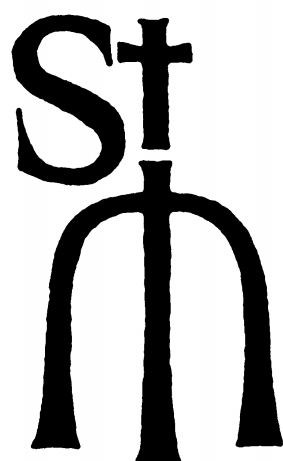


St. Mary's Church, Ash Vale

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



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Background

Introduction - Legal Requirements

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and reflects the organisation, financial situation and activities of St Mary's Church throughout the year 2022.

This Annual Report conforms to the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. St Mary's PCC is a charitable body in law and subject to the conditions of the Charities Act 2011. PCC members are legally held to be Trustees of the Charity.

The PCC is required by law to present 'an annual report on its proceedings and on the activities of the parish generally', which will be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

This report has to contain certain Statutory Information, and must be adopted by the PCC before presentation at the APCM. It must also be seen by the Independent Examiner when s/he is given the Annual Accounts for examination. The Report may also contain other information that may be presented and discussed at the APCM at the discretion of the PCC and Incumbent.

The PCC - Aims, Definitions and Organisation

The basic function of the PCC may be defined as: "having the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio (licensed Clergy and Readers, the elected Churchwardens, and Diocesan and Deanery Synod Representatives), elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), or co-opted because of special responsibilities they hold in the Church.

Elected members serve initially for three years. The PCC meets at least six times a year to conduct its business and pray together.

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Statutory Information and Statistics

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PCC Membership

Ex-Officio members:

Vicar: The Revd Neil Lambert (Chair)
Churchwarden to April 2023: Mr Martin Lindsay (Lay Chair) from April 2017
Churchwarden to April 2023: Mr Charles Lusty (Lay Chair) from May 2022
Lay-Reader: Mrs Jane Cox
Deanery Synod: Mrs Nikki Glover – April 2023

Elected members:

from April 2015 to April 2021; re-elected from April 2021 - April 2024: Mr Patrick Brown;
from April 2017 to April 2020; re-elected from April 2020 - April 2023: Mr Peter Wickwar
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Ben Philpot
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Jonathan Retallick
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Peter Scott

Co-opted members:

Alexandra Sanderson (Project Manager - Staff) Jacqueline Scott (Parish Administrator - Staff)
Mrs Anna White (Safeguarding Officer)

Sub-Committees of the PCC 2022

The **Standing Committee** is the only legally required sub-committee. It is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a PCC member. The PCC member who volunteered for the standing committee was Ben Philpot

Finance and Governance Committee: A Sanderson, P Brown, N Glover,

Premises Committee: M Lindsay (Chair), J Retallick, C Lusty and Lesley Murphy

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

At the APCM on 25th April 2022 the revised Electoral Roll was presented by Irene Cummings.

There are 88 names on the electoral roll, of these 67 are resident in the Parish.

Lesley Murphy

St Mary's Electoral Roll Officer

The usual Sunday attendance numbers were taken over four Sundays in October. These numbers include those worshipping on Zoom as well as those worshipping in Church. The figures for a 'normal' Sunday were recorded as: 65 adults and 10 under-16s.

There were 6 baptisms, 0 marriages in church, 5 funerals in church and 2 funerals were conducted by the clergy elsewhere.

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Summary of PCC meetings 2022

The PCC met seven times during the year, holding extra meetings during Neil's 3-month Sabbatical. Meetings were held initially on Zoom and then in person, sometimes in the Vicarage Garden but later in the year meetings were moved into the Church Narthex. Some of the PCC attended an away weekend in Hereford at the beginning of March, meeting to pray about what God is teaching us at St Mary's.

During the year the PCC considered and dealt with various issues:

- There was discussion about the carved Table made by Dan Austin. After prayer it was decided to offer the congregation the option of contributing to its cost if they felt it was right to keep it. All the money needed was raised.
- A course 'Living in Faith and Love' was held in Fleet and attended by Jackie Scott and Robin Barratt looking at how the Church of England looks after all expressions of identity and relationships; the General Synod would be considering this (Spring 2023).
- The PCC made the decision in January to cease production of the Parishoner. No new editor had come forward and the photocopier had become increasingly unreliable.
- Work on various aspects of the building were overseen – especially the west end window, which blew out in a storm in February 2022, and the damage to the front steps – both now rectified.
- The PCC appointed Anna White as Safeguarding Officer; Anna has brought all the safeguarding protocols and DBS checks up-to-date.
- A Survey was held at the instigation of the PCC, looking at whether people were happy with the start time of 10.30, asking opinions about how St Mary's cared for people and ideas about ways forward. The results of this are still being discussed.
- The photocopier was decommissioned after replacement parts had become obsolete. It had made 2 million copies in about 10 years! Subsequently 3 identical desk top printers have been purchased for Neil, Alex and the Office.
- During the Sabbatical, the PCC were responsible for overseeing the work going on in Church; the Church Wardens created a schedule for leading and preaching at services from within the congregation. During this time the death of Queen Elizabeth II was marked in September.
- The PCC also marked with sadness the deaths of Alan Long, Tony Fitzpatrick-Brown, Marge Willson, Joyce Watts and David Voller during 2022. All five were faithful and dedicated servants of Christ, who had worshipped and served at St Mary's for many years.
- Safeguarding Sunday, All Soul's Service, Remembrance Day and Churches Together Advent Groups were all overseen during the Sabbatical.
- The PCC set up a group to look at stewardship at St Mary's. The group (Patrick Brown, Ben Philpot, and Peter Scott) met every fortnight in the autumn to consider the financial situation of the Church and plan a Stewardship campaign looking at 'Time, Talent and Treasures' (which started in January 2023). This was with a view to ensuring that St Mary's can meet its obligations and continue to grow in mission and discipleship.
- Questions were raised about how Communion is administered to children and a discussion held about how children are taught about Communion. The discussion continued into 2023.

Churchwarden's Report

This year has been like no other at St. Mary's as we have still been recovering from restrictions:

- The visit from Archdeacon in June was highly successful. He looked at the Terrier, registers and additional facilities documents, all of which passed his inspection. Most of his visit was a discussion with Neil and churchwardens about our well-being and our mission as a church in Ash Vale. He gave us great feedback on how we were all doing as a team.
- Sabbatical: Neil's started his sabbatical in late August, so as churchwardens we put procedures and planning in place to cover this period. Sunday services were covered by a variety of people from within St Mary's and for this we give thanks for having a great human and spiritual resource within our fellowship. We managed to have regular communion services, baptisms, funerals and take part in the Ash Village Remembrance service with the other churches.

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- The Queen's passing was also challenging as this was unprecedented. We held a special service and prayers in line with the diocese and we marked her passing.
- We would like to thank everyone who supported the PCC while Neil was away. Neil has returned with energy and vigour (which was one of the aims) and while he was away, he unearthed some unexpected spiritual ministries which we hope will continue.

With prayers, Martin Lindsay and Charlie Lusty

Management – Staff, Premises & Finance

- **Anna White** is the Designated Parish Safeguarding Officer
- **Peter Wickwar** continued as Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults.
- **Sally Lowe** continued to lead the Pastoral work of the church with the help of Nikki Glover.
- **Patrick Brown** continued as Covenant Secretary, in addition to his role as Treasurer,
- **Nikki Glover** has continued in the role of Health and Safety Officer.
- Following the death of David Voller, **Robin Barratt** took on the management of St Mary's insurance.
- **Jane Cox** continued as Lay Reader to the parish.

Safeguarding

- St Mary's is looking to introduce the online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This dashboard is visible to the Diocese as a check on compliance with Safeguarding issues.
- As a Church we have had Clarification of our Safeguarding Roles from the Diocese.
- On 30th October St Mary's joined over 3,000 churches across the UK and hosted its first Safeguarding Sunday. It was an opportunity for us to share what our church is doing to make it a safer place for everyone and to thank those who work behind the scenes to make it happen.
- Our Sunday School is thriving. Parents have signed a Sunday School Agreement about timings of child supervision, handing back over to parents in a service or Sunday School leaders when they are ready and that anyone under 3 years old is supervised by a nominated adult who attends with them. In the past year, a stair gate has been installed at the bottom of the stairs leading into the small hall where Sunday School takes place. The gate from the astroturf into the car park is now locked so children cannot escape. Children at Sunday School now know to ask a Sunday School leader to fetch the football if it is kicked into the road.
- The following training has happened this year:
 - - L3 Core Leadership Certificate – Jane Cox
 - - DBS Validator Training, PSO Induction Training, Safeguarding Leadership Pathway, Safeguarding Basic Awareness, Safeguarding Foundations Course – Anna White
 - - Emergency First Aid at Work training – Alex Sanderson, Jan Thomas, Pete Scott, Jackie Scott, Nikki Glover
- In 2022, 5 DBS Checks, both new and renewal checks have been completed. There are 3 PCC members whose DBS checks are currently ongoing.
- There have been no safeguarding concerns in the last twelve months.
- The Chapel at Ash Vale now has its own Safeguarding Officer. St Mary's helps with projects like foodbanks, toddler time. St Mary's is working jointly with the Chapel to help support the Safeguarding Officer when the need arises.

Anna White, February 2023

Administration

Jackie Scott continued in the post of Parish Administrator reducing her hours in September from 12 to 8 hours and Alex Sanderson continued in her role as Project Manager for St Mary's and the Chapel.

Last year's APCM was held in April both on Zoom and in Church.

The iKnow App was purchased in 2019. It has enabled the Administrator to keep all Church members who have a computer informed and helps with Data Protection compliance.

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Following the breakdown of the old photocopier/printer it was decided to purchase three smaller desktop printers – for the church office, the project manager and the vicar. All are identical and are capable of photocopying, scanning and printing.

Hall Bookings are managed by a team from St Mary's. St Mary's has taken on additional regular daytime hirers during 2022 and the groups that use the Hall regularly are very welcome; they form a community of their own. From Brownies and Rainbows to Dance Classes, Pilates to Fitness Classes, Dog Training to U3a Groups of Country Dancing and Tai Chi; the groups that meet in our building are wide in range and committed to continuing to use our facilities. We have also benefitted from a lot of party bookings.

Premises Report (Martin Lindsay on behalf of the Premises Committee).

This year there have been more works and jobs to maintain the church, mainly due to coming out of restrictions in early 2022. There has been work on the hall – both toilets, church windows, car park surfaces, main hall kitchen. The storage space in the hall is currently storing the photocopier – taken from the Narthex to create more space. The Narthex is now a great extra space to have meetings, so the small and large halls can be used simultaneously. The Photocopier will be disposed of in due course.

There has been steady progress on the Quinquennial report; it is estimated that 70% of jobs have been completed since the last one 6 years ago – these are jobs that the Diocese sets the church to remedy with different time aims.

Jobs pending include painting the front steps to make more safe, fixing the external light leading to the Community Centre and the maintaining the corridor surface of the Community Centre.

As in previous years, the annual checks were carried out, again under Covid compliant restrictions – servicing of fire extinguishers, the two boilers, the Lightning Conductor and PAT testing was carried out in August.

- A raised bed was constructed in January and has provided a colourful entrance to the front of the church as well as solving the problem of the damaged steps
- The tall window at the West end of the Church blew out in the gales and has been fixed.

We'd like to say a big thank you for all those who have contributed their time to complete these jobs – not only saving the church a great deal of money, but also providing a high-quality service.

Finance

It has previously been highlighted that we were facing a deficit for the next few years, mostly as a result of a few sacrificial givers who have either left St. Mary's or who have stopped regular giving, as well as the ongoing increases in Parish Share. In addition to this, the membership of St. Mary's has changed as result of the various lockdowns during 2020 and 2021 which also has had a knock-on effect on regular planned giving. We are therefore still facing a deficit in normal running costs of between £15,000 - £20,000 for the foreseeable future. This is an unsustainable position as we have had to use our reserves (shares in the CBF investment fund) to make ends meet. We are now at a position that these reserves are unlikely to last much beyond the end of 2023. Hopefully this deficit will be addressed through the stewardship campaign starting in early 2023.

