

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN PUDDLETOWN

England & Wales · Charity number 1150071

Details

Other names	ST MARY THE VIRGIN PUDDLETOWN, PCC PUDDLETOWN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-12-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Parochial church council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary the virgin Puddletown

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£60,753	£62,465	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,972	£70,402	-	-
2022-12-31	£50,582	£51,053	-	-
2021-12-31	£50,582	£51,053	-	-
2020-12-31	£53,976	£89,483	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev SARAH CATHERINE HILLMAN	Chair	2012-12-02
Andrew Robert William Deans		2024-04-21
Cynthia Metcalf		2019-03-17
David Alexander Elliott		2022-05-15
Dawn Loveless		2019-03-17
Joanna Margaret Crankshaw		2025-05-04
Mara Christina Wingrove		2025-05-04
Margaret Mary Rickard		2023-05-14
Patricia Sparks		2019-03-17
Robert Todd		2012-12-02
Roderick Hughes		2019-03-17

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St Mary's Church, Puddletown

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**



for the year ended 31st December 2024

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman,
The Vicarage, Puddletown, Dorchester DT2 8SL

Banks: **CAF Bank Ltd**, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
The CBF Church of England Funds,
London, EC2V 6DZ

**Independent
Examiner:** Mr G Taylor, 23 Whitehill, Puddletown, DT2 8SB

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, Annual Report for APCM 2025

Background

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, is part of a Benefice which also includes Tolpuddle and Milborne St Andrew with Dewlish.

The vicarage for the Benefice is situated in Puddletown, opposite the church.

A monthly magazine is produced which covers the whole Benefice.

The Benefice has 4 churches, St Mary's at Puddletown, St John the Evangelist at Tolpuddle, St Andrew's at Milborne and All Saints' at Dewlish. The Churchwardens regularly hold joint meetings.

The PCCs of the Benefice agreed that payment of the Benefice share would be calculated from the Worship in Community figures in 2023 as follows: Puddletown 43% Milborne 24%, Dewlish 13% and Tolpuddle 32%. A benefice account has been set up for this and is administered by the Benefice Administrator. Puddletown now pays a regular sum into the Benefice Account.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for a three-year term, a proportion being elected each year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman

Church Wardens: Dawn Loveless
Vacancy

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Pat Sparks
Vacancy

Elected Members:

1 year, to APCM 2025

Peter Bishop
David Elliott

2 years, to APCM 2026

Margaret Rickard
Rod Hughes

3 years, to APCM 2027

Emma Hughes
Pat Sparks
Jo Crankshaw
Andrew Deans
Bob Todd

There are 0 vacancies.

The Church Electoral Roll

Report to Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The certified number on the Roll as at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 was 43.

During the past twelve months 1 name has been added, and 2 people have died.

The total enrolment as at the annual meeting 21st April 2024 was 42. This figure will be certified to the diocese and deanery following this meeting. Also revised lists have been put up in the church and church room.

Please will anyone aware of address changes of existing members let me or the churchwarden know as soon as possible?

Pat Sparks, Church Electoral Roll Officer

Vicar's Report

The Revd. Sarah Hillman will make a verbal report to the meeting.

Churchwarden's Report

As of previous years, our services at St Mary's are governed by British Summer Time, economy and heating costs. Therefore, apart from baptisms, weddings and funerals, services are held in the Church Room between November and Easter. All Services are mostly well attended.

Bubble Church was held one Sunday afternoon a month in the Village Hall.

Safeguarding and Risk Assessments are kept up to date as is all First Aid requirements.

Furniture and Fabric inspection/repairs are ongoing as always - see fabric report.

St Mary's Inventory was completed on the 29/3/24.

Cynthia Metcalfe stepped down after four years as a second Churchwarden in April and I was sworn in for a fifth year on the 4/6/24.

The multifunctional church room is used for many outside groups and occasions as well as C of E needs. Regular local events include:

Warm Space was from 10/1 until the 24/4 and then recommenced in November.

The Flex Group held a social afternoon on the 17/3. Flex also held, monthly and Advent Craft Groups, to which members from all churches attended.

In addition to the above the following fund raising activities were held in 2024:

Cream Teas in June - by courtesy of David and Jean Jeffreys in their lovely garden.

St Mary's Flower Festival weekend in July.

Ukulele Folk Night in October - organised by Bob Todd.

A Wreath making afternoon in December.

The Christmas Fair also in December.

On the 10/12 St Mary's had a Quinquennial Inspection.

St Mary School Christmas Services went well as did all our Christmas Services which were well attended.

I should like to thank Sarah and Margaret and Emma that guide and support me. I thank everyone who support and enable me to carry out my role as churchwarden, without their help my life would be considerably more fraught.

I also respect the time that so many give to keep our church, church room and graveyards up together and I thank one and all.

I shall continue in my role for as long as possible but would welcome a successor that would be happy to take over or to join me as a second Churchwarden.

Dawn Loveless

Secretary's Report

There were 4 PCC meetings this year.

All meetings were included with a joint meeting with the Benefice PCCs..

Emma Hughes

Deanery Report

See attached report.

Pat Sparks represented the PCC at Deanery meetings during 2024.

Financial Review of the Year

To follow.

Schools' Reports – not received

Church Room

The Church Room has continued to be a comfortable and invaluable space which is regularly used for church, village and regional groups and meetings, as well as church services during the cold weather. It has also been used this year for private functions such as family gatherings and funeral wakes. Again for the third consecutive winter it has been much appreciated as a 'warm welcome' space every Wednesday between 10.30 and 1.30 where anyone can come for coffee and chat; bring any craft activities and also enjoy a light lunch of homemade soup and a roll.

An excellent new addition to the room this year has been the installation of a 'smart screen' which is being used regularly and is much appreciated for church services and group talks and presentations.

The hiring fees have remained unchanged which makes it a popular venue for 'not so large' gatherings.

Jane Stanley

Health & Safety

We continue to use the PCC-approved Health & Safety Policy.

Safeguarding

No incidents have been reported. Cynthia Metcalfe is now our Safeguarding Officer.

Churchyard

As ever the team worked very hard to keep the churchyards tidy again this year. Sadly we had to say goodbye to Tina and Peter Steggles, and two members had major surgery, but I am pleased to say they will join us again as soon as possible. We greeted Andrew as he joined our team, and helped out from the autumn last year. We had a get together in the parish room in January and were joined by the weeding team. I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone for all they do. I know that Sarah our vicar appreciates the work carried out and we have received many verbal messages of thanks.

Hazel Barret

Fabric

Since last year, Ursula Pomeroy had for many years overseen the fabric maintenance of our church, but, who in 2024 finally passed over all her paperwork to our churchwarden and I to store and continue with the work of overseeing the many jobs to be undertaken for the future.

A lot has been carried out in 2024. The roof leaks have been attended to, the guttering and down pipes are now cleared out regularly; the tower door has been repaired; and a small team has carried out an assessment of the medieval stained glass shards in the north aisle which are in need of conservation.

Ongoing work on the church walls, which by agreement is being carried out over the next few years, to repoint and make good the wall's many missing mortar pointing and cracks etc...

A regular maintenance check list is now in place, and where possible work is carried out by volunteers and the use of professionals.

Bob Todd

Magazine

The Magazine Working Group team remains the same as the previous year and the magazine is managing to break even. The advertising rates and cover price remained the same as 2023.

Jan O'Mara has been managing the subscriptions and the distributors. This year there was a team of 18 Puddletown distributors delivering to 146 subscribers each month. In Tolpuddle a team of 5 deliver to a further 62 with 8 taken to St John's church. A further 10 free copies are taken to Dewlish and Miborne. There are also 3 postal subscribers. We put 20 for sale in the shop and 15 in the church. One copy is sent to the History Centre in Dorchester. We currently have approximately 280 magazines delivered each month. There were no extra copies delivered to Puddletown and Tolpuddle this December. The quantity sold in the church and shop varies from month to month.

Emma Hughes

Flower Team

We have sadly lost Ursula from the team and we will miss her inspirational ideas and input, we are grateful to her for continuing to purchase the oasis for us.

The Flower Festival was a big hit, and the depiction of the books was inspired!

We currently charge £75 to assist with wedding flowers if we are needed.

Funeral flowers are arranged through the churchwarden or the family themselves, to the arranger on duty.

4 of the team got together to assemble the Mothering Sunday posies.

We plan to have a team cupboard and pew clear out tidy up soon.

Heather Mears

Bells

Since the last report we had rung for 1 wedding, in July which was a family wedding.

I continue to look after the maintenance of the bells with the help of Robert Newton from Hilton, and put the flag up for special occasions, though I am finding it a struggle now, and I'm grateful to my son Robert who helps me.

Emma Hughes also helps to keep the ringing room clean and tidy.

The clock was serviced on Sept 14th and thankfully I was shown how to reset the clock, should we lose electricity, as we have had a couple of outages at church recently. The clock will run for approx. 11 hours after a power cut.

At the Flower Festival, the tower was open for visitors and this was very successful and raised £81 in donations.

We welcomed many visiting bands of ringers to our tower in 2024. We also held the Salisbury Guild of Ringers Service, followed by tea and the AGM.

Robin Mears, Tower Captain

Flex Group

In March we had the third of our social Benefice gatherings. This was a games afternoon with refreshments and was held in Puddletown Church Room. Most of the games were kindly lent by Andrew and Lizzie Peckover. There was a good turnout from Puddletown people but few from other parishes in the Benefice. Although our intention was to run more social gatherings, as I have had voice problems, I have not been up to organising further events.

The Flex Craft Group ran monthly in Puddletown Church room throughout most of the year and during Advent it was run weekly. There is a small group of regular attendees from three of the churches in our Benefice. We provide a craft activity at each session and that is followed by a bread and cheese lunch.

Margaret Rickard

Friends of Puddletown Church

The friends currently consists of thirty three members, and is administered by a small committee made up of Andrew Deans, Chairman; Janet Nassim, Secretary; Bob Todd, Treasurer; Jill Temple, Communications.

The aim of the group is to raise funds to help in the upkeep of the fabric of our church here in Puddletown. To date the Friends have raised over 43 thousand pounds towards projects. The last year saw help in repairing the outside door of the tower, and monies have been set aside towards the conservation of the medieval shards of glass in the north aisle. The committee in 2024 held a Garden Party in the house and grounds of Dawnay House, courtesy of Janet and her husband. This proved very successful and will be repeated this year.

Bob Todd (Treasurer, FOPC)

THANKS

Puddletown Church continues to be supported by a great number of people who give generously of their time and talents, along with those who contribute financially.

We would like to thank David Elliott for all his hard work taking over as Treasurer and to Emma Hughes, our benefice administrator and PCC secretary.

Thanks, too, to Heather Mears and the flower team for all their beautiful displays, the excellent catering team for their delicious meals and cakes, the churchyard maintenance team who keep our grounds looking so good and the church cleaning team ably led by Jan O'Mara.

Also, an appreciation for the hard work of those who have helped organize events and to the Friends of Puddletown Church.

DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD MEETING SUMMARY 2024

Meeting Held 18 Apr 24 at Charminster Community Hall

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and Jeremy Selfe from Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) as guest speaker. The Rural Dean, the Rev'd Sarah Hillman added her welcome and asked the Rev'd Keith Magee to say an opening prayer.

Matters Arising:

Presentation by Jeremy Selfe, DHCT: Jeremy spoke about the work of DHCT and how it raises funding, together with examples of grants provided.

Financial Statement from Treasurer: The Treasurer reported that 63% of the share was raised during 2023, with 20% of the share having been made during quarter one of 2024. The balance for the Deanery fund was £48.08 at end of year 2023.

Report From Diocesan Synod: David Elliott provided a summary report of the latest Diocesan Synod. Topics discussed include:

- *Making Jesus Known vision and strategic priorities* - discussed progress on the 5 strategic priorities.
- *Business case for the new share*. [Secretary note: Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven Antony MacRow-Wood will be guest speaker at the next deanery synod meeting on 2 Jul 24 to discuss the share calculations].
- *Report by Diocesan Board of Education and Safeguarding team*.
- *Churchwarden Support*

Meeting Held 2 Jul 24 at St Alhelm's, Crossways

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and Archdeacon Antony McRow-Wood. The Rural Dean, the Rev'd Sarah Hillman added her welcome and said an opening prayer, specifically remembering the recently deceased Philippa Francis, who had been a long term member of the Synod.

Presentation by Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven Antony MacRow-Wood, who was invited to discuss the new share calculations (copy of presentation circulated separately). There was a period for questions and discussion after the presentation and how this will be applied to parishes, with examples of effects and proposed implementation of the new share. There was also discussion on the proposed church reparation for slavery. Questions were raised about the funding from Queen Anne's legacy and that parishes have been experiencing problems as a result, with a following heated discussion.

Matters Arising:

Parish Representation at DHCT: Rachel said that there was a need for new parish representatives on the DHCT and asked that this be raised at PCCs.

Financial Statement from Treasurer: The Treasurer reported that 50% of parishes have so far provided copies of their accounts.

Report From Diocesan Synod: The rural dean said that the recent planned Diocesan Synod had been postponed.

Meeting Held 2 Oct 24 at St George's, Fordington

The Rural Dean welcomed Bishop Karen, Bishop of Sherborne as guest speaker.

Matters Arising:

Presentation by Bishop Karen, Bishop of Sherborne on Living in Love and Faith

Bishop Karen began her presentation with an overview of the history of the Living in Love and Faith journey within the Church of England and what the next steps will be.

She emphasized that God calls all of us by name, loves us and welcomes us acknowledging that we can hold true to scripture but hold different views. Despite the publication of LLF there is still a sense that inconsistencies continue. There is a need to retain good doctrine and walk together as the Church of England whilst addressing the fact that Civil Marriage is now open to all.

The prayers of blessing offered by LLF were intended to bless and acknowledge relationships when couples wanted God to be part of this. The plan was that there would be no compulsion to use these prayers but it was hoped that they would be a source of hope and comfort for couples who wanted affirmation for their committed relationships lived in God's love and light.

Since the publication of LLF, problems and dissent have continued with some churches directing their Parish Share to alternative funds. This has resulted in General Synod adopting a more cautious approach allowing prayers to be said but no formal blessing. Dissent continues with some groups demanding their own Bishops, training courses and separate ordinations.

Synod continues to work on this issue. Conversations are continuing about working with difference and how this might look with the possibility of either formal or informal arrangements put in place. There is a need to give a voice to the silent majority who want to welcome all and who see God's love in those who are present excluded. There is a hope that new resources will be offered that will help us to navigate the complexities and honour those seeking God's Blessing on their relationship. If we can find a way to remain united The Church of England has the possibility of being a witness in this divided world.

Synod were encouraged to break into small groups to discuss the Bishop's presentation.

Feedback included:

- The issue of the under-representation of rural communities on Synod
- 45% of those applying to adopt are same sex couples
- We are all getting old and not representing the young
- Community keeps our churches alive and people may not come into churches, if we are not seen to be inclusive it sends the wrong message to the vast majority of people who are not church goers
- Is this really about money? Are we scared of a schism that may be the result of being fully inclusive and the money that will be lost from the wealthy evangelical churches
- The church is out of kilter with law
- There are a number of clergy who are in same sex relationships. Some have to retire to be married. This is a cruel system
- There is much anger around this issue
- Same sex couples are wanting to have wedding blessings and clergy would like to offer this.
- Jesus told us to love one another. How is this loving?
- Churches will be able to opt in to offer blessings – it will be interesting to see who will sign up. For those who don't sign up could be viewed as homophobic. But if people know who to approach it would be a way forward. Lots of churches want to be pastorally sensitive. The Labour Government could change our exemption to the equalities act or could revoke our privilege of celebrating weddings – all weddings then would have to be civil with church blessings available for those who want it.
- Methodists have the issue of conscience and the question of what is a holy life written into their constitution.
- We are alienating the children of same sex couples
- Marriage is a stable relationship within society where children may be nurtured and is a strong and true desire for many especially for clergy

Bishop Karen thanked the synod for their contributions and reminded us to hold this issue in our prayers. There was a vote of thanks for Bishop Karen.

Financial statement

The Treasurer reported that we are three quarters of way through the year and to date 60% of share has been paid.

The Treasurer asked that PCCs who are not paying to review their position.

PCCs and Treasurers should have received an email from the Diocese giving them access to the new Share system.

Each benefice has an allocation for their Share but they can determine how this is allocated across the Benefice meaning wealthier churches in a benefice can support the churches that are struggling. The Diocese needs to be informed by 31st October if there are to be adjustments to the way Share will be paid.

It was noted that there seems to have been a mistake in the calculation of Share and the 2028 figures are not accurate. This needs to be taken up with the Diocese.

Diocesan Synod Report

Synod met on 24 Jul 24 for the final meeting of the triennium. The Deanery representatives are Rev'ds Keith, Leila and Gemma with David Elliott as the only Lay representative at present. The next meeting is on 1 Oct 24. The vacancies on Bishop's council have now been filled.

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary
The Virgin Puddletown

Accounts

31 December 2024



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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown**

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 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 next statement.

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.



Grant Taylor FCA
Chartered Accountant

1 October 2025

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
	Note					
Incoming resources	6					
Donations and legacies		32,461	3,686	4,815	40,962	43,639
Charitable activities		6,576	1,510	-	8,086	8,894
Other trading activities		10,130	-	-	10,130	11,018
Investments		1,388	-	187	1,575	1,421
		<u>50,555</u>	<u>5,196</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>60,753</u>	<u>64,972</u>
Resources expended	7					
Raising funds		538	-	-	538	729
Charitable Activities		48,320	11,847	1,760	61,927	69,673
		<u>48,858</u>	<u>11,847</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>62,465</u>	<u>70,402</u>
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		<u>1,697</u>	<u>(6,651)</u>	<u>3,242</u>	<u>(1,712)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>
Transfers between funds				-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>1,697</u>	<u>(6,651)</u>	<u>3,242</u>	<u>(1,712)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2024	9	<u>38,547</u>	<u>33,259</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2024	9	<u>40,244</u>	<u>26,608</u>	<u>10,762</u>	<u>77,614</u>	<u>79,326</u>

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		4,334	3,667
Bank/building society balances:			
General account	37,630	43,222	
CCLA deposit account	28,001	26,590	
Friends account	8,345	6,008	
	<u>73,976</u>	<u>75,820</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors/accruals	696	161	
	<u>696</u>	<u>161</u>	
Net current assets		73,280	75,659
Net assets		<u>77,614</u>	<u>79,326</u>
Parish Funds	9		
Unrestricted funds		40,244	38,547
Designated funds		26,608	33,259
Restricted funds		10,762	7,520
		<u>77,614</u>	<u>79,326</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2 Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

3 Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	11,480	-	-	11,480	13,835
Other planned giving	3,900	-	3,959	7,859	6,897
Collections at services	1,462	-	-	1,462	2,248
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	9,000	2,750	-	11,750	8,885
Gift aid recovered	6,435	-	271	6,706	6,158
VAT reclaim	-	636	-	636	571
Grants - note 11	184	300	585	1,069	5,045
	<u>32,461</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>4,815</u>	<u>40,962</u>	<u>43,639</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	3,937	-	-	3,937	3,830
Fundraising activities	2,639	1,510	-	4,149	5,064
	<u>6,576</u>	<u>1,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,086</u>	<u>8,894</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	2,395	-	-	2,395	2,829
Parish magazine	7,735	-	-	7,735	8,189
	<u>10,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,130</u>	<u>11,018</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	1,388	-	187	1,575	1,421
	<u>1,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>1,421</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>50,555</u>	<u>5,196</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>60,753</u>	<u>64,972</u>

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7 Expenditure on:	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	538	-	-	538	729
	538	-	-	538	729
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	2,283	-	-	2,283	3,388
Diocesan Parish share	29,930	-	-	29,930	27,713
	32,213	-	-	32,213	31,101
Church Expenses				-	
Church running expenses	1,408	7,764	-	9,172	11,488
Church utility bills	2,922	-	-	2,922	3,218
Benefice expenses	3,010	-	-	3,010	2,393
Wages and honorarium	500	-	-	500	535
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	-	-	85
Professional fees	200	501	-	701	1,724
	8,040	8,265	-	16,305	19,443
Costs of trading				-	
Parish magazine costs	7,394	-	-	7,394	7,350
Church room costs	528	-	-	528	442
Bank charges	145	-	-	145	182
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Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	18,619	5,196	(11,847)	-	11,968
Bells Fund	500	-	-	-	500
Emergency reserve	6,632	-	-	-	6,632
Future Ministry fund	7,508	-	-	-	7,508
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Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	36,728	3,431	3,480	43,639
Charitable activities	8,894	-	-	8,894
Other trading activities	11,018	-	-	11,018
Investments	1,271	-	150	1,421
	57,911	3,431	3,630	64,972
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	729	-	-	729
Charitable Activities	44,865	18,587	6,221	69,673
	45,594	18,587	6,221	70,402
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	12,317	(15,156)	(2,591)	(5,430)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2023	26,230	48,415	10,111	84,756
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2023	38,547	33,259	7,520	79,326

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The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary
The Virgin Puddletown

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31 December 2024



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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown**

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 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 next statement.

