

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN, NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1158153

Details

Other names PCC NEWENT

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2014-08-06

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Activities

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

Activities: Christian Organisation

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£88,232	£95,043	-	-
2023-12-31	£103,301	£95,432	-	-
2022-12-31	£102,157	£84,101	-	-
2021-12-31	£84,743	£84,540	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,869	£85,883	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev SIMON ION VINCENT MASON	Chair	2005-11-17
Andrew Goodwin		2024-06-01
Annee Barwell		2019-04-29
BRENDA MARGARET PASSANT		2017-04-24
CAROL MARJORIE GOOCH		2019-04-29
CYNTHIA JOYCE GWINNETT		2022-04-22
Colin Michael Tatchell		2023-04-03
ELAINE JOY FRAMPTON		2019-04-29
ELIZABETH CHRISTINE BEARD		2018-04-23
JANET MARY ROACH		2019-04-29
Joanna Grace Goodwin		2018-08-19
Linda Grace Price		2025-04-28
Rev David King		2019-04-29
SHIRLEY PATRICIA JOHNS		2019-04-29
SUSAN ANN COOK		2019-04-29
Shirley Adrienne Howard		2022-04-25
Susannah Katherine Wardale		2024-04-22
Timothy Frank Greenhalgh		2023-04-03

Accounts

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin, Newent, Gloucestershire

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ending 31 December 2024**



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The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Newent
Annual Report
for the year ended 31st December 2024

Aim and Purpose:

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Simon Mason, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As well as the Church itself, which is a Grade I Listed Building, the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the adjoining Church room.

Local Ecumenical Partnership:

St Mary's is part of an Ecumenical Partnership involving Anglicans, Baptists and Methodists. Services are led by ministers of all three denominations. The membership of each denomination is also expressed through the Anglican Diocese of Gloucester, The West of England Baptist Association and the Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit.

Objectives and Activities:

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both the Church and adjoining rooms.

Achievements and performance:

Rector's Report

I want to begin with thanks, expressed to each one with whom we share in ministry across the church family at St Mary's, both lay and ordained. We continue in our quest to foster a culture of life-long learning - discipleship by another name - where, this side of heaven, each one of us is aware of our need to learn and grow, and to help each other in this process along our journey of faith.

One person to whom we are immensely grateful is Roger Beard who is standing down as Churchwarden after 17 years of dedicated and wise service, with 3 further years as Deputy Warden prior to that. We shall miss him in this role, but are grateful that he will remain available to us for advice.

He will be playing a major part in the process of a new venture as we move the Lord's Larder into its own charitable status due to its growth, as well as a fresh start in the work of the Friends of St. Mary's following on from Covid.

There will be an opportunity to mark Roger's stepping down after Easter.

A significant focus for our Church Council this year has been a reorganisation of how we carry out our work. We have reduced the number of times we meet to 6. We had met more regularly in response to major project oversight as well as to the Covid pandemic. This reduction enables meetings to be more focused, with our Standing Committee meeting 3 times a year to set agendas and monitor progress.

Additionally, we are forming a number of small working groups focussed on areas of ministry, which enable that progress to be made. We are grateful to be drawing on the gifts and talents of many across our church family who are not on PCC to be part of these groups.

In common with most churches, finance remains a major challenge, but we have been encouraged by the approach of the central team of the Diocese in Gloucester as a new process for Parish Share is developed. There seems to be an expressed understanding of the challenges faced at parish level and a desire to work with us as the challenge is met. The wider challenge of funding our ministry through our ongoing giving remains a focus for us.

As we are grateful for God's goodness and faithfulness to us over this last year, we are also excited at what the future holds as we move into the next year, having confidence in the Lord we love follow and serve. We have seen and continue to see many answers to prayer.

Once again, my sincere thanks to each of you.

With every blessing. *Simon*

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Annie Caulfield was appointed as the new Parish Safeguarding Officer on 22 April 2024

There has been a major focus on the church's response both as a diocese and locally, to the national Makin Report. We are grateful for the clear leadership within Gloucester Diocese on all matters within Safeguarding and for the commitment this central part of our life as the church. I want to express personal thanks to Annie Caulfield our Parish Safeguarding Officer as well as to the team at College Green. Their help and support are invaluable. The aim is to develop a culture where enabling a safe space is seen as the work of each member of the church, and as part of the process, we are planning a number of services across our Benefice churches to focus on this.

