

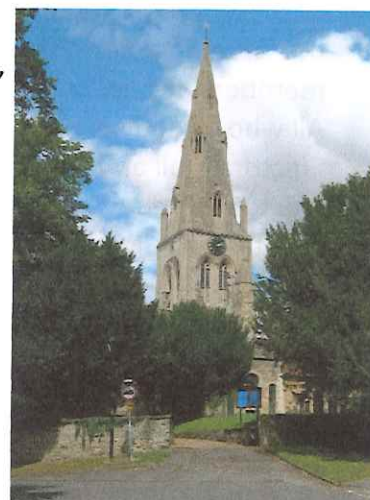
St Mary's Church, Wollaston, Northamptonshire

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 Blythswood 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

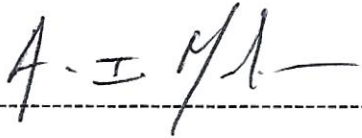
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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	£44,397.65	£1,260.00	0.00	0.00	£45,657.65	£43,853.95
Other planned giving	£6,345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£6,345.00	£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
Children's Work Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£20.00
Youth Work Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£62.88
Parish training and mission	£560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£560.00	£220.00
Worship	(£607.94)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(£607.94)	£296.34
Church running - insurance	£4,086.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	£4,086.10	£3,953.37
Organ / piano expenses	£40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£40.00	0.00
Church Maintenance	£1,689.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,689.20	£662.60
Church Supplies	£860.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	£860.29	£771.92
Equipment Repairs and Renewals	£533.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	£533.30	£1,473.87
Upkeep of services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£2,022.00
Churchyard Upkeep	£749.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	£749.76	£440.00
Administration/Stationery	£147.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	£147.20	£110.26
Grenke Photocopier Lease Payments	0.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£680.96	£680.96
Church running - electric	£1,123.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,123.22	£1,549.61
Church running - gas	£10,677.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	£10,677.77	£10,459.05
Church running - water	£337.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	£337.27	£335.34
Church running-Internet/WiFi	£431.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	£431.88	£1,874.32
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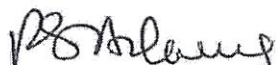
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St Mary's Church, Wollaston

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

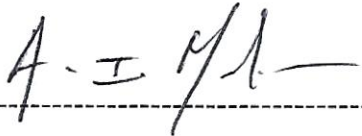
					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	£44,397.65	£1,260.00	0.00	0.00	£45,657.65	£43,853.95
Other planned giving	£6,345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£6,345.00	£8,236.00
Digital Giving	£782.17	0.00	0.00	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
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
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EXPENDITURE ON:**Expenditure on charitable activities**

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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
Children's Work Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£20.00
Youth Work Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£62.88
Parish training and mission	£560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£560.00	£220.00
Worship	(£607.94)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(£607.94)	£296.34
Church running - insurance	£4,086.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	£4,086.10	£3,953.37
Organ / piano expenses	£40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£40.00	0.00
Church Maintenance	£1,689.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	£1,689.20	£662.60
Church Supplies	£860.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	£860.29	£771.92
Equipment Repairs and Renewals	£533.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	£533.30	£1,473.87
Upkeep of services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£2,022.00
Churchyard Upkeep	£749.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	£749.76	£440.00
Administration/Stationery	£147.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	£147.20	£110.26
Grenke Photocopier Lease Payments	0.00	£680.96	0.00	0.00	£680.96	£680.96
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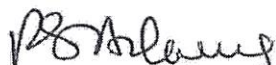
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