



**Annual Report  
and Financial  
Statements**

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin,  
Wootton, Bedfordshire  
Registered Charity 1150817

St. Mary's Church

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Towards 2024 *(adopted March 2020)*

## St Mary's 2020-2024:



**Our vision is unchanged:** to be a church family of disciples of Jesus Christ, rooted in the Bible and prayer, committed to making disciples, to holiness of life and to every-member service; a family of loving welcome, passionate proclamation, glad service, global heart and sacrificial change.\*

**Our five year goal is simple: to double in size**

**Our priority is clear:** to develop our life as a church towards this goal.

**Our strategy is threefold:**

- to develop our facilities for growth
- to establish PCC-led teams to support ministries for growth
- to launch at least one new congregation  
all in dependence on the Lord in prayer

## Values Statement (what matters to us)

**We believe that we are reconciled to God the Father through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and therefore we value:**

<b>The Bible</b>	as the written word of God and our supreme authority in following Jesus in the whole of life.
<b>Prayer</b>	as the prime expression of faith in Jesus and of our dependence on God's loving grace and sovereign power in all things.
<b>Church</b>	as a family of wholehearted worshippers and disciples of Jesus Christ committed to mutual encouragement, care, and accountability.
<b>Evangelism</b>	as the proclamation of the good news of God's salvation in Christ for all people
<b>Service</b>	as a family of God's people caring for people in Wootton and Stewartby and beyond with the love of Christ.

## Identity Statement



**We are...**

<b>Christ's church:</b>	the church is the bride and body of Jesus Christ; it is through him alone, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, that we know God; it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we worship and serve Christ; and it is Christ's future return which is our hope and motivation for life.
<b>A local church:</b>	a full and authentic expression of the universal church, called into being and sustained by God's word. We have a specific responsibility to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God in Christ among the people of the parish of Wootton. We are also called to involvement with the world-wide mission of the whole church.
<b>An Anglican church:</b>	while we welcome Christians of all backgrounds, our permanent and most visible connection is with the Church of England. We accept and uphold its founding documents (The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal) as authentic expressions of orthodox Christian belief. We are committed to supporting and encouraging biblical faith and practice in the Anglican Communion, both within and beyond the diocese of St Albans.
<b>An evangelical church:</b>	we recognise the convictions of historic evangelicalism as crystallising and expressing the kernel of orthodox Christianity, including: the supreme authority of Scripture; the universal nature of human sin; the grace of God, seen above all in the substitutionary atoning death of Jesus Christ; and the gift of justification and new life in Christ, received and enjoyed only through repentance and faith. We value the examples, among others, of the sixteenth-century reformers, the eighteenth-century evangelists, and the nineteenth-century social reformers. We are committed to gospel partnership with evangelical mission agencies, as well as with our patron, the Martyrs' Memorial and Church of England Trust, and the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

## \* Vision Statement (what we aim to become)



**One body of wholehearted worshipping disciples, ever more deeply rooted in the Bible & prayer, growing together in holiness and every-member ministry to become a family of:**

- **loving welcome**, caring for one another with the love of Jesus Christ nurturing, teaching and training one another for lives of holiness and love
- **passionate proclamation**, committed to reaching the people of Wootton, Stewartby and beyond, with the vital good news of Jesus Christ for a lost world
- **glad service**, dedicated to being salt and light for Jesus Christ in the world
- **global heart**, BOTH prayerfully and practically engaged in the worldwide mission of the church, AND training and sending men and women into gospel ministry within and beyond the parish
- **sacrificial change**, giving generously of ourselves, our money, and our talents to realise this vision

## Aims and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Canon Peter Ackroyd, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of Wootton, which comprises the two civil parishes of Wootton and Stewartby. The PCC is also responsible for maintenance of the Church, Church Hall, and an investment property.

## Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the Parochial Church Council is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. To this end the PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the parish church, to providing opportunities for adults and young people to hear the gospel and grow in discipleship, to caring pastorally and practically for people in need, and to supporting Christian mission within and beyond the parish, indeed globally. The PCC regularly reviews the effectiveness of the church's ministry in the light of both its own Mission Action Plan, and the three themes of the Living God's Love vision of the Diocese of St Albans: Going Deeper into God, Transforming Communities, and Making New Disciples. In planning and overseeing the mission of the church, the incumbent and PCC consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As this report reveals, during 2021, the life, ministry and mission of the church continued to be hugely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Uncertainty about the impact and duration of the pandemic made medium-term planning unrealistic, and renewal of the Mission Action Plan was deferred until a time of greater stability.

The PCC Vision Statement continues to be:

St Mary's will be one body of wholehearted worshipping disciples, ever more deeply rooted in the Bible and prayer, growing together in holiness and every-member ministry to become a family of:

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To facilitate the ministry of the church the PCC makes a priority of maintaining the fabric of both the church building and the church hall, which is on a separate site. Maintenance of the churchyards, which are closed, is the responsibility of Wootton Parish Council.

## Achievements and performance

### Worship and Prayer

Public worship was offered at 10am in the church building every Sunday morning with the exception of two Sundays in January when, in the light of high levels of local COVID infection and public health advice, services were held online only. During the year, numbers attending church in person steadily increased as levels of immunity from serious illness increased on account of the nationwide vaccination programme and spread of infection. Social distancing and other precautionary measures to minimise virus transmission were gradually relaxed over the course of the year, in line with government guidance, although space continued to be set aside for worshippers needing to maintain social distancing. Congregational singing was able to resume in the summer, initially while wearing face-coverings, and in the autumn refreshments after the morning service resumed.

In parallel with the main Sunday morning service, pre-recorded services were also made available on Sundays on church's YouTube channel. These were appreciated by church members unable to attend, as well as by relatives, friends and newcomers from further afield, including overseas. Following the successful installation of an overhead phone line for broadband internet access, and the commissioning of cameras and livestreaming hardware and software the pre-recorded service gave way to a livestreamed transmission of the in-person service from July 2021.

As well as expository series in Nehemiah, Malachi, Mark cc6-8 and Ruth, sermons included the topical issues of racial justice, gender and spiritual abuse, and devotional/thematic material with a series on The Heart of Christ. Midweek growth groups afforded members the opportunity to

reflect further on Sunday sermons and apply lessons to daily discipleship. During the course of the year we welcomed as visiting preachers (online and in person) Dan Gower (Open Doors UK) and Barry Funnell (UK Director, The Word for the World).

The Lord's Supper was celebrated monthly, and the morning service also began to see the resumption of baptisms. Two children were baptised during the year. Two weddings were celebrated in church and St Mary's clergy officiated at seventeen funeral services for present or former parish residents at St Marys, Stewartby United Church, or Bedford Crematorium.

Online fortnightly prayer meetings continued, towards the end of the year alternating with meetings in church. For a while over the summer, the church was open weekly for private prayer.

The trajectory of the pandemic, including the emergence of new variants of the virus, and related public health measures, with the impact of both on seating capacity in church and public confidence in mixed indoor gatherings, meant preparing for major events in the church calendar, notably Christmas, was hedged about with great uncertainty. In the event, with careful planning and prudent precautions, it proved possible to hold well-attended Christingle, Carol, Nativity and other services in church, and to offer a churchyard nativity trail which once again proved popular with families. The village Act of Remembrance on 14 November however, was held at the War Memorial rather than in church, jointly led by the Vicar and the Borough Councillor.

Jim Hignett, licensed Reader, and St Mary's clergy were regularly involved in preaching and leading services and other events at Stewartby United Church.

## Families, children and young people

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to have an impact but we continued youth and children's ministry at St Mary's in a variety of different ways. There was a lockdown from January until March, churches remained open but we weren't permitted to have children's groups within church so we supported families with prepared daily reading plans, Zoom story times and other resources for use during the services and at home. From April we were able to have children's groups during the Sunday service, initially outside under a gazebo but in September we were able to move back into the church. As the year progressed we were able to move from Zoom sessions to have Pathfinders and J@M in the church or outside under Covid guidelines and then in September we resumed meeting in the Church Hall.

