

THE CHURCH IN WALES
DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH

MAGOR MINISTRY AREA

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st December 2021



***‘Becoming the people God calls us to be....
Looking Upwards, Inwards and Outwards’***

Charity number: 1152418

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31 December 2021. **The Magor Ministry Area was incorporated into the new Netherwent Ministry Area from the 22nd February 2022 and the name of the charity changed accordingly.**

Structure and Governance.

The Magor Ministry Area is a grouping of ten churches in the Deanery of Netherwent, part of the Diocese of Monmouth in the Anglican province of the Church in Wales. It comprises of the churches of St Cadwaladr Bishton, St Mary Magdalene Goldcliff, Langstone, St Martin Llanmartin, St Mary Llanwern, St Mary Magor, St Mary Nash, St Thomas Redwick, St Mary Undy and St Mary Wilcrick. In 2019 the trustees agreed to stop regular services at Langstone church and hold a monthly service in the village hall.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the land and property of the Church in Wales, they are an exempt Charity set up under Section 13(2) of the Welsh Churches Act 1914. They act on behalf of the province in paying the stipends of the full-time clergy and administering the Church in Wales's scheme of gift aid.

The Ministry Area Council act as Parochial Church Council and Charity Trustees for the entire Ministry Area. It is not a body corporate, and its composition, procedure and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales. Trustees met four times in 2021 either in person or via Zoom.

The clergy team consists of the ministry area leader (Canon Jeremy Harris); a stipendiary curate (Rev Samuel Patterson) two non-stipendiary priests (Rev Allan Davies and Rev Hilary Prest. During 2021 the Rev Mandy East was ordained Deacon and serves in a non-stipendiary capacity. In addition, there is one Licensed Lay Ministers (Graham Lynch) and a Lay Eucharistic Minister (Ian Benton). Canon John Heales, Rev Susan Collingbourne, Rev David Collingbourne also regularly led services.

The ministry area has voluntary administration support from Louise Blackmore, who is also the secretary and Kevin Gunn the treasurer for the Ministry Area Council. The ministry area leader appointed Colin Paine as his ministry area warden and the AGM elected Ian Benton as people's warden.

Summary

The Coronavirus pandemic significantly impacted on the life and work of the ministry area for most of 2021. However when we were unable to meet the church continued to serve God and the local communities by way of on-line services and providing pastoral care and support by way of telephone or 'garden' visits.

The pandemic has impacted upon the finances of the charity but with support from the Representative Body of the Church In Wales and significant increases in regular/ direct giving amongst most congregations the payment of parish share was made in full, and all other financial liabilities have been met. Significant levels of expenditure have been identified in the short to medium term to be spent on church buildings, most of which are grade 1 or 2 listed.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are achieved by promoting throughout the ministry area the whole mission of the Church and includes the following:

- Conducting regular Christian worship including the Holy Eucharist, marriages, funerals and baptisms;
- The provision and maintenance of the fabric of each of the ten churches, churchyards and associated buildings;
- The maintenance of Christian burial places;
- Promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and Scripture;
- The provision of means and encouragement to promote fellowship within the membership of the Churches and the wider community;
- Pastoral care and visiting the sick & dying;
Fostering ecumenical links between differing Christian denominations;
- Supporting the work of other charities.

Monies are raised by freewill offertory, fund raising activities and specific appeals. These are used to support the work and administration of the churches and wider mission. It is recognised there will be considerable work to be done in rebuilding church attendances and re-opening other activities in the aftermath of the Coronavirus pandemic. The church continues actively to increase its attendance and outreach through its mission work in the community. Many of those involved in the main functions of the churches are volunteers. The ministry area is grateful to all of those who freely give of their time on a voluntary basis.

Activities

Activities within the ministry area can be split broadly into three categories: (i) worship, prayer and pastoral care (ii) fundraising and social events and (iii) mission and community outreach.

(i) Worship, Prayer and pastoral Care

- As a result of the Coronavirus attendances were limited for some of 2021. The Church In Wales has decided not to measure weekly attendances for 2021.
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals took place in our church buildings and funeral services also conducted in local crematoria and private chapels
- The Electoral Roll was updated during the year and includes 232 people (232).
- The ministry area continued to actively support its church school (Magor Church in Wales Primary School) through the provision of a weekly on-line act of collective worship. Half of the governing body are foundation governors and appointed by the church/ diocese. On-line worship was provided to the other 4 primary schools within the ministry area i.e., Glan-Llyn, Langstone, Llanmartin and Undy.
- A number of ad-hoc study and prayer groups were held online.
- Activities for children including a weekly 'Club Rock' (Magor Church), 'Messy Church' and a number of All-Age services.
- The Mothers Union, church choir, bell ringers were unable to meet for most of 2020 but activities slowly resumed during 2021.
- The ministry area is linked with the parish of Germiston in the diocese of the Highveld (South Africa) and the link continued to develop during the year.
- The ministry team endeavored to support those who were bereaved or sick at home or in hospital.

(ii) Fundraising & Social Events

Many in-person fundraising and social events were suspended during the early part of 2021 due to the pandemic but many resumed in the second half of the year.