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.



Grant Taylor FCA
Chartered Accountant

1 October 2025

23 Whitehill

Puddletown
Dorset
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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown
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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
	Note					
Incoming resources	6					
Donations and legacies		32,461	3,686	4,815	40,962	43,639
Charitable activities		6,576	1,510	-	8,086	8,894
Other trading activities		10,130	-	-	10,130	11,018
Investments		1,388	-	187	1,575	1,421
		<u>50,555</u>	<u>5,196</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>60,753</u>	<u>64,972</u>
Resources expended	7					
Raising funds		538	-	-	538	729
Charitable Activities		48,320	11,847	1,760	61,927	69,673
		<u>48,858</u>	<u>11,847</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>62,465</u>	<u>70,402</u>
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		<u>1,697</u>	<u>(6,651)</u>	<u>3,242</u>	<u>(1,712)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>
Transfers between funds				-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>1,697</u>	<u>(6,651)</u>	<u>3,242</u>	<u>(1,712)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2024	9	<u>38,547</u>	<u>33,259</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2024	9	<u>40,244</u>	<u>26,608</u>	<u>10,762</u>	<u>77,614</u>	<u>79,326</u>

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		4,334	3,667
Bank/building society balances:			
General account	37,630	43,222	
CCLA deposit account	28,001	26,590	
Friends account	8,345	6,008	
	<u>73,976</u>	<u>75,820</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors/accruals	696	161	
	<u>696</u>	<u>161</u>	
Net current assets		73,280	75,659
Net assets		<u>77,614</u>	<u>79,326</u>
Parish Funds	9		
Unrestricted funds		40,244	38,547
Designated funds		26,608	33,259
Restricted funds		10,762	7,520
		<u>77,614</u>	<u>79,326</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2 Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

3 Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	11,480	-	-	11,480	13,835
Other planned giving	3,900	-	3,959	7,859	6,897
Collections at services	1,462	-	-	1,462	2,248
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	9,000	2,750	-	11,750	8,885
Gift aid recovered	6,435	-	271	6,706	6,158
VAT reclaim	-	636	-	636	571
Grants - note 11	184	300	585	1,069	5,045
	<u>32,461</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>4,815</u>	<u>40,962</u>	<u>43,639</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	3,937	-	-	3,937	3,830
Fundraising activities	2,639	1,510	-	4,149	5,064
	<u>6,576</u>	<u>1,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,086</u>	<u>8,894</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	2,395	-	-	2,395	2,829
Parish magazine	7,735	-	-	7,735	8,189
	<u>10,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,130</u>	<u>11,018</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	1,388	-	187	1,575	1,421
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St Mary's Church, Puddletown

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**



for the year ended 31st December 2023

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman,
The Vicarage, Puddletown, Dorchester DT2 8SL

Banks: **CAF Bank Ltd**, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
The CBF Church of England Funds,
London, EC2V 6DZ

**Independent
Examiner:** Mr G Taylor, 23 Whitehill, Puddletown, DT2 8SB

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, Annual Report for APCM 2024

Background

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, is part of a Benefice which also includes Tolpuddle and Milborne St Andrew with Dewlish.

The vicarage for the Benefice is situated in Puddletown, opposite the church.

A monthly magazine is produced which covers the whole Benefice.

The Benefice has 4 churches, St Mary's at Puddletown, St John the Evangelist at Tolpuddle, St Andrew's at Milborne and All Saints' at Dewlish. The Churchwardens regularly hold joint meetings.

The PCCs of the Benefice agreed that payment of the Benefice expenses would be split in 2023 as follows: Puddletown 46% Milborne 27%, Dewlish 8% and Tolpuddle 19%; this reflects the number of people in the May count for each church. A benefice account has been set up for this and is administered by the Benefice Administrator. Puddletown now pays a regular sum into the Benefice Account for the first 9 months of the year.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for a three-year term, a proportion being elected each year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman

Church Wardens: Dawn Loveless
Cynthia Metcalfe

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Pat Sparks
Vacancy

Elected Members:

1 year, to APCM 2024

Emma Hughes
Pat Sparks
Jo Crankshaw
Andrew Deans
Bob Todd

2 years, to APCM 2025

Peter Bishop
David Elliott

3 years, to APCM 2026

Margaret Rickard
Rod Hughes

There are 0 vacancies.

The Church Electoral Roll

Report to Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The certified number on the Roll as at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 was 51

During the past twelve months 3 names have been added, 4 people have died, and 7 moved away.

The total enrolment as at the annual meeting 14th May 2023 was 51. This figure will be certified to the diocese and deanery following this meeting. Also revised lists have been put up in the church and church room.

Please will anyone aware of address changes of existing members let me or the churchwardens know as soon as possible?

.Pat Sparks, Church Electoral Roll Officer

Vicar's Report

The Revd Sarah Hillman will make a verbal report to the meeting.

Churchwardens' Report

In the aftermath of Covid 19 St Mary's is now back to normal. The services from January until Easter and from October being in the church room for the winter months.

Maintenance and repairs remain ongoing - see Fabric report.

Health and safety guidelines and risk assessments are, as always, being adhered to. Safeguarding training and DBS certification continues. Infection control measures remain active, hand gel and masks being there for those who still have a need to use them. The Communion cup has been available since the spring for all whom wish to partake as authorised by Bishop Stephen Lake.

In January a card collect machine was set up in St Mary's.

In February a complete sound system with Bluetooth was installed.

Three windows in total were replaced in the church room in March and May and twenty new chairs were purchased. The broken chairs were disposed of.

St Mary's Inventory was carried out in April.

Due to the rise in fuel costs a Warm Space was organised one day a week in the church room from March until May. This proved popular and was recommenced in October for the winter.

The Lent group and the Lent Flex groups were attended by parishioners from all four churches.

Coronation events in May kept us occupied. In May we also attended the Crossways Deanery Service.

June was a busy month. We were sworn in as churchwardens again at the Archdeacon's Visitation at Crossways church and later in the month we had our St Mary's Visitation by Archdeacon Penny Sayer which went very smoothly.

July brought much excitement as not only was Maggie ordained, Bishop Stephen was at Dewlish church hall as part of his rural tour, so we got to see him. He talked with Cynthia about trying to simplify the work of churchwardens.

Ride and Stride took place in September. We also compiled a policy document together with Jane Stanley for the hiring and use of the Church room.

Bob Todd and the Ukulele band arranged a Sixties's Night on the 3rd October which was very enjoyable.

Sadly we had to give Maggie our very best wishes for her future ministry at her Milborne leaving service at the end of October when she transferred to Gillingham.

The Children's Society boxes were emptied for the last time in November. The sermon was replaced by an informative talk from the Society's representative, Paul Gray, and Dawn was presented with a certificate from the Society as she stepped down from being the Box Coordinator for ten years!

The Flex Advent Craft Group was enjoyable and the painting of Nativity pebbles were fun to do. These were left around the village for children to bring to the Crib Service.

December's wreath making afternoon and the Saturday Christmas Fare were as popular and well attended as always as were the numerous and happy Christmas Services.

We should like to give our thanks to all who have helped with the organisation, maintenance, the running of and the presentation of St Mary's and the church room, in order to make Jesus known.

We should also like to thank everyone that has supported both of us during our four years as churchwardens.

Dawn Loveless & Cynthia Metcalfe

Secretary's Report

There were 8 PCC meetings this year.

3 meetings were included with a joint meeting with the Benefice PCCs and 5 meetings were held alone.

Emma Hughes

Deanery Report

See attached report.

Pat Sparks represented the PCC at Deanery meetings during 2023.

Financial Review of the Year

A lot can happen in a year, and writing this report reminds me of the contribution made by so many people to generate the income needed to meet the costs of ministry and care for our church and community. Your commitment is sincerely appreciated.

Our income increased by one-third in 2023 over the previous year and my thanks go out to everyone who has contributed to church funds. Giving in church has been enhanced by the installation of a card reader in March, the cost of which was generously met by a member of the congregation. Many of us carry little or no cash and this alternative way of giving has brought in over £800.

Fundraising events generated £3,000 in 2023 and thank you to everyone who organised and supported the Jumble Trail, Garden Party, Ride & Stride, Sixties Night and Christmas Fair.

Activities in the Church Room make a useful contribution to our income. The weekly coffee morning continues to be popular and 'Warm Space' on a Wednesday has a regular number of attendees. External bookings are a valuable source of income.

Producing, printing and distributing the Parish Magazine would not be possible without the commitment of a large team of people. Income from advertisers and subscribers together meet the editing and printing costs. Another activity which requires significant commitment is the ever-popular monthly Community Lunches held in the Village Hall.

Grants were received from Dorset Council and the Diocese of Salisbury towards our 'Warm Space' project, the Hobson Charity for our bells, the Aldhelm Mission Fund towards the cost of establishing Bubble Church, John Lewis Partnership for the Community Lunch Fund, and Puddletown Area Parish Council for care and maintenance of the Churchyard. Together these grants contributed over £5,000 towards meeting our outgoings. The Friends of Puddletown Church also released over £6,000 which was applied towards our new sound system, automating the Tower Clock, replacing a door hinge and stained-glass surveys.

Expenditure also increased by a third year-on-year. A significant element of this increase reflected the installation of the new sound system in church. Other one-off expenditure included replacing some chairs in the Church Room and adding an electrical winding mechanism to the Tower Clock, while repairs were needed to the Porch Door, Church Room windows and boundary walls.

Special collections enabled St. Mary's to make donations to the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral, Toilet Twinning, The Royal British Legion, The Children's Society, WaterAid, The Salvation Army for its work with the homeless and the Women's Refuge. In addition, grants were made from the Community Lunch Fund to Puddletown Pumpkins, Puddletown Pre School, Puddletown First School, St. Mary's C E Middle School, Puddletown Library, DorSAR and Puddletown Scouts.

David Elliott (Treasurer)

Schools' Reports – not received

Church Room

The Church Room has continued to be an invaluable and comfortable space which is regularly used for church and village groups and meetings, as well as church services during the cold weather. It is also used fairly regularly for private functions such as children's parties, family gatherings and funeral wakes. Also again this year it has been much appreciated as a 'warm space' one day a week where folk socialise, bring their knitting or crochet and enjoy refreshments including delicious homemade soup.

Recently Wi-Fi has been installed which has been appreciated by hirers. The hiring fees haven't been increased despite the considerable increase in the cost of lighting and heating which makes it a very attractive venue for smallish gatherings.

Jane Stanley

Health & Safety

We continue to use the PCC-approved Health & Safety Policy.

Safeguarding

No incidents have been reported. Cynthia Metcalfe is now our Safeguarding Officer.

Churchyard

The last year has been very busy for the churchyard team. We have kept up with the ever faster growing grass. Welcomed a number of new members joining the team. So a huge Thank you to Sheila, Carl, Andrew and George who continued to work hard in the churchyard. Welcome to Andy, Sue, David, Colin, Tina, and Peter all of whom have been busy cutting the grass cutting back the beech trees and picking up the trimmings from the beech hedge. At this point I would like say thank you to Caroline and Wakely Cox who have taken huge amounts of builder bags of trimmings for disposal. Also a working group worked together to replace the church mower shed which was a huge job so Thank you to Bob, Chris, Jeff, Carl, Peter, Andrew who all worked tirelessly to achieve a not so easy task. Together we ensured the Church looked at it best for many weddings ext. it must also be noted the contribution towards the Church yard by Jean, Bob, Sheila, Carl, Dawn, Pat, and others who have kept up with weeding the new area and over grown areas and graves. Together they have served the Church and community so very well.

Hazel Barret

Fabric

Repairs carried out in 2023:

The strap hinge on the north porch gate was replaced and the gate re-hung with re-bushed pintels. This was skilfully carried out by Bob Todd.

Another section of the boundary wall (next to the East gate) was repaired.

Sporadic investigations took place to trace the source of the leak over the passage to the Athelhampton Chapel, with no great success, but ongoing.

A leaking radiator has been repaired.

The gallery balustrade seems not to be well-secured at the south end, but does not appear to move, and the wall at that point bears the (Elizabethan Coat of Arms?) wall painting. The Archdeacon was consulted, and advised that as any repair would involve many consultations with experts because of the wall painting, nothing should be done at present, but the situation should be monitored. Meanwhile, that area of seating should be blocked off.

Maintenance tasks carried out included replacing 2 tiles on the Vestry roof, clearing the rainwater hopper near the oil tank which was overflowing, a patch of new plaster on the north wall of the north entrance porch. Simon Crumbleholme again cleared the gutters at no charge. All gullies and downpipes are regularly checked.

Future repairs in process:

The tower door is rotten in its lower section. It is thought that the door is C18, so a Faculty is required to either repair or replace it. This is being sought.

The fragments of coloured glass in the north windows are the subject of 2 conservators' reports, both of which confirm that some of the glass is medieval and is in a poor state, and that all the glass is suffering from the effects of condensation and should at least be cleaned. Plans are underway.

Ursula Pomeroy

Magazine

The Magazine Working Group team remains the same as the previous year and the magazine is managing to break even. The advertising rates and cover price were increased in 2023.

Jan O'Mara has been managing the subscriptions and the distributors. This year there was a team of 20 Puddletown distributors delivering to 150 subscribers each month. In Tolpuddle a team of 5 deliver to a further 70. A further 10 free copies are taken to Dewlish and Miborne. There are also 3 postal subscribers. We put 20 for sale in the shop and 15 in the church. One copy is sent to the History Centre in Dorchester.

We currently have approximately 285 magazines delivered each month. There were no extra copies delivered to Puddletown and Tolpuddle this December.

The quantity sold in the church and shop varies from month to month.

Emma Hughes

Flower Team

The Flower team has 13 regular members, and I am very grateful for their support,

We decorate the Church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas, .

I have been trying to encourage team members who do not normally do the Altar Arrangement to put themselves forward and "give it a go" it does not have to be ornate, otherwise it is left to a few of us,

We continue to be available to arrange Flowers for weddings and have 1 wedding booked in for 2024
This year was a very busy year for weddings, and the team helped out as per usual, and learnt a lot from the professional team that was there in November.

All Risk Assessments have been updated for 2024 and have been, emailed out to the team. It was decided unanimously at the meeting that we would no longer be putting arrangements etc up in the high window sills. I continue to organise the team rotas.

Heather Mears

Bells

Simon from the Crackstone Clock Co. arrived on Good Friday from Gloucestershire, to start the work on the church clock conversion to electric.

Robin helped him with the works to reduce costs and they both managed to get the heavy motor up to the clock room. The works took 2 days, and Simon left 6pm on the Saturday. After a few teething troubles the clock is now running smoothly, and having the clock put to electric has saved me going up to the clock room every week to wind it!

With 7 Weddings last year we were busy with bellringing,

The ringers attended two bell maintenance courses at our tower in May and September; these courses were well attended from other ringers from local towers.

We ring at Milborne St Andrew on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday and at Puddletown on 2nd and 4th Thursday.

We have 10 Ringers on the register, and continue to welcome visiting ringers from Dorset and other areas

Robin Mears, Tower Captain

Flex Group

In February we had the first of social Benefice gatherings. This was a skittles evening and quiz and was held in the pub in Milborne St. Andrew. People could purchase meals and drinks from the bar and we were encouraged that there were representatives from all four parishes.

We delayed our second event as all the churches were busy with Coronation and activities so our summer event of outdoor games was held in August at Puddletown and these were generously provided by Andrew Deans and Lizzie Peckover.

The Flex Craft Group ran monthly throughout the year but taking a couple of months break in the summer but in Advent it was run weekly. During the Advent session the group painted stones with Nativity characters – a set for each village – and these were hidden around the villages of the Benefice for children to find and bring to appropriate Christmas Services.

Margaret Rickard

Friends of Puddletown Church

The membership at present stands at thirty three, who actively give donations regularly to the funds that help with the costs of projects that keep our church fabric in good condition and repair.

Our numbers have fallen in the last few years and we look to recruit more members of the church and community to join us in preserving our aged church.

The Friends have contributed funds to many projects and will continue to do so in the future.

Bob Todd (Treasurer, FOPC)

THANKS

Puddletown Church continues to be supported by a great number of people who give generously of their time and talents, along with those who contribute financially.

We would like to thank David Elliott for all his hard work taking over as Treasurer and to Emma Hughes, our benefice administrator and PCC secretary.

Thanks, too, to Heather Mears and the flower team for all their beautiful displays, the excellent catering team for their delicious meals and cakes, the churchyard maintenance team who keep our grounds looking so good and the church cleaning team ably led by Jan O'Mara.

Also, an appreciation for the hard work of those who have helped organize events and to the Friends of Puddletown Church.

DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD MEETING SUMMARY 2023

Meeting Held 2 May 23 at St Aldhelm's Church, Crossways

The Rural Dean welcomed the Revd Stephen Waine to the Deanery, having been licenced before Holy Week to the Piddle Valley. The Revd Gemma Donnell was thanked for providing refreshments.

Matters Arising:

Arrangements for Deanery Service: This was to be held at St Aldhelm's Church, Crossways on 21 May 23 at 1500.

Bishop's Visit 19 Jul 23: The Rural Dean outlined the details of the visit by Bishop Stephen and asked that groups should write down all the 'Good things about the Deanery / Parish / Community' that you would wish the Bishop to know, then identify 'Challenges we have to meet in our Deanery' and 'Questions we would like to ask the Bishop.' It was explained that the Bishop had expressed a wish to get out and meet people, going to Dorchester Market and ideas for lunch were gathered, with a visit to a school, farm, Dorchester Foodbank, Poundbury Quiet Space or meeting locals.

Financial Statement: The Treasurer reported that we do not spend much money but this year the deanery paid for refreshments at the July Meeting in Kingston Maurward and for book tokens for the young people who had been invited to speak. Regarding our share to 31st March the Deanery has paid 23% of which five parishes out of our 35 have paid 100%.

Diocesan/General Synod reports: The Dean said the two items on the Diocesan agenda were 'Living in Love and Faith' (morning) and 'The Bishop's Strategy' (afternoon). The General Synod had not recorded any meetings since our last one.

