

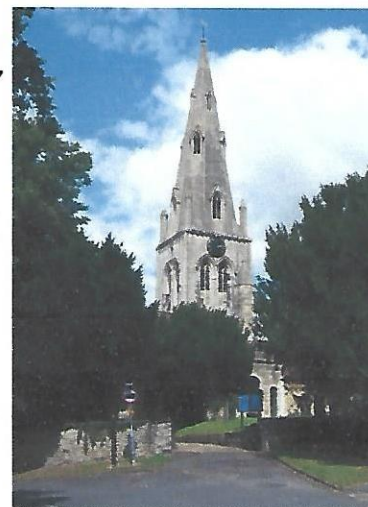
St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

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 at 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.

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 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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 of 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, 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

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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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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.