Our overall net worth at the end of 2022 was around £65,500 as compared with £87,200 the previous year – a reduction of around £21,700. This reduction was as a combination of a reduction in general funds of around £4,900 and a reduction in restricted funds of around £16,800. The reduction in general funds was as a result of using funds carried forward from the previous year to reduce the numbers of shares we would have to sell, whereas the reduction in restricted funds was mostly a combination of the sale of shares of £13,000 and a downward revaluation of our shares of £5,000 due to the poor market conditions experienced during 2022.

Invested funds decreased in value by around £17,100 in 2022 as compared to a decrease of around £7,000 in 2021. This reduction was as a result of the sale of shares and the downward revaluation of them during 2022 (see above) in addition to a lower dividend of £900 received in 2022 as compared to £1,500 in 2021. This again was as a result of the prevailing market conditions. The market value of our shares as at 31 December 2022 was around £26,800 as compared to £43,900 in 2021.

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Income during the year was around £144,500 which was £12,100 higher than the previous year's income of £132,400. This increase was made up in increases in both unrestricted and restricted funds of around £2,450 and £9,650 respectively.

The increase in unrestricted income was mainly as a result of an increase in once-off gift aided gifts of around £6,900 and an increase in hall hire income of around £5,100 which were offset by reductions in planned giving, one-off grants, advertising income and general fund raising of around £5,200, £2,400, £2,200 and £1,100 respectively.

The increase in restricted income was mainly as a result of increases in once-off gift-aided donations, donations and tax recovered on these donations of around £2,600 as well as an increase in grants of around £6,500. The increase in grants was as a result of an increase in Food Parcels grants of £5,250 as well as once-off grants from Change X and SCC Warm Hubs of £490 and £780 respectively.

Expenditure during the year was around £161,300 was £16,300 higher than the £145,000 for 2021. This was made up of an increase in unrestricted expenditure of around £9,700 and an increase in restricted expenditure of around £6,600.

The main reason for the increase in unrestricted expenditure was the increase in the Parish Share paid from general funds of around £9,000 as compared to that paid in 2021 whereas the increase in restricted expenditure was mainly as a result of increased expenditure on the Chapel Project of around £7,700.

The Community Centre showed a loss of around £400 in 2022 as compared to loss of £3,800 the previous year, an increase of £3,400. This was mainly as a result of increased income from hall hire of £5,100 which was to an extent off-set by the higher utility costs experienced towards the end of the year. It should be noted that hall hire income was still about £5,000 lower than pre-Covid levels.

The Parishioner. In May 2022 the PCC decided to retire the current duplicator after giving us over 2 million copies and still waiting for a back order of a circuit board; this with the lack of a volunteer editor meant that the Parishioner stopped being produced on a regular basis. This resulted in a loss of around £2,200 as compared to a loss of £100 the previous year. The current year's is made up of a loss in running costs of £650 together with the annual depreciation of around and final write-off cost of around £1,550.

Our policy on Investment did not change during 2022 and continued to be to reinvest the interest from our restricted share account held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF).

Although the church buildings do not appear specifically in the Church accounts as they are consecrated property and are therefore excluded from the financial statements, the PCC has a responsibility for their insurance. Our insurance cover through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group was £5 million for buildings and contents, £10 million for employers' liability and £10 million for public and products liability. The insurance premium (including tax) paid during 2021 was around £1,500.

Missions and Charities: Outward Giving

The PCC agreed a total of around £6,530 of financial support to a variety of missions and charities both at home and overseas from our planned giving which is in line with our commitment to giving 10% of our planned income.

At the PCC meeting on 12th January 2022 the PCC confirmed that 90% of this financial support would be given to the same 3 recipients as previous years , which are:

30% (£1,960) each to:

Amaha We Uganda

CYFA's work at Haslemere

Weeks' Music Ministry at Ash Vale Chapel

Of the remaining 10% (£650) only £110 was used on small donations, each of £100 or less.

Review of Progress and Achievements in 2022

Project Manager's Report - Jan-Dec 2022

Opening up the Church:

- 1) **Little Lambs Library** baby and toddler group Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am
- 2) **Community Cafe** Fridays 10:00-12:00 was extended from October onwards to include Lunch 12:00-13:00 and now offers warm hub facilities to the local Community. We have forged links with the food parcels team and hand out excess food at cafe each week. We are a registered Surrey CC warm hub. Guests have included Healthwatch, Social Proscribing team, Guildford Wellbeing Team, and William from Uganda. We held special events for Red Nose Day and MacMillan.
- 3) **Pancake Day** was celebrated in the usual style with races and pancakes after school
- 4) **St Nicholas Day** lantern walk and bonfire party took place on 10th December and was very well attended once again.
- 5) **Christingle Trail** was also well attended with over 160 people joining us for Christingle making, bonfire, live nativity, refreshments at the 'inn' and Neil's Pizza on Christmas Eve.
- 6) **Food Parcels Project** our joint project with Carla Morson's local Ash Villages Support Circle continued this year. The team started this vital work during Covid-19 but the help is still much needed as we face the cost of living crisis. We were overwhelmed by local peoples generosity at Christmas where your donations allowed us to provide food, winter warmers and Christmas cheer for 42 families / over 130 people. We also secured a Hubbub grant which will fund an outdoor Community Fridge in 2023.
- 7) **Parishioner Magazine** ceased being produced on a regular basis due to the printer being written off and lack of a volunteer editor. We continue to publish articles online via the church website on the Parishioner page and via the Parishioner Facebook page. News and contributions welcomed: parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk

Chapel Project:

- 1) **ChapelKids** Baby & Toddler Group focussed on growing food from Easter until July. In the Autumn term we added a parenting Pod with the support of ChangeX.org and the EasyPeasy Parenting App. The session is now longer running 11:00-14:00 and includes sensory play as well as the usual craft, lunch, play, story and songs.
- 2) **Chapel Poetry Group** remained on zoom for monthly workshops. Poets from the group contributed works for the 'Prayers for peace' exhibition at St Peter's in June.
- 3) **Chapel Craft** ran weekly on Wednesdays 20:00-22:00
- 4) **NWCLF:** The Chapel is now home to the New Way Christian Life Fellowship who have been granted a worship licence and meet here most Sundays. They have made a big impact with looking after the site and reaching out to the local community. Joint services at St Marys have been wonderful.
- 5) **ChapelArts & Chapel Music** - run by Matt Weeks and Jono and Debi Retallick
- 6) **Picnic and Play** in the holidays ran on Wednesdays in the summer holiday. Well received and much appreciated by the local community
- 7) **Serena Sheridan** completed an amazing sponsored run for The Chapel project. Thank you Serena and all who sponsored her.
- 8) **Light Party** was a huge success, it was great to be back indoors for a party after the covid restrictions.
- 9) **Christmas Event at the chapel** was led by the chapelkids families for our community and great fun was had by all.
- 10) Theatre Rocket continued to use the Chapel and we were delighted to be able to have them fully back in action after restrictions lifted.

St Marys and the Chapel give grateful thanks for all Volunteering and funding support received in 2022. This includes community funding from Co-op community fund, Changex.org grant for The Chapel parenting pod, Surrey CC Warm Hub funding, Lottery Community Grant funding for food parcels and all

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our local generous donors who support us in all we do. Without your financial help we could not stay open as a church or employ our Project Manager. Without your time and talents as volunteers we could not deliver any of these projects. Without your donations in kind for events, fundraising and Food Parcels we could not deliver help for the local community.

Grants Received 2022

Received	Amount	Organisation	Restricted Use
Jan-22	1,000.00	Tesco Community Grant	Food Parcels
Sep-22	9,250.00	Lottery Community Grant	Food Parcels
Sep-22	490.00	ChangeX.org	ChangeX
Nov-22	790.00	SCC Warm Hubs	Warm Hubs
	11,530.00		

The Refugee Support agreed to close the bank account and hence our financial backing ended at the end of 2022.

Thank you for all you do.

If you would like to contact our Project Manager about any of the above events and groups please phone or text 07730 609446.

Worship and Ministry in the Church (Peter Scott)

- The 10.30am service was held in Church and on Zoom
- the church festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Christmas were celebrated. A service for All Saints remembering those who have died was held.
- In addition to this:
- Several people from within the congregation have had the opportunity to preach during the autumn of 2022 while Rev Lambert was on sabbatical and St Mary's is the richer for their contributions: thanks go to Derek Monds, Sarah Mould, Jane Cox and Steve Cox. St Mary's has also benefitted from preaching by Val Turner (Neil's Sister).
- Steve Cox has led and celebrated communion on a number of occasions, and Martin Lindsay led the service of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday
- The Carol Service was held in Church on 11th December 2022
- **Music**
- Peter Scott has been holding choir practice in the church and lately in the Narthex moving the piano from the Hall to facilitate practices; the choir have a strong bond and enjoy meeting together to worship
- Peter and Jackie Scott, Matt Weeks, Oli Mould and Jan Lusty have been leading worship in church
- Natalie Jones and Jan Lusty have been playing the piano and organ during services.

One body, many parts

The PCC is looking at ways to spread the load of the many tasks that need doing to a wider group of people.

Prayer (Karen Pugh)

2022 was a good year for the prayer life at St Marys. Coming out of Lockdown opened up more opportunities for us to come together as a church and seek the Lord in prayer in unity. More people became involved in instigating and leading prayer and we have been blessed by the introduction of Contemplative Prayer now led by Sarah, established as a regular feature on the prayer calendar, every other Wednesday. We were also able re-establish prayer ministry at the end of the service on a Sunday

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morning. The following is a summary of the different ways we were seeking the Lord in prayer and who is involved in each aspect.

Monthly Prayer Meetings – 1st Friday of every month 7pm St Marys

- These are led by Karen Pugh, Jane and Stephen Cox, Linda Shepley and Robin Barratt
- The establishment of a core team of people to take a turn in structuring and leading the monthly prayer meetings at St Marys has been hugely beneficial. Each leader brings a fresh approach to leading prayers and through music, contemplation and looking at scripture, listening and calling upon the Lord in different ways we are moving closer to Him and able to receive and hear Him more clearly. We were joined on occasions by a few people who attend the Friday Café but numbers of people from St Marys attending remained relatively low.

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesday evening 7.30pm (alternate)

- Led by Sarah Mould and Neil (alternating) initially, latterly Sarah
- Sarah and Neil introduced us to a different way of praying during the course of 2022 which soon became an established form of prayer at St Marys. Sarah continued to lead her sessions whilst Neil was on Sabbatical and Contemplative Prayer continued thereafter every other Wednesday at 7.30pm – 8.30pm for the rest of the year. This quiet meditative style of prayer was a very welcome additional form of praying and listening to the Lord and continues to be popular.

Prayer Ministry after Sunday Service's (except 1st Sunday of the month)

- Led by Eileen and Derek, Sarah, Karen, Peter, Jane and Ben, prayer ministry is very well received by people coming forward to ask for the team to pray for themselves, friend or family member. It was good to be able to reintroduce this after the restrictions on social distancing had been lifted.

Midweek prayer meeting at St Marys Tuesday's 11.45am

- A midweek prayer meeting started taking place again during term-time after Little Lambs on a Tuesday. Sometimes we were joined by one or other of the Mums from Little Lambs, babies/toddler needs permitting!

St Marys email Prayer Chain

- Rachel and Joyce Watts have continued to lead the prayer chain, and it has continued to be both the mainstay and very effective tool for prayer requests during 2022. It is well supported by church members. Such a credit to Rachel and formally Joyce who sadly passed away In November.

Advent Prayer

- St Marys was asked to host the 1st in the series of advent prayers at the beginning of December and the theme was "Hope". Steve Cox led prayers with Alex, Anna and Jan Lusty leading worship. Alex provided and served refreshments after the service. The prayer meeting was attended by quite a good number of people from the local C of E churches.

