

Charity Registration No. 1144309

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH ST MARY'S ECCLESFIELD
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees

Revd. Dr. Tim Gill (Chairman)
Revd. Samuel Elmore
Mrs Ann Hackett
Mrs Sue Harland
Mr Christopher Harper
Mrs Andrea Hatcher
Mrs Josephine Hawksworth
Mr Mark Holmes
Mr Malcolm Johnson
Mrs Margaret Myers
Mrs Judith Nicholson
Mr Andrew Robinson
Mrs Kay Thompson
Mrs Pamela Thomson
Mr Michael Waldron

Charity number

1144309

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ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

It should be noted that the annual report on the activities, achievements and performance is presented in detail at the Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 11.30am. The information which follows is a short summary of the information to be presented.

Structure, governance, and management

As a member of the Church of England, St. Mary's Church follows the laws, rules and requirements of the National Church. Parochial church council powers measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation rules that came in to force on 2 January 1956; also, the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended); and the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and any subsequent amendments.

St Mary's is based at St. Mary's Parish Church, Church Street, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S35 9XZ. St Mary's is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England.

The PCC has enjoyed independent charitable status since 17 October 2011 (Charity number 1144309) and was previously able to act as a part of the Diocese of Sheffield Charity.

The PCC has up-to-date policies: - Health and Safety, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Safe Church, and risk assessments for a range of activities and practices.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out below:

Reverend Dr. Tim Gill (Chairman)
Reverend Samuel Elmore (appointed 3rd July 2022)
Mrs Julie Banham (stepped down as of 15th May 2022)
Mrs Josie Catlyn (stepped down as of 15th May 2022)
Mrs Ann Hackett
Mrs Sue Harland
Mr Christopher Harper (reappointed 15th May 2022)
Mrs Andrea Hatcher (appointed 15th May 2022)
Mrs Josephine Hawksworth
Mr Mark Holmes (appointed 15th May 2022)
Mr Malcolm Johnson
Mrs Maureen Lambert (stepped down as of 15th May 2022)
Mrs Margaret Myers
Mrs Judith Nicholson
Mr Andrew Robinson
Mrs Kay Thompson (appointed 15th May 2022)
Mrs Pamela Thomson
Mr Michael Waldron

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

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Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Church, within the overall structure of the Church of England, is administered and managed by the Vicar and Parochial Church Council (PCC). The church has a strapline and mission statement, and its primary aim is to follow these: -

Following Jesus; Celebrating Life; Welcoming All

We are here to help people love and worship God.

We aim to be, and encourage others to become, committed and active disciples of Jesus, who love God and worship him, who know the power of the Holy Spirit and who show God's love in every part of their lives.

Objectives and Activities

In working towards our mission statement, we aim to offer a wide variety of church services appealing to the whole community. We also welcome those in the parish and those with qualifying connections to have their wedding services and baptisms at St Mary's, as well as offering the families of the bereaved funeral services. We also aim to involve the local community in the life of the church and make the building available for secular purposes and concerts and in turn, to be involved in the secular activities of the Ecclesfield Community. When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community. We have an ancient and historical building which we strive to maintain and improve as a centre for all people in the village.

Achievements and Regular Activities

Worship and Prayer

Regular services include: -

Sunday

10.00am Parish Communion (2nd Sunday All Age Celebration Service) with Choir and Organ, or Music Group or all.

Baptism Services – incorporated in standard service or separately at 12 noon.

6.30 pm Evening service (2nd Sunday Holy Communion, 4th Sunday Prayer and Praise with Music Group)

Midweek

9.30 am Thursday Holy Communion

There are a range of other special services organised during Lent, Advent and Christmas. We welcome everyone to all services during the year and invite relatives of those who have been recently bereaved once a month with an annual service for families who have been bereaved.

Coffee Shop

The church is open to all every Tuesday and Friday morning for tea, coffee and toasted teacakes and cakes.

Mothers Union

Meets on the 1st Wednesday every month in the Gatty Hall.

Church Choir

Meets to practice on Friday evenings.

Music Group

Meets to practice on Thursday evenings.

Ladies Group

Meets on Thursday afternoons.

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Bell Ringers

Meet Tuesday evenings to practice.

Synods

The church can elect representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Synod providing a two-way communication path to these committees. St Mary's currently has two representatives who attend Deanery Synod.

Mission, Evangelism and Outreach

Teams led from the PCC aim to help to improve links to the community and provide pathways for those with faith to strengthen this.

Magazine

Our parish magazine is published monthly and is available at several retail points in the village and is also available to download from the Church website.

Financial Review

2022 saw a return to a more normal pattern of regular worship following the lifting of Coronavirus restrictions. Many of the events and special services we hold, including Easter and Christmas, were possible having been scaled back in the previous 2 years. Some fundraising events including concerts, coffee mornings and the Christmas Fayre were not possible. The church coffee shop resumed and was well attended throughout the year.

