

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE

ANNUAL REPORT

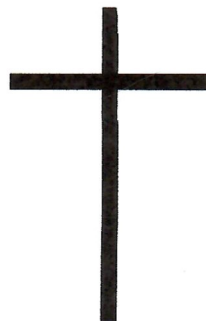
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2022



St. Mary the Virgin, High Street, Battle

Dean: The Very Revd Lee Duckett, The Deanery, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JY

Independent Examiner: Manningtons Chartered Accountants, 39 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc Hastings (A) Branch, Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1GW

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Battle

Annual Report for 2022

Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin is situated adjacent to the High Street, Battle. It is part of the Chichester Diocese within the Church of England.

The PCC Secretary during 2022 was Mrs S Blackman.

The parish is a charity and is registered with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 1993, as subsequently amended. The registration number is 1141300.

Following the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Dean	The Very Revd Lee Duckett	Chair
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1. Churchwarden	Mr Paul Lewis
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2. Churchwarden	Mr Phil Collins
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Reader	Mrs Alison Hassell
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Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for 3 years)	Mrs A Hassell (until 2023) Mrs J Thorp (until 2023) Mrs B Cox (until 2024)
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Elected Members:

Until April 2022	Tina Staton Elizabeth Hart Penny Colquhoun Jane Cowan
Until 2023	Mrs Sue Blackman Mr David Parfitt Mrs Patricia Roberts Mrs Carolyn Collins (elected April 2022) Mrs Tracy Dixon (co-opted 11 th May 2022) Mrs Jackie Richards (co-opted May 2022)
Until 2024	Mrs Helen Ormrod (resigned April 2022) Mr Richard Williams Mrs Elaine Murray Mr Kieran Hills Mrs Tina Staton (re-elected April 2022)
Until 2025	Mrs Gia Selmon (elected April 2022) Mr Rowan Smith (elected April 2022) Mr John Roberts (elected April 2022)

Structure, governance and management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the Dean; Mrs Alison Hassell – Reader; the Churchwardens and members of the Deanery Synod) and twelve members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The latter twelve members are elected on a rotary basis, four being elected each year to serve for a three-year term. Individuals may serve for a total of six years and then must stand down for two years before being eligible for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Mary's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Dean in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is responsible for the worship and general life of the church throughout the parish and for the buildings at St Mary's site. The Church of the Ascension and Churchyard at Telham are owned by a separate charity, Dean Crake's Gift, which has its own managing Trustees.

Public benefit is achieved through the provision of public worship; education of adults and children in the Christian faith; availability as a venue for Christian marriage services and provision of funeral services and associated pastoral support. These are available to all parishioners within the legislative provision of the Church of England.

Achievements and performance

As at 31st December 2022 there were 143 members of the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 42 were not resident in the parish. The numbers have remained fairly steady, despite the sad loss of several members of the congregations.

After re-opening following lockdown and the closure of church buildings in 2021 the parish and the charity has bounced back strongly with congregational attendance and church activities well attended. Financially, the charity survived the closure period well, in part helped by Government funding channelled through local authorities to charities and community facilities.

Contribution to the life of local schools:

The growing links with Battle Abbey School continue to be strengthened. A request from the school at the beginning of 2022 to be able to use the church for their weekly Tuesday assembly was granted and this has proven to be very helpful to the school. Other significant use of the church by Battle Abbey School includes The Dean hosting their Founders Day Service in the Autumn at St Mary's, the end of year Christmas Carols, and Speech Day in the summer.

The Dean worked with the headmaster of Battle Abbey School by preparing 11 students for the first school confirmation service since the 1980s. This resulted in 8 students being confirmed at Chichester Cathedral by the Bishop of Horsham in May 2022.

A St Mary's Battle Organ Scholarship was set up to enable a student from the school to undertake organ lessons and attend a day at Chichester Cathedral in the autumn, to gain experience of Cathedral worship. This will hopefully encourage future students to work towards an Oxbridge or Musical College or Conservatoire scholarships and contribute to the much needed future organists in the Church of England. Funding for this was from a donation for this initiative and the Dean is seeking to find further funding for continuing years.

The Dean and Church Reader Mrs Alison Hassell have continued to serve as Foundation School Governors at Battle & Langton Church of England Primary School during 2022. The Dean also works ecumenically with Battle Baptist Church to take part in leading collective worship during the week.