Pastoral Care (Sally Lowe & Nikki Glover)

- Post-covid Nikki Glover and Sally Lowe have been making a combination of home visits and afternoon teas on a Sunday every other month. About 14 people come together and this has encouraged fellowship and friendships to flourish. Those at home are supported through visits, prayer, phone calls, emails and cards,
- Nikki Glover has been taking a chaplaincy course through Waverley Abbey and this has been fulfilling and encouraged Nikki to get further involved with the Pastoral needs in the Parish.

Fellowship groups (Jane Cox)

- There were 6 home groups meeting during 2022 some weekly, others fortnightly following various different studies. Home group members have found their groups invaluable in helping them grow in their walk with Jesus, in sharing encouragements and struggles, and in fun and fellowship. If anyone would like to be part of a group, please speak to Neil or Jane.
- The Lent book, Embracing Justice, by Isabelle Hamley, was used by many during Lent and proved challenging and inspiring.

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- During the autumn, while Neil was on sabbatical, most groups followed The Bible Course, a series of informative videos, with accompanying questions for discussion, produced by the Bible Society. This proved popular with all groups, being helpful for relative newcomers and Bible veterans.
- During the year Jane Cox took on the role of supporting small groups on behalf of the PCC.

Sunday School (Martin Lindsay)

- On this year's Sunday School register there are a regular 18 children who attend- which is a big increase from last year when we were still getting back from restrictions after the pandemic.
- There now are 3 leaders and 8 who assist. All have settled in well and hold a valid DBS check. We have taken resources from Messy Church, and this has enhanced the children's learning together with Roots, Godly play and other effective activities. We have lessons on the gospel and other corresponding readings.
- In addition, we had a safeguarding session to work alongside the adult safe service.
- We held a fire drill, first aid sessions, looked at health and safety items including talking about keeping safe online and on the internet. On reflection we would look to do this at least once every year to maintain our safeguarding responsibilities.
- Finally, I would like to thank the helpers, children, parents and all who support our children's ministry, and Anna in her safeguarding role keeping the children's ministry safe, a very important part of St. Mary's.
- If you like to help please let us know.

Many Thanks, Martin.

Youth Work - Haslemere Ventures

- This is an opportunity for young people to meet together outside of church environment with other young people exploring faith in the beautiful countryside
- Helen Lambert and Charlie Lusty were leaders in the summer, and Charlie returned to lead at New Year.
- Some of our young people were able to attend and thoroughly enjoyed their first experience.

Social Life and Fellowship

- **Thursday Friends** morphed into existence from the previous COVID Support Group which Neil initiated when it became possible for a group to gather safely with social distancing restrictions in place. The Support Group was mainly for people, both men and women, living on their own and for others who would benefit. This year the group were consulted about giving the group a new name, and as we regarded ourselves as friends, and we meet on Thursdays, the name Thursday Friends was agreed. It is a very simple, no fuss, set up where we enjoy mugs of tea or coffee, and a chocolate biscuit or two. We are a very cheery group and laugh a lot; good for our mental health. We have been pleased to welcome a visit from the Lambert's tortoise, Shelly, to our gathering, and, the little dog Geo is a frequent visitor. He has trained his servant Karen to bring him over regularly so he can enjoy being petted. Many thanks go to Jackie who gets the table and chairs arranged for us.

Neil very kindly organised a lovely Christmas Lunch for the group on 15th December.

The "Friends" also benefitted from Sunday afternoon teas Nikki Glover ran throughout the year.

The "Friends" donate what they choose towards the cost of the consumables and we have been able to donate an excess amount of £140 towards church funds.

Irene Cummings

- **Social Events**
 - The pizza oven has been used throughout the year in the Vicarage garden after services
 - A Fair was held in the Summer

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The Wider Church

Aldershot Deanery Synod

Aldershot Deanery Synod is comprised of the eleven parishes in the Aldershot Deanery; representatives from each church meet to share news and co-operate with each other.

In April 2023 **Nikki Glover** stood for one of the two spaces that are available to St Mary's.

Uganda Mission

Throughout 2022 St Mary's has kept in close contact with Rev William Musisi who has joined morning services on Zoom. He has kept the church updated with news from Amaha we Uganda. The Tree Project has been the primary focus with money being donated through Christmas donations and on other occasions. This has enabled a large number of tree seedlings to be grown in Nurseries and these have been taken out to be planted on the hills of the Rwenzori to help prevent landslides in the rainy season.

St Mary's was blessed by William's visit to Ash Vale in December when he was able to join us for our Christmas celebrations.

Ecumenical News

- 1) **Churches Together** restarted post-covid with world day of prayer hosted by Holy Angels in March and shared advertising of our Lent groups.
- 2) **NWCLF** (New Way Christian Fellowship) joined us for the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday, leading us in worship. This was followed by hot cross buns at chapel. Feedback from the event was hugely positive.
- 3) **St Peters and St Pauls** welcomed us in the summer for afternoon tea and churches together picnic.
- 4) **Remembrance** Day refreshments provided by CTAAT was a wonderful team effort and included volunteers from the Nepalese Christian Centre as well as the usual local churches.
- 5) **Warm Hubs** was a great example of working together, we co-ordinated local activities to cover as many days as possible for local families
- 6) **Advent Evenings** were a great success and a lovely way to connect during the build up to Christmas
- 7) **Carol Singing In the new estates** was a lovely opportunity to sing together. It was an experiment and in future we will use social media to create more opportunity for community interaction.
- 8) **Global links:** we continued to welcome ecumenical friends from around the world to our services via Zoom.

In the Community

Harvest gifts and Christmas gifts were re-directed to the Food Parcel scheme for those in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham who have been in hardship due to the Pandemic.

Hear here – the scheme set up to provide batteries and repair of hearing aids, supported by Guildford Diocese continued during 2022 with a clinic being held in the church at the same time as the Community Cafe generally on the first Friday of the month.

In Conclusion: the Vicar's Report – Sharing Jesus in 2022

2022 was a year of contrast, both the worst of times and the best of times. The embarrassment/hypocrisy of those in power (3 prime ministers in three months) The pride in our queen, her faithfulness/wisdom so evident as we all celebrated her Platinum jubilee. Followed too soon by the sadness at her death. A devastating war which would have profound consequences for the whole world. 2022 which saw the transition from pandemic to post pandemic leaving us with uncertainty and feeling vulnerable, not knowing what might come next. The inevitability and tragedy of global warming like a time bomb that has already gone off. **WHAT A YEAR!**

And in the midst of all this having to say farewell to five St Mary's saints who were loved so much. Tony, Alan, Marge, David and Joyce was very hard. Each one so precious. In the face of all this how should we, did we respond. Well Like the Psalmist with celebration and lament. Living the Gospel truth with faithfulness in word and action....and that's what I saw at St Mary's and the chapel throughout 2022.

As I began my sabbatical on the 21st of September I knew this would be a time of blessing, not just for me but also St Mary's and as I returned on the 3rd December in time to celebrate the feast of St Nicholas it was clear it had been. With William joining us over Christmas it really was a season to remember.

And so the lessons learnt in 2022 of Faithfulness to God and one another shone through and in these challenging times we continue to trust Jesus and build the church that he rejoices over. Not a perfect church but a faithful church.

* there are so many members of St Mary's that I need to thank but I will save that for the AGM.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Love and blessings to you all,
Neil

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Ash Vale
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Report to the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Ash Vale on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 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 my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Donna Leppitt
Independent Examiners Ltd
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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds	Notes					
Voluntary income	2(a)	80,830	50,231	—	131,061	118,888
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	11,332	40	—	11,372	10,229
Investment income	2(c)	11	882	—	893	1,494
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2(d)	531	—	—	531	979
Other incoming resources	2(e)	690	—	—	690	810
Total incoming resources		93,394	51,153	—	144,547	132,400
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	207	52	—	259	628
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and	3(b)	109	—	—	109	41
Charitable activities	3(c)	96,715	62,958	—	159,673	144,091
Governance costs	3(d)	1,280	—	—	1,280	250
Total resources used		98,311	63,011	—	161,321	145,011
Gains / losses on investment assets	6(b)	—	(4,966)		(4,966)	7,460
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		(4,917)	(16,823)	—	(21,740)	(5,151)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds	5	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds		(4,917)	(16,823)	—	(21,740)	(5,151)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		9,878	77,295	—	87,173	92,324
Total funds carried forward		4,961	60,472	—	65,433	87,173

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of this account

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6 (a)	—	1,559
Investments	6 (b)	26,810	43,899
		<hr/> 26,810	<hr/> 45,458
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		—	82
Debtors	7(a)	5,691	4,476
Cash at bank and in hand	7(b)	57,963	67,236
		<hr/> 63,654	<hr/> 71,794
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8	25,031	30,079
Net current assets less current liabilities		<hr/> 38,623	<hr/> 41,715
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> 65,433	<hr/> 87,173
Total net assets less liabilities		<hr/> 65,433	<hr/> 87,173
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General fund		3,288	6,518
Designated			
Designated - Administrators Float		—	50
Designated - Bookstall Fund		—	383
Designated - Community Development		423	423
Designated - Emergency Relief Fund		1,250	1,250
Designated - Nikki's Church Project		—	1,254
Restricted			
Restricted - Chapel Fund		222	872
Restricted - Childrens Society		290	140
Restricted - Covid-19 Fund		—	2,685
Restricted - Flood Forum		40	40
Restricted - Emergency Relief Fund		1,605	1,625
Restricted - Food Parcels Project		16,350	11,395
Restricted - Haslemere		—	73
Restricted - Maintenance Fund		150	150
Restricted - Parishioner		—	28
Restricted - Picnic & Play - Holiday Hunger		(222)	—
Restricted - PCC Investment Fund		26,812	46,099
Restricted - PCC Memorial Fund		476	470
Restricted - Postcode Community Trust Fund		3,350	3,350
Restricted - Project Manager		5,290	3,281
Restricted - Refugee Project		185	2,634
Restricted - Roof Appeal		359	209
Restricted - Special Collections		1,050	—
Restricted - Table Church		—	235
Restricted - Warm Hubs Fund		484	—
Restricted - Uganda Project		4,031	4,009
Funds of the church		<hr/> 65,433	<hr/> 87,173

Approved by the PCC on 15 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The Revd Neil Lambert (PCC chairman)

and



Mr Patrick Brown (PCC Treasurer)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General or unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that may be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in note 9,

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income and capital sources

Planned giving collections and similar donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Tax received under Gift Aided giving is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fetes and special events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from lettings of the Community Centre and church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable, the interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

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RESOURCES USED

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.10 (2) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their current anticipated useful economic life (initially over ten years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis for purchases at purchase price of

over £4,999	-	over ten years
£1001 - £4,999	-	over five years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31st December in respect of church fees and suppliers of goods or services to the 31st December for which accounts have not been received. They include unfulfilled commitments made by the PCC in respect of Christmas and outward giving.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Gift Aid - Bank	41,095	—	3,279	—	44,374	45,068
Gift Aid planned giving	1,850	—	—	—	1,850	6,360
Gift Aid - Envelopes	485	—	—	—	485	825
Other planned giving	9,264	—	2,160	—	11,424	9,418
Other planned giving - Envelopes	205	—	—	—	205	320
Loose plate collections	590	—	—	—	590	240
One-off Gift Aid gifts	9,660	—	13,803	—	23,463	9,272
Donations appeals etc	3,437	—	9,147	—	12,584	18,707
Sundry Donations - Community Café	408	—	—	—	408	—
Sundry Donations - Study Groups	89	—	—	—	89	—
Sundry Donations - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	30
Sundry Donations - Babies Support	8	—	—	—	8	11
Sundry Donations - Little Lambs	100	—	—	—	100	—
Chapel Arts	—	—	75	—	75	35
Chapel Kids	—	—	168	—	168	20
Chapels Share of Project Managers	—	—	5,570	—	5,570	5,570
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,275	—	4,271	—	17,546	15,380
GASDS	364	—	238	—	602	243
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	11,520	—	11,520	7,398
	80,830	—	50,231	—	131,061	118,888
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Quiz Nights	—	—	—	—	—	724
General Fund Raising	244	—	40	—	284	1,408
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	10,756	—	—	10,756	5,660
Magazine income - advertising	—	42	—	—	42	2,260
Sunday Coffee Money	130	—	—	—	130	51
Thursday Cafe	—	160	—	—	160	126
	374	10,958	40	—	11,372	10,229
2(c) Investment income						
Dividends	—	—	876	—	876	1,494
Bank and building society interest	6	5	6	—	17	—
	6	5	882	—	893	1,494
2(d) Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	519	—	—	—	519	979
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	12	—	—	12	—
	519	12	—	—	531	979
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Utilities Refund	—	690	—	—	690	810
	—	690	—	—	690	810
Total incoming resources	81,729	11,665	51,153	—	144,547	132,400