Vote of Thanks: The Rural Dean thanked everyone for their work on the deanery, especially the House of Laity and Standing Committee. She thanked the officers (Roger, Jane, Michael and Nigel) and the Clergy.

Meeting Held 23 Jul 23 at Kingston Maurward

The Rural Dean welcomed the Venerable Penny Sayer to the meeting.

Election of Lay Officers:

Lay Chair	Rachel Bywater
Secretary:	Ian Bishop
	[appointed after meeting; endorsed 9 Oct 23 by Standing Committee]
Treasurer	Michael Clarke
Information Officer	Rev'd Keith Magee

Election For Standing Committee:

Rev'd Leila Mather, Jill Minchin, Hazel Morgan

Meeting Business:

Presentation by The Venerable Penny Sayer, Archdeacon of Sherborne: The Archdeacon spoke about the new diocesan vision which began with the vision 'Thy Kingdom Come Here and Now' and now has the strap line 'Making Jesus Known'. She explained there are five strands to the vision Courageous Christian Leadership, Working for Justice, Creative Partnerships in Local Mission, Climate Justice and a Stable Financial Future.

Reporting back on Bishop Stephen's visit on 19th July 2023: The visit was agreed to be a success with the Bishop visiting both the rural and more urban parts of the Deanery.

Financial Statement from Michael Clarke: With regard to Share the Treasurer advised that as at June 2023, 43.6% of the £581,341 has been received by Salisbury. 8 of 35 parishes have made little or no contribution to Share whilst remaining parishes are making regular monthly payments and a few have cleared their account. The Treasurer also requested that parishes who have not sent a copy of their Annual Accounts should ask Treasurers to do so.

Meeting Held 9 Nov 23 via Zoom

The Rural Dean welcomed Janet Eardley from Through the Roof as guest speaker.

Matters Arising:

Presentation by Janet Eardley, Through the Roof: Janet spoke about the work of Through The Roof and how churches can be helped to be more aware of the needs of people with disabilities and to become a more welcoming community. Meeting attendees were invited to share their perceptions and experiences within their parish and encouraged to be aware of ways in which different types of disability can be recognised. Janet also encouraged parishes to think about next steps and provided links to a toolkit for inclusion to assist in the audit of documents for message and culture.

Financial Statement from Treasurer: Due to the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was available.

Report From Diocesan Synod: Topics discussed include:

- Making Jesus Known vision and strategic priorities - discussed progress on the 5 strategic priorities.
- Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Action Plan - Action points
- Diocesan Financial Report and agreement of Budget - debate on financing the future sustainably
- Arrangements for 2024 Diocesan Synod Elections - reducing representation of laity to approximately equal numbers of clergy and laity.

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Chartered Accountant

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	Note					
Incoming resources	6					
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Charitable activities		8,894	-	-	8,894	6,013
Other trading activities		11,018	-	-	11,018	9,479
Investments		1,271	-	150	1,421	448
		<u>57,911</u>	<u>3,431</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>64,972</u>	<u>51,474</u>
Resources expended	7					
Raising funds		729	-	-	729	90
Charitable Activities		44,865	18,587	6,221	69,673	52,665
		<u>45,594</u>	<u>18,587</u>	<u>6,221</u>	<u>70,402</u>	<u>52,755</u>
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		<u>12,317</u>	<u>(15,156)</u>	<u>(2,591)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>
Transfers between funds				-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>12,317</u>	<u>(15,156)</u>	<u>(2,591)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2023	9	<u>26,230</u>	<u>48,415</u>	<u>10,111</u>	<u>84,756</u>	<u>86,037</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2023	9	<u>38,547</u>	<u>33,259</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		3,667	1,054
Bank/building society balances:			
General account	43,222	49,083	
CCLA deposit account	26,590	25,764	
Friends account	6,008	9,006	
	<u>75,820</u>	<u>83,853</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors/accruals	161	151	
	<u>161</u>	<u>151</u>	
Net current assets		75,659	83,702
Net assets		<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>
Parish Funds	9		
Unrestricted funds		38,547	26,230
Designated funds		33,259	48,415
Restricted funds		7,520	10,111
		<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2 Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

3 Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	13,835	-	-	13,835	13,102
Other planned giving	3,900	-	2,997	6,897	7,121
Collections at services	2,248	-	-	2,248	2,822
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	8,885	-	-	8,885	5,846
Gift aid recovered	5,675	-	483	6,158	5,963
VAT reclaim	-	571	-	571	148
Grants - note 11	2,185	2,860	-	5,045	680
	<u>36,728</u>	<u>3,431</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>43,639</u>	<u>35,682</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	3,830	-	-	3,830	2,595
Fundraising activities	5,064	-	-	5,064	3,418
	<u>8,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,894</u>	<u>6,013</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	2,829	-	-	2,829	3,356
Parish magazine	8,189	-	-	8,189	5,975
	<u>11,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,018</u>	<u>9,331</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	1,271	-	150	1,421	448
	<u>1,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>1,421</u>	<u>448</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>57,911</u>	<u>3,431</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>64,972</u>	<u>51,474</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	729	-	-	729	90
	729	-	-	729	90
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	2,144	1,244	-	3,388	1,902
Diocesan Parish share	27,713	-	-	27,713	26,906
	29,857	1,244	-	31,101	28,808
Church Expenses				-	
Church running expenses	688	10,800	-	11,488	7,255
Church utility bills	3,218	-	-	3,218	2,255
Benefice expenses	2,393	-	-	2,393	2,393
Wages and honorarium	535	-	-	535	550
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	85	85	115
Professional fees	200	703	821	1,724	200
	7,034	11,503	906	19,443	12,768
Costs of trading				-	
Parish magazine costs	7,350	-	-	7,350	7,346
Church room costs	442	-	-	442	510
Bank charges	182	-	-	182	159
	7,974	-	-	7,974	8,015
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	-	5,840	5,315	11,155	3,074
	-	5,840	5,315	11,155	3,074
	44,865	18,587	6,221	69,673	52,665
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	45,594	18,587	6,221	70,402	52,755

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Reserves as at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
Unrestricted funds - see note 14	26,230	57,911	(45,594)		38,547
Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	33,031	2,931	(17,343)	-	18,619
Bells Fund	500	-	-	-	500
Emergency reserve	6,632	-	-	-	6,632
Future Ministry fund	8,252	500	(1,244)	-	7,508
	48,415	3,431	(18,587)	-	33,259
Restricted funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	9,082	3,630	(6,221)	-	6,491
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	-	1,029
	10,111	3,630	(6,221)	-	7,520
TOTAL FUNDS	84,756	64,972	(70,402)	-	79,326

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	30,726	980	3,828	35,534
Charitable activities	6,013	-	-	6,013
Other trading activities	9,331	148	-	9,479
Investments	422	-	26	448
	46,492	1,128	3,854	51,474
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	90	-	-	90
Charitable Activities	42,797	9,753	115	52,665
	42,887	9,753	115	52,755
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	3,605	(8,625)	3,739	(1,281)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2022	22,625	57,040	6,372	86,037
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2022	26,230	48,415	10,111	84,756

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11 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Unrestricted funds

Dorset Council (Warm Space)	£ 1,000
John Lewis Partnership (Community Lunch Fund)	£ 850
	£ 1,850

Designated fund

Puddletown Area Parish Council	£ 1,360
Hobson Charity	£ 1,000
Aldhelm Mission Fund	£ 500
	£ 2,860

TOTAL GRANTS

£ 4,710

12 Donations made:

Total donations made in the year to charities and other organisations (all from the General Fund)	£ 2,144
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Included in the above are the following payments in excess of £200

The Children's Society	£ 202
Puddletown Pre-School	£ 250
Puddletown First School	£ 250
St. Mary's CE Middle School	£ 300
	£ 1,002

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13 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From Designated Fabric Fund

Sound System	£	6,429
Replacement Chairs	£	726

From Restricted Fabric Fund

Automating Tower Clock	£	2,000
Sound System	£	2,000

Total	£	11,155
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14 Analysis of closing unrestricted fund balances

Unrestricted funds

General fund	26,329
Magazine fund	2,938
Lunch fund	3,467
Flowers	313
Legacy	5,500

£	38,547
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>12,317</u>	<u>(15,156)</u>	<u>(2,591)</u>	<u>(5,430)</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2023	9	<u>26,230</u>	<u>48,415</u>	<u>10,111</u>	<u>84,756</u>	<u>86,037</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2023	9	<u>38,547</u>	<u>33,259</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
Puddletown
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		3,667	1,054
Bank/building society balances:			
General account	43,222	49,083	
CCLA deposit account	26,590	25,764	
Friends account	6,008	9,006	
	<u>75,820</u>	<u>83,853</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors/accruals	161	151	
	<u>161</u>	<u>151</u>	
Net current assets		75,659	83,702
Net assets		<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>
Parish Funds	9		
Unrestricted funds		38,547	26,230
Designated funds		33,259	48,415
Restricted funds		7,520	10,111
		<u>79,326</u>	<u>84,756</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 that are informal gatherings of Church members.

2 Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

3 Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	13,835	-	-	13,835	13,102
Other planned giving	3,900	-	2,997	6,897	7,121
Collections at services	2,248	-	-	2,248	2,822
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	8,885	-	-	8,885	5,846
Gift aid recovered	5,675	-	483	6,158	5,963
VAT reclaim	-	571	-	571	148
Grants - note 11	2,185	2,860	-	5,045	680
	<u>36,728</u>	<u>3,431</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>43,639</u>	<u>35,682</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	3,830	-	-	3,830	2,595
Fundraising activities	5,064	-	-	5,064	3,418
	<u>8,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,894</u>	<u>6,013</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	2,829	-	-	2,829	3,356
Parish magazine	8,189	-	-	8,189	5,975
	<u>11,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,018</u>	<u>9,331</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	1,271	-	150	1,421	448
	<u>1,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>1,421</u>	<u>448</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>57,911</u>	<u>3,431</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>64,972</u>	<u>51,474</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	729	-	-	729	90
	729	-	-	729	90
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	2,144	1,244	-	3,388	1,902
Diocesan Parish share	27,713	-	-	27,713	26,906
	29,857	1,244	-	31,101	28,808
Church Expenses				-	
Church running expenses	688	10,800	-	11,488	7,255
Church utility bills	3,218	-	-	3,218	2,255
Benefice expenses	2,393	-	-	2,393	2,393
Wages and honorarium	535	-	-	535	550
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	85	85	115
Professional fees	200	703	821	1,724	200
	7,034	11,503	906	19,443	12,768
Costs of trading				-	
Parish magazine costs	7,350	-	-	7,350	7,346
Church room costs	442	-	-	442	510
Bank charges	182	-	-	182	159
	7,974	-	-	7,974	8,015
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	-	5,840	5,315	11,155	3,074
	-	5,840	5,315	11,155	3,074
	44,865	18,587	6,221	69,673	52,665
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	45,594	18,587	6,221	70,402	52,755

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Reserves as at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
Unrestricted funds - see note 14	26,230	57,911	(45,594)		38,547
Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	33,031	2,931	(17,343)	-	18,619
Bells Fund	500	-	-	-	500
Emergency reserve	6,632	-	-	-	6,632
Future Ministry fund	8,252	500	(1,244)	-	7,508
	48,415	3,431	(18,587)	-	33,259
Restricted funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	9,082	3,630	(6,221)	-	6,491
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	-	1,029
	10,111	3,630	(6,221)	-	7,520
TOTAL FUNDS	84,756	64,972	(70,402)	-	79,326

10 SOFA Comparative - 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	30,726	980	3,828	35,534
Charitable activities	6,013	-	-	6,013
Other trading activities	9,331	148	-	9,479
Investments	422	-	26	448
	46,492	1,128	3,854	51,474
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	90	-	-	90
Charitable Activities	42,797	9,753	115	52,665
	42,887	9,753	115	52,755
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	3,605	(8,625)	3,739	(1,281)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2022	22,625	57,040	6,372	86,037
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2022	26,230	48,415	10,111	84,756

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11 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Unrestricted funds

Dorset Council (Warm Space)	£ 1,000
John Lewis Partnership (Community Lunch Fund)	£ 850
	£ 1,850

Designated fund

Puddletown Area Parish Council	£ 1,360
Hobson Charity	£ 1,000
Aldhelm Mission Fund	£ 500
	£ 2,860

TOTAL GRANTS

£ 4,710

12 Donations made:

Total donations made in the year to charities and other organisations (all from the General Fund)	£ 2,144
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Included in the above are the following payments in excess of £200

The Children's Society	£ 202
Puddletown Pre-School	£ 250
Puddletown First School	£ 250
St. Mary's CE Middle School	£ 300
	£ 1,002

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13 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From Designated Fabric Fund

Sound System	£	6,429
Replacement Chairs	£	726

From Restricted Fabric Fund

Automating Tower Clock	£	2,000
Sound System	£	2,000

Total	£	11,155
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14 Analysis of closing unrestricted fund balances

Unrestricted funds

General fund	26,329
Magazine fund	2,938
Lunch fund	3,467
Flowers	313
Legacy	5,500

£	38,547
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Accounts

St Mary's Church, Puddletown



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2022

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman,
The Vicarage, Puddletown, Dorchester DT2 8SL

Banks: **CAF Bank Ltd**, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
The CBF Church of England Funds,
London, EC2V 6DZ

**Independent
Examiner:** Mr G Taylor, 23 Whitehill, Puddletown, DT2 8SB

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, Annual Report for APCM 2023

Background

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, is part of a Benefice which also includes Tolpuddle and Milborne St Andrew with Dewlish.

The vicarage for the Benefice is situated in Puddletown, opposite the church.

A monthly magazine is produced which now covers the whole Benefice.

The Benefice has 4 churches, St Mary's at Puddletown, St John the Evangelist at Tolpuddle, St Andrew's at Milborne and All Saints' at Dewlish. The Churchwardens regularly hold joint meetings.

The PCCs of the Benefice agreed that payment of the Benefice expenses would be split in 2022 as follows: Puddletown 46% Milborne 27%, Dewlish 8% and Tolpuddle 19%; this reflects the number of people in the May count for each church. A benefice account has been set up for this and is administered by the Benefice Administrator. Puddletown now pays a regular sum into the Benefice Account for the first 9 months of the year.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for a three-year term, a proportion being elected each year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman

Church Wardens: Dawn Loveless
Cynthia Metcalfe

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Rod Hughes
Vacancy

Elected Members:

1 year, to APCM 2023

Margaret Rickard
David Jeffreys

3 years, to APCM 2024

Emma Hughes
Pat Sparks
Jo Crankshaw
Andrew Deans
Bob Todd

3 years, to APCM 2025

Peter Bishop
David Elliott

There are 0 vacancies.

The Church Electoral Roll Report to Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The certified number on the Roll as at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022 was 55.

During the past twelve months 0 names have been added, 1 person has died, and 3 moved away.

The total enrolment as at the annual meeting 14th May 2023 was 51. This figure will be certified to the diocese and deanery following this meeting. Also revised lists have been put up in the church and church room.

Please will anyone aware of address changes of existing members let me or the churchwardens know as soon as possible?

Sparks

Roll Officer

Vicar's Report

The Revd Sarah Hillman will make a verbal report to the meeting.

Churchwardens' Report

Now that Covid-19 regulations are reduced church life has become less restricted, and, although church attendance numbers are not back to pre-covid, numbers are increasing. We are now back to using our Church Room for winter services. We operate within all Church of England Guidelines and as always we observe our Health and Safety Policy Statement and Risk Assessments. Hand cleanser and face coverings are available for those who wish to use them.

Morning Prayer remains on Zoom.

We are still observing priestly intinction at Communion although the plan is to return to the communal cup on Easter Sunday. (This has now been implemented.)

The graveyard project reached completion early in the year and the ground was consecrated by Bishop Karen on the 7th March. A full burial and three interments of ashes have taken place.

Pat

Church Electoral

The First and Middle Schools' Easter services in St Mary's went well.

Our late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee saw the church tower decorated yet again. The colourful array of knitted and crocheted flowers was admired by all, as was the church which was magnificent with the beautiful floral arrangements and tributes to Queen Elizabeth. The occasion was celebrated by an open-air service attended by over a hundred and fifty people in the grounds of Ilington House.

On the 6th June we both attended St Mary's in Dorchester for the Archdeacon's Visitation at which we were sworn into office for another year.

An Invitation was received for Bishop Stephen's Inauguration on the 18th June. Two of us from St Mary's attended the wonderful occasion. Our new Bishop gave everyone that attended the service a £10 note on leaving the cathedral. The money, like the parable of the mustard seed, was to be made to grow. We were to message Bishop Stephen to inform him as to how we had put the money to work, so, no pressure!

The Flex Group, led by Margaret Rickard, came to St Mary's on the 22nd June. Steps have already been taken to make the church more welcoming and there are further developments planned.

We have embraced the privilege of having a Curate, The Rev Maggie Crosbie this year. At her Welcome Service and supper on the 3rd July we soon realised that we have a great asset to our Benefice in Maggie who has been very much welcomed by all and we wish her many years of ministry.

On Thursday 8th September we were shocked by the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. A book of condolence was made available in St Mary's and a Benefice Memorial Service arranged for the following day. The church bells tolled across the village. All the National Guidelines were followed during that extremely sad and historic time.

On the 1st October several of us attended a study day at Kingston Maurward college entitled 'A day of Hope and Inspiration for rural churches'. Many good ideas were discussed in teams for the support, progression and other ways that worship can be carried out in rural settings. Funding ideas were well received.

Sunday 2nd October we celebrated Harvest Festival. The church looked extra beautiful that day.

Ride and Stride took place on the 10th October.

Bob Todd organised a Ceilidh and supper on the 26th November, that being the nearest date to St Andrew's day on the 30th. The Ukulele Group and the great organisation of the event made the evening, despite the weather, a great success. The floor was packed for all the dances.

Monies raised went towards the expenditure of the completed Graveyard project.

The Children's Society house boxes were collected and counted after the service on the 20th November. A representative from the Society gave an enlightening talk at the service about the work of the Children's Society.

In the build up to Christmas Margaret Rickard ran a most enjoyable Craft Group and lunch in the church room on Thursday afternoons.

December's onset saw a productive Christmas wreath making afternoon in readiness for the Christmas Fayre on the 3rd. Both occasions were very well attended. St Mary's was used as a venue by the Briantspuddle Singers for a concert on the 19th December.

In the aftermath of Covid our schools were able to fully use St Mary's for their Christmas services.

The monthly village lunches and drop-in coffee mornings have been popular now that restrictions are eased.

The Tuesday Prayer Group in the church room remains active.

We should like to record our thanks to all who have helped with the presentation of the church, the maintenance and all the church events. This includes the team that open and close the church each day to ensure that it remains welcoming and accessible. Thank you to all who clean the church and polish the brasses.

Dawn Loveless & Cynthia Metcalfe

Secretary's Report

There were 7 PCC meetings this year. 4 meetings were included with a joint meeting with the Benefice PCCs and 3 meetings were held alone.

Emma

Hughes

Deanery Report

See attached report.

Rod Hughes represented the PCC at 0 Deanery meetings during 2022.

Financial Review of the Year

Expenditure exceeded income by £1,281, but the former included completion of the extension to the Graveyard, which will serve as a final resting place for villagers for many years to come.