Cranmer Awards School Competition:

St Mary's hosted its third annual Prayer Book Society 'Cranmer Awards' School Regional Competition for Chichester Diocese. Various local schools and wider afield entered up to 4 students each in both the junior and senior categories with 2 finalists being entered in the national final at Liverpool Hope University in February 2023.

Significant annual services at St Mary's were very well attended with numbers up on the past few years. The services included Remembrance Sunday attended by local civic dignitaries, community leaders and uniformed organisations.

Church Carol services (Advent Carols and Nine Lessons and Carols) and Christingle all took place, and were also very well attended. Carols in the Churchyard, first introduced as a response to Covid was held again as a now regular part of the Christmas programme and well received and continues to grow in number with people who would not normally come to a church service.

Two significant civic services were held in 2022. The first for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which was also on the Feast of Pentecost. Worship was conducted by the Bishop of Lewes who blessed a Rowan Tree in the graveyard as part of the Queen's Canopy initiative. HM Vice Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex attended along with Huw Merriman MP and other civic dignitaries and church leaders and churches from Battle. The second major civic service was for the late HM Queen Elizabeth's death. Protocols were followed according to guidance from The Church of England and Operation London Bridge. St Mary's fulfilled its role as the Civic Parish Church during this time with the church open for mourning, and a book of remembrance for signing by the public. The Dean attended the proclamation in Battle as well as visiting the late Queen lying in state in the Great Hall in Westminster on behalf of St Mary's and the parish. The Civic service for the Queen was well attended by the town and HM Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex along with other civic dignitaries and church leaders.

There were nine baptisms, seven confirmations, four weddings, thirteen funerals and three burials of ashes which took place at St Mary's as well as an Archdeacon's Visitation service for the swearing in of Churchwardens.

Overview and financial review of the year

1. The full PCC met eight times in 2022. They considered a number of significant issues; in particular, they considered in detail proposals for the refurbishment of the Church Hall.
2. The Dean and PCC would like to extend a special thank-you to the Pastoral Care team, who maintain a high level of contact and care for the elderly, the sick, and housebound. Many thanks also to the Sacristan and his assistant for their faithful services and to all who clean and decorate both churches on a regular basis and to those who help to provide and serve refreshments after services. Additionally, thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the various services, especially the retired clergy and our Readers.
3. The PCC had pledged £28,000 to the Diocese of Chichester, a carefully considered and budgeted amount based on expected income and available reserves. Follow receipt of two unrestricted legacies during 2022, the PCC opted to pay 10%, (£1050) as an additional payment. A further restricted legacy was received in the care of the Dean and Churchwardens, of which 5% (£2900) was also made as an additional payment, making a final total of £31,950 for 2022.
4. The PCC received the first part of a large legacy from the estate of Tom Long. This is restricted legacy in the care of the Dean and Churchwardens. 5% was made as an additional payment towards the 2022 Parish Contribution in recognition of the regular donations Tom Long used to make towards the Parish Contribution during his later years.
5. The PCC received two further unrestricted legacies, £10,000 from Freda Pett and £500 from Patricia Grinstead, which were placed in the designated legacies fund to be used for church projects.
6. St Mary's Church was delighted to host concerts again following two years of Covid restrictions, and welcomed both Battle Choral and the Whatlington Singers for choral concerts, as well as hosting Battle Festival for a Charity Concert in aid of Ukraine funds.
7. St Mary's Church was also delighted to host a fundraising event for Ukraine, at which £5,384 was given in donations and purchases.
8. The PCC made a total of £10,141 of outward giving donations from income received. This included money from the Ukraine fundraising event, the Christmas Tree Festival, Remembrance Services and the Civic Service for Queen Elizabeth II among others.
9. St Marys Church held a very successful Celebration of Flowers weekend for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, which included a Civic Service, attended by many in the Parish along with the MP Huw Merriman and the Vice Lord Lieutenant Sara Stonor.