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income						
Costs of fetes & other events	207	—	52	—	259	628
	207	—	52	—	259	628
3(b) Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs						
Sunday Coffee Money	109	—	—	—	109	—
Thursday Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	41
	109	—	—	—	109	41
Cost of generating funds						
3(c) Charitable activities						
Giving to missionary societies	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	2,120
Giving - relief and development	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	2,150
Home mission	2,070	—	—	—	2,070	2,603
Ministry parish share etc	61,539	—	14,982	—	76,521	69,063
Salary of parish administrator	7,898	—	—	—	7,898	8,217
Salary of Project Manager	—	—	12,240	—	12,240	11,298
Vicar's telephone	576	—	—	—	576	576
Health & Safety	126	—	—	—	126	86
Youth & Families Work	(54)	—	—	—	(54)	121
Outreach	306	—	—	—	306	159
Picnic & Play - Holiday Hunger	—	—	473	—	473	—
Pastoral	—	—	20	—	20	—
Mission / Hospitality	415	—	1,500	—	1,915	—
Food Parcels	—	—	8,976	—	8,976	10,944
Food & Prescriptions	—	—	2,732	—	2,732	4,632
Houseware	—	—	—	—	—	552
Transport Costs	—	—	2,520	—	2,520	520
Church running - insurance	—	1,047	—	—	1,047	983
Computer Equipment / Consumables	2,616	—	300	—	2,916	2,830
Audio Visual	178	—	—	—	178	159
Organ & Choir	308	—	—	—	308	110
Church maintenance	851	1,205	—	—	2,056	2,331
Upkeep of services	475	—	—	—	475	1,487
Flowers	3	—	—	—	3	—
Baptism & Confirmation	—	—	—	—	—	17
Messy Church	78	—	—	—	78	32
Table Church	1,104	—	1,896	—	3,000	—
Administration	36	—	—	—	36	80
Presentations	237	—	264	—	500	—
Visiting Speakers / locums	20	—	—	—	20	—
Social Events	80	—	—	—	80	—
Study Groups	101	—	—	—	101	—
Haselmere Costs	27	—	73	—	100	290

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3(c)						
Charitable activities (continued)						
Church running - electric	—	978	—	—	978	978
Church running - gas	—	1,094	—	—	1,094	1,097
Church Running - Boiler	—	145	—	—	145	118
Church running - water	—	97	—	—	97	153
Magazine expenses	—	442	83	—	525	1,452
Magazine Advertising Refunds	—	255	—	—	255	—
Bookstall costs	—	82	—	—	82	—
Hire of Chapel	—	—	490	—	490	—
Chapel	—	—	11,048	—	11,048	3,297
Uganda	—	—	3,793	—	3,793	5,688
Hall running - electricity	—	978	—	—	978	978
Hall running - gas	—	1,094	11	—	1,105	1,097
Hall Running - Boiler	—	145	—	—	145	118
Hall running - insurance	—	449	—	—	449	421
Hall running - maintenance	—	4,725	—	—	4,725	6,180
Hall running - water	—	97	—	—	97	153
Hall Running - Supplies	—	149	—	—	149	145
Hall running - return of deposit	—	826	—	—	826	76
Equipment Depreciation	—	—	780	—	780	780
Equipment Write Off	—	—	779	—	779	—
	82,908	13,807	62,958	—	159,673	144,091
Governance costs						
3(d) Governance costs examination/audit	1,280	—	—	—	1,280	250
	1,280	—	—	—	1,280	250
Total resources expended	84,504	13,807	63,011	—	161,321	145,011

4 STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	22,928	23,287
Pension	1,730	1,777
Social security costs	132	170
Furloughed Staff Grant	-	(2,398)
Total staff costs	24,790	22,836

During the year we employed on a part-time basis a parish administrator, a project manager and a cleaner/caretaker.

5 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During 2022 there were no transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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6 FIXED ASSETS

6(a) TANGIBLE ASSETS

EQUIPMENT	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	1,559	1,559	2,339
Acquisitions at cost	—	—	—	—
Depreciation	—	(780)	(780)	(780)
Asset value written off	—	(779)	(779)	—
Market value as at 31st December	—	—	—	1,559

During 2014 a digital printer was purchased at a capital cost of £6,800 from proceeds from the sale of shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

During 2016 we purchased high capacity paper trays for the digital printer at a capital cost of £999

After given us 2 million copies and waiting for a back order of a circuit board it was decided at the PCC meeting on the 18 May 2022 that the current photocopier should be retired. The residual value of £779 was therefore written off.

6(b) INVESTMENTS

Income shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	43,899	43,899	50,946
Acquisitions at cost (reinvested dividends)	—	876	876	1,493
Net unrealised gain / (loss)	—	(4,966)	(4,966)	7,460
Sale of Shares (Transfer to funds)	—	(13,000)	(13,000)	(16,000)
Market value as at 31st December	—	26,810	26,810	43,899

Original value of the investment was £20,000. The market value quoted includes the revaluation of shares and-dividends reinvested at the year end

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7 CURRENT ASSETS

7(a) DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tax recoverable	2,002	2,109	4,111	3,155
GASDS	290	201	491	373
Paid in advance	(170)	—	(170)	(196)
Parishioner advertising	—	—	—	70
Utilities Refund	500	—	500	810
Aged debtors	—	—	—	215
Other debtors	302	457	759	49
	<u>2,924</u>	<u>2,767</u>	<u>5,691</u>	<u>4,476</u>

The **Aged Debtors** value of £215 in 2011 was written off during 2022:

7(b) CASH IN BANK AND IN HAND

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
CCLA Deposit Accounts (4)	1,324	1,306
Co-op Current Account	38,737	52,982
Lloyds Current Account	16,799	9,070
Lloyds Community Centre Account	914	855
Lloyds Refugee Project Account	189	2,589
Lloyds Bookstall Account	—	282
Cash in hand		
General	—	56
Chapel	—	55
Project Manager	—	(28)
Bookstall	—	19
Admin Float	—	50
	<u>—</u>	<u>152</u>
	<u>57,963</u>	<u>67,236</u>

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8 LIABILITIES

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Annual outward giving (current year)	5,880	-	5,880	-
Outward Giving 2020	2,020	-	2,020	6,060
Outward Giving 2021	4,240	-	4,240	6,360
Parish Share	-	-	-	16,548
British Gas	707	4	711	292
Vicarage Phone	-	-	-	576
Mission / Hospitality	415	1,500	1,915	-
Chapel Project	-	-	-	7
Uganda Project	-	2,537	2,537	-
Returnable Deposits	173	-	173	-
Food Parcels Project	-	7,000	7,000	-
Other creditors	472	83	555	236
	<u>13,907</u>	<u>11,124</u>	<u>25,031</u>	<u>30,079</u>

Designated funds

Designated funds are funds held by the PCC to capture the cost of specific activities and, with the exception of the Bookstall, Thursday Café, Community Development Fund, Emergency Relief and the Administrators float, their net surpluses/deficits transferred back to the general fund at year end.

Nikki's Church Project Fund was set up in 2021 to provide for the repair of the church steps to be undertaken in 2022. This was completed during 2022 and the remaining balance transferred to general funds.

Restricted funds

The main restricted funds are:

The Chapel fund, which during previous years was used to support the work and costs associated with the upkeep of the Chapel, was transferred to the Chapel's own bank account during 2014. From 2015 onwards the balance of income and expenditure through St. Mary's books are transferred to the Chapel's own bank account.

The Covid-19 Fund was set up in support of the Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus Support Group which through a large number of local volunteers provide shopping and collection of prescriptions for those not able to do so for themselves and to provide food parcels to those in need. This fund was closed in 2022 and has now be superseded by the Foods Parcels Project.

The Emergency Relief Fund was created in 2020 to provide support for church members who needed urgent financial support.

Food Parcels Project was set up to provide food parcels as the need was increasing beyond the capacity of Covid-19 Fund to solely to support them. It has now completely superseded the Covid-19 Fund.

The PCC Investment fund may be used for religious purposes only

The Postcode Community Trust fund was created in 2018 as a result of a successful bid for funding for the Project Manager costs (50%) and specific arts & crafts equipment (50%).

The Project Manager fund was created in 2016 to partly provide for the costs of employing a part-time project manager from a re-occurring but reducing grant from the diocese. It is now currently funded from voluntary and donations from the Chapel and their activities.

The Refugee Project was set up in 2018 to support a Syrian refugee family to settle in Ash Vale under the Government scheme run through Guildford Borough Council

The Uganda Project fund which may be used to support our work with our partners in Uganda (including the cost of visits to and from Uganda)

The other restricted funds are normally raised for their specific purposes and expended during the same year with the exception of the Memorial Fund which was set up to support local churches in need.

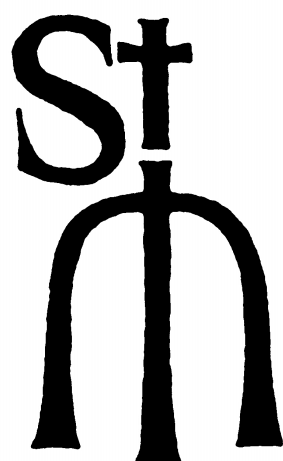
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MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balances as at 1st January 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances as at 31st December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted						
General fund	6,518	81,729	84,504	(455)	—	3,288
	6,518	81,729	84,504	(455)	—	3,288
Designated						
Administrators Float	50	—	—	(50)	—	—
Bookstall Fund	383	12	82	(313)	—	—
Community Development Fund	423	—	—	—	—	423
Community Centre Fund	—	11,451	11,896	445	—	—
Emergency Relief Fund	1,250	—	—	—	—	1,250
Nikki's Church Project	1,254	—	1,132	(122)	—	—
Parishioner	—	42	697	655	—	—
Thursday cafe	—	160	—	(160)	—	—
	3,360	11,664	13,807	455	—	1,673
Total (non restricted funds)	9,878	93,394	98,311	—	—	4,961
Restricted						
ChangeX Grant Funding	—	490	490	—	—	—
Chapel Fund	872	10,409	11,060	—	—	222
Children's Society	140	151	0	—	—	290
Covid-19 Fund	2,685	34	2,719	—	—	—
Emergency Relief Fund	1,625	—	20	—	—	1,605
Flood Forum	40	—	—	—	—	40
Food Parcels Project	11,395	13,945	8,990	—	—	16,350
Haslemere	73	—	73	—	—	—
Maintenance Fund	150	—	—	—	—	150
PCC Investment Fund	46,099	3,720	18,041	—	(4,966)	26,812
PCC Memorial Fund	470	6	—	—	—	476
Parishioner	28	55	83	—	—	—
Picnic & Play - Holiday Hunger	—	252	474	—	—	(222)
Postcode Community Trust Fund	3,350	—	—	—	—	3,350
Project Manager	3,281	13,664	11,655	—	—	5,290
Refugee Project	2,634	634	3,084	—	—	185
Roof Appeal	209	150	—	—	—	359
Special Collections	—	1,050	—	—	—	1,050
Table Church	235	1,682	1,917	—	—	—
Uganda Project	4,009	3,818	3,796	—	—	4,031
Warm Hubs Fund	—	1,093	609	—	—	484
Sub total	77,295	51,153	63,011	—	(4,966)	60,472
Total funds	87,173	144,547	161,321	—	(4,966)	65,433

St. Mary's Church, Ash Vale

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



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Background

Introduction - Legal Requirements

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and reflects the organisation, financial situation and activities of St Mary's Church throughout the year 2022.