Once again, the PCC had to make some difficult decisions on routine expenditure (excluding one-off projects) from the general accounts, particularly the Common Fund contribution, to keep expenditure in line with a continued reduction in income and expenditure was again kept low in 2022. Some of the provisions made for spending on training, teaching and children and young people plus paying a Musical Director were not used. By keeping running costs under control and the generosity of the congregation with regular giving and fundraising the result was that receipts were greater than payments by £10,708. The PCC were able to top up the agreed Common Fund contribution by £6,000 taking the overall contribution to £30,000.

Project Accounts and Restoration

2022 was much less busy than 2021 following completion of the disabled access project, and the final retention payment was made in July following the end of the 12-month defects liability period. The Restoration Fund ends the year with a balance of £42,116.

There is ongoing repair work required on the building resulting from the 2020 Quinquennial inspection and progress will be made on this during 2023. Significant works planned subject to available funding are development of the prayer corner with the medieval crosses and upgrading and improvement to the internal lighting and sound system.

2023

This is expected to be another challenging year for the general accounts when it will take careful management to balance the books, particularly given the rise in gas and electricity costs and inflation still being at an unprecedented level. The PCC anticipate that a Musical Director will be appointed during 2023 and this is reflected in the budget. The PCC has taken the decision to increase its pledge to the Diocesan Common Fund from £24,000 in 2022 to £32,000, which is considerably less than we were able to pledge pre-pandemic. The number of weddings in 2023 is significantly lower than 2022 and this has been factored into the budget for 2023. The PCC will again review the budget during the year and consider if an increased amount can be paid to the Diocese towards the Common Fund.

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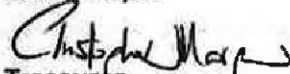
Reserves Policy

The aim of the PCC is to balance income and expenditure whilst making a generous contribution to the Diocese Common Fund and to make gifts of at least 5% to charities. We also keep raising funds for the restoration of our ancient church building. The PCC aims to respect all reserves which are designated to particular areas of expenditure or restricted to specific purposes. The PCC aims to keep a minimum of three months recurring expenditure in unrestricted reserves as a standard policy of financial prudence.

Thank-you

We would like to thank all the many members of the congregation, all volunteers and the Community of Ecclesfield for their incredible generosity and for their hard work during another difficult year to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Chris Harper




Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
St Mary's Ecclesfield

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from		01-Jan-22	To	31-Dec-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds (Restoration) to the nearest £	Restricted funds (Belingers) to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Planned giving	48,377	-	-	-	48,377	45,700
Collections at services	3,277	-	-	-	3,277	2,880
Other giving and voluntary receipts	2,728	6,208	275	-	9,211	81,313
Gift Aid recovered	14,846	-	-	-	14,846	12,811
Activities for generating funds	729	-	-	-	729	2,891
Trading activities	1,474	-	-	-	1,474	-
Receipts from church activities	58,888	-	808	-	11,004	9,244
Income from investments	383	-	-	-	383	2,105
VAT reclaimed	-	1,830	-	-	1,830	-
Church coffee shop takings	-	3,888	-	-	3,888	-
Insurance claim	-	4,116	-	-	4,116	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,813	16,153	1,180	-	99,246	128,234
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,813	16,153	1,180	-	99,246	128,234
A3 Payments						
Diocesan Parish Share contribution	30,000	-	-	-	30,000	24,000
Salaries and Wages	3,804	-	-	-	3,804	5,658
Clergy expenses	2,826	-	-	-	2,826	1,972
Church running expenses	67,211	-	-	-	17,211	12,886
Church utility bills	10,686	-	-	-	10,686	8,973
Costs of fundraising activities	186	-	-	-	186	-
Costs of trading	903	-	-	-	903	-
Other expenditure/Miscellaneous	4,870	-	-	-	4,870	2,888
Mission giving	1,108	-	-	-	1,108	-
Restoration fund expenditure	-	10,097	-	-	10,097	83,378
Belingers fund expenditure	-	-	522	-	522	554
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	71,204	10,097	522	-	81,823	135,806
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	71,204	10,097	522	-	81,823	135,806
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,708	6,056	658	-	17,423	9,372
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,827	36,060	6,708	-	94,595	84,888
Cash funds this year end	62,535	42,116	7,367	-	112,019	-

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds (Restoration) to nearest £	Restricted funds (Bellringers) to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	62,535	42,116	7,368	-
	Designated funds (restoration)	-	-	-	-
	Restricted funds (bellringers)	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	62,535	42,116	7,367	-
(gross balances with receipts and payments accounts)					
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	C of E Investment - Ecclesfield PCC - Restoration and Maintenance Fund	Designated funds (restoration)	-	10,583	
	Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance - Ecclesfield Chancel Repair fund	Endowment funds	-	91,154	
	Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance - Ecclesfield St Mary's Church Yard upkeep fund	Endowment funds	-	4,861	
		-	-	-	
	Total investment assets	-	-	106,598	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
	Deposits held for future weddings	Designated funds	1,580		
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
		CHRISTOPHER MEAR	9.4.2023		
		Rev. TIM GILL	9.4.2023		

Approved by the PCC on 9/04/2023 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Dr. Tim Gill (PCC Chairman)

ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the financial statements of St Mary's Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022 (Registered charity number 1144309) which are set out on pages 3-12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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Signed:  17 April 2023