10. St Marys Church joined with the all of the country in mourning HM Queen Elizabeth II when she passed away in September 2022. The flag was lowered, the bells muffled and a Civic Service held with the attendance of the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex.
11. The mother and toddler group Busy Bees restarted under the new leadership of Mrs Sue Blackman and Miss Roseanne Blackman. Places were quickly booked up and remained full all year, with requests for more sessions.
12. The Battle branch of the Bexhill Foodbank continued to operate from the Church Hall and is increasingly busy. This is an ecumenical venture and is in line with the diocesan encouragement to 'serve the common good'. The PCC charges for this use of the premises, but gives a 99% rebate as part of its endeavours to 'serve the common good'.
13. The Christmas Tree Festival took place over the weekend of 26th-27th November. The church was very busy and the weekend was a success. Three charities were sent £775 each from the funds raised.
14. During 2022 the Parish Safeguarding Officer role was handed over to Mrs Jan Collins in May, with Mrs Tracy Dixon stepping down. There were no safeguarding issues during the year and the PCC has complied with its duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.
15. Volunteers - The Church depends on the voluntary services of many helpers in order to offer such a wide range of activities.
16. In line with the Charity Commissions recommendation, it is PCC policy that the balance on any unrestricted funds (excluding property) should equate to at least nine months of unrestricted expenditure (considering also some reliable income) as a contingency against unforeseen situations. This was true at the closing balance 31st December 2022. When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. In particular, we try to enable local people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:
 - a) Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge of, and trust in Jesus; the occasional offices, and administering the sacraments.
 - b) Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
 - c) Missionary and outreach work.
 To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Mary's in Battle, Church of The Ascension at Telham and the Deanery.

Signed on behalf of the PCC,

Chairman 

Date 29th March 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary Income		108130	61677	-	169807
Activities for generating funds		3486	-	-	3486
Income from investments		4820	30	-	4850
Income from Church Activities		29097	3485	-	32582
Total incoming resources		£ 145533	£ 65192	£ -	£ 210725
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				
Costs of generating voluntary income				-	-
Fund Raising Costs		280		-	280
Church Activities		139241	5772	-	145013
Governance Costs		1914		-	1914
Total resources expended		£ 141435	£ 5772	£ -	£ 147207
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		4098	59420	-	63518
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
<i>Gains /(Losses) on investment assets</i>				(12682)	(12682)
<i>Fund transfers</i>		3485	(3485)		
Net movement in funds		7583	55935	(12682)	50837
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2022		<u>683051</u>	<u>£ 105954</u>	<u>£ 107158</u>	<u>£ 896163</u>
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2022		<u>£ 690634</u>	<u>£ 161889</u>	<u>£ 94476</u>	<u>£ 946999</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022


Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 2021:

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary Income		119480	1000	-	120480
Activities for generating funds		3039		-	3039
Income from investments		1572	1528	-	3100
Income from Church Activities		18664		-	18664
Total incoming resources		£ 142755	£ 2528	£ -	£ 145283
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising Costs		140	-	-	140
Church Activities		113614	1882	-	115496
Governance Costs		2040	-	-	2040
Total resources expended		£ 115794	£ 1882	£ -	£ 117676
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		26961	646	-	27607
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
<i>Gains /(Losses) on investment assets</i>				12602	12602
<i>Fund transfers</i>					-
Net movement in funds		26961	646	12602	40209
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2021		£ 656090	£ 105308	£ 94556	£ 855954
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2021		<u>£ 683051</u>	<u>£ 105954</u>	<u>£ 107158</u>	<u>£ 896163</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	598242	598242
Investment Assets	6	<u>94476</u>	<u>107158</u>
		692718	705400
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	7	2291	2261
Deposits at Central Board of Finance		131449	129026
Cash at Bank, Building Society and in Hand		<u>122642</u>	<u>61761</u>
		256382	193049
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>2101</u>	<u>2286</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		254281	190763
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year			
		-	-
NET ASSETS	9	<u>£ 946999</u>	<u>£ 896163</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds	10	690634	683051
Restricted Funds	10	161889	105954
Endowment Funds	10	<u>94476</u>	<u>107158</u>
		<u>£ 946999</u>	<u>£ 896163</u>

Approved by the the Parochial Church Council on 29-03-23 and signed on it's behalf by:


LEE DUCKETT
 Dean


PAUL LEWIS
 Churchwarden

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - funds earmarked for a particular future purpose.