This Annual Report conforms to the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. St Mary's PCC is a charitable body in law and subject to the conditions of the Charities Act 2011. PCC members are legally held to be Trustees of the Charity.

The PCC is required by law to present 'an annual report on its proceedings and on the activities of the parish generally', which will be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

This report has to contain certain Statutory Information, and must be adopted by the PCC before presentation at the APCM. It must also be seen by the Independent Examiner when s/he is given the Annual Accounts for examination. The Report may also contain other information that may be presented and discussed at the APCM at the discretion of the PCC and Incumbent.

The PCC - Aims, Definitions and Organisation

The basic function of the PCC may be defined as: "having the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio (licensed Clergy and Readers, the elected Churchwardens, and Diocesan and Deanery Synod Representatives), elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), or co-opted because of special responsibilities they hold in the Church.

Elected members serve initially for three years. The PCC meets at least six times a year to conduct its business and pray together.

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Statutory Information and Statistics

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PCC Membership

Ex-Officio members:

Vicar: The Revd Neil Lambert (Chair)
Churchwarden to April 2023: Mr Martin Lindsay (Lay Chair) from April 2017
Churchwarden to April 2023: Mr Charles Lusty (Lay Chair) from May 2022
Lay-Reader: Mrs Jane Cox
Deanery Synod: Mrs Nikki Glover – April 2023

Elected members:

from April 2015 to April 2021; re-elected from April 2021 - April 2024: Mr Patrick Brown;
from April 2017 to April 2020; re-elected from April 2020 - April 2023: Mr Peter Wickwar
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Ben Philpot
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Jonathan Retallick
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Peter Scott

Co-opted members:

Alexandra Sanderson (Project Manager - Staff) Jacqueline Scott (Parish Administrator - Staff)
Mrs Anna White (Safeguarding Officer)

Sub-Committees of the PCC 2022

The **Standing Committee** is the only legally required sub-committee. It is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a PCC member. The PCC member who volunteered for the standing committee was Ben Philpot

Finance and Governance Committee: A Sanderson, P Brown, N Glover,

Premises Committee: M Lindsay (Chair), J Retallick, C Lusty and Lesley Murphy

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

At the APCM on 25th April 2022 the revised Electoral Roll was presented by Irene Cummings.

There are 88 names on the electoral roll, of these 67 are resident in the Parish.

Lesley Murphy

St Mary's Electoral Roll Officer

The usual Sunday attendance numbers were taken over four Sundays in October. These numbers include those worshipping on Zoom as well as those worshipping in Church. The figures for a 'normal' Sunday were recorded as: 65 adults and 10 under-16s.

There were 6 baptisms, 0 marriages in church, 5 funerals in church and 2 funerals were conducted by the clergy elsewhere.

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Summary of PCC meetings 2022

The PCC met seven times during the year, holding extra meetings during Neil's 3-month Sabbatical. Meetings were held initially on Zoom and then in person, sometimes in the Vicarage Garden but later in the year meetings were moved into the Church Narthex. Some of the PCC attended an away weekend in Hereford at the beginning of March, meeting to pray about what God is teaching us at St Mary's.

During the year the PCC considered and dealt with various issues:

- There was discussion about the carved Table made by Dan Austin. After prayer it was decided to offer the congregation the option of contributing to its cost if they felt it was right to keep it. All the money needed was raised.
- A course 'Living in Faith and Love' was held in Fleet and attended by Jackie Scott and Robin Barratt looking at how the Church of England looks after all expressions of identity and relationships; the General Synod would be considering this (Spring 2023).
- The PCC made the decision in January to cease production of the Parishoner. No new editor had come forward and the photocopier had become increasingly unreliable.
- Work on various aspects of the building were overseen – especially the west end window, which blew out in a storm in February 2022, and the damage to the front steps – both now rectified.
- The PCC appointed Anna White as Safeguarding Officer; Anna has brought all the safeguarding protocols and DBS checks up-to-date.
- A Survey was held at the instigation of the PCC, looking at whether people were happy with the start time of 10.30, asking opinions about how St Mary's cared for people and ideas about ways forward. The results of this are still being discussed.
- The photocopier was decommissioned after replacement parts had become obsolete. It had made 2 million copies in about 10 years! Subsequently 3 identical desk top printers have been purchased for Neil, Alex and the Office.
- During the Sabbatical, the PCC were responsible for overseeing the work going on in Church; the Church Wardens created a schedule for leading and preaching at services from within the congregation. During this time the death of Queen Elizabeth II was marked in September.
- The PCC also marked with sadness the deaths of Alan Long, Tony Fitzpatrick-Brown, Marge Willson, Joyce Watts and David Voller during 2022. All five were faithful and dedicated servants of Christ, who had worshipped and served at St Mary's for many years.
- Safeguarding Sunday, All Soul's Service, Remembrance Day and Churches Together Advent Groups were all overseen during the Sabbatical.
- The PCC set up a group to look at stewardship at St Mary's. The group (Patrick Brown, Ben Philpot, and Peter Scott) met every fortnight in the autumn to consider the financial situation of the Church and plan a Stewardship campaign looking at 'Time, Talent and Treasures' (which started in January 2023). This was with a view to ensuring that St Mary's can meet its obligations and continue to grow in mission and discipleship.
- Questions were raised about how Communion is administered to children and a discussion held about how children are taught about Communion. The discussion continued into 2023.

Churchwarden's Report

This year has been like no other at St. Mary's as we have still been recovering from restrictions:

- The visit from Archdeacon in June was highly successful. He looked at the Terrier, registers and additional facilities documents, all of which passed his inspection. Most of his visit was a discussion with Neil and churchwardens about our well-being and our mission as a church in Ash Vale. He gave us great feedback on how we were all doing as a team.
- Sabbatical: Neil's started his sabbatical in late August, so as churchwardens we put procedures and planning in place to cover this period. Sunday services were covered by a variety of people from within St Mary's and for this we give thanks for having a great human and spiritual resource within our fellowship. We managed to have regular communion services, baptisms, funerals and take part in the Ash Village Remembrance service with the other churches.

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- The Queen's passing was also challenging as this was unprecedented. We held a special service and prayers in line with the diocese and we marked her passing.
- We would like to thank everyone who supported the PCC while Neil was away. Neil has returned with energy and vigour (which was one of the aims) and while he was away, he unearthed some unexpected spiritual ministries which we hope will continue.

With prayers, Martin Lindsay and Charlie Lusty

Management – Staff, Premises & Finance

- **Anna White** is the Designated Parish Safeguarding Officer
- **Peter Wickwar** continued as Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults.
- **Sally Lowe** continued to lead the Pastoral work of the church with the help of Nikki Glover.
- **Patrick Brown** continued as Covenant Secretary, in addition to his role as Treasurer,
- **Nikki Glover** has continued in the role of Health and Safety Officer.
- Following the death of David Voller, **Robin Barratt** took on the management of St Mary's insurance.
- **Jane Cox** continued as Lay Reader to the parish.

Safeguarding

- St Mary's is looking to introduce the online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This dashboard is visible to the Diocese as a check on compliance with Safeguarding issues.
- As a Church we have had Clarification of our Safeguarding Roles from the Diocese.
- On 30th October St Mary's joined over 3,000 churches across the UK and hosted its first Safeguarding Sunday. It was an opportunity for us to share what our church is doing to make it a safer place for everyone and to thank those who work behind the scenes to make it happen.
- Our Sunday School is thriving. Parents have signed a Sunday School Agreement about timings of child supervision, handing back over to parents in a service or Sunday School leaders when they are ready and that anyone under 3 years old is supervised by a nominated adult who attends with them. In the past year, a stair gate has been installed at the bottom of the stairs leading into the small hall where Sunday School takes place. The gate from the astroturf into the car park is now locked so children cannot escape. Children at Sunday School now know to ask a Sunday School leader to fetch the football if it is kicked into the road.
- The following training has happened this year:
 - - L3 Core Leadership Certificate – Jane Cox
 - - DBS Validator Training, PSO Induction Training, Safeguarding Leadership Pathway, Safeguarding Basic Awareness, Safeguarding Foundations Course – Anna White
 - - Emergency First Aid at Work training – Alex Sanderson, Jan Thomas, Pete Scott, Jackie Scott, Nikki Glover
- In 2022, 5 DBS Checks, both new and renewal checks have been completed. There are 3 PCC members whose DBS checks are currently ongoing.
- There have been no safeguarding concerns in the last twelve months.
- The Chapel at Ash Vale now has its own Safeguarding Officer. St Mary's helps with projects like foodbanks, toddler time. St Mary's is working jointly with the Chapel to help support the Safeguarding Officer when the need arises.

Anna White, February 2023

Administration

Jackie Scott continued in the post of Parish Administrator reducing her hours in September from 12 to 8 hours and Alex Sanderson continued in her role as Project Manager for St Mary's and the Chapel.

Last year's APCM was held in April both on Zoom and in Church.

The iKnow App was purchased in 2019. It has enabled the Administrator to keep all Church members who have a computer informed and helps with Data Protection compliance.

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Following the breakdown of the old photocopier/printer it was decided to purchase three smaller desktop printers – for the church office, the project manager and the vicar. All are identical and are capable of photocopying, scanning and printing.

Hall Bookings are managed by a team from St Mary's. St Mary's has taken on additional regular daytime hirers during 2022 and the groups that use the Hall regularly are very welcome; they form a community of their own. From Brownies and Rainbows to Dance Classes, Pilates to Fitness Classes, Dog Training to U3a Groups of Country Dancing and Tai Chi; the groups that meet in our building are wide in range and committed to continuing to use our facilities. We have also benefitted from a lot of party bookings.

Premises Report (Martin Lindsay on behalf of the Premises Committee).

This year there have been more works and jobs to maintain the church, mainly due to coming out of restrictions in early 2022. There has been work on the hall – both toilets, church windows, car park surfaces, main hall kitchen. The storage space in the hall is currently storing the photocopier – taken from the Narthex to create more space. The Narthex is now a great extra space to have meetings, so the small and large halls can be used simultaneously. The Photocopier will be disposed of in due course.

There has been steady progress on the Quinquennial report; it is estimated that 70% of jobs have been completed since the last one 6 years ago – these are jobs that the Diocese sets the church to remedy with different time aims.

Jobs pending include painting the front steps to make more safe, fixing the external light leading to the Community Centre and the maintaining the corridor surface of the Community Centre.

As in previous years, the annual checks were carried out, again under Covid compliant restrictions – servicing of fire extinguishers, the two boilers, the Lightning Conductor and PAT testing was carried out in August.

- A raised bed was constructed in January and has provided a colourful entrance to the front of the church as well as solving the problem of the damaged steps
- The tall window at the West end of the Church blew out in the gales and has been fixed.

We'd like to say a big thank you for all those who have contributed their time to complete these jobs – not only saving the church a great deal of money, but also providing a high-quality service.

Finance

It has previously been highlighted that we were facing a deficit for the next few years, mostly as a result of a few sacrificial givers who have either left St. Mary's or who have stopped regular giving, as well as the ongoing increases in Parish Share. In addition to this, the membership of St. Mary's has changed as result of the various lockdowns during 2020 and 2021 which also has had a knock-on effect on regular planned giving. We are therefore still facing a deficit in normal running costs of between £15,000 - £20,000 for the foreseeable future. This is an unsustainable position as we have had to use our reserves (shares in the CBF investment fund) to make ends meet. We are now at a position that these reserves are unlikely to last much beyond the end of 2023. Hopefully this deficit will be addressed through the stewardship campaign starting in early 2023.