Your generous giving provides the majority of our income for which I say, "Thank You". It is supplemented by income received from the Friends,

Church Room rentals, magazine subscribers and advertisers, community lunches, coffee mornings and fundraising events, and I extend my thanks to all who give of their time to these activities. Gift Aid and VAT recoveries enhanced your gifts, and we were also fortunate to benefit from a grant from our Parish Council. Parish Share payable to the Diocese accounts for half of our spending, with magazine costs and church running expenses the next biggest items. Expenditure on completing the Graveyard extension would have been greater had it not been for the labour contributed by members of the congregation, which is gratefully acknowledged. Special collections enabled St. Mary's to make donations to The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral, The Bishop's Fund for the Sudans, The Salvation Army, WaterAid, the Children's Society and Mosaic. In addition, grants were made from the Community Lunch Fund to the Puddletown Charity, St. Mary's Middle School, Puddletown Library and PRIDE (the village recreation ground).

David Elliott
(Treasurer)

Schools' Reports – see attached

Church Room

The church room has continued to be used on a regular basis for village and church groups and meetings, as well as church services during the cold weather. It is also used fairly regularly for private functions and since mid-January is being used as a "warm space" one day a week,

Jane
Stanley

Health & Safety

We continue to use the PCC-approved Health & Safety Policy.

Safeguarding

No incidents have been reported. Cynthia Metcalfe is now our Safeguarding Officer.

Churchyard

A huge thank you to George, Sheila, Carl, Andrew and Hazel who make up the regular grass cutting team. Last year was a challenging one. It started as the grass did not seem to stop growing making it hard to keep on top of it. Then the sun came out with a vengeance so a very light touch was applied to keep it tidy.

The new churchyard grass seemed to grow overnight regardless of the weather and needed mowing more often.

Thank you to those who keep the paths and the front of the church tidy: Bob, Pat and Peter. Please accept my apologies, if I have missed anyone. I look forward to working together again this year.

Hazel
Barret

Fabric

A happily uneventful year in terms of Fabric maintenance. A number of items from the Quinquennial list have been dealt with:

- We have finished pruning the trees.
- A second section of boundary wall has been repointed (the west side of the Lantern Arch) and there has been no further trouble with the mortar.
- The bulge in the eastern boundary wall was checked and there was no discernible movement.
- De-rusting and restringing of the hopper windows will enable more ventilation in the church.

A number of other maintenance items have arisen and been dealt with:

- The lock on the Priest's door needed adjustment
- The Church Room door was sticking but has been improved.
- The Information 'paddle' boards for the church have been updated and renewed.
- Adjustments were needed to the security lighting.
- The lime trees by the Itch gate have been pruned.

The Graveyard extension has been completed and consecrated and the first burial taken place.

Ursula
Pomeroy

Magazine

The Magazine Working Group team remains the same as the previous year and the magazine is managing to break even. The advertising rates and cover price have not risen this year, but it was decided to increase them both for 2023.

Jan O'Mara has been managing the subscriptions and the distributors. This year there was a team of 19 Puddletown distributors delivering to 159 subscribers each month. In Tolpuddle a team of 8 deliver to a further 80. A further 10 free copies are taken to Dewlish and Miborne. There are also 3 postal subscribers. We put 20 for sale in the shop and 15 in

the church. One copy is sent to the History Centre in Dorchester.

We currently have approximately 253 magazines delivered each month, with extra of the December issue printed for Tolpuddle.

The quantity sold in the church and shop varies from month to month.

This December a copy was delivered to every house in Tolpuddle and paid for by St John's PCC. St Mary's PCC chose not to deliver to Puddletown.

Emma
Hughes

Flower Team

The Flower team has 14 regular members, and I am very grateful for their support. We decorated for Easter, Harvest and Christmas, and decorated the Church for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee to run alongside the Flower Tower.

I have been trying to encourage team members who do not normally do the Altar Arrangement to put themselves forward and "give it a go"; it does not have to be ornate, otherwise it is left to a few of us,

The team also created a space for anyone who wanted to bring floral tributes to the church after Her Majesty the Queen passed away.

We continue to be available to arrange flowers for Weddings and have 4 Weddings booked in for 2023 and 1 booked for 2024,

All risk assessments have been updated for 2023 and have been emailed out to the team. It was decided unanimously at the meeting that we would no longer be putting arrangements etc up in the high window sills.

I continue to organise the team rotas.

Heather Mears

Bells

We continue to ring at Puddletown regularly, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and our practice nights every 2nd and 4th Thursday, which we alternate with Milborne.

In the Puddletown, Milborne St Andrew and Hilton Hub we have 14 Ringers and 6 Learners.

In June 2022 we had 3 quotes for the clock to be put over to electric winding and, on recommendation of Taylors Bell foundry, we contacted Crackstone Clock Company, and their quote was accepted. Many thanks to the Friends of Puddletown Church for the generous donation to enable this to happen.

The Bells were rung for the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

The Bells were also rung for Mrs Ridout's funeral. The Bells were rung half muffled on the evening of Queen's death, on the Thursday practice evening. The Bells were also rung half muffled on the day of the Funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth, at Puddletown, Milborne and Hilton.

Robin, with the help and support of Robert Mears and Emma Hughes, keeps the tower and belfry clean and tidy and puts the flag up when needed; with the clock on electric, it will be easier for all.

Robin Mears, Tower
Captain

Friends of Puddletown Church

A year on from the retirement of Ursula Pomeroy as Administrator, she has remained as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, thus allowing the Secretary (Janet Nassim) and Communications Officer (Jill Temple) to benefit from her experience and knowledge of the history of the church. The remainder of her administrative tasks were shared between the Secretary and the Communications Officer. Colin Alder remained as Chair. Ursula was warmly congratulated on her work, carried out almost single-handedly over the years.

The AGM was held on June 23. Two grant proposals were suggested: that we should contribute to the electrification of the tower clock and that we should pay for 2 stained-glass experts to assess the age and condition of the fragments of glass in the north windows and quote for repairing them. The members approved a grant of up to £2,000 towards the clock, but wished to know what the glass-conservators would cost. These quotes, while being pursued, were not available before the year-end of December 31, so that is an on-going project.

The business meeting ended with a request from a member that the work of Bob Todd and his team of volunteers in repair and maintenance of the church and their work in designing the Garden of Remembrance should be recorded. The suggestion was warmly applauded.

The speaker at the AGM was Dr Margaret Barker, one of the founders of Dorchester Poverty Action which was established by Churches Together in 1990 to help local families and individuals in need. Dr Barker gave a vivid account of the kinds of difficulty facing people on low incomes in DT1 and DT2 areas, and how DPA works to provide grants and to raise funding.

Jill Temple (Communications Officer,
FOPC)

THANKS

Puddletown Church continues to be supported by a great number of people who give generously of their time and talents, along with those who contribute financially.

We would like to thank David Elliott for all his hard work taking over as Treasurer and to Emma Hughes, our benefice administrator and PCC secretary. Thanks, too, to Heather Mears and the flower team for all their beautiful displays, the excellent catering team

for their delicious meals and cakes, the churchyard maintenance team who keep our grounds looking so good and the church cleaning team ably led by Jan O'Mara.

Also, an appreciation for the hard work of those who have helped organize events and to the Friends of Puddletown Church.

2023 Report for APCMs from Puddletown First School

Since the previous report the school undertook its Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist School (SIAMS). This is similar to an Ofsted inspection but focusses on how effective the school's distinctive Christian vision is established and promoted in enabling pupils and adults to flourish. Whilst I have attached the full report the key features are;

- The school maintained its good rating despite a considerable rise in the expectations of the inspection process since our previous report.
- The inspector noted that *'the school's distinctive Christian vision consistently drives improvement.'* *'The uniqueness of each individual is enshrined in the vision leading to high quality care...'* *'There is a strong sense of being a caring family...'* *The language of Christian values is used by all.....'* *'[the] curriculum engages pupils...'*
- It was identified that the school could further improve by;
 - i. Further involving pupils in leading and planning worship
 - ii. Extended opportunities for pupils to express and record their ideas in RE
 - iii. Deepen pupils' spirituality
 - iv. Create a more systematic approach to monitoring by governors

These areas all have been discussed both as a staff and with our Diocesan adviser (note of visit attached) and have an action plan

Since September 2022 Puddletown First School has no longer been a member of the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust as the Trust was advised that following the retirement of Paul Chadwick as the Executive Headteacher in 2021 it was too small to be viable. This led to a lot of work by the GTAT team and all schools within GTAT have now joined the Wessex MAT (Thomas Hardy, St Osmund's Middle School, Dorchester Middle School, Purbeck School, Manor Park First School, Damers First School and Bere Regis School), in many ways this reflects the Dorchester Area School Partnership (DASP). DASP has now ceased to exist as Wessex has replaced it. In my view this is a positive step for Puddletown First School.

Puddletown First will be experiencing a further degree of change in September as I will be leaving the school in July, the governors have been supported by Wessex and have successfully recruited Anna Seal to take up the post in September. I would like to thank everyone connected to the school through its church links for the amazing support I have received in my time as headteacher. Puddletown First School is a very special place, and it was a very difficult decision to leave.

As ever our links with St Mary's Church and our Church School status are very important to us. Open the Book continues to be a huge success we are really grateful to the team for all the work they put into planning and delivering the worship. We are also really thankful to Sarah for her support and drop-ins.

We value the support of our church and the prayers that you offer. If you have any particular thoughts or observations about the school, I can be easily contacted at head@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk

Dan Hunwick
Headteacher Puddletown First School
Feb 2023

The Church School Year at St Mary's January - December 2022

Spring term

In Year 5, the RE programme began with a unit of work, led by the Revd Sarah Hillman, about holy communion and its meaning within the Christian church. The children were then given the opportunity to decide whether they wished to be admitted to holy communion and a special service was held at the local church, to which parents were invited.

Year 8 took part in a Holocaust Memorial Day reflection service in January.

An optional service of holy communion was held in the school hall for children in Years 5-8 who wished to attend. (These services are held each month, led by our local vicar, the Revd Sarah Hillman.)

Throughout Lent, pupils were challenged to take part in 40 acts of kindness. Ideas were posted each day on the Daily Bulletin explaining how children could show an act of kindness that day.

Throughout Lent, we also used the Archbishop of York Youth Trust Lent resources, as part of our Collective Worship.

At the end of the spring term, we celebrated Easter by holding a service at St Mary's church. The school worship group was involved in leading this service, along with our school clergy.

Summer term

Reflection Day was led by the Revd Sarah Hillman, supported by both the collective worship group and Julia Goy, the Collective Worship lead. Eight prayer stations, based around the theme of the fruits of the Spirit, were set up in the school hall, and Yr 6 and 7 spent time reflecting and engaging in the various prayer activities.

In May, Julia Goy and Sarah Hillman led a Worship Group trip to Salisbury Cathedral, where the children spent the day learning about Christian worship.

In June, local pioneer vicar, the Revd Hilary Bond, spoke to Year 7 about her environmental campaigning. This was part of the Year 7 T and E (theology and ethics) unit of work on the environment.

The term ended with the Year 8 leavers' service at St Mary's church. Year 8 pupils were able to reflect on the transition they were about to make, from middle to upper school, and the next step in their life journey.

A wonderful addition to the Year 8 curriculum has been the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award - <https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/young-leaders-award>. Developed within the T and E curriculum, the pupils were given the opportunity to carry out acts of service in the school or wider community. A fantastic celebration took place in the school hall, attended by all Yr 8, plus parents. The Bishop of Sherborne gave a motivational talk and handed out the certificates and badges, assisted by our local vicar, Sarah Hillman. A representative from Dorchester Lions gave a special award to the pupil who had made the greatest contribution to their local community.

Autumn term

Harvest Festival took place in our school hall, with the Worship Group taking an active role in organising the food (ready to be delivered to Dorchester Foodbank) and participating in the Collective Worship.

As part of our designation as a church school, we have periodic SIAMS inspections. <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-inspections>. While this inspection is yet to take place, Sarah Hillman, Julia Goy (RE/T and E leader) and Mike Hilborne (acting head) have been working together to prepare. As is often the case in such a process, it has enabled us to look even more closely at the effectiveness of the school's Christian vision and how it enables pupils and adults to flourish. We have continued to embed our values within the curriculum and have endeavoured to theologically underpin everything that we do with our school bible verse. We updated the website about our church school status; reflected on provision for the spiritual development of our pupils and staff; and introduced liturgy into our Collective Worship (beginning with the Peace and ending with the Grace and using a candle to mark the start of our worship).

Sarah's Collective Worship group has taken responsibility for some of the planning and leading of Collective worship this year, and we are keen to increase their participation next year. In a pupil-voice questionnaire, the Collective Worship group said that they enjoyed being actively involved in Collective Worship, but wanted to be even more involved next year. They have also started planning a fete for 2023, to raise money for a child's education in South Sudan (the Salisbury Diocese bursary scheme).

We used the Archbishop of York Youth Trust Advent resources, as part of our Collective Worship throughout December.

The Christmas services provided an occasion for our school to come together, along with parents, to celebrate at our local church. The participation of the school choir, the Collective Worship group and school clergy made this a special event.

The new RE/T and E lead has developed the RE/T and E curriculum to ensure that it is well-sequenced and well-balanced, and that it is theologically underpinned by our school Bible verse. A unit of work has been introduced called 'Global Christianity', which focuses on diversity within the Christian faith and, in 2023, the RE lead hopes to organise a Zoom talk by a Christian in a different part of the world. To reinforce the units of work from Understanding Christianity, Yr 5 and Yr 6 undertook a 5-week course presented by Walk Through The Bible ministries. Yr 5 studied an overview of the Old Testament and Year 6 were given an overview of the New Testament.

DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD
Deanery Synod Members Report 2022 for Annual Church Meetings 2023

The Synod was due to meet on three occasions during 2022. (Two face to face and one zoom meeting)

The first of these was on 3rd May 2022 and was to be held at Fordington. The Revd Sarah Hillman as chair and Mr Roger Holehouse as Lay Chair had to cancel this due to unforeseen circumstances. This meant that the items for that meeting were held over until the second meeting of the year on 20th July 2022 in the beautiful setting of Kingston Maurward College. Sincere thanks went to Michael Clarke for being able to secure this lovely setting for our meeting.

The main topic in July was 'Perspectives on Building Relationships with children and Young People through schools'. The Rural Dean welcomed the Headteacher of Puddletown Middle School Mr Darren Ayling with pupils and Headteacher of the Piddle Valley School Mrs Jayne Browne. Darren Ayling spoke firstly about being a church school and what it was like in terms of leadership. He then introduced Year 6 pupils who had been asked to answer three questions, which they read out and answered at our meeting. Firstly, 'What is religion and faith?', secondly, 'What do you feel like being in a church school?' and thirdly, 'How will religion play a part in your future lives?' Darren Ayling then introduced three former pupils, now at Thomas Hardy in year 10. They shared with us the positives of collective school worship, taking responsibility for their faith and showing respect for others. They spoke of memories from their Middle School days of going to church with the school, saying prayers and now using their knowledge to take Theology as a subject within the curriculum (covering Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam).

Head teacher Jayne Browne then spoke of her first school and how religion begins from when they start at 2 years and 9 months. Their assemblies cover 'Core Christian Values' and being a good citizen. Each year they review what they are teaching in order to develop learning and engage with the wider community. The national framework 'Understanding Christianity' has been very helpful to them in their work. Through this the children use art and craft, creativity and reflection times to explore Christianity, so that by Year 7 they can look at more complex issues such as understanding the Trinity and acts of worship which include debate (requested by students). Questions from the Synos to the students and Headteachers followed.

The Second part of the meeting was a Power Point about Open the Book pProvided by Open the Book, Bible Society) which had been prepared by Rachel Culley and went through the information that had been given out to all members in a 'gift bag'. Members already using Open the Book were invited to share thoughts and the Rev Leila Mather recounted her experiences of the positivity of this in sharing stories together, which children have grown to enjoy and repeat by heart. She also asked Synod members to bear in mind that children worship five times a week in school which is more than most adults do in a week.

Our third meeting (via Zoom) on 10th November 2022, was about Mission and Evangelism. The Revd Leila Mather and the Revd Keith Magee began with a power point presentation entitled 'Being a Parish Church in an obvious way'. They spoke briefly about the 5 marks: *Tell* – the good news of the kingdom; *Teach* –baptise and nurture new believers; *Tend* – respond to human needs by loving service; *Transform* – unjust structures of society, challenging violence and pursue peace and reconciliation; *Treasure* – safeguard the integrity of creation, sustain and renew life on earth. Synod then went into breakout rooms to discuss which of these gave most resonance. The rooms fed back their thoughts and ideas. The Revd Leila Mather then went on to discuss life events linked to the marks and provided photographic examples of: Worship and Fellowship; Welcome; Invitation; Stewardship; Outreach; Management; Openness. Again in breakout rooms discussion focussed around which of the life events we are aware of in our own churches. Feedback suggested that welcoming new faces, honouring intentions and affirming faith were most identified with. Finally the Revd Leila Mather took us through Seasonal Services suggesting that these make church feel like a normal place to be when we attend at Christmas for instance. With photographic examples she asked Synod to consider making church feel like home, embracing new ideas, being creative, thinking outside the church box, creating spaces for reflection, celebrating wider community and creating memories. Synod was ask to reflect on what one encouragement and one challenge could be taken back to their benefice. It was noted that the warm places scheme giving funding to

churches might link into creating space. The Rural Dean thanked the Revd Leila Mather and the Revd Keith Magee for their presentation.

Jane Pridmore (Dorchester Deanery Secretary)

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	Note					
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Other trading activities		9,331	148	-	9,479	7,286
Investments		422	-	26	448	13
		<u>46,492</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>3,854</u>	<u>51,474</u>	<u>50,582</u>
Resources expended	7					
Raising funds		90	-	-	90	503
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		<u>42,887</u>	<u>9,753</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>52,755</u>	<u>51,053</u>
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as at 31 December 2022

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Current liabilities			
Trade creditors/accruals	151	-	
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Net current assets		83,702	82,490
Net assets		<u>84,756</u>	<u>86,037</u>
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Unrestricted funds		26,230	22,625
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		<u>84,756</u>	<u>86,037</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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1 Accounting policies

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4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	13,102	-	-	13,102	11,889
Other planned giving	4,184	-	2,937	7,121	7,329
Collections at services	2,822	-	-	2,822	2,745
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	5,546	300	-	5,846	2,716
Gift aid recovered	5,072	-	891	5,963	6,167
Grants - note 12	-	680	-	680	6,415
	<u>30,726</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>3,828</u>	<u>35,534</u>	<u>37,261</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	2,595	-	-	2,595	2,635
Fundraising activities	3,418	-	-	3,418	3,387
	<u>6,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,013</u>	<u>6,022</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	3,356	-	-	3,356	1,130
Parish magazine	5,975	-	-	5,975	6,156
VAT reclaim	-	148	-	148	-
	<u>9,331</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,479</u>	<u>7,286</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	422	-	26	448	13
	<u>422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>46,492</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>3,854</u>	<u>51,474</u>	<u>50,582</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	90	-	-	90	503
	90	-	-	90	503
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	1,902	-	-	1,902	1,515
Diocesan Parish share	26,906	-	-	26,906	25,754
	28,808	-	-	28,808	27,269
Church Expenses					
Church running expenses	576	6,679	-	7,255	5,667
Church utility bills	2,255	-	-	2,255	1,338
Benefice expenses	2,393	-	-	2,393	2,136
Wages and honorarium	550	-	-	550	65
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	115	115	-
Professional fees	200	-	-	200	1,996
	5,974	6,679	115	12,768	11,202
Costs of trading					
Parish magazine costs	7,346	-	-	7,346	8,107
Church room costs	510	-	-	510	272
Bank charges	159	-	-	159	382
	8,015	-	-	8,015	8,761
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	-	3,074	-	3,074	2,847
Write off of VAT overclaimed	-	-	-	-	471
	-	3,074	-	3,074	3,318
	42,797	9,753	115	52,665	50,550
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	42,887	9,753	115	52,755	51,053

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Reserves as at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
Unrestricted funds - see note 15	22,625	46,492	(42,887)		26,230
Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	42,156	828	(9,753)	(200)	33,031
Bells Fund	-	300	-	200	500
Emergency reserve	6,632	-	-	-	6,632
Future Ministry fund	8,252	-	-	-	8,252
	57,040	1,128	(9,753)	-	48,415
Restricted funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	5,343	3,854	(115)	-	9,082
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	-	1,029
	6,372	3,854	(115)	-	10,111
TOTAL FUNDS	86,037	51,474	(52,755)	-	84,756

10 SOFA Comparative - 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	26,692	6,615	3,954	37,261
Charitable activities	6,022	-	-	6,022
Other trading activities	7,286	-	-	7,286
Investments	13	-	-	13
	40,013	6,615	3,954	50,582
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	503	-	-	503
Charitable Activities	40,236	8,209	2,105	50,550
	40,739	8,209	2,105	51,053
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	(726)	(1,594)	1,849	(471)
Transfers between funds	7,754	(7,754)		
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2021	15,597	66,388	4,523	86,508
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2021	22,625	57,040	6,372	86,037

11 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Designated fund

Puddletown Area Parish Council

680
£ 680

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12 Donations made:

Total donations made in the year to charities and other organisations (all from the General Fund)	<u>£ 1,902</u>
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Included in the above are the following payments in excess of £200

Puddletown Charity	500
Puddletown Rec Improvement and Development	400
	<u>£ 900</u>

13 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From Restricted Fabric fund:

Graveyard extension	3,074
	<u>£ 3,074</u>

14 Analysis of closing unrestricted fund balances

Unrestricted funds

General fund	16,145
Magazine fund	2,098
Lunch fund	2,174
Flowers	313
Legacy	5,500
	<u>£ 26,230</u>

15 Transfers between funds

A transfer of £200 was made from the Designated Fabric Fund to a newly created Designated Bells fund.