Restricted funds -

- i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the 'purpose' set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises and all other income is recognised when it is receivable.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Dean and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

The Church Hall is shown in the accounts at the 2007 insurance value, this is the deemed valuation as per the Trustees. No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material.

Church equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are as stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Chancel trust and income grant

Following a review of the law the Chichester DBF decided in 2019 that the previous presentation of Chancel Funds had been misunderstood and that a revision was required.

Income received from Chancel trusts is not investment income, as the PCC does not own the trust fund nor its investments.

Income from Chichester DBF is a Restricted charitable grant to reimburse the cost of insuring the Chancel, which previously has been paid by the PCC from General Funds. In 2022 the grant amounted to £nil (2021 £nil).

The PCC decided to transfer the Restricted grant to General Fund to replenish that fund for the cost of Chancel insurance.

The previously disclosed asset value amounting to £9690.98 has been removed from the value of PCC investments to reflect that the PCC does not legally nor beneficially own the Chancel trust fund nor its investments.

Accumulated grant income not yet received from Chichester DBF and included in Debtors amounted to £2291.23 at 31st December 2022 (2021 £2261.56).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
2 INCOMING RESOURCES				
a. Voluntary income				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid Donations	39987	-	39987	36599
Tax recoverable	13959	-	13959	12591
Collections at services	15057	-	15057	10637
Donations	15622	3677	19299	8170
Grants - Other	6628		6628	16907
Legacies and Donations in Memory	10500	58000	68500	35475
Other Voluntary Income	6377		6377	101
	<u>£ 108130</u>	<u>£ 61677</u>	<u>£ 169807</u>	<u>£ 120480</u>
b. Activities for generating funds				
Christmas Tree Festival	2823	-	2823	2828
General fund raising	663	-	663	211
	<u>£ 3486</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 3486</u>	<u>£ 3039</u>
c. Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	<u>£ 4820</u>	<u>£ 30</u>	<u>£ 4850</u>	<u>£ 3100</u>
d. Income from Church Activities				
Church and Church Hall lettings	13815	-	13815	11133
Benedicta Whistler Centre	1125	-	1125	241
Fees from weddings etc	10586	-	10586	5514
Magazine	3571	-	3571	1776
Insurance claim	-	3485	3485	-
	<u>£ 29097</u>	<u>£ 3485</u>	<u>£ 32582</u>	<u>£ 18664</u>
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	<u>£ 145533</u>	<u>£ 65192</u>	<u>£ 210725</u>	<u>£ 145283</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
a. Costs of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship costs	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
b. Fundraising costs	£ 280	£ -	£ 280	£ 140
c. Church activities				
Ministry costs:				
Parish contribution to Diocese	29050	2900	31950	37000
Other clergy costs	14283	-	14283	10430
Church running expenses	17706	729	18435	17383
Church maintenance	21627	-	21627	10518
Upkeep of services	15845	990	16835	12415
Stationery and telephone	2209	-	2209	2629
Expenditure on magazine	2228	-	2228	1086
Church Halls running costs	17454	-	17454	16603
Benedicta Whistler Centre	1136	-	1136	2016
Flowers	-	1153	1153	972
Mission, Outreach and Charitable Giving	10142	-	10142	2840
Staff wages	3507	-	3507	-
Bank charges	371	-	371	333
Sundry and subscriptions	2183	-	2183	270
Eco Church Garden	1500	-	1500	-
Summer Food Project	-	-	-	1000
	£ 139241	£ 5772	£ 145013	£ 115496
d. Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	1914	-	1914	2040
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-
	£ 1914	£ -	£ 1914	£ 2040
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£ 141435	£ 5772	£ 147207	£ 117676

4 REGULAR CONTRACTORS' COSTS

During the year payments were made to a church caretaker, parish clerk, parish administrator, and organists at St Mary's, an organist at Telham, and a church hall cleaner and caretaker. The total of these payments was £18,945 (2021: £18,486).

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Restricted Fund Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation				
As at 1 January 2022	598242	20063	4285	622590
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ 20063</u>	<u>£ 4285</u>	<u>£ 622590</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2022	-	20063	4285	24348
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 20063</u>	<u>£ 4285</u>	<u>£ 24348</u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 598242</u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2021	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 598242</u>

The land and buildings comprise the Church Hall which is shown at an insurance valuation, which is the deemed valuation as per the Trustees.

