

THE CHURCH IN WALES
DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH

NETHERWENT MINISTRY AREA ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st December 2022



Charity number: 1152418

The trustees take pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Structure and Governance.

The Netherwent Ministry Area is a grouping of nineteen churches in the Diocese of Monmouth in the Anglican province of the Church in Wales. The ministry area was formally inaugurated on the 22nd of February 2022 an amalgamation of three existing ministry areas/ groups of churches i.e., the current: Caldicot Benefice, the Magor Ministry Area and most of the Wentwood Ministry Area. The following church communities are part of the ministry area: -

Bishton – St Cadwaladr

St, Brides – St Bridget

Caerwent – St Stephen and St Tathan

Caldicot – St Mary

Goldcliff – St Mary Magdalene

Langstone*

Llandevaud – St Peter

Llanmartin – St Martin

Llanvaches – St Dyfrig (Dubritius)

Llanvair Discoed -St Mary

Llanwern – St Mary

Magor – St Mary

Nash – St Mary

Penhow – St John the Baptist

Portskewett – St Mary

Redwick – St Thomas the Apostle

Rogiet – St Mary

Undy – St Mary

Wilcrick – St Mary

(*Declared redundant in 2023)

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 acts 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 are elected annually; the trustees met four times during 2022.

2022 was very much a transitional period as the new ministry area was formed and the church began the process of recovering from the Coronavirus pandemic.

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 nineteen 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 were used to support the work and administration of the churches and wider mission. The churches expect to continue with their acts of worship and pastoral care during 2023 and will continue to actively seek 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 and the ministry area is grateful to all of those who freely give of their time on a voluntary basis.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the Charity during the period from the Annual General Meeting in April 2022 until the end of the year were as follows:-

Canon Jeremy Harris (Ministry Area Leader); Rev Dan Frett; Rev Peter Letson; Rev Hilary Prest; Rev Gilly Hubbard; Rev Samuel Patterson; Rev Kay Denly; Rev Mandy East.

Paul Glover (Lay Co-chair); Ian Benton (Ministry Area Leader's Warden); Catherine Watts (People's Warden).

Elected members: Roly Arthur, Fay Baxter, Louise Blackmore, Christine Cocklin, Steve Drowley,

Kevin Gunn, Sarah Hedgecox, Robert Kenny, Sue Kent, Gethin James,

Mike John, Colin Paine, Beryl Pugh, Ann Reynolds, Bryan Smith, Chris Tawton, Rachel Warfield,

Tryphena Williams

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 a property group has been established to assist in this and advise the ministry area council.

The ministry area has adopted the Church in Wales safeguarding policy and GDPR policy. 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

Eighteen of the church buildings within the ministry area are listed buildings and each church congregation is encouraged to carry out regular inspections and maintenance as required. Quinquennial inspections are carried out by an independent architect.

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 ministry share, clergy expenses etc. 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.

Auditors

Green & Co, Pembroke House, Ty Coch Ln, Llantarnam Park Way, Cwmbran NP44 3AU

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

Netherwent Ministry Area

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council

We report on the accounts of the Netherwent Ministry Area for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and Examiner:

The Parochial Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our 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 the Parochial Church Council 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 our examination, no material matters have come to our attention:

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting

requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Green and Co

Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors

Pembroke House

Llantarnam Park Way

Cwmbran

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10/08/2023



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Receipts & Payments by Report Group

| | | General | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | Total | Last funds | funds | funds | fundsYear |
| Income and endowments from: (St Stephen and St Tathan Caerwent, St Mary Llanvair Discoed, St John the Baptist Penhow, St Bridget St Brides, St Dubritius Llanvaches, St Peter Llandevaud, St Mary the Virgin, Caldicot, St Mary Portskewett, St Mary Rogiet, Langstone Parish Church, St Cadwaladr Bishton, St Martin Llanmartin, St Mary Magdalene Goldcliffe, St Mary Llanwern, St Mary Magor, St Mary Nash, St Mary Undy, St Mary Wilcrick, St Thomas Redwick, Ministry Area, Caldicot Benefice) | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | Planned Giving | 106,631.42 | 1,140.00 | 1,020.27 | - | 108,791.69 - |
| | For Mission | - | - | - | - | - - |
| | Legacy gifts received | 3,268.65 | 1,604.77 | 5,226.82 | - | 10,100.24 - |
| | Donations | 27,501.18 | 10,237.83 | 12,917.31 | - | 50,656.32 - |
| | Grants | 15,909.34 | 14,400.00 | 25,608.13 | - | 55,917.47 - |
| | Tax refunds - Gift Aid | 23,924.66 | - | - | - | 23,924.66 - |
| | Loose collections | 28,056.41 | 32.00 | 1,977.85 | - | 30,066.26 - |
| | Tax refunds - GASDS | 2,698.50 | - | - | - | 2,698.50 - |
| SubTotal Donations and legacies | | 207,990.16 | 27,414.60 | 46,750.38 | - | 282,155.14 - |
| Income from charitable activities | Fees | 28,729.00 | 3,329.00 | 17,928.00 | - | 49,986.00 - |
| SubTotal Income from charitable activities | | 28,729.00 | 3,329.00 | 17,928.00 | - | 49,986.00 - |
| Other trading activities | Money raising | 38,604.46 | 35,172.92 | 10,835.66 | - | 84,613.04 - |
| SubTotal Other trading activities | | 38,604.46 | 35,172.92 | 10,835.66 | - | 84,613.04 - |
| Investments | Investment income | 2,147.35 | 1,373.50 | 599.85 | - | 4,120.70 - |
| SubTotal Investments | | 2,147.35 | 1,373.50 | 599.85 | - | 4,120.70 - |
| Other income | Other Incoming Resources | 8,222.10 | 2,308.88 | 1,000.00 | - | 11,530.98 - |
| SubTotal Other income | | 8,222.10 | 2,308.88 | 1,000.00 | - | 11,530.98 - |
| Total Income and endowments from: | | 285,693.07 | 69,598.90 | 77,113.89 | - | |
| | | 432,405.86 | - | | | |
| Expenditure on: (St Stephen and St Tathan Caerwent, St Mary Llanvair Discoed, St John the Baptist Penhow, St Bridget St Brides, St Dubritius Llanvaches, St Peter Llandevaud, St Mary the Virgin, Caldicot, St Mary Portskewett, St Mary Rogiet, Langstone Parish Church, St Cadwaladr Bishton, St Martin Llanmartin, St Mary Magdalene Goldcliffe, St Mary Llanwern, St Mary Magor, St Mary Nash, St Mary Undy, St Mary Wilcrick, St Thomas Redwick, Ministry Area, Caldicot Benefice) | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | Cost of money raising | 3,207.13 | 11,665.77 | - | - | 14,872.90- |
| SubTotal Raising funds | | 3,207.13 | 11,665.77 | - | - | 14,872.90 - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | Parish Share | 160,304.24 | 862.50 | - | - | 161,166.74 |

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|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Parochial Expenses of Clerics | 9,152.06 | 3,952.07 | - | - | 13,104.13 | - |
| Other ministry support | - | 0.96 | - | - | 0.96 | - |
| Maintenance of Services | 3,498.10 | 6,803.77 | 539.00 | - | 10,840.87 | - |
| General parish expenses | 17,432.12 | (5,192.98) | 148.14 | - | 12,387.28 | - |
| Maintenance of Churches | 67,485.45 | 8,398.09 | 14,088.80 | - | 89,972.34 | - |
| Maintenance of other property | 9,828.19 | 33,321.28 | 18,043.11 | - | 61,192.58 | - |
| Mission:parish | 1,163.86 | 1,148.98 | - | - | 2,312.84 | - |
| Mission:home/world | 4,927.61 | 5,183.00 | - | - | 10,110.61 | - |
| Exceptional Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SubTotal Expenditure on charitable activities | 273,791.63 | 54,477.67 | 32,819.05 | - | 361,088.35 | - |
| Other expenditure | | | | | | |
| Capital payments | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | - |
| SubTotal Other expenditure | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | - |
| Total Expenditure on: | 276,998.76 | 66,143.44 | 33,819.05 | - | 376,961.25 | - |
| EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS | 8,694.31 | 3,455.46 | 43,294.84 | - | 55,444.61 | - |

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

| | | As at 31/12/2022 | As at 31/12/2021 |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| | Tangible Assets | 279,933 | 279,933 |
| | Investments | 246,617 | 269,235 |
| | | 526,550 | 549,168 |
| Current assets | | | |
| | Debtors | 4,000 | 3,000 |
| | Cash At Bank And In Hand | 673,414 | 583,646 |
| | | 677,414 | 586,646 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| | Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year | 38,328 | 3,000 |
| | | 38,328 | 3,000 |
| Net current assets less current liabilities | | 639,086 | 583,646 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,165,636 | 1,132,814 |
| Liabilities | | - | - |
| Total net assets less liabilities | | 1,165,636 | 1,132,814 |
| Represented by | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | |
| St Stephen and St Tathan Caerwent, St Mary Llanvair Discoed, St John the Baptist Penhow, St Bridget St Brides, St Dubritius Llanvaches, St Peter Llandeud, St Mary the Virgin, Caldicot, St Mary Portskewett, St Mary Rogiet, Langstone Parish Church, St Cadwaladr Bishton, St Martin Llanmartin, St Mary Magdalene Goldcliffe, St Mary Llanwern, St Mary Magor, St Mary Nash, St Mary Undy, St Mary Wilcrick, St Thomas Redwick, Ministry Area, Caldicot Benefice | Unrestricted - General Funds | 645,393 | 676,141 |
| Designated | | | |
| St Stephen and St Tathan Caerwent, St Mary Llanvair Discoed, St John the Baptist Penhow, St Bridget St Brides, St Dubritius Llanvaches, St Peter Llandeud, St Mary the Virgin, Caldicot, St Mary Portskewett, St Mary Rogiet, Langstone Parish Church, St Cadwaladr Bishton, St Martin Llanmartin, St Mary Magdalene Goldcliffe, St Mary Llanwern, St Mary Magor, St Mary Nash, St Mary Undy, St Mary Wilcrick, St Thomas Redwick, Ministry Area, Caldicot Benefice | Designated Funds | 520,243 | 456,673 |
| Endowment | | | |
| Fund Totals | | 1,165,636 | 1,132,814 |