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Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	13,102	-	-	13,102	11,889
Other planned giving	4,184	-	2,937	7,121	7,329
Collections at services	2,822	-	-	2,822	2,745
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	5,546	300	-	5,846	2,716
Gift aid recovered	5,072	-	891	5,963	6,167
Grants - note 12	-	680	-	680	6,415
	<u>30,726</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>3,828</u>	<u>35,534</u>	<u>37,261</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	2,595	-	-	2,595	2,635
Fundraising activities	3,418	-	-	3,418	3,387
	<u>6,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,013</u>	<u>6,022</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	3,356	-	-	3,356	1,130
Parish magazine	5,975	-	-	5,975	6,156
VAT reclaim	-	148	-	148	-
	<u>9,331</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,479</u>	<u>7,286</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	422	-	26	448	13
	<u>422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>46,492</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>3,854</u>	<u>51,474</u>	<u>50,582</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	90	-	-	90	503
	90	-	-	90	503
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	1,902	-	-	1,902	1,515
Diocesan Parish share	26,906	-	-	26,906	25,754
	28,808	-	-	28,808	27,269
Church Expenses					
Church running expenses	576	6,679	-	7,255	5,667
Church utility bills	2,255	-	-	2,255	1,338
Benefice expenses	2,393	-	-	2,393	2,136
Wages and honorarium	550	-	-	550	65
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	115	115	-
Professional fees	200	-	-	200	1,996
	5,974	6,679	115	12,768	11,202
Costs of trading					
Parish magazine costs	7,346	-	-	7,346	8,107
Church room costs	510	-	-	510	272
Bank charges	159	-	-	159	382
	8,015	-	-	8,015	8,761
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	-	3,074	-	3,074	2,847
Write off of VAT overclaimed	-	-	-	-	471
	-	3,074	-	3,074	3,318
	42,797	9,753	115	52,665	50,550
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	42,887	9,753	115	52,755	51,053

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Reserves as at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
Unrestricted funds - see note 15	22,625	46,492	(42,887)		26,230
Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	42,156	828	(9,753)	(200)	33,031
Bells Fund	-	300	-	200	500
Emergency reserve	6,632	-	-	-	6,632
Future Ministry fund	8,252	-	-	-	8,252
	57,040	1,128	(9,753)	-	48,415
Restricted funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	5,343	3,854	(115)	-	9,082
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	-	1,029
	6,372	3,854	(115)	-	10,111
TOTAL FUNDS	86,037	51,474	(52,755)	-	84,756

10 SOFA Comparative - 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	26,692	6,615	3,954	37,261
Charitable activities	6,022	-	-	6,022
Other trading activities	7,286	-	-	7,286
Investments	13	-	-	13
	40,013	6,615	3,954	50,582
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	503	-	-	503
Charitable Activities	40,236	8,209	2,105	50,550
	40,739	8,209	2,105	51,053
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	(726)	(1,594)	1,849	(471)
Transfers between funds	7,754	(7,754)		
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2021	15,597	66,388	4,523	86,508
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2021	22,625	57,040	6,372	86,037

11 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Designated fund

Puddletown Area Parish Council

680
£ 680

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12 Donations made:

Total donations made in the year to charities and other organisations (all from the General Fund)	<u><u>£ 1,902</u></u>
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Included in the above are the following payments in excess of £200

Puddletown Charity	500
Puddletown Rec Improvement and Development	400
	<u><u>£ 900</u></u>

13 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From Restricted Fabric fund:

Graveyard extension	3,074
	<u><u>£ 3,074</u></u>

14 Analysis of closing unrestricted fund balances

Unrestricted funds

General fund	16,145
Magazine fund	2,098
Lunch fund	2,174
Flowers	313
Legacy	5,500
	<u><u>£ 26,230</u></u>

15 Transfers between funds

A transfer of £200 was made from the Designated Fabric Fund to a newly created Designated Bells fund.

Accounts

St Mary's Church, Puddletown



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2021

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman,
The Vicarage, Puddletown, Dorchester DT2 8SL

Banks: **CAF Bank Ltd**, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
The CBF Church of England Funds,
London, EC2V 6DZ

**Independent
Examiner:** Mr G Taylor, 23 Whitehill, Puddletown, DT2 8SB

St Mary's Church, Puddletown Annual Report for APCM 2022

Background

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, is part of a Benefice which also includes Tolpuddle and Milborne St Andrew with Dewlish.

The vicarage for the Benefice is situated in Puddletown, opposite the church.

A monthly magazine is produced which now covers the whole Benefice.

The Benefice has 4 churches, St Mary's at Puddletown, St John the Evangelist at Tolpuddle, St Andrew's at Milborne and All Saints' at Dewlish. The Churchwardens regularly hold joint meetings.

The PCCs of the Benefice agreed that payment of the Benefice expenses would be split in 2021 as follows: Puddletown 46% Milborne 27%, Dewlish 8% and Tolpuddle 19%; this reflects the number of people in the May count for each church. A benefice account has been set up for this and is administered by the Benefice Administrator. Puddletown now pays a regular sum into the Benefice Account for the first 9 months of the year.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for a three-year term, a proportion being elected each year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman

Church Wardens: Dawn Loveless
Cynthia Metcalfe

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Rod Hughes
Vacancy

Elected Members:

1 year, to APCM 2022
Peter Bishop

2 years, to APCM 2023
Margaret Rickard
David Jeffreys

3 years, to APCM 2024
Emma Hughes
Pat Sparks
Jo Crankshaw
Andrew Deans
Lizzie Peckover
Bob Todd

There are 0 vacancies

The Church Electoral Roll

Report to Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The certified number on the Roll as at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021 was 54.

During the past twelve months 1 name has been added.

The total enrolment as at the annual meeting 15th May 2022 was 55. This figure will be certified to the diocese and deanery following this meeting. Also revised lists have been put up in the church and church room.

Please will anyone aware of address changes of existing members let me or the churchwardens know as soon as possible?

Pat Sparks

Church Electoral Roll Officer

Vicar's Report

The Revd Sarah Hillman will make a verbal report to the meeting.

Churchwardens' Report

The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at St. George's church, Dorchester on the 28th June 2021.

This year our duties have been a little less restricted than in 2021. We have continued to operate within all current Church of England guidelines however and, as always, kept within our Health and Safety Policy Statement and the changing risk assessments. We hope to have our inventory completed and signed by the end of May again. The Fire extinguishers in the church and church room were checked on 8 December and the lightning conductor is due to be checked.

Services started to go back into the Church room rather than the church from November but since Christmas and spacing concerns we have remained in the church building. It is good to be able to sing again despite the need to wear masks. We are happy to have our two new organists and also our new Treasurer. We are also grateful for the continuing effort and support of all those who have been able to attend St Mary's and have been helping out on a weekly basis through uncertain times.

Sunday afternoon Messy Church re-started in October.

Some parishioners have still not come back to church in person due to their health concerns and shielding. Morning prayers on Zoom are available from Monday to Thursday and on Saturdays.

Both churchwardens have attended Holy Communion services at the middle school and were made most welcome. We would

commend that to any other parishioners as a means of connecting with the young Christians in our community.

When covid restrictions allowed, we were able to meet with Sarah and the other churchwardens in the Benefice.

In July Curate Matt Renyard was seconded to us as part of his work experience which was enlightening. We took our turn to feed him and to get to know him. Matt also spent a morning on the Graveyard Project.

Work on the new graveyard extension has been ongoing throughout the year and is now nearing completion. There has been endless voluntary support from parishioners and local people for which we are extremely grateful. The ground was consecrated by Bishop Karen on the 7th March.

For Remembrance St Mary's Church tower was cascaded with a dazzling array of poppies made by people both near and far. Dorset Echo took up the story giving public recognition.

The Children's Society house boxes were collected and counted in May by a team of volunteers. They are due to be counted again in February and the intention is to get back to the regular opening month in November this year. The weekend of 14th - 15th August we held a most successful and enjoyable Scarecrow Festival with scarecrows being made and displayed around the village. There was also a Caterpillar Cake Competition in the church room.

Thursday coffee mornings are happening again and are well attended

The Monthly Village lunch is as popular as ever and re-commenced in October

December saw a Wreath making afternoon and a Christmas Fair that was well supported. Health and Safety guidelines were adhered to.

All Christmas Services went ahead as scheduled and were well attended.

We would like to record our thanks to all who have helped with the presentation of the church, the church maintenance and all the church events. This includes the team who open and close the church each day to ensure that it remains welcoming and accessible to all visitors and those who clean the church and polish brasses.

Dawn Loveless & Cynthia Metcalfe

Secretary's Report

There were 5 PCC meetings this year. 1 meeting was included with a joint meeting with the Benefice PCCs, 1 was in person and 3 meetings were on Zoom.

Emma Hughes

Deanery Report

See attached report.

Rod Hughes represented the PCC at 0 Deanery meetings during 2021.

Financial Review of the Year

I would like to start my report by first thanking Bob Todd and Lizzie Peckover for their help and assistance, since I took on the role of Treasurer in the middle of 2021. Although expenditure has again exceeded income, the deficit is much smaller than that recorded in 2020. This reflects a return to something approaching 'normality' in the second half of the year, the receipt of grants applied for in 2020 and lower expenditure on the upkeep of the church. Regular gifts through the Parish Giving Scheme and by Standing Order provided a useful degree of certainty to our income, against which I could make regular payments.

Your generosity enabled St. Mary's to make donations to a number of worthy causes in 2021: The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral, The Salvation Army, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Water Aid and The Children's Society. In addition, grants were given from the Lunch Fund to Puddletown Library and Puddletown Village Hall.

Last year's report referred to bank charges increasing. These have been reduced following the PCC agreeing to a proposal to reduce the number of bank accounts we operate with CAF Bank from four to two. The PCC also adopted a policy of charging expenditure relating to the care and insurance of the church to the Fabric Fund and agreed to transfer funds from our Emergency Reserve to enable us to pay our Parish Share due to the Diocese in full. These actions have benefitted our General Fund.

I sincerely hope that when I write this report next year, I will be able to describe how all our plans for 2022 were uninterrupted by restrictions.

David Elliott (Treasurer)

Schools' Reports – see attached

Church Room

During the year bookings for the church room were down due to COVID, but in recent months, bookings have picked up and the room is used most days

David has retired as booking clerk, and you will see in the church magazine that it is now Jane Stanley. Jane's phone number is in the magazine.

Jean Jeffreys

Health & Safety

We continue to use the PCC-approved Health & Safety Policy.

Safeguarding

No incidents have been reported. Cynthia Metcalfe is now our Safeguarding Officer.

Churchyard

We have at St Mary's a great team who look after the cutting and trimming of the graveyard: George, Hazel and Andrew. They give their time freely. As far as is possible, they cut around the wild flowers and have recently taken on the new part of the graveyard.

Thank you to all three for taking on this task.

Jean Jeffreys

Fundraising Activities

Once restrictions had been lifted, we quickly resumed our traditional activities. Thursday morning coffee re-started in August, with monthly lunches following on from October. The Scarecrow Festival attracted a good number of entries and was enjoyed by many. Together with the Christmas Fair, these events made a valuable contribution to our funds.

Our Events Committee has been re-formed and is considering its programme for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to all the individuals, charities, organisations and businesses who supported St. Mary's in 2021.

David Elliott (Treasurer)

Fabric

Following the general repairs carried out in 2020, there have been few problems to deal with this year.

Trees: permission was received to trim 6 trees; 4 of these have been done and we hope the remaining 2 will be dealt with shortly.

Boundary walls: the lime mortar used in the first section of boundary wall repair, carried out in 2020, proved not strong enough, so the builder has done it again at no further charge. The PCC voted in favour of carrying out a further section of repair in accordance with the Architect's advice that a rolling programme of boundary wall repairs should be established.

After taking advice from the architect and from a structural engineer about the East boundary wall which has a 'bulge' about halfway along, it was decided to monitor the angle of outward lean annually with measurements and photographs, to see whether it is moving at all.

The builder, Simon Crumbleholme, cleared the gutters and downpipes at no charge.

We look forward to being able to hold our AGM this year, Covid-permitting.

Ursula Pomeroy

Burial Ground

Following the gifting of the land behind the old First School buildings, the PCC agreed to develop this plot of land for use as a new burial ground. However as the main lead in this endeavour was unable to continue with the project, and the architect's plans and permissions all fell into hibernation until the PCC asked to re-establish the project before the planning permissions ran out, Peter Bishop and I set forth to move once again to re start the project.

Also on board was Jacky Burden to make up the team. We were able to get a builder to take out a section of the old boundary wall enabling our team of volunteers to gain access to the plot, instead of climbing over the wall with our team of helpers to start clearing the overgrown site.

We were advised by our new architect on the provision of ramps to and in the site and the removal of all the old drains and associated underground pipes. This required a specialist drains expert to examine the pipe work and to ascertain that all were unused and blocked off. This proved to be the case and we had to then employ a man and his digger to excavate the site and remove all the drain pipes and soak aways on site along with over ten tons of rubble.

The team, having cleared the site with the help of our onsite builder with his digger, then covered the ground with tarpaulin for the winter, and turned our attention to a plan as to what to do with the far east end of the site which has very deep concrete and brick foundations left over when the site was demolished. A plan was hatched and approved by the Archdeacon and the PCC to turn this area into a garden and area for interment of ashes.

The following year we set forth and cultivated the burials plot and grass seeded the land and crossed our fingers that the weather allowed good germination of the grass seed. Then we tackled the old foundation area and got our local builder in to level the area with extra concrete and to rebuild the wall entrance back. During the autumn winter of 2021/22 the team cultivated the plot and spread slate chippings and pebbles to the hard areas and planted out in between the old foundations with shrubs and topped off with bark mulch to reduce weeds.

After two years of hard graft by all the team involved the project was finished, we were ready for the 7th March 2022 deadline and a ceremony of Consecration was performed by our Bishop Karen. We came way under budget of £45k due to the magnificent effort of our team of volunteers at a cost of just under £8k.

Magazine

The Magazine Working Group team remains the same as the previous year and the magazine is managing to break even. The advertising rates and cover price have not risen this year.

Jan O'Mara and Clare Campbell have been managing the subscriptions and the distributors. This year they had a team of 19 Puddletown distributors delivering to 172 subscribers each month. In Tolpuddle a team of 8 deliver to a further 90. A further 10 free copies are taken to Dewlish and Miborne. There are also 6 postal subscribers. We also put 30 for sale in the shop and church. One copy is sent to the History Centre in Dorchester.

We currently have approximately 330 magazines delivered each month, with 885 of the December issue printed.

The quantity sold in the church and shop varies from month to month.

This December a copy was delivered to every house in Puddletown and Tolpuddle.

Marion Bishop resigned as collator and was replaced by Emma Hughes, taking over at the end of the year. Clare Campbell also resigned in December 2021., and we have 3 new proof readers. Lucy Green, Laura Welch and Mandy Taylor. The PCC acknowledged the work of Marion and Clare with gifts.

Emma Hughes

Flower Team

The Flower team has 15 regular members, and I am very grateful for their support.

We have yet to meet as a group, but it has been so good to get back decorating our church together, ready for Easter, Harvest and Christmas,

We plan to discuss decorating the Church for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to run alongside the Flower Tower.

I have been trying to encourage team members who do not normally do the Altar Arrangement to put themselves forward and "give it a go"

The Wedding team arranged the Flowers for Hannah Antell and Ben Wadey's Wedding and also arranged flowers for Tom Ridout's memorial service just before Harvest.

All Risk assessments have been updated for 2022 and emailed out to the team.

I continue to organise the team rotas, and planning on how to get us all together, at some point!

Heather Mears

Bells

We seem to be going from strength to strength, ringing most Thursday nights 6pm – 7:30pm and have 8 regular Ringers. We have "joined forces" with Hilton tower and this has enabled us to ring more methods and support learners.

Feb 27th - Robin Mears tolled the Tenor Bell 100 in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, whose funeral was held that day.

March 23th – Emma Hughes tolled the bell 365 times after the minute's silence on the National Reflection Day organised by the Marie Curie Foundation.

April 4th - The bells were rung for Easter Day.

April 10th - Robin Mears rung the tenor half muffled for HRH Prince Philip who had died aged 99.

April 17th - Robin Mears rang the tenor half muffled again for 20 minutes with a minute silence on the day of HRH Prince Philip's funeral.

April 18th - The bells were rung open for evensong for the commemoration of HRH Prince Philip.

July 1st - Return to full time ringing since lock down.

July 16th - The bells were rung for the wedding of Hannah Antell and Benjamin Wadey.

August 14th - Puddletown ringers and ringers from other towers rang for the Scarecrow Festival

Sept 2nd - On our usual practice night, we rang 120 plain bob doubles for Jim & Diana Wilson's Diamond Wedding.

Oct 30th - The bells were rung for COP 26.

Nov 11th – On practice night the bells were rung half muffled for Remembrance Day,

Nov 14th - The Bells were rung half muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

Due to bellringers visiting their families the bells were not rung at Christmas time, but a visiting band rung a quarter peal to celebrate Christmas and new year on 29th Dec.

Robin Mears, Tower Captain

Friends of Puddletown Church

It is with regret that I confirm the retirement of Ursula Pomeroy as Administrator of the Friends of Puddletown Church (FOPC), a post she has held since 2008. Fortunately, she has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. All associated with St Mary's, and indeed the whole community, owe her a huge debt of gratitude for shouldering the major responsibility for organizing and leading the group in protecting, maintaining, and improving the fabric and furnishings of this ancient church. Colin Alder remains as Chair, Janet Nassim as Secretary and Jill Temple has joined as Communications Officer. We continue to hope that someone can be found to take on the role of Administrator.

The Friends had their first Annual General Meeting since the start of the Covid pandemic on 2nd September 2021. The Financial Report detailing 2020/21 income and expenditure was approved, with the major grants having gone to the PCC for repairs to the Church bells, and to repairs identified as necessary by the Quinquennial Report on the state of the Church building. These expenditures having left a rather low balance of £2,800.36, and few requests given the uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic, it was agreed to make no grants in 2021/22. There has, however, been a change to FOPC financial reporting. At the request of the PCC's new treasurer, David Elliott, its financial year will now run by calendar year, rather than from 1st July to 30th June, bringing it line with the PCC's reporting year.

Janet Nassim (Secretary, FOPC)

THANKS

Puddletown Church continues to be supported by a great number of people who give generously of their time and talents, along with those who contribute financially.

We would like to thank David Elliott for all his hard work taking over as Treasurer and to Emma Hughes, our benefice administrator and PCC secretary.

Thanks, too, to Heather Mears and the flower team for all their beautiful displays, the excellent catering team for their delicious meals and cakes, the churchyard maintenance team who keep our grounds looking so good and the church cleaning team ably led by Jan O'Mara.

Particular thanks to Marion Bishop and Clare Campbell for all their work on the Parish Magazine over the years.

Also, an appreciation for the hard work of the Events Committee and to The Friends of Puddletown Church.

2022 Report for APCM from Puddletown First School

Last year proved to be another year of managing Covid restrictions, school closure and multiple changes to Government guidance. It is fair to say that some of the guidance has come at very short notice, as was the notice that schools would be closing in January 2021!

The January to March lockdown was certainly more challenging for everybody, including us in school. We had more children in school under the key worker provision meaning that staff were planning and delivering on line learning and support at the same time as directly teaching 10 -20 children in school.

We had learned a lot from the previous lockdown experience in terms of online learning and were able to provide a lot more structure and content for parents this time round. At the same time we were very aware of the pressure online learning presented for families with children from different school settings. We were very clear with our parents that they should always prioritise the well-being of themselves and their families over anything else. To support this staff maintained at least one weekly phone call with all of our families and were available via email.

We offered practical support for all of our families via government food vouchers. This was supplemented by an offer to all our families to collect food from school, this food was provided by Dorset Food Links (our hot school meal provider). As we were expected to maintain payments with the various contractors we have we asked Food Links to provide us with the equivalent value in produce (tins, fresh vegetables, fruit and packets etc). This we then made available to all families in the community, delivering food packs where necessary. At the end of the week what was left over was donated to the foodbank run by Sarah.

On the return to school in March we set ourselves 2 priorities

1. To re-engage the children with the school experience focussing on enjoyment and social skills
2. Pupil well- being

We then began to address and manage any gaps in learning and support those who had begun to fall behind perhaps due to limited engagement in home learning.

Whilst there was a lot talked about, particularly in the media, about lost learning and lost generations we were very clear that firstly you can't lose something you haven't had and that we would be able to catch children up but to do so effectively it needs to be done carefully and sympathetically, especially when considering the age of the children. Hence we see this as an 18 -24 month process. We are confident the children will be where they need to be in their learning. To support this we have invested heavily in additional adult support across the whole age range. Some of this is funded by additional government grants, much of it isn't and has put our budget under pressure and is something we can only sustainably do in the short term.

What was clear was how much the children had missed school and how important it is to them. We have learnt many lessons from the whole Covid experience but for me the key is that children must be in school and when in school they must be with their peers in the classroom and that individual or small group work that withdraws them from the social context of the classroom must be used sparingly and carefully.

September began with pretty much a 'normal' school with no restrictions or bubbles etc. and was a joy! We were able to have whole school Collective Worship all together in the hall for the first time in many months. It is difficult to really put into words or quantify the important role whole school collective worship has in drawing a school together. In many ways having the opportunity for normality at the start of term made the return to restrictions; bubbles, virtual collective worship etc. even harder and it did hit the staff hard. Sadly, we had another 'Covid Christmas' meaning our Nativity was a video production rather than a live show, although this year we were at least able to invite parents a class at a time to at least see the children sing their song in their Nativity costumes. We were also able to have Carols Around the Village, class parties and a Carol Service at St Mary's Church, although sadly at the last minute we had to cancel parent's attendance.

To date as a school we have been fortunate to be limited in the number of Covid cases in school. Whilst some small outbreaks have occurred with the children and some staff have had Covid we have so far avoided the mass absences of some schools. Whilst much of this must be due to good fortune, both staff, parents and our community have played their part by always being supportive, vigilant and following the guidance.

School life hasn't all been about Covid however I am glad to say! Throughout the summer and autumn term we did maintain our school visits with all the children going on at least one outing. Our Y4 children even managed their residential stay at Hooke Court. We also had sports day and many of the rites of passage events for our leavers.

As always we are striving to improve and develop our curriculum provision and are looking at how we can develop a stronger sense of sustainability into our curriculum. We will also be introducing a new phonics teacher scheme to support our teaching of reading.

We continue to work on promoting our vision statement.

We care enough to try our best in all we do because we are wonderfully made:

made to love,

made to flourish,

made to be unique

They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.

Psalm 1 verse 3

I have attached our latest Diocese Advisor report which provides more detail on this.

As ever our links with St Mary's Church and our Church School status are very important to us. 'Open the Book' continues to be a huge success we are really grateful to the team for all the work they put into planning and delivering the worships. We are also really thankful to Sarah for her support and drop ins, collective worship, church services and pastoral support.

We value the support of our church and the prayers that you offer. If you have any particular thoughts or observations about the school I can be easily contacted at head@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk

Dan Hunwick

Headteacher Puddletown First School

Jan 2022

Annual Report for the Annual Parochial Church Council for St. Mary's C.E. Middle School

We are pleased to be able to report this year on a less disrupted school experience for our pupils, with many aspects of school beginning to return to what we remember as normality. As in previous reports, the school continues to move forward and it has been another very successful year.

Whilst there has been some continuing restrictions from the pandemic, in many ways, it has been a return to business as usual. We are back to being able to allow pupils to mix together, between year groups, at times of the day such as break and lunch. Pupils and parents have been largely very supportive of measures such as the wearing of masks and weekly testing and this has managed to control infection numbers and allow us to keep children in school.

We continue to have excellent support from our chaplaincy team who help us deliver the act of worship program. We have been able to return to some live full school worship in the hall, for almost the first time in two years, whilst continuing to deliver some worship via video link. The school was delighted to be able to worship together in St. Mary's Church as part of our Christmas services: something we have missed greatly over the last two years. Moving forward, we hope to increase the live worship opportunities as we progress through the rest of the year. I am thankful to the chaplaincy team who have been able to maintain the schools offer of monthly optional communion, with a regular attendance of around 50 students (not including Year 5 pupils who have only just completed the lessons in school, with a small number admitted to communion at our annual service).

Pupils have missed out on many of the traditional school experiences such as residential trips and concerts over the last two years. Staff at the school were determined that we would restart these events for our pupils. We completed a residential trip to Osmington Bay for Year 6 pupils, which was one of their first ever school residential experiences. Unfortunately, we had to cut the visit short by one day due to Storm Eunice (what are the chances of 'the storm of the decade' occurring during their residential!) although pupils did get a few days of adventure activities on the site. My thanks to all of the staff who gave up time at home to make sure this happened. In a few weeks, we will take our Year 8 pupils to Pencelli in the Brecon Beacons for a week full of adventure and challenge.

We also managed to get a Christmas Concert together, involving over half the school in some capacity. It was such a joy to see the looks on their faces at being in front of a live audience, the initial nerves turning to confidence and such a sense of fun in being able to perform. Oh, how we have all missed this! Again, thanks, particularly to the music department for finding ways to overcome obstacles to make this happen. It was massively appreciated by parents and pupils alike.

Pupil numbers at the school remain very healthy, with the school being almost at full capacity, remaining a popular choice for parents in the local area. Pupils coming into Year 5 were able to have the full transition package and this has meant that they have quickly settled into the middle school way of life. Year 8 pupils also finished in July with a celebration evening (of pizza, bouncy castles and an outdoor cinema), a church reflection service and a final awards ceremony (well 2 actually, we did have to send the year group home on the final day to self-isolate – we almost made it!). These milestones are very important in a child's life and we were pleased to be able to mark them in the proper way.

Following the successful Ofsted inspection in 2019, we find ourselves as a school with a good time period before we are due to next be inspected. We are using that time to fundamentally look at the way our curriculum is constructed, use the latest research to ensure maximum memory retention of what we have studied and to get pupils to take more ownership of their learning. We are also overdue our 5 yearly SIAMS inspection and anticipate that this will happen before the end of this school year. We feel that we are in strong position as a school moving into this inspection and look forward to welcoming the inspection team to the school in due course.

Indications are that our hard work throughout the various periods of lockdown has minimised any effect on pupils understanding. We have seen pupils maintain the pre-COVID standards in many areas, such as reading. Our main challenge will be to increase the accuracy of pupils writing over the next year as this is the area we have seen some regression in. We are making full use of all the available government funding to target pupils for intervention sessions and one-to-one tutoring and this is already showing results. I want to acknowledge the fantastic staff team here at the school; they have worked so hard over the last few years to ensure that we are in good shape for the future.

The school does now find itself at the start of a new challenge. Our small Multi Academy Trust (MAT), the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust will be merging with the Wessex MAT at the start of next year. This will form a bigger trust of 12 schools (including all three Dorchester-based middle schools) who will work closely together in the years to come. I must acknowledge the work of governors and trustees (all unpaid volunteers) for their time and effort to make sure the school is ready to face the future in the strongest possible way.

Darren Ayling, Headteacher, St. Mary's C.E. Middle School

DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD
Deanery Synod Members Report 2021 for Annual Church Meetings 2022

The Synod met on three occasions during 2021. (One face to face and two zoom meetings)

The first of these was on 4th May 2021 where The Revd Sarah Hillman as chair welcomed everyone and outlined our roles as Deanery Synod members which included regular feedback to PCC meetings and a Statutory Role to 'consider and make provision for what comes down from General Synod and Diocesan Synod levels'. Election of 2021 Representatives to the Diocesan Synod were Margaret Morissey, Jill Minchen, David Elliott, Jane Pridmore, the Revd Leila Mather, the Revd Mark Phillips and the Revd Sarah Hillman. These posts are for 3 years ending in 2024. The main focus of this meeting was 'Shaping the Church for the Future' where The Revd Roger Butcher gave a presentation of how good it is to not know what the future looks like so that we do not have preconceived ideas. The key questions were 'What will the future church look like?' 'What have I learnt during lockdown?' 'What has the wider church learnt during lockdown?' Hazel Morgan then spoke from a Lay perspective about the opportunities of Zoom, streaming services, and inclusivity with Messy Church, Café Church or Breakfast Church and using the outdoors for services. We then broke into discussion groups and came back with ideas to bring to our own PCC's including:

- Ecology issues especially looking to children who are very clear on this topic
- Going out into the community – picnics/open air services
- Becoming more open and inclusive – opening for concerts, talks and not just Sundays.
- Accessibility by considering the 'front' we put out
- Leadership showing a willingness to challenge and change ideas or boundaries
- Representing all people not just white
- Engaging with existing congregations
- Not forgetting the Gospel at our core
- Communal worship
- Technology continue using zoom and on line into the future but also being aware of those not able to use technology and thinking how we can involve them too
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The Revd Sarah Hillman then shared 'Beyond the Present' a video prepared by our three Bishops and others. She summarised by saying that the deanery should be a positive way forward and not a burden. It should enhance Mission and Ministry together. She invited members of the Synod to go back and ask their parishes what the Deanery could do to support their church mission and ministry.

The second meeting on 14th July had its focus a 'Climate Change – net zero by 2030'. The Ven Penny Sayer was the guest speaker and this meeting was held outside (Puddletown Junior School). We were advised to look at our own church figures for 2019 to do a survey on our churches, halls, property, vicarages and church schools. Beaminster and Salisbury Cathedral now have Gold Eco Awards. Changes could be as simple as setting up habitats for birds in the churchyard, changing lightbulbs or encouraging people to walk to church. We then broke into groups for discussions and feedback which provided more questions. It was advised that PCC's could discuss these matters further.

Our third meeting of the year on 4th November, a new Lay Chair and Vice Lay Chair were elected (Roger Holehouse and Nigel Pridmore). These posts run until 2023. Our focus was 'Understanding Diocesan Finance' where David Pain and Liz Ashmead (Salisbury) came to explain and answer questions. The Mission and Pastoral Plan have three objectives i.e. Clearer paths to mission and ministry, better care for those who serve and stronger roots for the local church. Choices on spending have to be made. Liz Ashmead highlighted specific spending figures. The Salisbury deficit is now £5 million with an additional £2.5 million Coronavirus Bank Loan. As a result the church is selling property and assets but also looking to the Parish Share. Many questions on spending were then asked (details of these on the Deanery Synod Webpage where full minutes are available). PCC Treasurers were asked to feedback to PCC's regarding changes to the Parish Share. Our Synod Treasurer Michael Clarke explained that this year we have paid 57% of our share compared to 71% at the same time in the previous year and he suspected Parishes would pay what they could afford. Discussion followed on GS-2222 and how this might impact on funding.

Jane Pridmore (Dorchester Deanery Secretary)

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Charitable activities		6,022	-	-	6,022	3,998
Other trading activities		7,286	-	-	7,286	5,358
Investments		13	-	-	13	114
		<u>40,013</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>3,954</u>	<u>50,582</u>	<u>53,976</u>
Resources expended	8					
Raising funds		503	-	-	503	43
Charitable Activities		40,236	8,209	2,105	50,550	81,526
		<u>40,739</u>	<u>8,209</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>51,053</u>	<u>81,569</u>
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		<u>(726)</u>	<u>(1,594)</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>(471)</u>	<u>(27,593)</u>
Transfers between funds	16	7,754	(7,754)	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>7,028</u>	<u>(9,348)</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>(471)</u>	<u>(27,593)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2021	10	<u>15,597</u>	<u>66,388</u>	<u>4,523</u>	<u>86,508</u>	<u>114,101</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2021	10	<u>22,625</u>	<u>57,040</u>	<u>6,372</u>	<u>86,037</u>	<u>86,508</u>

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Balance Sheet
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Friends account	4,437	9,390	
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	82,490	78,594	
Net current assets		82,490	78,594
Loans due after one year		-	-
Net assets		86,037	86,508
Parish Funds	10		
Unrestricted funds		22,625	15,597
Designated funds		57,040	66,388
Restricted funds		6,372	4,523
		86,037	86,508

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1 Accounting policies

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2 Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	11,889	-	-	11,889	15,146
Other planned giving	4,281	-	3,048	7,329	6,937
Collections at services	2,745	-	-	2,745	1,429
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	2,516	200	-	2,716	8,842
Gift aid recovered	5,261	-	906	6,167	2,886
Grants - note 12	-	6,415	-	6,415	9,266
	<u>26,692</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>3,954</u>	<u>37,261</u>	<u>44,506</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	2,635	-	-	2,635	2,088
Fundraising activities	3,387	-	-	3,387	1,910
	<u>6,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>3,998</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	1,130	-	-	1,130	1,315
Parish magazine	6,156	-	-	6,156	4,043
	<u>7,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,286</u>	<u>5,358</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	13	-	-	13	114
	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>114</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>40,013</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>3,954</u>	<u>50,582</u>	<u>53,976</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	503	-	-	503	43
	503	-	-	503	43
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	1,515	-	-	1,515	729
Diocesan Parish share	25,754	-	-	25,754	25,239
	27,269	-	-	27,269	25,968
Church Expenses				-	
Church running expenses	467	5,200	-	5,667	6,552
Church utility bills	1,338	-	-	1,338	938
Benefice expenses	2,136	-	-	2,136	3,160
Wages and honorarium	65	-	-	65	225
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	-	-	42
Professional fees	200	1,796	-	1,996	200
	4,206	6,996	-	11,202	11,117
Costs of trading				-	
Parish magazine costs	8,107	-	-	8,107	4,352
Church room costs	272	-	-	272	339
Bank charges	382	-	-	382	180
	8,761	-	-	8,761	4,871
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	-	742	2,105	2,847	39,570
Write off of VAT overclaimed	-	471	-	471	-
	-	1,213	2,105	3,318	39,570
	40,236	8,209	2,105	50,550	81,526
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	40,739	8,209	2,105	51,053	81,569

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Reserves as at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General fund - see note 15	15,597	40,013	(40,739)	7,754	22,625
Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	43,750	6,615	(8,209)	-	42,156
Emergency reserve	14,386	-	-	(7,754)	6,632
Future Ministry fund	8,252	-	-	-	8,252
	66,388	6,615	(8,209)	(7,754)	57,040
Restricted funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	3,494	3,954	(2,105)	-	5,343
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	-	1,029
	4,523	3,954	(2,105)	-	6,372
TOTAL FUNDS	86,508	50,582	(51,053)	-	86,037

10 SOFA Comparative - 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	27,111	-	17,395	44,506
Charitable activities	3,998	-	-	3,998
Other trading activities	5,358	-	-	5,358
Investments	114	-	-	114
	36,581	-	17,395	53,976
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	43	-	-	43
Charitable Activities	55,223	-	26,303	81,526
	55,266	-	26,303	81,569
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	(18,685)	-	(8,908)	(27,593)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2020	34,282	66,388	13,431	114,101
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2020	15,597	66,388	4,523	86,508

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- 11 The year end for the Parish Magazine, which had been to 31 July 2021, was extended to 31 December 2021 to match the Parish year end.

12 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Designated fund

Erskine Muton Trust - Bell Grant	2,000
Erskine Muton Trust - Maintenance Grant	2,000
Puddletown Area Parish Council	665
Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund	1,600
Grassby's - Churchyard Extension Grant	150
	<u>£ 6,415</u>

The grant income for the bell repairs were contributions towards the total costs of £13,327 which was expended in the year ended 31 December 2020.

13 Donations made:

Total donations made in the year to charities and other organisations (all from the General Fund)	<u>£ 1,515</u>
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Included in the above are the following payments in excess of £200

The Childrens Society	289
Puddletown Library	250
Puddletown Village Hall	250
	<u>£ 789</u>

14 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From Restricted Fabric fund:

Graveyard repairs	2,182
Repairs to Walls	665
	<u>2,847</u>

15 Analysis of closing unrestricted fund balances

Unrestricted funds

General fund	11,277
Magazine fund	3,469
Lunch fund	1,991
Flowers	388
Legacy	5,500
	<u>£ 22,625</u>

16 Transfers between funds

At the PCC meeting held on 6th December 2021, it was agreed to transfer £7,754 from the Emergency Reserve Fund to the General Fund.

Without this it would not have been possible to pay the balance of Parish Share due to the Diocese. The PCC was of the view that the pandemic had impacted significantly on the income and therefore it was an appropriate use of these funds.