Some highlights during 2021/22 include::

- Weekly Church at Home resources with activities, teaching, games and prayer suggestions emailed to approximately 30 families.
- In person all age services and all age slots within the online services.
- StoryTime Zoom.
- Daily reading plan for families-Day by Day (Jesus Storybook Bible & Meals with Jesus.)
- In Search of Easter self guided trail in the church yard
- Interactive Walkabout Nativity Trail-Journey to Bethlehem.
- Nativity service with congregational involvement
- In person Sunday Children's groups, both outside and inside
- Easter packs including books, activities and Easter eggs delivered to 35 children connected with St Mary's
- In person Holiday Club
- J@M trip to Sorted

A big highlight this year was being able to hold an in person Holiday Club for the first time in 2 years. We ran Mission21, a secret agent themed holiday club across 4 mornings and 1 afternoon using material produced by Faith in Kids. We had to adapt some things due to Covid including running 2 hall sessions and keeping groups more separate than usual plus we were unable to run a family BBQ as in previous years. We were a smaller team of around 40 but there was great fellowship and joy at being together again. We saw around 85 children over the week and there was much appreciation from families within the village.

Youth and children's ministry has continued to be delivered flexibly in a variety of ways. With many families unable to attend church and with face to face youth work restricted we continued to work creatively building on things developed in 2020 and trying new things. We have seen new families arrive at St Mary's and existing families have developed new 'Church at Home' discipleship habits.

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## Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Training

During the pandemic Growth Groups continued to be the main vehicle for the pastoral support of congregation members. During the year some groups began meeting in person again each week, others continued on Zoom, or in gardens during the warmer weather. Five Growth Groups met during the year, weekly in the evening, to study the Bible, pray, and support one another. Leaders met termly to receive training and support, and to pray together. One of our groups for older members was unable to meet online, but began to meet again in person towards the end of the year, which has been a great encouragement. There is also an older members group meeting fortnightly for some of our Lunch Club members.

The PCC continued to prioritise training in the understanding and skills of Christian ministry attending Zoom training courses where possible.

The monthly Men's Breakfast met in person when permitted and on Zoom, and attracted up to twenty men for mutual support and encouragement. A number of church members attended the Bible by the Beach virtual conference during the first weekend in May.

A Pastoral Coordination Team consisting of five members has continued to meet fortnightly. The aim of the team is to support the clergy in caring for church members and their families at times of sickness, hospitalisation, infirmity, isolation and the general struggles of life. The team seeks to work towards the following vision adopted in 2019: *'The leadership of the church has been commissioned to equip the congregation in the pastoral care of each other's souls. Therefore our vision is to seek to foster a church culture in which we are all becoming increasingly more open about our struggles; where we are able to give and receive pastoral care to one another through prayer and through wise and helpful conversations that point to Jesus, reminding us that he meets and sustains us in our struggles and thereby building up the body of Christ.'*

## Mission and outreach

St Mary's mission is summarised on its publicity, website and noticeboards as 'Knowing Jesus; making Jesus known to all'. PCC pursued this mission through a range of activities.

Enquiry courses for people exploring the Christian faith were offered throughout the year, using the following published resources: Essentials; Christianity Explored.

The monthly Lunch Club for the over 50's was unable to run in its usual format, but in November and December two successful afternoon teas for lunch club members were held in the church hall. Leaders have continued to offer pastoral support to members.

During the year, PCC approved the development of a programme of outreach events for March 2022, in connection with the nationwide initiative *A Passion for Life*. A team under the leadership of Phillip Young was convened to oversee this.

## Mission Partnerships

The PCC tithes its income from regular giving to support Christian mission beyond the parish according to its agreed Global Mission Policy.

In 2021 the following partnerships received support from mission funds:

Faith in Kids – resources and training for church youth and childrens work

Festive - working with sixth forms and further education colleges to equip Christian young people to reach friends.

IMPACT – Christian workers supporting local schools.

Jude and YP Gayet - in church planting and youth ministry in Belgium.

Bishop Alf and Hilary Cooper - supporting church planting and evangelical unity with CMS in Chile.

