue this format, especially for members of the congregation who are unable to attend in person.

During Services of Holy Communion, the wine is now offered in one cup as recommended by the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Sunday Evening worship time of Pursuing His Presence was reintroduced in 2023, but will cease as from January 2024 due to low attendance. The last meeting being in December 2023.

The Sunday morning service offers a time of testimonies, where congregation members can tell of answers to prayer that have occurred in the preceding week. This portion of the service is now live-streamed, and members are made aware of this by on-screen notices and printed notices in the foyer. They are very encouraging to the congregation, and raise the expectation of seeing God at work in this community.

Prayer Ministry – The Whats-App group which was set up in 2020 to meet any practical as well as prayer needs of the local church members is still in operation.

Prayer Chain - The confidential prayer line is now based on email. Messages requesting prayer support are passed on to a wide number of dedicated members who will pray for that need for two weeks. Requests for this service come from the church family and also the local community. This service is confidential, only those on the prayer chain know the details.

Prayer Walking – In 2023, a group of congregation members met regularly each week to pray around the village. This has continued with some prayer walking being undertaken in other local villages and towns. However due to changes in personal circumstances this decreased during 2023 to every two weeks.

Youth and children's work – The youth are led by Sarah H. as the Youth Mission Enabler who has set up a Sunday morning youth group which runs concurrently with the Sunday morning service, a weekly during term time Youth Café plus a weekly during term time evening Youth Group. All youth across the benefice are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The Outdoor Youth events which utilises a well-supervised fire pit and other external activities have continued through 2023. These events are very well attended and very well received.

Sarah also heads up a small team who are allowed in school during lunchtimes to host games and meetings.

The Primary School-aged children have their own Sunday morning group held in the Chancel in church and once a month come together for the whole service with the adults at the All Age Service on a third Sunday morning. There have occasionally been simple lunches held after the third Sunday service to encourage families to stay, participate and feel they belong to the family of the church. There are also family fun days held intermittently throughout the year, which take a Biblical theme and include craft activities and a simple tea.

The toddlers who attend church have their own room in which to play during the Sunday service and there are toys and activities there which are changed on a regular basis. This

facility is much appreciated by the families who come. The service is relayed into the room via a speaker system so parents still feel a part of the proceedings.

The 3Ts (Toddlers, Toast & Toys) group meets during term time, weekly, on a Tuesday morning in church. It continues to flourish with an increasing number of children and carers attending. The format allows free play, refreshments, Bible stories and singing, all activities are age appropriate for pre-school children. The group has a good reputation in the village and beyond and we are finding the group is being recommended by local health visitors.

The Bereavement Journey course has now been run twice during 2023. The course comes from Holy Trinity Brompton, the creators of the Alpha course. It is a 3 week course which helps the bereaved work through their loss. The loss need not be the death of a loved one but can be the loss of a job, a disability caused by illness or even the loss of a relationship.

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Financial review

Wollaston's Parish Share was not paid in full due to the massive increase in gas prices. The Benefice share for 2023 was paid in full.

At year end 31/12/23 there was a balance of £35,889.10 in the current account. Comprised of unrestricted General Funds £9,393.96, (£5,000 of which was paid to Parish Share in Feb 2024), designated Youth Benefice Fund £3,232.81, Fabric Fund £6,121.78, Financial Aid Fund £1,869.31, and New Extension Fund £11,265.17, designated Childrens Work Fund £69.30, Chancel Roof Repair Fund £689, Intern Payments/Hosting Fund £1,673.60 and Agency Funds of £1,574.17.

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Public Benefit Statement

The following are the ways in which advancing religion through the church's aims and objectives has the potential to be for the public benefit:

- the provision of sacred spaces, churches and worship services;
- the provision of public rituals and ceremonies;

- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children;
- contributing towards a better society for example by promoting social cohesion and social capital and providing a moral or ethical framework for living;
- carrying out, as a practical expression of religious beliefs, other activities (such as combatting loneliness, supporting local food banks), which may also be charitable;
- contributing to followers' or adherents' good mental and physical health; aiding the prevention of ill health, speeding recovery and fostering composure in the face of ill health;
- providing comfort to the bereaved;
- providing community space and activities to benefit the local village population.

Presented and approved at the DCC meeting on **18th March 2024** and signed on their behalf:-

Signed..... A. J. M. d.

Date..... 18/3/24

Name..... ADRIAN MORTON

St Mary's Church, Wollaston

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31/12/2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	65,700.87	9,715.75	689.00	—	76,105.62	68,474.58
Income from charitable activities	581.00	680.96	—	—	1,261.96	1,894.96
Other trading activities	120.00	—	—	—	120.00	287.36
Investments	40.77	3,836.91	—	—	3,877.68	1,344.78
Total income	66,442.64	14,233.62	689.00	—	81,365.26	72,001.68
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	58,870.31	7,844.01	252.82	—	66,967.14	70,801.68
Total expenditure	58,870.31	7,844.01	252.82	—	66,967.14	70,801.68
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	7,572.33	6,389.61	436.18	—	14,398.12	1,200.00
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	3,413.30	—	—	3,413.30	3,461.82
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,413.30)	—	—	—	(3,413.30)	(3,461.82)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	4,159.03	9,802.91	436.18	—	14,398.12	1,200.00
Total funds brought forward	5,234.93	239,680.35	252.82	—	245,168.10	243,968.10
Total funds carried forward	9,393.96	249,483.26	689.00	—	259,566.22	245,168.10
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	9,393.96	—	—	—	9,393.96	5,234.93
Designated						
Childrens Work Fund	—	69.30	—	—	69.30	—
Fabric Fund	—	6,121.78	—	—	6,121.78	4,233.08
Financial Help Fund	—	1,869.31	—	—	1,869.31	867.51
Intern Payments/Hosting	—	1,673.60	—	—	1,673.60	—
New Extension fund	—	215,935.59	—	—	215,935.59	213,285.80
Under 18's Benefice Fund	—	23,813.68	—	—	23,813.68	21,293.96
Restricted						
Chancel Roof Repair	—	—	689.00	—	689.00	—
Parent Toddler Group	—	—	—	—	—	252.82

Balance sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets						
Cash at bank and in hand	9,393.96	249,483.26	2,263.17	—	261,140.39	247,239.27
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Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	—	1,574.17	—	1,574.17	2,071.17
	—	—	1,574.17	—	1,574.17	2,071.17
Net current assets less current liabilities	9,393.96	249,483.26	689.00	—	259,566.22	245,168.10
Total assets less current liabilities	9,393.96	249,483.26	689.00	—	259,566.22	245,168.10
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Financial Help Fund	—	1,869.31	—	—	1,869.31	867.51
Intern Payments/Hosting	—	1,673.60	—	—	1,673.60	—
Parochial Rooms	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sizewell Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
WEBS Benefice	—	—	—	—	—	—
Under 18's Benefice Fund	—	23,813.68	—	—	23,813.68	21,293.96
Restricted						
Chancel Roof Repair	—	—	689.00	—	689.00	—
Re-Ordering Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parent Toddler Group	—	—	—	—	—	252.82
Funds of the church	9,393.96	249,483.26	689.00	—	259,566.22	245,168.10

Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Cash at bank and in hand		
Santander current account		
Chancel Roof Repair (Restricted) -	689.00	—
Childrens Work Fund (Designated) -	69.30	—
Fabric Fund (Designated) -	6,121.78	4,233.08
Financial Help Fund (Designated) -	1,869.31	867.51
Intern Payments/Hosting (Designated) -	1,673.60	—
New Extension fund (Designated) -	11,265.17	11,871.42
Parent Toddler Group (Restricted) -	—	252.82
Under 18's Benefice Fund (Designated) -	3,232.81	21,293.96
General fund (Unrestricted) -	9,393.96	5,234.93
Agency collection (Restricted) -	1,574.17	2,071.17
	35,889.10	45,824.89
 Charity Bank Ethical Fixed Rate Account		
New Extension fund (Designated) -	100,710.50	—
	100,710.50	—
 INACTIVE-Charities Aid Foundation saving		
New Extension fund (Designated) -	—	100,642.40
	—	100,642.40
 INACTIVE-Kingdom Bank savings account		
New Extension fund (Designated) -	—	100,771.98
	—	100,771.98
 Kingdom Bank Higher Rate Savings Account		
New Extension fund (Designated) -	103,959.92	—
Under 18's Benefice Fund (Designated) -	20,580.87	—
	124,540.79	—
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	261,140.39	247,239.27
 Agency accounts		
Agency collections		
Agency collection (Restricted) -	(1,574.17)	(2,071.17)
Total for Agency accounts	(1,574.17)	(2,071.17)
Grand total	259,566.22	245,168.10

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	41,933.95	1,920.00	—	—	43,853.95	42,010.50
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	15.00
0201 - Other planned giving	8,226.00	10.00	—	—	8,236.00	9,713.98
0202 - Digital Giving	295.60	—	—	—	295.60	226.33
0301 - Loose plate collections	1,117.65	65.00	—	—	1,182.65	1,153.10
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	476.80	680.00	—	—	1,156.80	250.00
0550 - Donations	961.10	1,025.00	689.00	—	2,675.10	2,069.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	12,789.77	703.75	—	—	13,493.52	11,281.67
08A1 - Grants	(100.00)	5,312.00	—	—	5,212.00	1,755.00
Total	65,700.87	9,715.75	689.00	—	76,105.62	68,474.58
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	581.00	—	—	—	581.00	1,214.00
1261 - Grenke Photocopier Lease Reimbursed	—	680.96	—	—	680.96	680.96
Total	581.00	680.96	—	—	1,261.96	1,894.96
Other trading activities						
0910 - Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	37.36
1230 - St Mary's Church Use	120.00	—	—	—	120.00	250.00
Total	120.00	—	—	—	120.00	287.36
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	40.77	3,836.91	—	—	3,877.68	1,344.78
Total	40.77	3,836.91	—	—	3,877.68	1,344.78
INCOME TOTAL	66,442.64	14,233.62	689.00	—	81,365.26	72,001.68

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to mission and aid societies	95.00	—	—	—	95.00	300.00
1802 - Other Giving-Speakers,Trusts etc	1,270.00	520.70	—	—	1,790.70	1,200.00
1910 - Parish share	28,824.00	—	—	—	28,824.00	43,296.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	195.00
2006 - Verger payments for Weddings and Funeral	—	—	—	—	—	60.00
2010 - Salary of Children and Family worker	—	—	—	—	—	624.00
2104 - Intern Payments/Hosting	—	3,326.40	—	—	3,326.40	—
2105 - Benefice expenses	4,616.00	500.00	—	—	5,116.00	4,174.00
2108 - Toddler and Parent Group Expenses	—	—	50.44	—	50.44	256.90
2110 - Childrens Work Expenses	—	20.00	—	—	20.00	—
2115 - Youth Work Expenses	—	62.88	—	—	62.88	309.05
2201 - Parish training and mission	220.00	—	—	—	220.00	—
2220 - Evangelism	—	—	—	—	—	135.35
2230 - Worship	296.34	—	—	—	296.34	954.81
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,953.37	—	—	—	3,953.37	3,489.27
2330 - Church Upkeep	260.00	402.60	—	—	662.60	740.00
2331 - Church Supplies	771.92	—	—	—	771.92	535.99
2332 - Equipment Repairs and Renewals	761.02	510.47	202.38	—	1,473.87	3,050.10
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,022.00	—	—	—	2,022.00	988.20
2350 - Churchyard Upkeep	440.00	—	—	—	440.00	270.00
2360 - Administration/Stationery	110.26	—	—	—	110.26	82.32
2361 - Grenke Photocopier Lease Payments	—	680.96	—	—	680.96	680.96
2401 - Church running - electric	1,549.61	—	—	—	1,549.61	748.54
2410 - Church running - gas	10,459.05	—	—	—	10,459.05	5,082.08
2420 - Church running - water	335.34	—	—	—	335.34	277.98
2430 - Church running-Internet/WiFi	1,874.32	—	—	—	1,874.32	1,239.73
2510 - Licences, Subscriptions, Memberships	1,012.08	—	—	—	1,012.08	547.00
2601 - Governance/proffessional/audit/softwear	—	1,820.00	—	—	1,820.00	1,564.40
Total	58,870.31	7,844.01	252.82	—	66,967.14	70,801.68
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Approved by the Trustees at DCC meeting held on 18th March 2024 and signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. S. Morton'.

Reverend Adrian Morton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mary's Church, Wollaston

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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



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Accounts

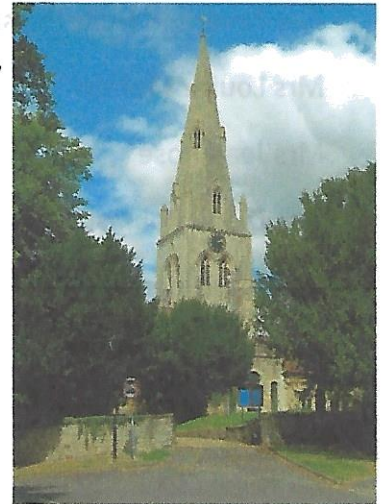
St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

Registered Charity Number: 1138471

Aim and purposes

St Mary's Church Wollaston is part of the WEBS benefice, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat and Strixton; Wollaston and Strixton are one parish, but with each church being run independently. However, being one parish there is one electoral role with a total of ninety-nine names, fifty-four being resident in the villages of Wollaston or Strixton and forty-five being non-resident.

St Mary's Wollaston District Church Council, (DCC), has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Adrian Morton, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church. The vision for St Mary's Wollaston is to be a church that increasingly sees God's Kingdom come. This is underpinned by promoting the Word of God, the Worship of God, the Works for God and the Wonders of God.



A new Curate was appointed in July 2022, and we welcome Holly Horspole who has come to be with us for 3 years, with her husband Simon.

During 2022, the diocese is continuing to fund the youth mission enabler, Mrs Sarah Howes, whilst she is in training.

Normal services have resumed during 2022, but there is still a feeling that numbers are down due to increasing Covid outbreaks and people are being careful.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of District Church Council (DCC) members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's Wollaston the DCC consists of the incumbent, the curate, the churchwardens, reader, licensed lay ministers, Deanery Synod Representative and members elected by those members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the church. All who attend services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the DCC. The DCC operates the three year rule for the elected members. During 2022, the church was able to hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 1st May 2022 but no changes to the elected body of the DCC were made.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated in the High Street, Wollaston in Northamptonshire. It is a parish in the Deanery of Wellingborough, in the Diocese of Peterborough, within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 81 Irchester Road, Wollaston, Northamptonshire NN29 7RW.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006,

updated 2020) and a registered charity registered with the Charity Commission.

DCC Members for the current year at the date of this report are:-

The Reverend Adrian Morton	Chairman
The Reverend Holly Horspole	Assistant Curate (from July 2022)
Mrs Louise Morton	Reader
Mrs Jean Rose	Secretary
Mrs Diane Robinson	Treasurer
Mrs Julie Rogers	Church Warden
Mr Matthew Beeby	Deputy Church Warden
Mrs Jayne Clent	
Mr Nigel Clent	
Mr Ivor Emmanuel	
Mrs Sarah Howes (Youth Mission Enabler)	
Mr Paul Sharratt	

Co-opted on to the DCC in May 2021:

Mr David Rose (Fabric Officer)

Mrs Barbara Macmillan (resigned January 2022)

Bankers: Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Paul Adams

Worship, Prayer and Evangelism

Sunday morning services have continued to be livestreamed using YouTube. Watching figures are good enough to continue this format, especially for members of the congregation who are still unsure about meeting together in one building.

The Sunday Evening service was replaced with a twice-monthly Worship, Prayer & Prophetic meeting but this ceased before summer. From October onwards a monthly Sunday evening worship time of Pursuing His Presence was reintroduced in a slightly different format to the original pre-pandemic version.

The Sunday morning service offers a time of testimonies, where congregation members can tell of answers to prayer that have occurred in the preceding week. This portion of the service is not live-streamed, as testimonies can be very personal. They are, however, very

encouraging to the congregation, and raise the expectation of seeing God at work in this community.

Prayer Ministry – The Whats-App group which was set up in 2020 to meet any practical as well as prayer needs of the local church members is still in operation.

Prayer Chain - The confidential prayer line is now based on email. Messages requesting prayer support are passed on to a wide number of dedicated members who will pray for that need for two weeks. Requests for this service come from the church family and also the local community. This service continued to operate during the pandemic.

Prayer Walking – From September 2021, a group of congregation members met regularly each week to pray around the village. This has continued with some prayer walking being undertaken in other local villages and towns.

Youth and children's work – The youth are led by Sarah H. as the Youth Mission Enabler who has set up a Sunday morning youth group which runs concurrently with the Sunday morning service, a weekly during term time Youth Café plus a weekly during term time evening Youth Group. All youth across the benefice are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The Outdoor Youth events which utilises a well-supervised fire pit and other external activities have continued through 2022. These events are very well attended and very well received.

The Primary School-aged children have their own Sunday morning group held in the Chancel in church and once a month come together for the whole service with the adults at the All Age Service on a third Sunday morning. There are also simple lunches held after the third Sunday service to encourage families to stay, participate and feel they belong to the family of the church. There are also family fun days held intermittently throughout the year, which take a Biblical theme and include craft activities and a simple tea.

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Public Benefit Statement

The following are the ways in which advancing religion through the church's aims and objectives has the potential to be for the public benefit:

- the provision of sacred spaces, churches and worship services;
- the provision of public rituals and ceremonies; as demonstrated by hosting the Book of Condolence for the village following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children;
- contributing towards a better society for example by promoting social cohesion and social capital and providing a moral or ethical framework for living;
- carrying out, as a practical expression of religious beliefs, other activities (such as combatting loneliness, supporting local food banks), which may also be charitable;
- contributing to followers' or adherents' good mental and physical health; aiding the prevention of ill health, speeding recovery and fostering composure in the face of ill health;
- providing comfort to the bereaved;
- providing community space and activities to benefit the local village population.

Presented and approved at the DCC meeting on **13th March 023** and signed on their behalf:-

Signed.....

Date.....13/3/23

Name.....Revd Adrian Horta

St Mary's Church, Wollaston

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31/12/2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Prior year funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total total
funds						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	63,332.58	4,104.50	1,037.50	0.00	68,474.58	70,476.12
Income from charitable activities	1,214.00	680.96	0.00	0.00	1,894.96	1,865.96
Other trading activities	287.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	287.36	371.85
Investments	40.54	1,304.24	0.00	0.00	1,344.78	149.38
Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,350.00
Total income	64,874.48	6,089.70	1,037.50	0.00	72,001.68	298,213.31
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	65,111.05	4,935.95	754.68	0.00	70,801.68	67,685.50
Other expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,781.50
Total expenditure	65,111.05	4,935.95	754.68	0.00	70,801.68	77,467.00
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(236.57)	1,153.75	282.82	0.00	1,200.00	220,746.31
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	337.92	3,123.90	0.00	0.00	3,461.82	216,733.28
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,123.90)	(307.92)	(30.00)	0.00	(3,461.82)	(216,733.28)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	(3,022.55)	3,969.73	252.82	0.00	1,200.00	220,746.31
Total funds brought forward	8,257.48	235,710.62	0.00	0.00	243,968.10	23,221.79
Total funds carried forward	5,234.93	239,680.35	252.82	0.00	245,168.10	243,968.10
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	5,234.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,234.93	8,257.48
Designated						
Fabric Fund	0.00	4,233.08	0.00	0.00	4,233.08	2,994.88
Financial Help Fund	0.00	867.51	0.00	0.00	867.51	567.51
New Extension fund	0.00	213,285.80	0.00	0.00	213,285.80	213,468.88
Under 18's Benefice Fund	0.00	21,293.96	0.00	0.00	21,293.96	18,679.35
Restricted						
Parent Toddler Group	0.00	0.00	252.82	0.00	252.82	0.00

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year
funds		
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	247,239.27	244,898.10
	247,239.27	244,898.10
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,071.17	930.00
	2,071.17	930.00
Net current assets less current liabilities	245,168.10	243,968.10
Total assets less current liabilities	245,168.10	243,968.10
Total net assets less liabilities	245,168.10	243,968.10
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	5,234.93	8,257.48
Designated		
Childrens Work Fund	0.00	0.00
New Extension fund	213,285.80	213,468.88
Fabric Fund	4,233.08	2,994.88
Financial Help Fund	867.51	567.51
Parochial Rooms	0.00	0.00
Sizewell Hall	0.00	0.00
WEBS Benefice	0.00	0.00
Under 18's Benefice Fund	21,293.96	18,679.35
Restricted		
Re-Ordering Fund	0.00	0.00
Parent Toddler Group	252.82	0.00

Funds of the church**245,168.10****243,968.10****Statement of assets and liabilities****This year****Last year****Cash at bank and in hand****Santander current account**

Fabric Fund (Designated) -	4,233.08	2,994.88
Financial Help Fund (Designated) -	867.51	567.51
New Extension fund (Designated) -	11,871.42	113,358.74
Parent Toddler Group (Restricted) -	252.82	0.00
Under 18's Benefice Fund (Designated) -	21,293.96	18,679.35
General fund (Unrestricted) -	5,234.93	8,257.48
Agency collection (Restricted) -	2,071.17	930.00
	45,824.89	144,787.96

Charities Aid Foundation savings account

New Extension fund (Designated) -	100,642.40	0.00
	100,642.40	0.00

Kingdom Bank savings account

New Extension fund (Designated) -	100,771.98	100,110.14
	100,771.98	100,110.14

Total for Cash at bank and in hand**247,239.27****244,898.10****Agency accounts****Agency collections**

Agency collection (Restricted) -	(2,071.17)	(930.00)
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Total for Agency accounts

(2,071.17)

(930.00)

Grand total

245,168.10

243,968.10

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted Endowment	Designated This year	Designated Last year	Total Restricted
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bank	39,440.50	2,570.00	0.00	0.00	42,010.50	44,416.40
Gift Aid - Envelopes	10.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	65.00
Other planned giving	9,713.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,713.98	7,495.00
Digital Giving	226.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	226.33	0.00
Loose plate collections	1,153.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,153.10	539.13
One-off Gift Aid gifts	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Donations	1,205.00	834.00	30.00	0.00	2,069.00	1,830.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,578.67	695.50	7.50	0.00	11,281.67	16,130.59
Grants	755.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,755.00	0.00
Total	63,332.58	4,104.50	1,037.50	0.00	68,474.58	70,476.12

Income from charitable activities

PCC Fees for weddings and funerals	1,214.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,214.00	1,185.00
Grenke Photocopier Lease Reimbursed	0.00	680.96	0.00	0.00	680.96	680.96
Total	1,214.00	680.96	0.00	0.00	1,894.96	1,865.96

Other trading activities

Fundraising	37.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.36	111.85
St Mary's Church Hall Hire	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	260.00
Total	287.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	287.36	371.85

Investments

Bank and building society interest	40.54	1,304.24	0.00	0.00	1,344.78	149.38
Total	40.54	1,304.24	0.00	0.00	1,344.78	149.38

Other income

Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,350.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,350.00
INCOME TOTAL	64,874.48	6,089.70	1,037.50	0.00	72,001.68	298,213.31

EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted		Designated		Total	
	Endowment		This year	Last year	Restricted	
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Giving to mission and aid societies	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	700.00
Other Giving-Speakers, Trusts etc	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	970.00
Parish share	43,296.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,296.00	43,296.00
Assistant staff costs	0.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	468.00
Bell Ringers Payments for Weddings and F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Verger payments for Weddings and Funeral	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	190.00
Salary of Children and Family worker	0.00	624.00	0.00	0.00	624.00	1,872.00
Benefice expenses	4,174.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,174.00	3,802.00
Toddler and Parent Group Expenses	0.00	0.00	256.90	0.00	256.90	0.00
Childrens Work Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.49
Youth Work Expenses	0.00	309.05	0.00	0.00	309.05	0.00
Parish training and mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
Evangelism	135.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.35	220.00
Worship	954.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	954.81	359.00

Church running - insurance	3,489.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,489.27	3,396.15
Church Upkeep	490.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	740.00	4,464.00
Church Supplies	535.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	535.99	313.66
Equipment Repairs and Renewals	879.78	1,672.54	497.78	0.00	3,050.10	788.28
Upkeep of services	988.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	988.20	2,253.96
Churchyard Upkeep	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00	610.00
Administration/Stationery	82.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.32	78.03
Grenke Photocopier Lease Payments	0.00	680.96	0.00	0.00	680.96	680.96
Church running - electric	748.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	748.54	380.12
Church running - gas	5,082.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,082.08	1,045.41
Church running - water	277.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	277.98	154.91
Church running-Internet/WiFi	1,239.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,239.73	0.00
Licenses, Subscriptions, Memberships	547.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547.00	592.00
Parochial Rooms running - electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.66
Parochial Rooms running - gas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.75
Parochial Rooms running - insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	81.19
Parochial Rooms running - water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(8.82)
Governance/proffessional/audit/s oftwear	360.00	1,204.40	0.00	0.00	1,564.40	533.75
Total	65,111.05	4,935.95	754.68	0.00	70,801.68	67,685.50

Other expenditure

Parochial Rooms-Proffesional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,781.50
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,781.50
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	65,111.05	4,935.95	754.68	0.00	70,801.68	77,467.00
GRAND TOTAL	(236.57)	1,153.75	282.82	0.00	1,200.00	220,746.31

Approved by the Trustees at a DCC meeting held on 15th May 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Reverend Adrian Morton



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mary's Church, Wollaston.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

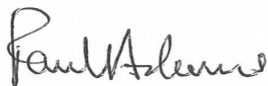
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1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed



Paul Adams
19 Wymington Park
Rushden
Northants
NN10 9JP

Date 14th April 2023

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Accounts

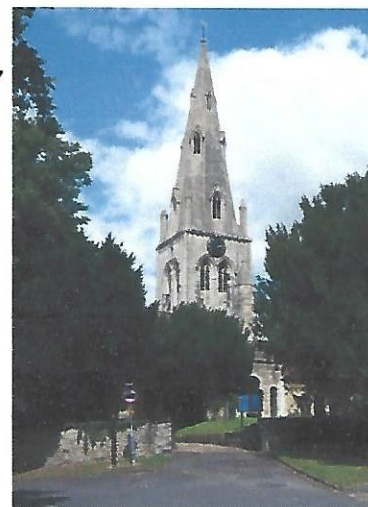
St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

Registered Charity Number: 1138471

Aim and purposes

St Mary's Church Wollaston is part of the WEBS benefice, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat and Strixton; Wollaston and Strixton are one parish, but with each church being run independently. However, being one parish there is one electoral role with a total of ninety-eight names, sixty-two being resident in the villages of Wollaston or Strixton and thirty-six being non-resident.

St Mary's Wollaston District Church Council, (DCC), has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Adrian Morton, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church. The vision for St Mary's Wollaston is to be a church that increasingly sees God's Kingdom come. There is no Curate at present. During 2021, the diocese is funding the youth mission enabler, Mrs Sarah Howes, whilst she is in training.



From January 2021 until July 2021 the country was in various stages of lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic and as such many of the usual activities of the church were unable to take place because of government guidelines relating to spacing and numbers of people congregating in inside spaces. Sunday services resumed from May 2021 and were on a limited numbers basis. From July 2021 most restrictions were eased and some normality was resumed.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of District Church Council (DCC) members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's Wollaston the DCC consists of the incumbent, the curate, the churchwardens, reader, licensed lay ministers, Deanery Synod Representative and members elected by those members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the church. All who attend services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the DCC. The DCC operates the three year rule for the elected members. During 2021, the church was able to hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 19th May 2021 and changes to the elected body of the DCC were made.

Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated in the High Street, Wollaston in Northamptonshire. It is a parish in the Deanery of Wellingborough, in the Diocese of Peterborough, within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 81 Irchester Road, Wollaston, Northamptonshire NN29 7RW.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006, updated 2020) and a registered charity registered with the Charity Commission.

DCC Members for the current year at the date of this report are:-

The Reverend Adrian Morton	Chairman
Mrs Louise Morton	Reader
Mrs Jean Rose	Secretary
Mrs Diane Robinson	Treasurer
Mrs Julie Rogers	Church Warden – (Appointed 30.05.21)
Mr Matthew Beeby	Deputy Church Warden
Mrs Jayne Clent	(Appointed 30.05.21)
Mr Nigel Clent	(Appointed 30.05.21)
Mr Ivor Emmanuel	(Appointed 30.05.21)
Mrs Sarah Howes (Youth Mission Enabler) –	(Appointed 30.05.21)
Mr Paul Sharratt	
P Smethurst	
Steve Barnes	(Resigned 19.05.21)
Tracey Hollowell	(Resigned 19.05.21)
Andrew Major	(Resigned 19.05.21)
Chris Brett	(Resigned 19.05.21)
Linda Brett	(Resigned 19.05.21)
Rev. Gordon Chisnall	(Resigned 19.05.21)
Susan Harker	(Resigned 19.05.21)

Co-opted on to the DCC in May 2021:

Mr David Rose (Fabric Officer)

Mrs Barbara Macmillan

Bankers: Santander Business, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Lorraine Scullion MAAT.

Worship, Prayer and Evangelism

From May 2021 Sunday services have resumed in the church but the Vicar has continued to offer a livestream of the church service using YouTube. Watching figures are good enough to continue this service, especially for members of the congregation who are still unsure about meeting together in one building.

Worship, Prayer & Prophetic Evenings – Evening meetings have been held twice a month since September 2021. One session focuses on prayer and praying for the church, the local community and the needs of the world. The other evening majors on prophetic activation. Both evenings begin with a time of worship followed by teaching and then a time of practical exploration of the subject.

Prayer Ministry – The Whats-App group which was set up in 2020 to meet any practical as well as prayer needs of the local church members is still in operation.

Prayer Chain - The confidential prayer line is now based on email. Messages requesting prayer support are passed on to a wide number of dedicated members who will pray for that need for two weeks. Requests for this service come from the church family and also the local community. This service continued to operate during the pandemic.

Prayer Walking – From September 2021, a group of congregation members met regularly each week to walk and pray around the village.

Youth and children's work – The Zoom get-together for the youth hosted by Sarah Howes continued until Sunday services were resumed in church. Sarah as the Youth Mission Enabler has also started Outdoor Youth which utilises a well-supervised fire pit and other external activities in the churchyard and in the local recreation ground.

The children continued with the bag idea which was such a success in 2020. The 'WEBS Waymaker Bags' were distributed each month with new crafts, activities and stories produced by the Junior Church Team. A much-shortened Holiday Club based on Nehemiah was held for two half-days during August. From September, normal Junior Church was held each week in the church building.

The Mothers' Union has also been unable to meet in person but has stayed connected with monthly bulletins, phone calls, emails and socially-distanced door-step visits. Prayer notes have been regularly distributed to pray for the clergy, the community and the country. The "Away from it all holidays" scheme has been offering more flexible solutions for stressed parents and children. One holiday was taken at Hemsby following the release from lockdown. Much knitting has been undertaken with 60 blankets going to Eastern Europe, as well as hats, scarves and gloves going to Rumania with the Blythwood Care Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Health and Wellbeing – The group were able to resume with a very successful Christmas Supper in December with the Archdeacon Ven. Richard Ormston as the guest speaker. A full year's programme has now been planned for 2022.

3C's – (coffee, cake and chat) which is a regular meeting place on a Wednesday morning for all sorts of people in the community with numbers regularly reaching 30, ceased during the restrictions, but restarted in September 2021. Numbers of guests are now regularly above twenty.

Film Night – Unfortunately the 2020/2021 season has not been able to be held due to restrictions on numbers in an internal setting. It is hoped to resume this in autumn 2022.

Quinquennial and Fabric Report

The building is well maintained and up to date with maintenance despite the effects of the pandemic. The next Quinquennial Inspection is due in October 2023.

Financial review

As at 31 December 2021, Wollaston's parish share for 2021 was paid in full. At year end there was a balance of £144,787.96 in the Santander current account and £100,110.14 in the Kingdom Savings account. There were designated funds comprised of: New Extension fund £213,468.88, Fabric fund £2,994.88, Hardship fund £567.51 Youth fund £18,679.35 and an unrestricted General fund £8,257.48.

The Parochial Rooms were sold and the money raised is to be used for the building of a new extension on the north east side of the Chancel, this project is still in the planning stage. A new fund "New Extension" was set up to manage the funds some of which will be held in two savings accounts until needed.

We are grateful to all who have given generously of their time and money over the past year.

'The current Reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow to meet known commitments and to work towards building a reserve for the building upkeep and the replacement of assets.

Hardship Fund – A hardship fund was instituted by the DCC (District Church Council) in 2020, and is still in place, fulfilling its original role, which is to assist those who were suffering financially because of the pandemic. The fund has helped those who were made redundant, those who were unemployed and those in food poverty. The year-end balance in this designed fund is £567.51.

Volunteers

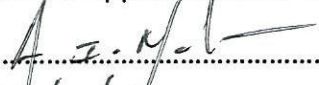
We would like to thank all the volunteers who work to make the church a lively and vibrant community. Churchwardens, secretary, treasurer, fabric officer, all DCC members, children and youth leaders, the pastoral care team, the music group, bell ringers, flower arrangers, people on the refreshment rota, cleaning rota and services rota, in fact the majority of the congregation for their help in whichever way their gifting supports the church.

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Presented and approved at the DCC meeting on 11th July 2022 and signed on their behalf:-

Signed.....

Date.....11/7/22

Name.....ADRIAN MORTON

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on the attached pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 4(1)(c) of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

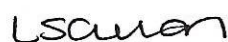
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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lorraine Scullion MAAT
29th July 2022

**THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOLLASTON**

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Registered Charity Number: 1138471

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Receipts and Payments account	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year	Year
		2021	2021	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Offerings		52,516	-	52,516	67,958
HMRC - Gift Aid		16,131	-	16,131	10,809
VAT Refund		-	-	-	2,565
Interest/Dividends		149	-	149	66
Wedding/Funerals		1,185	-	1,185	1,361
Agency		75	-	75	-
Donations		1,830	-	1,830	5,602
PDB of Finance - Fees		1,014	-	1,014	1,670
Transfer of Assets from Parochial Room Wollaston		213,526	-	213,526	-
Church Hall - Room Hire		260	-	260	-
Fundraising		112	-	112	60
Parochial Room Wollaston		2,084	-	2,084	-
Total Receipts for the year		288,882	-	288,882	90,091
Payments					
Training		345	-	345	270
Insurances		3,396	-	3,396	3,431
Gas/Electricity		1,426	-	1,426	3,690
Water Rates		155	-	155	198
Parish Share		43,296	-	43,296	43,296
Webbs Benefice		3,802	-	3,802	4,616
Oddybodies, Children, Youth		79	-	79	432
Consumables		314	-	314	151
Stationery/Printing		78	-	78	35
Wedding/Funeral Fees		310	-	310	-
Sundries		-	-	-	505
Fees, Licences, Subscriptions		791	-	791	743
Churchyard Maintenance		610	-	610	408
Repairs & Renewals		7,806	-	7,806	2,885
Mission Giving		1,670	-	1,670	1,290
PDB of Finance - Fees		1,828	-	1,828	-
PDB of Finance - Salary recharge		2,340	-	2,340	5,980
Re-ordering Costs (Including Architects & Builders)		-	-	-	5,580
Independent Examination		394	-	394	143
Parochial Room Wollaston		-	-	-	2,084
Total payments for the Year		68,640	-	68,640	75,737
Net Receipts / (Payments)		220,242	-	220,242	14,354
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash Funds brought forward		24,656	-	24,656	10,302
Cash funds carried forward		244,898	-	244,898	24,656

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Year Total 2021 £	Year Total 2020 £
Assets:				
Current Account	144,788	-	144,788	24,656
Kingdom Bank Account	100,110	-	100,110	-
Debtor - The Parochial Room, Wollaston	-	-	-	2,084
	244,898	-	244,898	26,740
Liabilities				
Independent Examination	(350)	-	(350)	(350)
PDBF - Fees	(855)	-	(855)	(1,670)
Agency	(75)	-	(75)	-
	(1,280)	-	(1,205)	(350)

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.

	Opening Balance 01.01.21 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Closing Balance 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Reserve	3,314	65,448	(59,576)	-	9,186
Designated Reserves -					
Fabric Fund	5,601	3,206	(5,812)	-	2,995
Hardship Fund	493	575	(500)	-	568
Youth & Childrens Fund	15,248	5,976	(2,544)	-	18,680
New Extension Fund	-	213,677	(208)	-	213,469
	24,656	288,882	(68,640)	-	244,898

Fabric Fund - Maintenance and repairs relating to the Fabric of the building.

Hardship Fund - For those that have suffered hardship financially because of the COVID 19 pandemic

Youth & Childrens Fund - Towards Church activities for under 18's

New Extension Fund - Towards building a new hall accesible from the main building

Restricted Funds

There are no Restricted Funds at present

Approved by the trustees at a DCC meeting held on 11th July 2022 and signed on their behalf:


Reverend Adrian Morton

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payment in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Funds

General funds unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC, in furtherance of the general objectives of St Mary's Church, have not be designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC, for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the Accounts.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the PCC, for particular purposes.

Income

Income is brought into account on receivable basis in the year in which it is received.

Intangible income

Intangible income in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc, is not included in the Accounts since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Expenditure

Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and is brought into account in the period in which it is paid. Costs are allocated to functional headings on the bases of direct costs on a fair and reasonable basis.

Reserve Policy

The PCC, aim to have adequate reserves to meet known commitments and designated funds for identified specific purposes.