Our overall net worth at the end of 2022 was around £65,500 as compared with £87,200 the previous year – a reduction of around £21,700. This reduction was as a combination of a reduction in general funds of around £4,900 and a reduction in restricted funds of around £16,800. The reduction in general funds was as a result of using funds carried forward from the previous year to reduce the numbers of shares we would have to sell, whereas the reduction in restricted funds was mostly a combination of the sale of shares of £13,000 and a downward revaluation of our shares of £5,000 due to the poor market conditions experienced during 2022.

Invested funds decreased in value by around £17,100 in 2022 as compared to a decrease of around £7,000 in 2021. This reduction was as a result of the sale of shares and the downward revaluation of them during 2022 (see above) in addition to a lower dividend of £900 received in 2022 as compared to £1,500 in 2021. This again was as a result of the prevailing market conditions. The market value of our shares as at 31 December 2022 was around £26,800 as compared to £43,900 in 2021.

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Income during the year was around £144,500 which was £12,100 higher than the previous year's income of £132,400. This increase was made up in increases in both unrestricted and restricted funds of around £2,450 and £9,650 respectively.

The increase in unrestricted income was mainly as a result of an increase in once-off gift aided gifts of around £6,900 and an increase in hall hire income of around £5,100 which were offset by reductions in planned giving, one-off grants, advertising income and general fund raising of around £5,200, £2,400, £2,200 and £1,100 respectively.

The increase in restricted income was mainly as a result of increases in once-off gift-aided donations, donations and tax recovered on these donations of around £2,600 as well as an increase in grants of around £6,500. The increase in grants was as a result of an increase in Food Parcels grants of £5,250 as well as once-off grants from Change X and SCC Warm Hubs of £490 and £780 respectively.

Expenditure during the year was around £161,300 was £16,300 higher than the £145,000 for 2021. This was made up of an increase in unrestricted expenditure of around £9,700 and an increase in restricted expenditure of around £6,600.

The main reason for the increase in unrestricted expenditure was the increase in the Parish Share paid from general funds of around £9,000 as compared to that paid in 2021 whereas the increase in restricted expenditure was mainly as a result of increased expenditure on the Chapel Project of around £7,700.

The Community Centre showed a loss of around £400 in 2022 as compared to loss of £3,800 the previous year, an increase of £3,400. This was mainly as a result of increased income from hall hire of £5,100 which was to an extent off-set by the higher utility costs experienced towards the end of the year. It should be noted that hall hire income was still about £5,000 lower than pre-Covid levels.

The Parishioner. In May 2022 the PCC decided to retire the current duplicator after giving us over 2 million copies and still waiting for a back order of a circuit board; this with the lack of a volunteer editor meant that the Parishioner stopped being produced on a regular basis. This resulted in a loss of around £2,200 as compared to a loss of £100 the previous year. The current year's is made up of a loss in running costs of £650 together with the annual depreciation of around and final write-off cost of around £1,550.

Our policy on Investment did not change during 2022 and continued to be to reinvest the interest from our restricted share account held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF).

Although the church buildings do not appear specifically in the Church accounts as they are consecrated property and are therefore excluded from the financial statements, the PCC has a responsibility for their insurance. Our insurance cover through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group was £5 million for buildings and contents, £10 million for employers' liability and £10 million for public and products liability. The insurance premium (including tax) paid during 2021 was around £1,500.

Missions and Charities: Outward Giving

The PCC agreed a total of around £6,530 of financial support to a variety of missions and charities both at home and overseas from our planned giving which is in line with our commitment to giving 10% of our planned income.

At the PCC meeting on 12th January 2022 the PCC confirmed that 90% of this financial support would be given to the same 3 recipients as previous years , which are:

30% (£1,960) each to:

Amaha We Uganda

CYFA's work at Haslemere

Weeks' Music Ministry at Ash Vale Chapel

Of the remaining 10% (£650) only £110 was used on small donations, each of £100 or less.

Review of Progress and Achievements in 2022

Project Manager's Report - Jan-Dec 2022

Opening up the Church:

- 1) **Little Lambs Library** baby and toddler group Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am
- 2) **Community Cafe** Fridays 10:00-12:00 was extended from October onwards to include Lunch 12:00-13:00 and now offers warm hub facilities to the local Community. We have forged links with the food parcels team and hand out excess food at cafe each week. We are a registered Surrey CC warm hub. Guests have included Healthwatch, Social Proscribing team, Guildford Wellbeing Team, and William from Uganda. We held special events for Red Nose Day and MacMillan.
- 3) **Pancake Day** was celebrated in the usual style with races and pancakes after school
- 4) **St Nicholas Day** lantern walk and bonfire party took place on 10th December and was very well attended once again.
- 5) **Christingle Trail** was also well attended with over 160 people joining us for Christingle making, bonfire, live nativity, refreshments at the 'inn' and Neil's Pizza on Christmas Eve.
- 6) **Food Parcels Project** our joint project with Carla Morson's local Ash Villages Support Circle continued this year. The team started this vital work during Covid-19 but the help is still much needed as we face the cost of living crisis. We were overwhelmed by local peoples generosity at Christmas where your donations allowed us to provide food, winter warmers and Christmas cheer for 42 families / over 130 people. We also secured a Hubbub grant which will fund an outdoor Community Fridge in 2023.
- 7) **Parishioner Magazine** ceased being produced on a regular basis due to the printer being written off and lack of a volunteer editor. We continue to publish articles online via the church website on the Parishioner page and via the Parishioner Facebook page. News and contributions welcomed: parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk

Chapel Project:

- 1) **ChapelKids** Baby & Toddler Group focussed on growing food from Easter until July. In the Autumn term we added a parenting Pod with the support of ChangeX.org and the EasyPeasy Parenting App. The session is now longer running 11:00-14:00 and includes sensory play as well as the usual craft, lunch, play, story and songs.
- 2) **Chapel Poetry Group** remained on zoom for monthly workshops. Poets from the group contributed works for the 'Prayers for peace' exhibition at St Peter's in June.
- 3) **Chapel Craft** ran weekly on Wednesdays 20:00-22:00
- 4) **NWCLF:** The Chapel is now home to the New Way Christian Life Fellowship who have been granted a worship licence and meet here most Sundays. They have made a big impact with looking after the site and reaching out to the local community. Joint services at St Marys have been wonderful.
- 5) **ChapelArts & Chapel Music** - run by Matt Weeks and Jono and Debi Retallick
- 6) **Picnic and Play** in the holidays ran on Wednesdays in the summer holiday. Well received and much appreciated by the local community
- 7) **Serena Sheridan** completed an amazing sponsored run for The Chapel project. Thank you Serena and all who sponsored her.
- 8) **Light Party** was a huge success, it was great to be back indoors for a party after the covid restrictions.
- 9) **Christmas Event at the chapel** was led by the chapelkids families for our community and great fun was had by all.
- 10) Theatre Rocket continued to use the Chapel and we were delighted to be able to have them fully back in action after restrictions lifted.

St Marys and the Chapel give grateful thanks for all Volunteering and funding support received in 2022. This includes community funding from Co-op community fund, Changex.org grant for The Chapel parenting pod, Surrey CC Warm Hub funding, Lottery Community Grant funding for food parcels and all

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our local generous donors who support us in all we do. Without your financial help we could not stay open as a church or employ our Project Manager. Without your time and talents as volunteers we could not deliver any of these projects. Without your donations in kind for events, fundraising and Food Parcels we could not deliver help for the local community.

Grants Received 2022

Received	Amount	Organisation	Restricted Use
Jan-22	1,000.00	Tesco Community Grant	Food Parcels
Sep-22	9,250.00	Lottery Community Grant	Food Parcels
Sep-22	490.00	ChangeX.org	ChangeX
Nov-22	790.00	SCC Warm Hubs	Warm Hubs
	11,530.00		

The Refugee Support agreed to close the bank account and hence our financial backing ended at the end of 2022.

Thank you for all you do.

If you would like to contact our Project Manager about any of the above events and groups please phone or text 07730 609446.

Worship and Ministry in the Church (Peter Scott)

- The 10.30am service was held in Church and on Zoom
- the church festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Christmas were celebrated. A service for All Saints remembering those who have died was held.
- In addition to this:
- Several people from within the congregation have had the opportunity to preach during the autumn of 2022 while Rev Lambert was on sabbatical and St Mary's is the richer for their contributions: thanks go to Derek Monds, Sarah Mould, Jane Cox and Steve Cox. St Mary's has also benefitted from preaching by Val Turner (Neil's Sister).
- Steve Cox has led and celebrated communion on a number of occasions, and Martin Lindsay led the service of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday
- The Carol Service was held in Church on 11th December 2022
- **Music**
- Peter Scott has been holding choir practice in the church and lately in the Narthex moving the piano from the Hall to facilitate practices; the choir have a strong bond and enjoy meeting together to worship
- Peter and Jackie Scott, Matt Weeks, Oli Mould and Jan Lusty have been leading worship in church
- Natalie Jones and Jan Lusty have been playing the piano and organ during services.

One body, many parts

The PCC is looking at ways to spread the load of the many tasks that need doing to a wider group of people.

Prayer (Karen Pugh)

2022 was a good year for the prayer life at St Marys. Coming out of Lockdown opened up more opportunities for us to come together as a church and seek the Lord in prayer in unity. More people became involved in instigating and leading prayer and we have been blessed by the introduction of Contemplative Prayer now led by Sarah, established as a regular feature on the prayer calendar, every other Wednesday. We were also able re-establish prayer ministry at the end of the service on a Sunday

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morning. The following is a summary of the different ways we were seeking the Lord in prayer and who is involved in each aspect.

Monthly Prayer Meetings – 1st Friday of every month 7pm St Marys

- These are led by Karen Pugh, Jane and Stephen Cox, Linda Shepley and Robin Barratt
- The establishment of a core team of people to take a turn in structuring and leading the monthly prayer meetings at St Marys has been hugely beneficial. Each leader brings a fresh approach to leading prayers and through music, contemplation and looking at scripture, listening and calling upon the Lord in different ways we are moving closer to Him and able to receive and hear Him more clearly. We were joined on occasions by a few people who attend the Friday Café but numbers of people from St Marys attending remained relatively low.

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesday evening 7.30pm (alternate)

- Led by Sarah Mould and Neil (alternating) initially, latterly Sarah
- Sarah and Neil introduced us to a different way of praying during the course of 2022 which soon became an established form of prayer at St Marys. Sarah continued to lead her sessions whilst Neil was on Sabbatical and Contemplative Prayer continued thereafter every other Wednesday at 7.30pm – 8.30pm for the rest of the year. This quiet meditative style of prayer was a very welcome additional form of praying and listening to the Lord and continues to be popular.

Prayer Ministry after Sunday Service's (except 1st Sunday of the month)

- Led by Eileen and Derek, Sarah, Karen, Peter, Jane and Ben, prayer ministry is very well received by people coming forward to ask for the team to pray for themselves, friend or family member. It was good to be able to reintroduce this after the restrictions on social distancing had been lifted.

Midweek prayer meeting at St Marys Tuesday's 11.45am

- A midweek prayer meeting started taking place again during term-time after Little Lambs on a Tuesday. Sometimes we were joined by one or other of the Mums from Little Lambs, babies/toddler needs permitting!

St Marys email Prayer Chain

- Rachel and Joyce Watts have continued to lead the prayer chain, and it has continued to be both the mainstay and very effective tool for prayer requests during 2022. It is well supported by church members. Such a credit to Rachel and formally Joyce who sadly passed away In November.

Advent Prayer

- St Marys was asked to host the 1st in the series of advent prayers at the beginning of December and the theme was "Hope". Steve Cox led prayers with Alex, Anna and Jan Lusty leading worship. Alex provided and served refreshments after the service. The prayer meeting was attended by quite a good number of people from the local C of E churches.