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Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	11,889	-	-	11,889	15,146
Other planned giving	4,281	-	3,048	7,329	6,937
Collections at services	2,745	-	-	2,745	1,429
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	2,516	200	-	2,716	8,842
Gift aid recovered	5,261	-	906	6,167	2,886
Grants - note 12	-	6,415	-	6,415	9,266
	<u>26,692</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>3,954</u>	<u>37,261</u>	<u>44,506</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	2,635	-	-	2,635	2,088
Fundraising activities	3,387	-	-	3,387	1,910
	<u>6,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>3,998</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	1,130	-	-	1,130	1,315
Parish magazine	6,156	-	-	6,156	4,043
	<u>7,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,286</u>	<u>5,358</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	13	-	-	13	114
	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>114</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>40,013</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>3,954</u>	<u>50,582</u>	<u>53,976</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	503	-	-	503	43
	503	-	-	503	43
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	1,515	-	-	1,515	729
Diocesan Parish share	25,754	-	-	25,754	25,239
	27,269	-	-	27,269	25,968
Church Expenses				-	
Church running expenses	467	5,200	-	5,667	6,552
Church utility bills	1,338	-	-	1,338	938
Benefice expenses	2,136	-	-	2,136	3,160
Wages and honorarium	65	-	-	65	225
Administration costs, printing and postage	-	-	-	-	42
Professional fees	200	1,796	-	1,996	200
	4,206	6,996	-	11,202	11,117
Costs of trading				-	
Parish magazine costs	8,107	-	-	8,107	4,352
Church room costs	272	-	-	272	339
Bank charges	382	-	-	382	180
	8,761	-	-	8,761	4,871
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	-	742	2,105	2,847	39,570
Write off of VAT overclaimed	-	471	-	471	-
	-	1,213	2,105	3,318	39,570
	40,236	8,209	2,105	50,550	81,526
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	40,739	8,209	2,105	51,053	81,569

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Reserves as at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General fund - see note 15	15,597	40,013	(40,739)	7,754	22,625
Designated funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	43,750	6,615	(8,209)	-	42,156
Emergency reserve	14,386	-	-	(7,754)	6,632
Future Ministry fund	8,252	-	-	-	8,252
	66,388	6,615	(8,209)	(7,754)	57,040
Restricted funds:					
Church Fabric Fund	3,494	3,954	(2,105)	-	5,343
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	-	1,029
	4,523	3,954	(2,105)	-	6,372
TOTAL FUNDS	86,508	50,582	(51,053)	-	86,037

10 SOFA Comparative - 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	27,111	-	17,395	44,506
Charitable activities	3,998	-	-	3,998
Other trading activities	5,358	-	-	5,358
Investments	114	-	-	114
	36,581	-	17,395	53,976
Resources expended		-		
Raising funds	43	-	-	43
Charitable Activities	55,223	-	26,303	81,526
	55,266	-	26,303	81,569
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	(18,685)	-	(8,908)	(27,593)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2020	34,282	66,388	13,431	114,101
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2020	15,597	66,388	4,523	86,508

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- 11 The year end for the Parish Magazine, which had been to 31 July 2021, was extended to 31 December 2021 to match the Parish year end.

12 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Designated fund

Erskine Muton Trust - Bell Grant	2,000
Erskine Muton Trust - Maintenance Grant	2,000
Puddletown Area Parish Council	665
Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund	1,600
Grassby's - Churchyard Extension Grant	150
	<u>£ 6,415</u>

The grant income for the bell repairs were contributions towards the total costs of £13,327 which was expended in the year ended 31 December 2020.

13 Donations made:

Total donations made in the year to charities and other organisations (all from the General Fund)	<u>£ 1,515</u>
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Included in the above are the following payments in excess of £200

The Childrens Society	289
Puddletown Library	250
Puddletown Village Hall	250
	<u>£ 789</u>

14 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From Restricted Fabric fund:

Graveyard repairs	2,182
Repairs to Walls	665
	<u>2,847</u>

15 Analysis of closing unrestricted fund balances

Unrestricted funds

General fund	11,277
Magazine fund	3,469
Lunch fund	1,991
Flowers	388
Legacy	5,500
	<u>£ 22,625</u>

16 Transfers between funds

At the PCC meeting held on 6th December 2021, it was agreed to transfer £7,754 from the Emergency Reserve Fund to the General Fund.

Without this it would not have been possible to pay the balance of Parish Share due to the Diocese. The PCC was of the view that the pandemic had impacted significantly on the income and therefore it was an appropriate use of these funds.

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St Mary's Church, Puddletown



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2020

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman,
The Vicarage, Puddletown, Dorchester

Banks: **CAF Bank Ltd**, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
The CBF Church of England Funds,
London, EC2V 6DZ

**Independent
Examiner:** Mr G Taylor, 23 Whitehill, Puddletown, DT2 8SB

St Mary's Church, Puddletown
Annual Report for APCM 2021

Background

St Mary's Church, Puddletown, is part of a Benefice which also includes Tolpuddle and Milborne St Andrew with Dewlish.

The vicarage for the Benefice is situated in Puddletown, opposite the church.

A monthly magazine is produced which now covers the whole Benefice.

The Benefice has 4 churches, St Mary's at Puddletown, St John's at Tolpuddle, St Andrew's at Milborne and All Saints' at Dewlish. The Churchwardens regularly hold joint meetings.

The PCCs of the Benefice agreed that payment of the Benefice expenses would be split in 2020 as follows: Puddletown 46% Milborne 27%, Dewlish 8% and Tolpuddle 19%; this reflects the number of people in the May count for each church. A benefice account has been set up for this and is administered by the Benefice Administrator. Puddletown now pays a regular sum into the Benefice Account for the first 9 months of the year with the expectation that profits from the Benefice Fête will cover the rest of the year, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no fete held in 2020.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for a three-year term, a proportion being elected each year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar: The Revd Sarah Hillman

Church Wardens: Dawn Loveless
Cynthia Metcalfe

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Rod Hughes
Vacancy

Elected Members:

1 year, to APCM 2021

Pam Fleetwood
Pat Sparks
Emma Hughes

2 years, to APCM 2022

Peter Bishop

3 years, to APCM 2022

Margaret Rickard
David Jeffreys

There are 3 vacancies

The Church Electoral Roll

Report to Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The certified number on the Roll as at the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019 was 52.

During the past twelve months 3 names have been added & 1 member has died.

The total enrolment as at the annual meeting on 4th October 2020 was 54. This figure will be certified to the diocese and deanery following this meeting. Also revised lists have been put up in the church and church room.

Please will anyone aware of address changes of existing members let me or the churchwardens know as soon as possible.

Pat Sparks
Church Electoral Roll Officer

Vicar's Report

The Revd Sarah Hillman will make a verbal report to the meeting.

Churchwarden's Report

Since our Archdeacon's Visitation at the end of November 2020, when officially becoming Churchwardens, our duties throughout Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and the current Lockdown, have been somewhat different to what our Churchwarden lives would have been in "normal" circumstances.

Services at Christmas could only be attended by booking in advance as the safe spacing for the Carol and Crib services meant a limit to the numbers in attendance. This necessitated having two consecutive services and sanitising surfaces between services. This was managed successfully by a very efficient sanitising team.

During the most recent lockdown, services have rotated around the benefice. For all services at St. Mary's alternate pews are being used with at least 2 metre spacing between people from different households. Members of the congregation are asked to sanitise their hands before entering the church, contact details are being recorded of everyone present and everyone is ushered to and from their pew before and after the service. In addition, the usual army of helpers at the end of each service has had to be disbanded in order to maintain safe distancing in the vestry. All this is in line with current Church of England guidelines.

Some regular sidespersons, readers and intercessors have not been available due to shielding or concerns about the risk of contracting coronavirus. However, those who are available have managed to fill in the gaps.

The 8.15 a.m. service has been discontinued and attendance at the 9.30 service, which has replaced the usual 11.00 a.m. service, is down mainly due to the age of many of our congregation. The risk of contracting COVID-19 has been, and still is, a very real source of anxiety.

Happily however we have successfully been able to continue to worship whilst keeping people as safe as is humanly possible and for this we are grateful and we are especially grateful for the continuing effort and support of all those who have been able to attend and have been helping out on a weekly basis in these uncertain times.

The fire extinguishers had their annual check on 8/12/20 and the lightning conductor was checked 18/2/21.

The inventory was completed to an exceptionally high standard prior to our becoming churchwardens, and we would like to record our thanks to Ursula Pomeroy for doing that. We are currently going through it and checking that everything is still in place.

Work has been started on the graveyard extension by a group of volunteers and plans for that are under discussion.

The radiator near to the North door is currently leaking.

We would like to record our thanks to all who have helped us to settle into our new duties in particular, where this has meant continuing to fulfil roles that they took on when there were no churchwardens.

Dawn Loveless & Cynthia Metcalfe

Secretary's Report

There were 3 PCC meetings this year, plus the APCM in October.

1 meeting was included with a joint meeting with the Benefice PCCs, 1 was in person and the 3rd meeting was on Zoom.

Emma Hughes

Deanery Report

See attached report.

Rod Hughes represented the PCC at Deanery meetings during 2020.

Financial Review of the Year

Like everyone else in the UK our church has been in lock down or measures of some sort during this year. This has meant a drastic cut in income due to the curtailing of activity in the church, so very little in the way of collections, monthly lunch contributions, drop in, room rents, fees etc, along with very limited fund raising.

All this has meant we are well down on income over expenditure compared to last year's positive balance of all accounts. Our bank has deemed it necessary to increase bank charges from £5 per cash account per month to £8 per account and has set a limit on the amount of cheques we can deposit in any one month before charging us 50p per cheque thereafter! It

is my recommendation we look for an alternative bank to save money.

Without the Parish Giving Scheme direct debits and other regular donations the situation would be a lot worse on the end of year balances. We have had to start paying for our £25k share in monthly amounts when we can afford it, rather than saving money by paying it as a lump sum in January.

The bills do not stop coming in and 2020 expenditure was higher than 2019 at £52k. The amount of outgoings required before we even open the doors is increasing with more and more requirements to maintain our grade one listed building, something which is in the long run untenable!

We were through kind donations and savings able to finish and pay for two of the three current projects in 2020. Firstly the Quinquennial repairs were completed at around £23k. And the refurbishment of the headstocks on tower bells £14K. Still to do and pay for is the completion of the graveyard extension which to date will have only cost £2.5 k. Due to all work done to date by a dedicated work group from our church, but! A lot still to do and costs will probably deplete our Fabric account savings. As a full time carer now, it is time for me to have to pass on the job as Treasurer to a new person and hope we can all pull out of this quite desperate situation as Covid is eradicated in time.

Robert Todd (Treasurer)

Schools' Reports – see attached

Church Room

Unfortunately, there is little to report on the Church room, the bookings were going well and the church room has always paid for itself and helped towards Church expenses.

But Covid 19 arrived and to follow Government guidelines the room has remained closed we remain hopeful that maybe later in this year we will be able to open the room.

Jean Jeffreys

Health & Safety

We continue to use the PCC-approved Health & Safety Policy.

Safeguarding

No incidents have been reported. Cynthia Metcalfe is now our Safeguarding Officer.

Churchyard

We started the year well and our volunteers' grass cutting was a little easier.

We had also agreed that some areas of the churchyard would be allowed to go a little wild so that oxeye daisies, clover, yarrow primroses etc can grow and then maybe spread.

We then had to stop mowing because of the Pandemic so therefore everything was growing well.

When we could then go in and cut, several villagers came into the churchyard to help it was hard work and we were very grateful for their help.

The new part of the churchyard is going well and hopefully will be seeded in 2021

Jean Jeffreys

Fundraising Activities

Due to lockdown in March 2020, our village lunches and coffee mornings ceased. The flower festival was cancelled, as was the Benefice fete, and there were no Events Committee meetings.

We did however put together a Wreath Festival in the church during December, just after the 2nd lockdown, and had cake, bric-a-brac and a tombola stall. We had over 50 entrants to the wreath competition throughout the community, and the village Spar shop kindly donated prizes.

Fabric

Following the 2019 Quinquennial Report, a programme of repairs to the church building, lychgate and the boundary walls was carried out, as well as the repair to the altar rail and considerable work on the bells.

This being the year of lockdown with church closure, it was difficult to arrange for contractors to have access to the church for estimating the cost of repairs and then later to actually do the work, and difficult for the several grant-giving trusts to hold their meetings and decide what funds they could offer us.

However, the new system of applying for permission to the DAC was now up-and-running with the result that everything we needed to do came under 'List B' rather than requiring a full Faculty, and the process was relatively easy and quick.

There was a 'window' in the summer when Covid restrictions were eased, and all three contractors – Paul Dean doing the altar rail, Simon Crumbleholme with the general repairs and John Taylor for the bells – came at the same time and had to fit round each other.

Work on the church building included digging out and replacing the drains along the north side, stripping off and re-rendering the Ringing Chamber, re-pointing all round, repainting the exterior ironwork and minor repairs to the roof. A start was made on repairing the boundary walls, with the intention of continuing to do a length of it every year. This came to c.£25,000, of which £12,000 was covered by grants from DHCT and Erskine Muton and a local donation, and £8,000 from The Friends of Puddletown Church. No fundraising events were possible this year.

Repairs still to come on the QI list include some trimming of the trees, a possible rebuilding (not just repair) of a section of the boundary wall, some repairs to the windows. However, the Treasurer has pointed out that financial reserves are very low, so when restrictions are lifted we shall have to get going with the fundraising events.

A dedicated team has been working to prepare the new burial ground – details are separately in this Annual Report, and likewise the work on the bells is explained elsewhere by the Tower Captain.

Ursula Pomeroy

The Friends of Puddletown Church

Covid 19 restrictions meant that The Friends were unable to hold the AGM this year, so the finance report was sent out soon after the summer newsletter and members were asked to give their approval by email or telephone to the Committee's suggestion that £5,000 of their funds should be used by the PCC to help pay for the weatherproofing repairs being carried out on the church, and that – should the grant-giving trusts to whom the PCC was applying not be as generous as was hoped – a further £3,000 should be added. More than 50% of the members responded positively (and *nem con*), so in the event the full amount will indeed be transferred to the PCC's Fabric Account.

On the Administration front, Sharon Sheppard has resigned from producing the newsletter – very many thanks to her for her patient editing of several over-long articles submitted, and her skill in setting it all out. Janet Nassim – from her home in Washington, thanks to the marvels of modern technology – produced the December one with apparent ease and hopes to be able to return for her usual summer in Puddletown and gather material for the next one.

We look forward to being able to hold our AGM this year, Covid-permitting.

Ursula Pomeroy

Burial Ground

Thanks to the usual small group of stalwarts a significant start was made in defining the middle burial ground extension in the second half of 2020 when COVID rules allowed.

Considerable amounts of weeds, builders' debris, former school activity remnants were dug out and disposed of in pothole filling, trips to the tip or many bonfires. By the end of the year the whole area proposed for burial was under borrowed, weed suppressing polythene to over winter.

The former canteen (nearest the Church Path) foundations were exposed by further digging, enabling the Team to recommend an inexpensive and 'labour light' way forward to devote this area to cremated remains space.

After the Archdeacon has granted approval the next steps, are as follows:

PROPOSED BURIAL GROUND AREA (west if looking at rear gardens of former first school)

Volunteer jobs:

- As area not adopted by Wessex Water, 2 relatively short lengths of modern style surface water pipe to be excavated, removed, and backfilled.
- Brick chamber drain under brick and flint listed wall to be demolished. This is ongoing by a dedicated and determined volunteer!
- Sow grass seed
- Plant beech hedge at short west end abutting Mill Street property to give boundary definition, mutual privacy, stock proofing

Professional Input

- Contractor to level prior to seeding.
- Removed soil to cover canteen foundations.

PROPOSED CREMATED REMAINS AREA (former canteen, east, if looking at rear gardens of former First School)

Requiring professional Input

- Quotation in hand for covering canteen foundations and dressing with removed topsoil from burial area
- Quotations in hand for building low walls forming defined areas for cremated remains

Volunteer jobs

- Other areas within this space to be seeded/gravelled as appropriate

OTHER

Requiring professional Input

- Quotations in hand for making good, listed wall where gap was made to comply with planning permission to the top area from the existing middle burial area to the left of the substantial yew tree.
- Quotations in hand for provision of ramp using a lot of larger stone /rubble dug out and retained that is sufficiently wide for grave digger machine and wheelchair access.

Volunteer Jobs:

- Path that runs north/south between the 2 x newly defined areas to be tidied as appropriate with a view to housing seating for quiet contemplation for visitors.
- 2 x existing concrete paths and redundant manholes at east end under Church Path to be covered in weed suppressing membrane and be top dressed in good layer of shingle/pea gravel to finish.

AIM

Project completion Autumn 2021.

Jacqueline P Burden

Magazine

The Magazine Working Group team remains the same as the previous year and the magazine is managing to break even. The advertising rates and cover price have not risen this year.

Jan O'Mara and Clare Campbell are managing the subscriptions and the distributors. This year they had a team of 20 Puddletown distributors delivering to 186 subscribers each month. In Tolpuddle a team of 8 deliver to a further 90. A further 8 are taken for sale in Dewlish and Miborne. There are also 5 postal subscribers. We also put 41 for sale in the shop and church. One copy is sent to the History Centre in Dorchester.

We currently have approximately 332 magazines delivered each month, with 867 of the December issue printed.

The quantity sold in the church and shop varies from month to month.

This December a copy was delivered to every house in Puddletown and Tolpuddle.

Emma Hughes

Junior Church

Messy Church continued throughout the Benefice monthly on a rotational basis, with a core team from across the benefice, for the first 3 months of the year and was postponed at the first Covid-19 lockdown and was not able to resume for the remainder of the year.

Various activities were emailed to our families throughout lockdown.

Emma Hughes

Hand Bells

This was our seventh year of playing the handbells at St Mary's.

We now ring up to 28 bells, with 4 of us ringing 4-in-hand.

Ringling stopped in early March due to illness, and then did not recommence due to Covid-19.

Emma Hughes

Flower Team

The Flower team has 15 regular members, and with sadness we have said goodbye to Caroline Wood-Homer has retired from the team in 2020,

Since writing the report, Diana Wilson has said she will be stepping down from the Flower team after Easter, We will miss her enthusiasm, knowledge and fantastic ideas.

The AGM was held on 22nd February, and 8 members attended.

All Risk assessments have been updated for 2021 and emailed out to the team.

This has been a rather bleak year for the team, but as soon as Sarah could open the church for prayer and services the team stepped up and put some beautiful arrangements in the church. Harvest and Christmas flowers were stunning as per usual.

The planned Flower Festival was shelved for 2020,

I have been continuing to organise the team rotas, and I am planning on how to get us all together, at some point!

Heather Mears

Bells

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions the Bells have been silent, apart from chiming at a few Services and special occasions.

This gave a perfect chance in the summer for the bells to have the important maintenance done by Taylors Foundry and Crumbleholme for the essential work in the Belfry to be completed.

I wish to thank our ringers and fellow ringers from other Towers who assisted with a lot of the Manual work to clear the Belfry and to help Taylors,

A test ring was carried out on 24th September 2020.

The clock is in good working order and a service was completed on 13th November 2020, by the Cumbrian Clock Company, and I continue to wind the clock weekly.

We are all looking forward to being back bell- ringing again.

During February, the Church has received a grant from the LEBRF for £1,600 towards the restoration.

Robin Mears, Tower Captain

THANKS

Puddletown Church continues to be supported by a great number of people who give generously of their time and talents, along with those who contribute financially.

We would like to thank Bob Todd for all his hard work as Treasurer and to Emma Hughes, our benefice administrator and PCC secretary.

Thanks, too, to Heather Mears and the flower team for all their beautiful displays, the excellent catering team for their delicious meals and cakes, the churchyard maintenance team who keep our grounds looking so well and the church cleaning team ably led by Jan O'Mara.

Also, an appreciation for the hard work of the Events Committee and to The Friends of Puddletown Church.

2021 Report for APCMs from Puddletown First School

As you can imagine, the Covid-19 pandemic our response to various lockdowns and restrictions has been the significant driver in our school.

Before I outline the detail of this, I think it is important to stress that despite what may have been reported in the media like all schools, Puddletown First School has never been closed. We have operated throughout all the national lockdowns, providing in-school provision for children whose parents are critical workers and children we have deemed as vulnerable (this included provision in the Easter holidays with an offer made – but not taken up – in the ½ term holidays). At the same time staff have always provided a comprehensive remote learning provision.

We began the 2019/20 academic year welcoming Miss Abi Gomm to our teaching team following the departure of Miss Sarah Muggeridge who had relocated to Sussex. And finished the year bidding farewell to Mrs Heidi Roberts, many of you will be aware of the amazing work Heidi had done not only in reception but within her wider leadership of the school in particular for our SIAMS (church-schools' inspection). We have welcomed Miss Lottie Moore to our school as our new reception teacher.

In September we began the year as we always do by looking forward and looking to work through our school development plan in particular to;

- Continuing to work to close the gender gap in writing
- Continue to develop our teaching of spelling
- Implementing the work of Pie Corbett in the teaching of reading and writing
- Continue to embed the school's vision and values
- Further enhancing the provision to support children's well being and mental health
- Develop the teaching and learning for mental maths
- Develop the curriculum provision by strengthening the role of subject leadership

We were able to start a good deal of work in addressing these plans, in particular around subject leadership. However, by March of 2020 we had a different set of priorities due to the nation's first lockdown. The speed of the lockdown and the uncertainty of the duration raised a number of challenges for the school and also for parents. For 3 out of our 5 classes the June return to school made no difference as only Reception and Y1 were allowed to return. At this point we were introduced to the notion of class bubbles and for the rest of the summer term we worked in class bubbles of 15 children. These bubbles were not allowed to mix or have contact with each other, including staff. This along with a lot of last-minute guidance from the Government did not make life easy in schools.

We were aware through the summer term that many of our children as well as missing education and social interaction with peers were also missing many 'rites of passage' events. In particular our Y4 children who were not one of the year groups who returned in June. This meant that they missed their residential visit and the whole leavers' experience. To try and mitigate some of this we had our Y4 (who were now in Y5) children return to Puddletown First on the first day of the September term, this gave them the chance to prepare a leavers' service that their parents were able to attend and ensured that they had an official closure to their time with us.

The whole school return to school in September was welcomed by everyone and as is often the case the children amazed us with their resilience and adaptability to a different 'world of school.' One in which there was a strict adherence to class bubble measures meaning that we were not able to mix as a whole school; lunches were eaten in classrooms, playtimes were in class bubbles in separate areas and we didn't meet together for collective worship. Instead collective worship was delivered virtually into each classroom: a big thank you to Sarah and the Open the Book team for adapting to this.

The children and staff did adapt well to this new approach but it did develop a sense of isolation within the school. There is also no doubt that amongst staff there was a sense of heightened anxiety, especially as case numbers within the country began to rise.

We were determined to try and keep things as normal for the children as we could, especially in the lead up to Christmas. We were able to have an Advent school reflection day, we had 3 communal Christmas trees and the usual class based Christmas parties. We were also able to adapt our Nativity performances by making a video to ensure that all our children had the chance to shine and our Y4 children to act out the story, another rite of passage moment for all concerned, especially Y4. Plenty of cute angels, sheep and stars on view!

The January school closure was a disappointment as we had taken the Government at its word when even as late as Sunday 3rd the PM told us that schools would reopen only to be told in the news conference at 8pm on 4th January that this wouldn't be the case. Once again we had little time to be ready for the critical worker provision in school and prepare our families for on line learning. Fortunately, we had spent time in the Autumn term preparing online teaching resources for such an event and had a 2 week scheme of work ready to roll out.

It is fair to say that many parents have found this lockdown a lot harder than the summer one, this has been a consistent theme in our weekly phone calls with our families. Whilst these weekly phone calls have gone under the banner of learning support, they have been very much welfare and well being focussed as well as have a child safeguarding role. As in the summer lockdown we have also worked hard to ensure that our vulnerable families receive support with food. In the summer lockdown we paid for food vouchers from our budget and are waiting to see if the DfE will reimburse us for these costs. During this lockdown we have provided access for parents to the Government voucher scheme and have worked with our school meals provider to produce food boxes for parents. Members of staff are coordinating this, proactively contacting families to offer support as well as boxing and delivering the packages.



I am immensely proud of the way the staff at Puddletown First School have come together to support not just the children but our families and whole community throughout this pandemic. It has been a true reflection of our Christian purpose and a living out of our vision

'We care enough to try our best in all we do because we are wonderfully made: made to love, made to flourish, made to be unique'

They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do. Psalm 1 verse 3

It is true however that this has come at a cost to the amazing staff here at Puddletown First School who have worked way above what could be expected of them often putting the school's families needs before their own. We are also fortunate to have a fully engaged and supportive Governing Body.

As we look to return from this lockdown we will have a key focus on reintegrating our children into school life, some have been in school as parents of critical workers and are unused to full classrooms and others have had another 3 months out of the class. We will spend time repairing friendships that have been interrupted and support the children into reengaging with learning. Our support for well being and mental health will continue with a structured set of lessons and activities as well as where necessary some individual work.

As ever our links with St Mary's Church and our Church School status are very important to us. 'Open the Book' continues to be a huge success we are really grateful to the team for all the work they put into planning and delivering the worships. We are also really thankful to Sarah for her support and drop ins.

We value the support of our church and the prayers that you offer. If you have any particular thoughts or observations about the school I can be easily contacted at head@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk

Dan Hunwick

Headteacher Puddletown First School

Feb 2021

Annual Report for the APCM from St. Mary's C.E. Middle School

It would be an understatement to say that this year has been one unlike any other in recent memory. For the majority of the year, we had very few pupils in school and delivered education in a way that was new to almost all of us at the school. However, it was a very successful year and we are proud at how we collectively rose to the challenge.

Pupils and staff came back after the Christmas break with some whispers about a thing called coronavirus although no one seriously thought that it would have the lasting impact on the remainder of the year. When the first full lockdown was initiated in late March, we said goodbye to the pupils unaware that they would not be back until September. This was hard for both staff and pupils but particularly so for our Year 8 pupils who were not able to return to finish their time at St. Mary's in the usual way. However, thanks to the hard work of staff we were able to still hold our end of Year 8 awards evening virtually and were able to get pupils back to school for one final day for a celebration picnic, a chance to get shirts signed and to say goodbye to their teachers and friends.

This year has seen teachers, staff and parents needing to change the way that they approach education. The school tried a variety of different ways to teach remotely and moved quickly towards a system of recorded video lessons complemented by live tutorial teaching sessions via webcams. There was a high level of engagement from pupils and there were many positive comments from parents. We also learned lessons from the first lockdown to make sure that we were ready in case we went back into lockdown again with staff training focused on gaining live streamed teaching skills.

The second lockdown period has been even more successful with a timetable of lessons (recorded and live) that matched what pupils would normally have studied had they been in school. New and improved systems were put in place to ensure that all pupils remained engaged in lessons and we feel that the effect of the lockdown has been well managed to minimise the impact of lost learning time. Feedback from this has been overwhelmingly positive and pupils have risen to the challenge.

The school remained open throughout both periods of lockdown, including remaining open to key worker children throughout both half-term holidays, all bank holidays and throughout the Easter break. Staff very generously gave up their time to ensure we supported the national effort, even when there were more staff than children in school. Vulnerable pupils have been a particular focus for the school throughout the lockdown period. The pastoral team made weekly and for some, daily welfare phone calls to ensure that pupils remained safe and well at home. We were able to arrange food vouchers for all vulnerable pupils, ensuring a good supply of food to all of those pupils who would have been entitled to a free school meal at school. We were also able to secure a number of laptops from the DfE scheme to make sure that no pupils were at a disadvantage due to not having either a laptop or internet connectivity at home.

Throughout both lockdowns, we have been able to keep close contact with Sarah Hillman and the wider chaplaincy team. The school has made sure that acts of worship were consistently posted on the school website and these have meant that we have been able to give pupils time during the week to stop and come together in worship. Sarah was also able to come up and see the year 8 leavers and sent them a message as part of the year 8 awards evening. I would like to thank Sarah and the chaplaincy team for their support throughout these unprecedented times.

The leadership of the school has also made sure that the normal business of school improvement has continued throughout the last year. We have made sure to begin addressing the target areas given to us following the successful Ofsted inspection in October 2019. A new system for tracking reading across the school has been introduced involving the complete relabelling of every book in the school library. A new careers area has been set up in the school library and further funding secured to grow this resource and we have started the redesign of the humanities curriculum. Governors' meetings have continued throughout the year although these have become virtual rather than in person.

I would like to highlight the commitment and dedication of all involved in the school during this last year. Whether this has been the commitment of staff to put the welfare of pupils at the heart of their work, despite this often meaning working way beyond their normal hours; the support from the PTA in making sure we could fund our end of year events; support from the chaplaincy team in ensuring that we were able to provide worship opportunities throughout this time; or pupils and parents helping ensure that the learning continued throughout, it has showed the strong community we have across the school.

We now look forward to a more certain and (hopefully) less eventful year where our major challenge is to assess how much the lockdown has affected the pupils' learning and make sure that we put in place an effective 'catch-up' curriculum to close the gaps. As always, we welcome the challenge.

Darren Ayling
Headteacher, St. Mary's C.E. Middle School

DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2020

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the Synod met only once in 2020 and that on-line via Zoom on 24th November.

The main business was the licensing of the Rev'd Sarah Hillman as Rural Dean following the resignation of Canon Jonathan Still, who has now been licensed as Assistant Rural Dean.

As this was the first meeting of the eighteenth triennium it was necessary to elect a new Lay Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Margaret Morrissey (*Lay Chair*) and Michael Clarke (*Treasurer*) had indicated their willingness to stand for a further term and in the absence of other nominations both were re-elected. Alan Neades was standing down after 21 years and there was one nomination for his role as Secretary, Jane Pridmore. She was therefore elected as secretary.

It is usual at the first meeting to elect Standing Committee/Pastoral Committee Members. Sarah Hillman invited six persons other than the elected officers to come forward for this Committee which is a mixture of clergy and laity. Heather Smith (Minterne), Charles Hodgson (Sydling St Nicholas), Roger Holehouse (West Knighton), Jill Minchin (Dorchester), the Rev Mark Phillips (Charminster and Stinsford) and the Rev Roger Butcher (Piddle Valley, Hilton, Ansty) were duly elected.

The Revd Keith Magee was welcomed at the new Team Rector of Dorchester. He was formerly Vicar of St Peter, Braunstone Park in the Diocese of Leicester. Also welcomed was the Revd Cora Yarrien, appointed to the Team Ministry in Dorchester for St George's Fordington.

Alan Neades

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Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 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 next statement.

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.



Grant Taylor FCA
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27 April 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
	Note					
Incoming resources	7					
Donations and legacies		27,111	-	17,395	44,506	33,032
Charitable activities		3,998	-	-	3,998	12,567
Other trading activities		5,358	-	-	5,358	12,821
Investments		114	-	-	114	126
		<u>36,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>53,976</u>	<u>58,546</u>
Resources expended	8					
Raising funds		43	-	-	43	-
Charitable Activities		55,223	-	26,303	81,526	51,652
		<u>55,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,303</u>	<u>81,569</u>	<u>51,652</u>
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		<u>(18,685)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,908)</u>	<u>(27,593)</u>	<u>6,894</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2019	10	<u>34,282</u>	<u>66,388</u>	<u>13,431</u>	<u>114,101</u>	<u>107,207</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2019	10	<u>15,597</u>	<u>66,388</u>	<u>4,523</u>	<u>86,508</u>	<u>114,101</u>

St Mary's Church Puddletown
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		7,914	-
Bank/building society balances:			
General account	22,480	36,993	
CCLA deposit account	25,416	25,309	
Fabric Account 2	15,889	37,807	
Friends account	9,389	8,225	
Magazine account	5,420	5,768	
	<u>78,594</u>	<u>114,102</u>	
Net current assets		78,594	114,101
Loans due after one year		-	-
Net assets		<u>86,508</u>	<u>114,101</u>
Parish Funds	10		
Unrestricted funds		15,597	34,282
Designated funds		66,388	66,388
Restricted funds		4,523	13,431
		<u>86,508</u>	<u>114,101</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

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2 Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

3 Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

4 Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
6 Income and Endowments from:					
a) Donations and legacies					
Voluntary income and receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving	15,146	-	-	15,146	15,875
Other planned giving	-	-	6,937	6,937	3,093
Collections at services	1,429	-	-	1,429	3,166
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	7,650	-	1,192	8,842	5,783
Gift aid recovered	2,886	-	-	2,886	2,925
Grants - note 14	-	-	9,266	9,266	-
	<u>27,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>44,506</u>	<u>30,842</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	2,088	-	-	2,088	2,902
Fundraising activities	1,910	-	-	1,910	5,634
	<u>3,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,998</u>	<u>8,536</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	1,315	-	-	1,315	4,911
Parish magazine	4,043	-	-	4,043	6,848
	<u>5,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,358</u>	<u>11,759</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	114	-	-	114	200
	<u>114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>36,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>53,976</u>	<u>51,337</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	43	-	-	43	449
	43	-	-	43	449
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	729	-	-	729	1,988
Diocesan Parish share	25,239	-	-	25,239	25,479
	25,968	-	-	25,968	27,467
Church Expenses					
Church running expenses	6,552	-	-	6,552	5,583
Church utility bills	938	-	-	938	2,955
Benefice expenses	3,160	-	-	3,160	2,491
Wages and honorarium	225	-	-	225	-
Administration costs, printing and postage	42	-	-	42	-
Professional fees	200	-	-	200	-
	11,117	-	-	11,117	11,029
Costs of trading					
Parish magazine costs	4,352	-	-	4,352	7,339
Church room costs	339	-	-	339	819
Bank charges	120	-	60	180	180
	4,811	-	60	4,871	8,338
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	13,327	-	26,243	39,570	146
	13,327	-	26,243	39,570	146
	55,223	-	26,303	81,526	46,980
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	55,266	-	26,303	81,569	47,429

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Reserves as at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds:				
General fund	34,282	36,581	(55,266)	15,597
Designated funds:				
Church Fabric Fund	43,750	-	-	43,750
Emergency reserve	14,386	-	-	14,386
Future Ministry fund	8,252	-	-	8,252
	66,388	-	-	66,388
Restricted funds:				
Church Fabric Fund	12,402	17,395	(26,303)	3,494
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	1,029
	13,431	17,395	(26,303)	4,523
TOTAL FUNDS	114,101	53,976	(81,569)	86,508

10 SOFA Comparative - 2019

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	28,257	-	4,775	33,032
Charitable activities	9,838	-	2,729	12,567
Other trading activities	12,821	-	-	12,821
Investments	126	-	-	126
	51,042	-	7,504	58,546
Resources expended		-		
Charitable Activities	48,566	-	3,086	51,652
Other	-	-	-	-
	48,566	-	3,086	51,652
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	2,476	-	4,418	6,894
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2019	31,806	66,388	9,013	107,207
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2019	34,282	66,388	13,431	114,101

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- 11 The income for the magazine includes payments in advance for advertising and subscriptions up to 31 July 2021, which is used to finance magazine production costs in this period. The balance of the magazine bank account at 31 December 2020 is £5,420, which represents this income received in advance.

12 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Restricted fund:

Tower donation	2,025
Historic church grant	7,241
Bequeathments	5,500
	<u>£ 14,766</u>

13 Donations made:

The major expenditure donations made in the year are as follows:

General fund:

No individual donations in excess of £200 were made in the year

	-
<u>£</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From General fund:

Replacement of bell headstocks and overhauling clappers	<u>13,327</u>
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From Restricted Fabric fund:

Multiple repairs to roof, tower, bell room, doors, windows and drainage.	<u>26,243</u>
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The above costs have been subject to a VAT reclaim under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. The VAT reclaimed has been deducted from the above costs.

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Net assets		<u>86,508</u>	<u>114,101</u>
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Gift aid recovered	2,886	-	-	2,886	2,925
Grants - note 14	-	-	9,266	9,266	-
	<u>27,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>44,506</u>	<u>30,842</u>
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Statutory fees (retained by PCC)	2,088	-	-	2,088	2,902
Fundraising activities	1,910	-	-	1,910	5,634
	<u>3,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,998</u>	<u>8,536</u>
c) Other Trading Activities					
Church hall hire	1,315	-	-	1,315	4,911
Parish magazine	4,043	-	-	4,043	6,848
	<u>5,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,358</u>	<u>11,759</u>
d) Investments					
Bank interest	114	-	-	114	200
	<u>114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>36,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>53,976</u>	<u>51,337</u>

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7 Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	43	-	-	43	449
	43	-	-	43	449
b) Charitable Activities					
Church Activities					
Mission giving and donations	729	-	-	729	1,988
Diocesan Parish share	25,239	-	-	25,239	25,479
	25,968	-	-	25,968	27,467
Church Expenses					
Church running expenses	6,552	-	-	6,552	5,583
Church utility bills	938	-	-	938	2,955
Benefice expenses	3,160	-	-	3,160	2,491
Wages and honorarium	225	-	-	225	-
Administration costs, printing and postage	42	-	-	42	-
Professional fees	200	-	-	200	-
	11,117	-	-	11,117	11,029
Costs of trading					
Parish magazine costs	4,352	-	-	4,352	7,339
Church room costs	339	-	-	339	819
Bank charges	120	-	60	180	180
	4,811	-	60	4,871	8,338
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to the church	13,327	-	26,243	39,570	146
	13,327	-	26,243	39,570	146
	55,223	-	26,303	81,526	46,980
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	55,266	-	26,303	81,569	47,429

8 PCC Costs

There were no transactions made in respect of PCC members, no PCC member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

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9 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves as as 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Reserves as at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds:				
General fund	34,282	36,581	(55,266)	15,597
Designated funds:				
Church Fabric Fund	43,750	-	-	43,750
Emergency reserve	14,386	-	-	14,386
Future Ministry fund	8,252	-	-	8,252
	66,388	-	-	66,388
Restricted funds:				
Church Fabric Fund	12,402	17,395	(26,303)	3,494
Family Ministry	1,029	-	-	1,029
	13,431	17,395	(26,303)	4,523
TOTAL FUNDS	114,101	53,976	(81,569)	86,508

10 SOFA Comparative - 2019

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	28,257	-	4,775	33,032
Charitable activities	9,838	-	2,729	12,567
Other trading activities	12,821	-	-	12,821
Investments	126	-	-	126
	51,042	-	7,504	58,546
Resources expended		-		
Charitable Activities	48,566	-	3,086	51,652
Other	-	-	-	-
	48,566	-	3,086	51,652
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	2,476	-	4,418	6,894
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January 2019	31,806	66,388	9,013	107,207
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st December 2019	34,282	66,388	13,431	114,101

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- 11 The income for the magazine includes payments in advance for advertising and subscriptions up to 31 July 2021, which is used to finance magazine production costs in this period. The balance of the magazine bank account at 31 December 2020 is £5,420, which represents this income received in advance.

12 Grants and donations received

The major income grants and donations received in the year are as follows:

Restricted fund:

Tower donation	2,025
Historic church grant	7,241
Bequeathments	5,500
	<u>£ 14,766</u>

13 Donations made:

The major expenditure donations made in the year are as follows:

General fund:

No individual donations in excess of £200 were made in the year

	-
<u>£</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Major repairs to the church:

These include the following items:

From General fund:

Replacement of bell headstocks and overhauling clappers	<u>13,327</u>
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From Restricted Fabric fund:

Multiple repairs to roof, tower, bell room, doors, windows and drainage.	<u>26,243</u>
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The above costs have been subject to a VAT reclaim under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. The VAT reclaimed has been deducted from the above costs.