(iii) Mission & Community Outreach

The ministry area attempts to reach out to our local communities through organisations and events such as: schools work, uniformed organisations; Mother & Toddler Groups; Magor Munchies: lunch club; coffee mornings; Cake Saturday; support and practical assistance to various charities including: Caldicot & Newport food banks, Raven House Trust, Mothers Union, Christian Aid etc.; The Magor Churchmen/ Events Group and the provision of church and church hall premises for a number of social and charitable purposes e.g. coffee mornings, craft groups, senior citizen clubs etc.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the Charity during the period from the Annual General Meeting in April 2021 until the end of the year were as follows:-

Mrs Bethan Louise Blackmore	Co-opted (Secretary)
Canon Jeremy David Harris	Ex-officio (Ministry Area Leader and chairperson)
Rev Samuel Patterson	Ex-officio (Stipendiary Curate)
Rev Allan Randall Davies	Co-opted (Focal Minister)
Rev Hilary Prest	Co-opted (Focal Minister, from May 2018)
Mr Kevin Gregson Gunn	Co-opted (Treasurer)
Mr Ian James Benton	Co-opted (Benefice Warden)
Mrs Gwen Hurford	Goldcliff
Mrs Florence Mary Levi	Nash
Mr Colin Edward John Paine	Undy
Mr James Robinson	Llanmartin
Mr Bryan Paul Smith	Wilcrick
Mrs Susan Jane Waters	Nash
Mrs Susan Jean Waters	Redwick
Mr Paul Frederick Williams (to Sept 2021)	Magor
Mrs Christine Cocklin	Bishton

Risk Review

The ministry area council is responsible for ensuring that reviews of all major risks are conducted and that wherever possible systems have been established to mitigate these risks. The risks facing the Charity include the state of repair of the churches, churchyards, church halls and the financial requirements to meet its stated activities. Each local church is encouraged to conduct a review of its own risks and this is periodically an agenda item for the ministry area council.

The ministry area has adopted the Church in Wales safeguarding policy. Paul Williams is the safeguarding officer for the ministry area. A General Data Protection Policy (GDPR) was adopted in 2018 and the ministry area fully complies with GDPR legislation.

The full impact of the Coronavirus on the charity's ability to fulfill its objectives, church attendances and finances remain highly uncertain. There have been no serious incidents or other matters relating to this charity over the previous financial year that we should have brought to the attention of the Charity Commissioners but have not.

Fabric

Nine of the ten churches in the ministry area are listed buildings (3 grade 1, 6 grade 2). Each local church congregation is encouraged to carry out regular inspections and maintenance as required. Quinquennial inspections are carried out by an independent architect.

A diocesan survey has indicated that expenditure of approximately £1 million will need to be spent on church buildings in the short to medium term. Whilst most of the church buildings are considered to be in a good/ reasonable condition for their age four of the buildings (Bishton, Nash, Llanmartin and Llanwern) require significant expenditure in the short to medium term. Significant improvements are also required to the church hall at Llanmartin.

Investment policy

The financial assets of the ministry area are maintained at a local church level, with a central bank account being used to receive and make payments with regard to parish share, clergy expenses etc. Each church committee seeks to achieve the best available interest rate from bank accounts. The ministry area council (trustees) retains overall responsibility for all the finances and investments of the charity.

Bankers

The central bank account for the ministry area is held with Lloyds Bank, 42 Commercial Street, Newport.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by The Reverend Canon Jeremy Harris, Chairperson.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

Netherwent Ministry Area 1152418

I report on the consolidated accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 23/10/2022

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Magor Ministry Area (Netherwent Ministry Area from 22nd February 2022)

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

Consolidated

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

		General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	Planned giving	49,067	540	49,607	48,363
	Loose collections	7,303	0	7,303	8,744
	Donations	4,258	2,972	7,230	7,870
	For Mission	0	0	0	57
	Tax refunds	10,663	60	10,723	11,594
	Legacy gifts received	2,326	0	2,326	0
	Grants	1,250	10,652	11,902	6,525
Generated income	Money raising	21,452	687	22,139	7,622
	Fees	6,692	14,432	21,124	15,034
Investment income		207	339	546	846
Other incoming resources		27,485	223	27,708	20,709
Total incoming resources		130,703	29,905	160,608	127,364
Resources expended					
Support for Ministry	Parish share	63,478	0	63,478	63,478
	Parochial expenses of clerics	4,447	0	4,447	3,821
	Other	0	0	0	86
Parish activities	Maintenance of services	852	0	852	886
	General parish expenses	11,643	37	11,680	11,953
Church property	Maintenance of churches	11,826	24,906	36,732	25,595
	Maintenance of other property	6,690	11,343	18,033	18,993
Exceptional expenditure		738	0	738	0
Grants and financial support	Parish	0	0	0	0
	Home/world	1,459	0	1,459	6,415
Other resources expended	Capital payments	0	0	0	920
	Cost of money raising	10,207	0	10,207	1,468
Total resources expended		111,340	36,286	147,626	133,615
Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources		19,363	(6,381)	12,982	(6,251)
Decrease in value of Diocesan Trust Fund		84	0	84	46

Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Movement in funds	19,447	(6,381)	13,066	(6,205)
Balance brought forward 1 January 2021				
Magor Ministry Area	357,323	147,535	504,858	507,112
Former United Parish of Bishton	29,668	69,576	99,244	103,195
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

		General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed tangible assets	Freehold property	279,933	0	279,933	279,933
Cash funds	Cash balances	60	0	60	51
	Bank current accounts	111,834	71,017	182,851	170,789
	Bank deposit accounts	15,584	124,654	140,238	138,436
Other monetary assets	Debtors	982	3,000	3,982	2,294
Investment assets	Term deposits	0	0	0	0
	Quoted investments	1,182	59	1,241	1,098
	Other	1,101	12,000	13,101	13,101
Total assets		<u>410,676</u>	<u>210,730</u>	<u>621,406</u>	<u>605,702</u>
Liabilities	Creditors	(4,238)	0	(4,238)	(1,600)
Net assets		<u>406,438</u>	<u>210,730</u>	<u>617,168</u>	<u>604,102</u>

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The church buildings, their contents and the churchyards within the Ministry Area are vested in the Representative

Body of the Church in Wales and do not form part of the assets of the Ministry Area.