Pastoral Care (Sally Lowe & Nikki Glover)

- Post-covid Nikki Glover and Sally Lowe have been making a combination of home visits and afternoon teas on a Sunday every other month. About 14 people come together and this has encouraged fellowship and friendships to flourish. Those at home are supported through visits, prayer, phone calls, emails and cards,
- Nikki Glover has been taking a chaplaincy course through Waverley Abbey and this has been fulfilling and encouraged Nikki to get further involved with the Pastoral needs in the Parish.

Fellowship groups (Jane Cox)

- There were 6 home groups meeting during 2022 some weekly, others fortnightly following various different studies. Home group members have found their groups invaluable in helping them grow in their walk with Jesus, in sharing encouragements and struggles, and in fun and fellowship. If anyone would like to be part of a group, please speak to Neil or Jane.
- The Lent book, Embracing Justice, by Isabelle Hamley, was used by many during Lent and proved challenging and inspiring.

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- During the autumn, while Neil was on sabbatical, most groups followed The Bible Course, a series of informative videos, with accompanying questions for discussion, produced by the Bible Society. This proved popular with all groups, being helpful for relative newcomers and Bible veterans.
- During the year Jane Cox took on the role of supporting small groups on behalf of the PCC.

Sunday School (Martin Lindsay)

- On this year's Sunday School register there are a regular 18 children who attend- which is a big increase from last year when we were still getting back from restrictions after the pandemic.
- There now are 3 leaders and 8 who assist. All have settled in well and hold a valid DBS check. We have taken resources from Messy Church, and this has enhanced the children's learning together with Roots, Godly play and other effective activities. We have lessons on the gospel and other corresponding readings.
- In addition, we had a safeguarding session to work alongside the adult safe service.
- We held a fire drill, first aid sessions, looked at health and safety items including talking about keeping safe online and on the internet. On reflection we would look to do this at least once every year to maintain our safeguarding responsibilities.
- Finally, I would like to thank the helpers, children, parents and all who support our children's ministry, and Anna in her safeguarding role keeping the children's ministry safe, a very important part of St. Mary's.
- If you like to help please let us know.

Many Thanks, Martin.

Youth Work - Haslemere Ventures

- This is an opportunity for young people to meet together outside of church environment with other young people exploring faith in the beautiful countryside
- Helen Lambert and Charlie Lusty were leaders in the summer, and Charlie returned to lead at New Year.
- Some of our young people were able to attend and thoroughly enjoyed their first experience.

Social Life and Fellowship

- **Thursday Friends** morphed into existence from the previous COVID Support Group which Neil initiated when it became possible for a group to gather safely with social distancing restrictions in place. The Support Group was mainly for people, both men and women, living on their own and for others who would benefit. This year the group were consulted about giving the group a new name, and as we regarded ourselves as friends, and we meet on Thursdays, the name Thursday Friends was agreed. It is a very simple, no fuss, set up where we enjoy mugs of tea or coffee, and a chocolate biscuit or two. We are a very cheery group and laugh a lot; good for our mental health. We have been pleased to welcome a visit from the Lambert's tortoise, Shelly, to our gathering, and, the little dog Geo is a frequent visitor. He has trained his servant Karen to bring him over regularly so he can enjoy being petted. Many thanks go to Jackie who gets the table and chairs arranged for us.

Neil very kindly organised a lovely Christmas Lunch for the group on 15th December.

The "Friends" also benefitted from Sunday afternoon teas Nikki Glover ran throughout the year.

The "Friends" donate what they choose towards the cost of the consumables and we have been able to donate an excess amount of £140 towards church funds.

Irene Cummings

- **Social Events**
 - The pizza oven has been used throughout the year in the Vicarage garden after services
 - A Fair was held in the Summer

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The Wider Church

Aldershot Deanery Synod

Aldershot Deanery Synod is comprised of the eleven parishes in the Aldershot Deanery; representatives from each church meet to share news and co-operate with each other.

In April 2023 **Nikki Glover** stood for one of the two spaces that are available to St Mary's.

Uganda Mission

Throughout 2022 St Mary's has kept in close contact with Rev William Musisi who has joined morning services on Zoom. He has kept the church updated with news from Amaha we Uganda. The Tree Project has been the primary focus with money being donated through Christmas donations and on other occasions. This has enabled a large number of tree seedlings to be grown in Nurseries and these have been taken out to be planted on the hills of the Rwenzori to help prevent landslides in the rainy season.

St Mary's was blessed by William's visit to Ash Vale in December when he was able to join us for our Christmas celebrations.

Ecumenical News

- 1) **Churches Together** restarted post-covid with world day of prayer hosted by Holy Angels in March and shared advertising of our Lent groups.
- 2) **NWCLF** (New Way Christian Fellowship) joined us for the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday, leading us in worship. This was followed by hot cross buns at chapel. Feedback from the event was hugely positive.
- 3) **St Peters and St Pauls** welcomed us in the summer for afternoon tea and churches together picnic.
- 4) **Remembrance** Day refreshments provided by CTAAT was a wonderful team effort and included volunteers from the Nepalese Christian Centre as well as the usual local churches.
- 5) **Warm Hubs** was a great example of working together, we co-ordinated local activities to cover as many days as possible for local families
- 6) **Advent Evenings** were a great success and a lovely way to connect during the build up to Christmas
- 7) **Carol Singing In the new estates** was a lovely opportunity to sing together. It was an experiment and in future we will use social media to create more opportunity for community interaction.
- 8) **Global links:** we continued to welcome ecumenical friends from around the world to our services via Zoom.

In the Community

Harvest gifts and Christmas gifts were re-directed to the Food Parcel scheme for those in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham who have been in hardship due to the Pandemic.

Hear here – the scheme set up to provide batteries and repair of hearing aids, supported by Guildford Diocese continued during 2022 with a clinic being held in the church at the same time as the Community Cafe generally on the first Friday of the month.

In Conclusion: the Vicar's Report – Sharing Jesus in 2022

2022 was a year of contrast, both the worst of times and the best of times. The embarrassment/hypocrisy of those in power (3 prime ministers in three months) The pride in our queen, her faithfulness/wisdom so evident as we all celebrated her Platinum jubilee. Followed too soon by the sadness at her death. A devastating war which would have profound consequences for the whole world. 2022 which saw the transition from pandemic to post pandemic leaving us with uncertainty and feeling vulnerable, not knowing what might come next. The inevitability and tragedy of global warming like a time bomb that has already gone off. **WHAT A YEAR!**

And in the midst of all this having to say farewell to five St Mary's saints who were loved so much. Tony, Alan, Marge, David and Joyce was very hard. Each one so precious. In the face of all this how should we, did we respond. Well Like the Psalmist with celebration and lament. Living the Gospel truth with faithfulness in word and action....and that's what I saw at St Mary's and the chapel throughout 2022.

As I began my sabbatical on the 21st of September I knew this would be a time of blessing, not just for me but also St Mary's and as I returned on the 3rd December in time to celebrate the feast of St Nicholas it was clear it had been. With William joining us over Christmas it really was a season to remember.

And so the lessons learnt in 2022 of Faithfulness to God and one another shone through and in these challenging times we continue to trust Jesus and build the church that he rejoices over. Not a perfect church but a faithful church.

* there are so many members of St Mary's that I need to thank but I will save that for the AGM.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Love and blessings to you all,
Neil

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Ash Vale
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Report to the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Ash Vale on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 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 my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Donna Leppitt
Independent Examiners Ltd
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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds	Notes					
Voluntary income	2(a)	80,830	50,231	—	131,061	118,888
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	11,332	40	—	11,372	10,229
Investment income	2(c)	11	882	—	893	1,494
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2(d)	531	—	—	531	979
Other incoming resources	2(e)	690	—	—	690	810
Total incoming resources		93,394	51,153	—	144,547	132,400
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	207	52	—	259	628
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and	3(b)	109	—	—	109	41
Charitable activities	3(c)	96,715	62,958	—	159,673	144,091
Governance costs	3(d)	1,280	—	—	1,280	250
Total resources used		98,311	63,011	—	161,321	145,011
Gains / losses on investment assets	6(b)	—	(4,966)	—	(4,966)	7,460
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		(4,917)	(16,823)	—	(21,740)	(5,151)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds	5	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds		(4,917)	(16,823)	—	(21,740)	(5,151)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		9,878	77,295	—	87,173	92,324
Total funds carried forward		4,961	60,472	—	65,433	87,173

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of this account

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6 (a)	—	1,559
Investments	6 (b)	26,810	43,899
		<u>26,810</u>	<u>45,458</u>
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		—	82
Debtors	7(a)	5,691	4,476
Cash at bank and in hand	7(b)	57,963	67,236
		<u>63,654</u>	<u>71,794</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8	25,031	30,079
Net current assets less current liabilities		<u>38,623</u>	<u>41,715</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>65,433</u>	<u>87,173</u>
Total net assets less liabilities		<u>65,433</u>	<u>87,173</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General fund		3,288	6,518
Designated			
Designated - Administrators Float		—	50
Designated - Bookstall Fund		—	383
Designated - Community Development		423	423
Designated - Emergency Relief Fund		1,250	1,250
Designated - Nikki's Church Project		—	1,254
Restricted			
Restricted - Chapel Fund		222	872
Restricted - Childrens Society		290	140
Restricted - Covid-19 Fund		—	2,685
Restricted - Flood Forum		40	40
Restricted - Emergency Relief Fund		1,605	1,625
Restricted - Food Parcels Project		16,350	11,395
Restricted - Haslemere		—	73
Restricted - Maintenance Fund		150	150
Restricted - Parishioner		—	28
Restricted - Picnic & Play - Holiday Hunger		(222)	—
Restricted - PCC Investment Fund		26,812	46,099
Restricted - PCC Memorial Fund		476	470
Restricted - Postcode Community Trust Fund		3,350	3,350
Restricted - Project Manager		5,290	3,281
Restricted - Refugee Project		185	2,634
Restricted - Roof Appeal		359	209
Restricted - Special Collections		1,050	—
Restricted - Table Church		—	235
Restricted - Warm Hubs Fund		484	—
Restricted - Uganda Project		4,031	4,009
Funds of the church		<u>65,433</u>	<u>87,173</u>

Approved by the PCC on 15 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The Revd Neil Lambert (PCC chairman)

and



Mr Patrick Brown (PCC Treasurer)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General or unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that may be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in note 9,

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income and capital sources

Planned giving collections and similar donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Tax received under Gift Aided giving is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fetes and special events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from lettings of the Community Centre and church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable, the interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

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RESOURCES USED

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.10 (2) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their current anticipated useful economic life (initially over ten years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis for purchases at purchase price of

over £4,999	-	over ten years
£1001 - £4,999	-	over five years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31st December in respect of church fees and suppliers of goods or services to the 31st December for which accounts have not been received. They include unfulfilled commitments made by the PCC in respect of Christmas and outward giving.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Gift Aid - Bank	41,095	—	3,279	—	44,374	45,068
Gift Aid planned giving	1,850	—	—	—	1,850	6,360
Gift Aid - Envelopes	485	—	—	—	485	825
Other planned giving	9,264	—	2,160	—	11,424	9,418
Other planned giving - Envelopes	205	—	—	—	205	320
Loose plate collections	590	—	—	—	590	240
One-off Gift Aid gifts	9,660	—	13,803	—	23,463	9,272
Donations appeals etc	3,437	—	9,147	—	12,584	18,707
Sundry Donations - Community Café	408	—	—	—	408	—
Sundry Donations - Study Groups	89	—	—	—	89	—
Sundry Donations - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	30
Sundry Donations - Babies' Support	8	—	—	—	8	11
Sundry Donations - Little Lambs	100	—	—	—	100	—
Chapel Arts	—	—	75	—	75	35
Chapel Kids	—	—	168	—	168	20
Chapels Share of Project Managers	—	—	5,570	—	5,570	5,570
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,275	—	4,271	—	17,546	15,380
GASDS	364	—	238	—	602	243
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	11,520	—	11,520	7,398
	80,830	—	50,231	—	131,061	118,888
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Quiz Nights	—	—	—	—	—	724
General Fund Raising	244	—	40	—	284	1,408
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	10,756	—	—	10,756	5,660
Magazine income - advertising	—	42	—	—	42	2,260
Sunday Coffee Money	130	—	—	—	130	51
Thursday Café	—	160	—	—	160	126
	374	10,958	40	—	11,372	10,229
2(c) Investment income						
Dividends	—	—	876	—	876	1,494
Bank and building society interest	6	5	6	—	17	—
	6	5	882	—	893	1,494
2(d) Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	519	—	—	—	519	979
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	12	—	—	12	—
	519	12	—	—	531	979
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Utilities Refund	—	690	—	—	690	810
	—	690	—	—	690	810
Total incoming resources	81,729	11,665	51,153	—	144,547	132,400