The equipment consists of a photocopier, the Lady Chapel chairs purchased in 2007, the piano purchased in 2009, projector and screen purchased in 2011 and kitchen equipment, safe and chairs purchased 2012.

6 INVESTMENT FIXED ASSETS

Investments held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC:

Permanent endowments:	Purpose:	Historical	Market Value	
		Cost	2022	2021
1,574 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Church Fabric	3567	32521	36860
1,822 shares in CBF Investment Fund	General Religious	1500	37645	42668
1,004 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Ecclesiastical	3359	20744	23512
2,601 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities	Ecclesiastical	3525	3566	4118
Expendable endowment:				
672 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Chancel Fabric	Income		
	Repairs	only	-	-
Total Investments			<u>£ 94476</u>	<u>£ 107158</u>

7 DEBTORS

	2022	2021
Income tax recoverable	-	-
Chichester DBF Chancel insurance grant	2291	2262
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>£ 2291</u>	<u>£ 2262</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	£ 2101	£ 2286

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Fixed Assets	598242	-	94476	692718
Current Assets	91008	165374		256382
Less: Liabilities	(2101)	-	-	(2101)
Fund Balance	£ 687149	£ 165374	£ 94476	£ 946999

10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance b/f 01.01.22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers/ other gains & losses	Balance c/f 31.12.22
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	640993	127080	129563	3125	641635
Designated fund					
Busy Bees	355	743	1008	500	590
Pastoral Care Team	258				258
Magazine	4355	3571	2227		5699
Legacies	35475	10000	3950	500	42025
Eco Church Project	-	1161	1500		(339)
Events Committee	1615	2979	3187	(640)	767
	<u>683051</u>	<u>145534</u>	<u>141435</u>	<u>3485</u>	<u>690634</u>
Restricted funds					
Fabric funds (incl. Dean and Church Warden's Fabric)	89322	3485		(3485)	89322
Flower fund	1713	1177	1153		1737
Dean and Churchwardens (general	10000				10000
Chichester DBF Chancel insurance grant	2261	30			2291
Tom Long Legacy		58000	2900		55100
Telham Organ fund	380				380
Telham Electricity	226	1500	729		997
Organ Scholar		1000	990		10
St Mary's Organ Fund	2053				2053
	<u>105954</u>	<u>65192</u>	<u>5772</u>	<u>(3485)</u>	<u>161889</u>
Endowment funds	<u>107158</u>		-	(12682)	<u>94476</u>
Total funds	£ 896163	£ 210726	£ 147207	£ (12682)	£ 946999

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (Continued)

- a. The endowment funds comprise investments held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC as detailed in note 6 to these accounts.
- b. The Fabric Funds are restricted to expenditure on the fabric of the church.
- c. The Pastoral Care Fund is money raised or donated specifically to be used by the Pastoral Care Team for incidental expenses.
- d. The Flower Fund represents monies given and used specifically for the provision of flowers at St Mary's.
- e. The Telham Organ Fund represents surplus funds from an appeal made prior to 1 January 2008 for the major refurbishment of the organ at the Church of the Ascension. The monies shown were transferred to the Parish during 2008 and are held for future major refurbishment of the organ but not for routine tuning or minor maintenance.
- f. Telham Electricity Fund is donations and expenses for the cost of electricity of Telham Church.
- g. St Mary's Organ Fund is donations specifically for the repair and upgrade of the organ. Remaining money will be used for future repairs.
- h. Legacies is a separate fund to be used for projects that may include items for the church and church hall as agreed by the PCC.
- i. The Tom Long Legacy is a restricted fund under the care of the Dean and Churchwardens. Under the terms of the will it is to be used for 'primarily for the furtherance of worship at Telham; but is not exclusive to this.

11 TRANSACTIONS WITH PCC MEMBERS

No members of the PCC received expenses or payments for services apart from:

B Cox	£ 380	Parish Clerk
T Dixon	£ 6015	Parish Administrator

12 TRADING SUBSIDIARY

St Mary's (Battle) Nursery Ltd started trading as a private company limited by guarantee in September 2012. The Nursery ceased to trade on the 31st August 2021 and was dissolved on the 5th April 2022.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity'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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 31/03/23