Speak Life – UK evangelistic ministry (Director: Glen Scrivener)

The Church Pastoral Aid Society

Tearfund

Church members also contributed to the ministry of Operation Christmas Child at Christmas (Samaritan's Purse) and at Christmas the SMART Prebend Centre for the homeless in Bedford. Throughout the year church members supported the work of Bedford Foodbank through a collection point in the church.

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## Church buildings

One of the objectives of the PCC is to maintain the church, church hall and grounds as well as a house which has in past years accommodated the curate.



Many works were required again this year to ensure the church and church hall remained Covid safe.

Progress towards the restoration of the North Porch, was still delayed. A bat survey was carried out. The quotation for the works and the faculty needed to be updated. Works are hoped to commence in late 2022 at a suitable time for the bats and when the contractor has availability.

The PCC-owned property at 9 Studley Road was let for this year in order to support the renting of a more suitable property for the curate and his family. The curate had to be relocated to a second rental property in August when the previous landlord chose to give them notice.

An overhead phone line was installed into the church in June at no cost to the church. This enabled live streaming of services to begin in late July.

## Ecumenical Relationships

The PCC aims to strengthen Christian witness and service in the community through membership of Wootton and Stewartby Churches. During Lent, weekly online joint lunchtime prayer meetings were held.

The vicar attended monthly prayer meetings for leaders of Bedford Churches in sympathy with the doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Alliance, of which St Marys is a corporate member.

## St Mary's Preschool

Oversight of the Preschool is undertaken on behalf of PCC by management group comprising the Preschool Manager Tracey Kerins and her deputy Lina Rosato, and three members of PCC: Peter Ackroyd, Pauline Kendall and Amanda Newton.



## Holywell Church of England School, Cranfield

The PCC nominates a number of governors at Holywell School. Continuing Wootton PCC Foundation Governors were: Pauline Kendall (Chair of Governors), Martin Sanders, Fiona Frossell and Isabel Turner.

The Vicar regularly met with the Head, Mike Simpson, and in partnership with Cranfield Parish Church provided support for Key Stage and whole school assemblies, mostly online.

## Deanery Synod

St Marys was represented in Deanery Synod by its licensed clergy and three representatives of the laity. Pauline Kendall continued to serve as Lay Co-Chair of the Synod. During the year the Synod met four times.

## Structure, governance and management

The PCC met eight times in the year. Some of the work of the PCC is carried out through the following sub-committees: Standing, Finance, Youth Council, PreSchool Management. The Standing Committee meets once a month, between PCC meetings, and is made up of the vicar, wardens, treasurer and secretary. The role of the Standing Committee is to prioritise items for the PCC meeting, discuss and make decisions on items of a confidential nature or look in more detail on matters that have been brought to the PCC. The Youth Council met four times. In the second half of the year, PCC meetings in person resumed.

Issues discussed during the year included: recovery & rebuild of church life; the pattern of Sunday services; mission support; evangelism and outreach (including *A Passion for Life*); church leadership culture in the light of reports into spiritual abuse in churches in the UK and beyond; strategic priorities for staff appointments; *Living in Love and Faith* – Church of England resources concerning relationships marriage and sexuality; Christmas ministry & outreach; church finances and property; appointment of PCC officers & working groups following the APCM; 2022 PCC & Pre-school budgets; Secret Agents summer holiday club; ministry with children and young people; mission partnerships (including a new partnership with *Faith in Kids*); health and safety; Stewartby United Church.

In addition the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults was a standing item on the agenda of every meeting.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer, Kate Wilson, is currently a member of PCC. She is supported by Emma Hearn and Pauline Kendall as deputy safeguarding officers. Training on safeguarding arranged by the Diocese has been attended by members of the PCC, as well as by leaders of young people's groups and others as required under the church's safeguarding policy and by the Church of England.

Some PCC members also attended an online training session run by CPAS, *PCC Tonight*.

The PCC employs a part-time administrator, part-time Youth and Families Worker, the staff of the Preschool, and a church hall cleaner. The PCC and staff work in partnership with teams of volunteer helpers, appointed by the PCC and the vicar.

St Mary's continued to have responsibility within the diocese of St Albans as a training parish for first-post curates. Revd Phillip Young, with his wife Louise and sons Teddy, Wilfie & Rupert, is the current curate in training.

Jim Hignett serves as a licensed Reader and attends regular diocesan events.

The PCC and Administrator comply with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regarding the privacy of church member's information.

## Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted giving and income amounted to £137,700 and restricted giving totalled £10,473. We were able to reclaim £20,345 from Gift Aid eligible donations. These combined with other receipts gave the church a total income of £148,787. This was £12,273 less than in 2020 but this was largely due to a one-off donation of £11,000 received into the Choir & Organ Fund in 2020. The level of income remained extremely encouraging bearing in mind the continued pressures put upon the congregation because of the COVID pandemic.

Approximately £105,000 was spent on the Christian ministry at St. Mary's which includes £62,335 in Parish Share which was paid in full and pays for clergy salaries, pensions and housing costs as well as supporting the mission of the diocese. Our total expenditure for the year totalled £147,389, a decrease of £3,902 from the previous year.

For 2021 the church set a budget of £141,600 for income and expenditure and by the end of the year we had generated a modest surplus of income over expenditure of £1,398 which was achieved as our income exceeded our budget by £7,187 and whilst our expenditure was also up it was only ahead of budget by £5,789.

## Reserves Policy

Throughout 2021 we maintained our reserve fund at £10,000. This allows us to meet our obligations in terms of staff salaries and church running costs for a period of three months. Our cash reserves remain strong with a total of £255,694 on deposit at the end of 2021, with approximately £203,000 of this being restricted to expenditure on the fabric of the church building. During 2021 we have continued to operate two current accounts with our Metro account becoming the main account while we continue to maintain the NatWest account to ensure no account has funds exceeding £85,000 (Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit). In terms of a deposit account we continue to invest in the CBF Church of England Funds.





## Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with their duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually by the Parish Safeguarding Officer and agreed by the PCC. Safeguarding is also standing item on all PCC meeting agendas where any matters arising are discussed. The safeguarding team, Kate Wilson, Emma Hearn and Pauline Kendall, are working on behalf of the PCC to ensure all safeguarding requirements are fulfilled. This includes ensuring safer recruitment and that all volunteers are compliant with the new safeguarding training framework, which came into effect in January 2022. Following national reviews relating to safeguarding in churches, a review of St Mary's safeguarding culture took place. The safeguarding team, on behalf of the PCC, are working to implement recommendations made.

## Support of Stewartby United Church

Ministry at Stewartby United Church, a local ecumenical project, is provided under the terms of a Sharing Agreement in which the Church of England and the Methodist Church are the remaining active partners. Licensed ministers and congregation members from St Mary's have continued to support Stewartby in leading services when Stewartby church has been able to meet in person during 2021. Towards the end of the year, SU Church Council resolved, on account of the limited numbers of members able to serve actively, to reduce the number of Sunday meetings to one service on the first Sunday of each month, and a monthly T@3 Café Church.



# St. Mary's Pre-School January to December 2021

<b>EXPENDITURE January - December 2021</b>	
Salaries January - December 2020	88483.83
Pension	3422.88
Employers National Insurance/TAX	8060.62
Church Hall Rent + Floor Donation	5037.51
PLA Membership Fee + Ofsted	252.25
Equipment and supplies	5127.14
Uniform	324.57
Milkbar	1053.09
Photo developing	282.48
Staff Training	576.37
Petty Cash	105.00
DBS	398.70
Trip	818.50
Cash in Hand - 31 December 2021	4.05
Balance in Bank - 31 December 2021	26335.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140282.04</b>
<b>INCOME January - December 2020</b>	
Cash in Hand - 1 January 2021	9.05
Balance at Bank - 1 January 2021	28839.84
Received from Fees	15465.50
Received from Early Years Funding LEA + SEN	94883.26
Government Grant	576.98
Donations	37.41
Trip	470.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140282.04</b>

Manager/Treasurer: Tracey A + S Date: 04/01/2022  
TRACEY KERINS

Deputy Manager: Lina Rosato Date: 07/01/2022  
LINA ROSATO

Auditor: Lesley Rees Date: 16.2.2022  
LESLEY REES

# St. Mary the Virgin Parochial Church Council Independent Examiner's Report of accounts for January to December 2021

**Independent Examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council  
of St Mary the Virgin, Wootton, Bedford**  
Charity Commission no. 1150817

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended **31 December 2021**, which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and **s.145 of the Charities Act 2011** ('the Act').

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and **s.144(2)** of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

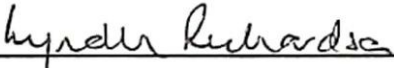
## **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under **s.145(5)(b)** of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

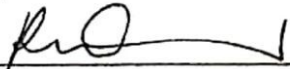
## **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- i. 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 Act; and
  - ☑ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- ii. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Independent Examiner – L. Richardson

Date 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Signed on behalf of PCC  Incumbrant – P.M. Ackroyd

Date 14 March 2022



# St Mary's Church, Wootton

## Balance Sheet detailed

To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
<b>Endowment assets</b>		
1509: Wootton Armstrong Fund	1,730.62	1,513.06
1510: Wootton Church Cottages	27,830.17	24,331.57
<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>29,560.79</b>	<b>25,844.63</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
1501: NatWest Current	85,410.85	117,884.30
1503: CBF Capital Fund	120,501.34	124,095.69
1504: CBF Studley Road	1.71	1.71
1508: Cash Book	—	—
1511: Metro Current	49,780.26	12,123.73
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>255,694.16</b>	<b>254,105.43</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
1650: Loans for Stonework	—	—
6699: Agency collections	388.18	197.50
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>388.18</b>	<b>197.50</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>284,866.77</b>	<b>279,752.56</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess / (deficit) to date	1,398.05	9,769.41
Z01: Starting balances	279,752.56	268,313.78
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	3,716.16	1,669.37
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>284,866.77</b>	<b>279,752.56</b>

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	26,388.57	29,835.39
Restricted	228,917.41	224,072.54
Endowment	29,560.79	25,844.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,866.77</b>	<b>279,752.56</b>



**St Mary's Church, Wootton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	116,802.33	2,475.87	—	119,278.20	135,086.45
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	21,510.85	—	—	21,510.85	19,088.25
Investment income	—	811.05	—	811.05	1,203.88
Other incoming resources	—	7,187.00	—	7,187.00	5,682.33
<b>Total income</b>	<b>138,313.18</b>	<b>10,473.92</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>148,787.10</b>	<b>161,060.91</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	10,115.00	—	—	10,115.00	9,720.00
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	125,766.82	5,488.25	—	131,255.07	135,539.65
Support costs	2,720.17	541.54	—	3,261.71	3,210.06
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	2,757.27	—	—	2,757.27	2,821.79
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>141,359.26</b>	<b>6,029.79</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>147,389.05</b>	<b>151,291.50</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(3,046.08)</b>	<b>4,444.13</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,398.05</b>	<b>9,769.41</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,776.82	1,190.74	—	3,967.56	16,211.95
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,177.56)	(790.00)	—	(3,967.56)	(16,211.95)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	3,716.16	3,716.16	1,669.37
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(3,446.82)</b>	<b>4,844.87</b>	<b>3,716.16</b>	<b>5,114.21</b>	<b>11,438.78</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>29,835.39</b>	<b>224,072.54</b>	<b>25,844.63</b>	<b>279,752.56</b>	<b>268,313.78</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>26,388.57</b>	<b>228,917.41</b>	<b>29,560.79</b>	<b>284,866.77</b>	<b>279,752.56</b>

# St Mary's Church, Wootton

## Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
<b><i>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources</i></b>						
101 - Gift Aided	71,556.00	—	—	—	71,556.00	79,910.00
102 - Tax recovered	20,045.79	—	300.00	—	20,345.79	21,763.62
103 - Other giving	8,593.96	—	—	—	8,593.96	8,322.48
104 - Loose Collections	1,542.04	—	—	—	1,542.04	1,462.76
105 - Gift days- Sundry giving	13,786.20	—	—	—	13,786.20	7,319.25
201 - Given for specific projects	665.79	612.55	2,175.87	—	3,454.21	16,308.34
<b><i>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources Totals</i></b>	<b>116,189.78</b>	<b>612.55</b>	<b>2,475.87</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>119,278.20</b>	<b>135,086.45</b>
<b><i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i></b>						
302 - Rent for church buildings	17,938.32	—	—	—	17,938.32	16,918.25
401 - Monies for books	163.53	—	—	—	163.53	252.00
404 - PCC fees Weddings/ Funerals	3,409.00	—	—	—	3,409.00	1,918.00
<b><i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals</i></b>	<b>21,510.85</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21,510.85</b>	<b>19,088.25</b>
<b><i>Investment income</i></b>						
301 - Interest	—	—	811.05	—	811.05	1,203.88
<b><i>Investment income Totals</i></b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>811.05</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>811.05</b>	<b>1,203.88</b>
<b><i>Other incoming resources</i></b>						
106 - Wootton Charities	—	—	2,000.00	—	2,000.00	2,000.00
405 - Assigned fees	—	—	5,187.00	—	5,187.00	3,682.33
<b><i>Other incoming resources Totals</i></b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,187.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,187.00</b>	<b>5,682.33</b>
<b>Incoming resources Grand totals</b>	<b>137,700.63</b>	<b>612.55</b>	<b>10,473.92</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>148,787.10</b>	<b>161,060.91</b>

## Resources used

<b><i>Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects</i></b>						
1001 - Overseas Mission	4,200.00	2,615.00	—	—	6,815.00	5,200.00
1003 - Home Mission	2,800.00	500.00	—	—	3,300.00	4,520.00
<b><i>Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects Totals</i></b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>3,115.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,115.00</b>	<b>9,720.00</b>
<b><i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i></b>						
2001 - Diocesan Quota	62,335.00	—	—	—	62,335.00	62,647.00
2002 - Working Expenses of Incumbent	2,571.24	—	—	—	2,571.24	2,361.15
2004 - Assistant Staff	22,918.99	—	945.04	—	23,864.03	24,354.86
2005 - Church Running expense	4,891.78	—	—	—	4,891.78	4,729.49
2006 - Church Maintenance	1,301.08	—	92.00	—	1,393.08	1,897.12
2007 - Upkeep of Services	3,127.54	—	—	—	3,127.54	6,700.54
2008 - Upkeep of Churchyard	—	—	54.21	—	54.21	—
2009 - Costs relating to books	377.12	—	—	—	377.12	505.93

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2010 - Church hall	8,670.64	—	—	—	8,670.64	10,341.98
2016 - Honoraria, Assigned fees	—	—	4,397.00	—	4,397.00	3,542.28
6000 - Studley Road	395.14	—	—	—	395.14	672.64
6001 - Curate Housing	19,178.29	—	—	—	19,178.29	17,786.66
<b>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals</b>	125,766.82	—	5,488.25	—	131,255.07	135,539.65
<b>Support costs</b>						
2017 - Support Costs	2,308.99	411.18	541.54	—	3,261.71	3,210.06
<b>Support costs Totals</b>	2,308.99	411.18	541.54	—	3,261.71	3,210.06
<b>Expenditure on managing-administering the charity</b>						
4000 - Administration	2,757.27	—	—	—	2,757.27	2,821.79
<b>Expenditure on managing-administering the charity Totals</b>	2,757.27	—	—	—	2,757.27	2,821.79
<b>Resources used Grand totals</b>	137,833.08	3,526.18	6,029.79	—	147,389.05	151,291.50



'You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.'

1 Peter 2: 4-5

## Administrative Information

St Mary's church is situated in Wootton village, Bedfordshire. It is part of the Diocese of St Albans within the Church of England. The correspondence address is : The Vicarage, Church Road, Wootton, Bedford MK43 9HF.

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