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income						
Costs of fetes & other events	207	—	52	—	259	628
	207	—	52	—	259	628
3(b) Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs						
Sunday Coffee Money	109	—	—	—	109	—
Thursday Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	41
	109	—	—	—	109	41
Cost of generating funds						
3(c) Charitable activities						
Giving to missionary societies	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	2,120
Giving - relief and development	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	2,150
Home mission	2,070	—	—	—	2,070	2,603
Ministry parish share etc	61,539	—	14,982	—	76,521	69,063
Salary of parish administrator	7,898	—	—	—	7,898	8,217
Salary of Project Manager	—	—	12,240	—	12,240	11,298
Vicar's telephone	576	—	—	—	576	576
Health & Safety	126	—	—	—	126	86
Youth & Families Work	(54)	—	—	—	(54)	121
Outreach	306	—	—	—	306	159
Picnic & Play - Holiday Hunger	—	—	473	—	473	—
Pastoral	—	—	20	—	20	—
Mission / Hospitality	415	—	1,500	—	1,915	—
Food Parcels	—	—	8,976	—	8,976	10,944
Food & Prescriptions	—	—	2,732	—	2,732	4,632
Houseware	—	—	—	—	—	552
Transport Costs	—	—	2,520	—	2,520	520
Church running - insurance	—	1,047	—	—	1,047	983
Computer Equipment / Consumables	2,616	—	300	—	2,916	2,830
Audio Visual	178	—	—	—	178	159
Organ & Choir	308	—	—	—	308	110
Church maintenance	851	1,205	—	—	2,056	2,331
Upkeep of services	475	—	—	—	475	1,487
Flowers	3	—	—	—	3	—
Baptism & Confirmation	—	—	—	—	—	17
Messy Church	78	—	—	—	78	32
Table Church	1,104	—	1,896	—	3,000	—
Administration	36	—	—	—	36	80
Presentations	237	—	264	—	500	—
Visiting Speakers / locums	20	—	—	—	20	—
Social Events	80	—	—	—	80	—
Study Groups	101	—	—	—	101	—
Haselmere Costs	27	—	73	—	100	290

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3(c)						
Charitable activities (continued)						
Church running - electric	—	978	—	—	978	978
Church running - gas	—	1,094	—	—	1,094	1,097
Church Running - Boiler	—	145	—	—	145	118
Church running - water	—	97	—	—	97	153
Magazine expenses	—	442	83	—	525	1,452
Magazine Advertising Refunds	—	255	—	—	255	—
Bookstall costs	—	82	—	—	82	—
Hire of Chapel	—	—	490	—	490	—
Chapel	—	—	11,048	—	11,048	3,297
Uganda	—	—	3,793	—	3,793	5,688
Hall running - electricity	—	978	—	—	978	978
Hall running - gas	—	1,094	11	—	1,105	1,097
Hall Running - Boiler	—	145	—	—	145	118
Hall running - insurance	—	449	—	—	449	421
Hall running - maintenance	—	4,725	—	—	4,725	6,180
Hall running - water	—	97	—	—	97	153
Hall Running - Supplies	—	149	—	—	149	145
Hall running - return of deposit	—	826	—	—	826	76
Equipment Depreciation	—	—	780	—	780	780
Equipment Write Off	—	—	779	—	779	—
	82,908	13,807	62,958	—	159,673	144,091
Governance costs						
3(d) Governance costs examination/audit	1,280	—	—	—	1,280	250
	1,280	—	—	—	1,280	250
Total resources expended	84,504	13,807	63,011	—	161,321	145,011

4 STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	22,928	23,287
Pension	1,730	1,777
Social security costs	132	170
Furloughed Staff Grant	-	(2,398)
Total staff costs	24,790	22,836

During the year we employed on a part-time basis a parish administrator, a project manager and a cleaner/caretaker.

5 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During 2022 there were no transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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6 FIXED ASSETS

6(a) TANGIBLE ASSETS

EQUIPMENT	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	1,559	1,559	2,339
Acquisitions at cost	—	—	—	—
Depreciation	—	(780)	(780)	(780)
Asset value written off	—	(779)	(779)	—
Market value as at 31st December	—	—	—	1,559

During 2014 a digital printer was purchased at a capital cost of £6,800 from proceeds from the sale of shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

During 2016 we purchased high capacity paper trays for the digital printer at a capital cost of £999

After given us 2 million copies and waiting for a back order of a circuit board it was decided at the PCC meeting on the 18 May 2022 that the current photocopier should be retired. The residual value of £779 was therefore written off.

6(b) INVESTMENTS

Income shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	43,899	43,899	50,946
Acquisitions at cost (reinvested dividends)	—	876	876	1,493
Net unrealised gain / (loss)	—	(4,966)	(4,966)	7,460
Sale of Shares (Transfer to funds)	—	(13,000)	(13,000)	(16,000)
Market value as at 31st December	—	26,810	26,810	43,899

Original value of the investment was £20,000. The market value quoted includes the revaluation of shares and-dividends reinvested at the year end

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7 CURRENT ASSETS

7(a) DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,002	2,109	4,111	3,155
GASDS	290	201	491	373
Paid in advance	(170)	—	(170)	(196)
Parishioner advertising	—	—	—	70
Utilities Refund	500	—	500	810
Aged debtors	—	—	—	215
Other debtors	302	457	759	49
	<u>2,924</u>	<u>2,767</u>	<u>5,691</u>	<u>4,476</u>

The **Aged Debtors** value of £215 in 2011 was written off during 2022:

7(b) CASH IN BANK AND IN HAND

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
CCLA Deposit Accounts (4)	1,324	1,306
Co-op Current Account	38,737	52,982
Lloyds Current Account	16,799	9,070
Lloyds Community Centre Account	914	855
Lloyds Refugee Project Account	189	2,589
Lloyds Bookstall Account	—	282
Cash in hand		
General	—	56
Chapel	—	55
Project Manager	—	(28)
Bookstall	—	19
Admin Float	—	50
	<u>—</u>	<u>152</u>
	<u>57,963</u>	<u>67,236</u>

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8 LIABILITIES

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Annual outward giving (current year)	5,880	-	5,880	-
Outward Giving 2020	2,020	-	2,020	6,060
Outward Giving 2021	4,240	-	4,240	6,360
Parish Share	-	-	-	16,548
British Gas	707	4	711	292
Vicarage Phone	-	-	-	576
Mission / Hospitality	415	1,500	1,915	-
Chapel Project	-	-	-	7
Uganda Project	-	2,537	2,537	-
Returnable Deposits	173	-	173	-
Food Parcels Project	-	7,000	7,000	-
Other creditors	472	83	555	236
	<u>13,907</u>	<u>11,124</u>	<u>25,031</u>	<u>30,079</u>

Designated funds

Designated funds are funds held by the PCC to capture the cost of specific activities and, with the exception of the Bookstall, Thursday Café, Community Development Fund, Emergency Relief and the Administrators float, their net surpluses/deficits transferred back to the general fund at year end.

Nikki's Church Project Fund was set up in 2021 to provide for the repair of the church steps to be undertaken in 2022. This was completed during 2022 and the remaining balance transferred to general funds.

Restricted funds

The main restricted funds are:

The Chapel fund, which during previous years was used to support the work and costs associated with the upkeep of the Chapel, was transferred to the Chapel's own bank account during 2014. From 2015 onwards the balance of income and expenditure through St. Mary's books are transferred to the Chapel's own bank account.

The Covid-19 Fund was set up in support of the Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus Support Group which through a large number of local volunteers provide shopping and collection of prescriptions for those not able to do so for themselves and to provide food parcels to those in need. This fund was closed in 2022 and has now be superseded by the Foods Parcels Project.

The Emergency Relief Fund was created in 2020 to provide support for church members who needed urgent financial support.

Food Parcels Project was set up to provide food parcels as the need was increasing beyond the capacity of Covid-19 Fund to solely to support them. It has now completely superseded the Covid-19 Fund.

The PCC Investment fund may be used for religious purposes only

The Postcode Community Trust fund was created in 2018 as a result of a successful bid for funding for the Project Manager costs (50%) and specific arts & crafts equipment (50%).

The Project Manager fund was created in 2016 to partly provide for the costs of employing a part-time project manager from a re-occurring but reducing grant from the diocese. It is now currently funded from voluntary and donations from the Chapel and their activities.

The Refugee Project was set up in 2018 to support a Syrian refugee family to settle in Ash Vale under the Government scheme run through Guildford Borough Council

The Uganda Project fund which may be used to support our work with our partners in Uganda (including the cost of visits to and from Uganda)

The other restricted funds are normally raised for their specific purposes and expended during the same year with the exception of the Memorial Fund which was set up to support local churches in need.

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MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balances as at 1st January 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Balances as at 31st December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted						
General fund	6,518	81,729	84,504	(455)	—	3,288
	6,518	81,729	84,504	(455)	—	3,288
Designated						
Administrators Float	50	—	—	(50)	—	—
Bookstall Fund	383	12	82	(313)	—	—
Community Development Fund	423	—	—	—	—	423
Community Centre Fund	—	11,451	11,896	445	—	—
Emergency Relief Fund	1,250	—	—	—	—	1,250
Nikki's Church Project	1,254	—	1,132	(122)	—	—
Parishioner	—	42	697	655	—	—
Thursday cafe	—	160	—	(160)	—	—
	3,360	11,664	13,807	455	—	1,673
Total (non restricted funds)	9,878	93,394	98,311	—	—	4,961
Restricted						
ChangeX Grant Funding	—	490	490	—	—	—
Chapel Fund	872	10,409	11,060	—	—	222
Children's Society	140	151	0	—	—	290
Covid-19 Fund	2,685	34	2,719	—	—	—
Emergency Relief Fund	1,625	—	20	—	—	1,605
Flood Forum	40	—	—	—	—	40
Food Parcels Project	11,395	13,945	8,990	—	—	16,350
Haslemere	73	—	73	—	—	—
Maintenance Fund	150	—	—	—	—	150
PCC Investment Fund	46,099	3,720	18,041	—	(4,966)	26,812
PCC Memorial Fund	470	6	—	—	—	476
Parishioner	28	55	83	—	—	—
Picnic & Play - Holiday Hunger	—	252	474	—	—	(222)
Postcode Community Trust Fund	3,350	—	—	—	—	3,350
Project Manager	3,281	13,664	11,655	—	—	5,290
Refugee Project	2,634	634	3,084	—	—	185
Roof Appeal	209	150	—	—	—	359
Special Collections	—	1,050	—	—	—	1,050
Table Church	235	1,682	1,917	—	—	—
Uganda Project	4,009	3,818	3,796	—	—	4,031
Warm Hubs Fund	—	1,093	609	—	—	484
Sub total	77,295	51,153	63,011	—	(4,966)	60,472
Total funds	87,173	144,547	161,321	—	(4,966)	65,433

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Ash Vale
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Report to the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Ash Vale on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 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 my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: