

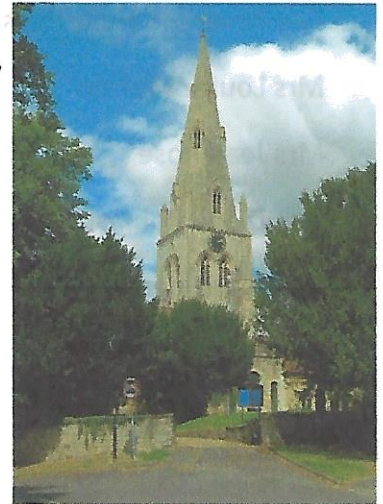
St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

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.

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 Mothers' Union has had its first full year of meetings following Covid. There was a very successful Afternoon Tea and Coffee and Cake morning which raised £440.00 which help fund projects abroad and at home. The Mothers' Union supports AFIA (Away From It All) holidays which offers free holidays to families who have met with adversity. A portion of the funds went to support AFIA. Prayer underpins the work of the Mothers' Union, so regular bulletins with prayer pointers are distributed. Much knitting has been undertaken with 48 blankets going to Ukraine, as well as hats, scarves and gloves also going to Ukraine with the Blythwood Care Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Health and Wellbeing – The group undertook a full year's programme apart from the cancellation of the September meeting out of respect for the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Meetings included a Tea Party for the Platinum Jubilee, a Plant Swop and encouragement to Grow Your Own, an exploration of gut health, the history of photography, a guest speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship, and many more. At the successful Christmas Supper, the guest speaker was Nigel Clent, an Ordinand in Training. The profit from the supper plus a retiring collection raised £150.00 for the local food bank.

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 been lower since the pandemic but different people are attending now, which means we are reaching approximately 50, 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 2022, this event has become part of the government's Warm Spaces initiative.

Film Night – This restarted in November 2022 showing the film "Dream Horse" an inspiring, feel-good film based on a true story. Numbers attending were lower than usual due to it coinciding with England playing in the Football World Cup.

Open Church – the church is open every Friday morning for anyone to call in for a time of prayer, a listening ear, or information. Light refreshments are offered. This event is also now included in the Warm Space initiative.

Quinquennial Inspection 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

Wollaston's Parish and Benefice shares for 2022 were paid in full.

At year end 31/12/22 there was a balance of £45,824.89 in the current account. Comprised of unrestricted General Funds £5,234.93, designated Youth Benefice Fund £21,293.96, Fabric Fund £4,233.08, Financial Aid Fund £867.51, and New Extension Fund £11,871.42, restricted 3T's Parent and Toddler Fund £252.82 and Agency Funds of £2,071.17.

In addition, the designated New Extension Fund has monies in two savings accounts. Kingdom Bank £100,110.14 and Charities Aid Foundation £100,000.

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 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; 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 2023 and signed on their behalf:-

Signed.....

Date.....13/3/23

Name.....Rev. 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
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Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,071.17	930.00
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Net current assets less current liabilities	245,168.10	243,968.10
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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

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u> <u>Last year</u>	<u>Restricted</u>

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


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.

Signed



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19 Wymington Park
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Date 14th April 2023

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