Financial review

Total receipts on the unrestricted General Fund were £70,810, and payments from this fund totalled £73,697, giving a deficit for the year of £2,887.

The parish met its parish share request in full, which, together with our contributions to our ecumenical Baptist and Methodist partners amounted to £46,200.

The church has not been immune to the costs of heating and maintaining our church and supporting the growing areas of ministry that we all engage with. We are facing a significant deficit budget for the year ahead which must be addressed if we are to meet our aim where our income matches our normal day-to-day expenditure. Our desire is that as a church we can do so much more!

Children, Youth and Families

In April we reintroduced Messy Church which from April until December has grown significantly and continues to do so into 2025.

The St Mary's Baby and Toddler Group restarted in September. It is run by Louisa with a team of seven, who help with refreshments and the craft table, and who pray together before the session begins. Advertising is mainly done on the group's own Facebook page (which has over 29 followers) and also on Newent Noticeboard. The group had 15 adults and 21 children on its books with an average weekly attendance of 7 adults and 9 children. These numbers have increased over time. It was encouraging to welcome three families from the Baby and Toddler Group at the Carol and Christingle Services. Also, one family has been coming to church with a view to having a baptism shortly and a couple of families from the Baby and Toddler group have attended Messy Church.

Our Sunday Morning Worship is growing to be more family friendly. Our Family Services are becoming more family orientated and are proving to be popular with the congregation. On other services too we have had children's activities taking place within the service or when the team are aware that children will be attending, in the church room.

Our baptism numbers continue to grow year on year. Over the past year we had 11 baptisms.

Sportily

We have been building a fantastic relationship with Sportily over the past year and have started to do some physical work in conjunction with them now. We ran a successful pilot in the summer which saw sports taking place at Newent Lake and at Gorsley Baptist Church.

Work with other churches

Connections and relationships with children and youth ministers/pastors at Gorsley Baptist Church, Glebe Chapel and Our Lady of Lourdes have continued to develop and grow. Last summer we ran a successful summer club with Glebe which saw a number of children attend for an afternoon with fun rounded off on the last day with ice-creams and games at St. Mary's.

We also ran a successful Light Party at St. Mary's in conjunction with Glebe Chapel. It was a fantastic event with a number of people coming to take part in the event.

Young adults' group

Our young adults group continues to grow and flourish with numbers increasing. We are now in the stages of preparing for a number of young people to move from "youth" to young adults. There are now 35 official members of the group and so the leaders of this ministry area are working to see how this ministry area can be developed in a number of areas including its teaching, mission and pastoral organisation. The group still meets weekly to pray, study the bible (they are currently studying Hebrews) and to share food in fellowship time. The group have also led a number of events this year including the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday and missional activities such as prayer walks around Newent.

Work with the schools and community

In December and April, we welcomed Picklenash and Glebe for their respective Christmas and Easter services. The Rector, Simon and Josh also attended the Christmas Concert at Newent Community School. Open the Book continues too which provides a bible story weekly to a significant number of children. Simon has also led a number of assemblies this year. The school have kindly also allowed us to share leaflets containing upcoming events on them.

Governance, finance and training

The Diocese have also provided a licence to use and train with the Youthsapes Essentials course for those who would like to be part of children, youth and family's ministry or anyone in fact!

Looking Forward

Towards the end of 2024, the PCC set up several sub-groups to develop various areas of ministry more effectively. There is a sub-group for Children, Youth and Families Ministry whose role is to have strategic oversight of all things Children, Youth and Families within St. Mary's. The current membership includes Joshua Robertson (Chair), Rev. David Sherwin, Rev. Ros Greenhalgh, Louisa Mason, Jane Sherwin and Kate Blethyn.

Moving forward, in January 2025 the PCC agreed the following three resolutions:

1. To adopt the findings of the Church of England Youth and Children Growth research.
2. A commitment from PCC to growth of Children, Youth, Families and Young adults within our church.
3. To practical commitment to enable the Children, Youth and Families Ministry team to deliver on the findings alongside other ministry teams and the wider church.

We look forward to all that God has planned for the future and how He will develop and grow this ministry area. Please continue to pray for us a church as we seek, develop and grow in the number of our children, youth and families.

Joshua Robertson (Children, Youth and Families Minister).

Warden's Report

The year has continued to be challenging in our attempts to develop to what we consider "progressive and acceptable" whilst recognising that many outreach projects are sensibly being re-introduced. Our congregation at the Sunday church services averages some 60 plus members weekly, this shows a continued slight increase.

We thank God for his goodness to us as a church family but we must continue to seek his guidance on our future direction more so as we move forward in introducing more activities.

Some of the events of past times that we have lost as outreach activities, we will seek to re-introduce in some appropriate format in the future where and when possible: -

- We hope and pray that our schools will return to use St Marys Church
- Outreach into new housing estates.
- Messy church has been re-introduced on a regular monthly basis.
- Newent Town Council now hold their yearly carol concert here.
- Still much to do and change is necessary to embrace families.

We welcome back the St Marys Mother's Union and WI who regularly meet in the church room here at St Marys. The Lords Larder continues to be of increasing Christian importance and offers much needed help to families locally and further afield.

With all that we face in the coming months and years, we must continually seek God's will in prayer for his blessing on all that we attempt to do.

The Lord's Larder Food Bank

Currently the Lords Larder provides its clients with one week's food authorised by a voucher system. During the year 2024 we provided some 1350 clients with a week's food which is a big achievement. We do see and indeed now experience greater demand. The Lord's Larder works closely with many other local agencies and organisations, including the CAB, CAP, 2Rivers, our local schools and churches, and the Samaritans.

To allow us to develop the activities of the food bank to cater for increased demand, St Mary's, Newent PCC has agreed that legal advice be taken and to follow their recommendation to establish the Lord's Larder, Newent as a stand-alone Christian organisation with its own registered charitable status and bank account.

Currently the food bank operates using: -

- St Mary's Church registered charity as umbrella (No 1158153) and its trustees being all the members of St Mary's PCC.
- St Mary's bank account with the Lord's Larder funds being restricted within the accounts. As at 31 Dec. 2024, the Lord's Larder had £24,430 cash assets as shown in the accounts on page 10.
- Our Lords Larder motto is **"That none should go hungry"**

The Lords Larder Newent has grown significantly since starting in 2010 in a tin shed with no heating! It is our wish to allow further development, particularly as we see and experience an increased community need.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

A brand-new Electoral Roll has been prepared this year, as we are required to do every six years. The number on the new Roll as at 13th April 2025 is 95.

The number on the previous list was 178.

Severn Vale Deanery Report:

The Severn Vale Deanery consists of 12 Benefices, mainly to the North of Gloucester. It is currently led by our Area Dean, the Reverend Canon Jacqui Hyde. Deanery Synods are usually held three times per calendar year, to share matters of common interest across our Benefices and to act as a conduit with the Diocese.

During 2024, the Synod met three times and covered a wide range of topics including the challenges of rural ministry, the future strategic plans for the deanery (being more mission focused and resource aware) and dealing with the difficult questions that arise around giving and receiving pastoral care, dependence, dementia and death.

A key area of discussion concerned a proposed new model for allocating parish share with effect from January 2026. Currently, Parish Share contributions cover just 80% of the actual cost of ministry leaving an annual £2 million gap which the Diocese has to cover from reserves. As a possible solution to help parishes meet their funding needs, Synod members were given talk by Lisa-Jayne Lewis (the Diocese Stewardship and Giving Advisor) on ways churches might improve their income streams. Lisa-Jayne spoke about grant funding; "Friends of" organisations; will-writing and legacies; digital giving; general fundraising opportunities; and "preaching generosity" initiatives.

Volunteers:

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a welcoming and vibrant community. Our special thanks go to our Churchwardens, Roger Beard and Carol Gooch whose commitment and often unseen service might sometimes be taken for granted.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, curate and the two Ecumenical partner ministers, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has introduced a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Worship, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care, Fabric & Maintenance, Safeguarding, Youth/Children/Families, the Lord's Larder, and Finance. Each sub-group reports to the full PCC, with the minutes of their meetings.

Administrative Information:

The church is situated on the Church Street in Newent and is part of the Severn Vale Deanery in the Diocese of Gloucester. The correspondence address is Church Street, Newent, GL18 1AB.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and is registered with the Charity Commission – number 1158153.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date of this report:

Ex Officio:

The Incumbent	Rev'd Canon Simon Mason	(Chair)
Assistant Curate	Rev'd Mark Dunning	
Methodist Minister	Rev'd David King	
Baptist Minister	Vacant	
Reader Emeritus:	Elaine Frampton	
Churchwardens:	Roger Beard & Carol Gooch	
Assistant Wardens:	Colin Tatchell & Cynthia Gwinnett	
Baptist Secretary:	Janet Roach	
Methodist Steward:	Sue Cook	
Deanery Synod Reps:	Tim Greenhalgh Andy Goodwin	
Treasurer:	Shirley Howard	
Secretary:	Carole Brookes	
Elected Members:	Annee Barwell	(From 2022)
	Elizabeth Beard	(From 2024)
	Kate Blethyn	(From 22/4/24)
	Jo Goodwin	(From 2024)
	Shirley Johns	(From 2023)
	Brenda Passant	(from 2023)
	Pam Roberts	(to Feb 2025)
	Josh Robertson	(From 2022)
	Susannah Wardale	(From 22/4/24)

Receipts & Payments Account for year ending 31st December 2024

See note	Receipts & Payments Account	General Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	2024	2023
INCOMING RESOURCES					
	Voluntary Income				
3	Planned Giving	47,649	1,120	48,769	43,181
3	Collections & other giving	7,880	4,190	12,071	9,410
4	Gift Aid Recovered	10,546	1,251	11,797	14,822
	Grants	165	5,400	5,565	8,000
	Legacies				8,940
	Activities for generating funds				
	Hall lettings	590	-	590	340
	Events & Fundraising	2,206		2,206	
	Investment Income				
	Dividends & Interest	297	12	309	205
	Income from charitable activities				
5	Parochial Fees	1,477		1,477	5,498
	Other incoming resources	-	-		
	Other Income (Lord's Larder)	0	5,448	5,448	12,372
	Total income received	70,810	17,422	88,232	102,768
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
	Charitable Activities				
6	Donations to charities	1,035	4,988	6,023	66
	Events & Fundraising costs	1,718	20	1,738	
7	Parish Share	41,752		41,752	39,801
7	Methodist Circuit & Baptist Union	4,448		4,448	6,981
	Clergy Expenses	444		444	236
	Other PCC Expenses	1,307		1,307	
	Children & Youthwork		5,861	5,861	5,472
	Church running & Service costs	2,054	403	2,457	2,853
	Heating, Lighting and Water	7,488		7,488	4,000
	Churchyard Maintenance	-	495	495	-
	Minor repairs & Routine Maintenance	2,133	123	2,256	552
	Running costs				
	Administration	2,591	659	3,250	2,612
	Salaries & wages		3,777	3,777	
	Cleaning	1,888		1,888	1,256
	Insurance	6,754	-	6,754	6,382
	Other	85	5,020	5,105	20,229
	Major expenditure				
8	Repairs to church buildings				991
	Loan repaid				4,000
	Total expenditure	73,697	21,345	95,043	95,432
	Net incoming / outgoing resources	(2,887)	(3,924)	(6,811)	7,336
	Transfers between Funds	34	(34)	-	
	Net incoming / outgoing resources	(2,853)	(3,958)	(6,811)	7,336
	Gains (losses) on investment assets	209		209	533
	NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	(2,643)	(3,958)	(6,601)	7,869

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

Fixed assets used by St Mary's, Newent PCC: The PCC owns for church use the church plate, furnishings and equipment for which the Churchwardens maintain a terrier (inventory).

	Balance 31 Dec. 23	changes			Balance 31 Dec 24
Barclays Bank	44,635.40	(11,481.54)			33,153.86
Lloyds PCC Classic Account	23,671.71	4,194.39			27,846.10
Lloyds Bell Fund Account	1,029.28	12.26			1,041.54
Lloyds Instant Savings	0.77	-			0.77
Lloyds Refurbishment Funs a/c	0.58	-			0.58
CBF Deposit Account	4,567.97	242.46			4,810.43
CBF Investment Fund [145 shares]	3,233.75	164.42			3,398.17
CBF Investment Fund [87 shares]	1,966.78	45.01			2,011.67
Petty Cash (Lord's Larder)	0.00	207.42			207.42
Cash in Hand (Parish)	25.00	-			25.00
Lloyds Bank (Traid-craft))	0.00	33.83			33.83
Lloyds Bank (Agape)	0.00	0.29			0.29
	79,131.12	(6,601.46)			72,529.66
	31 Dec 23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31 Dec 24
General Church Funds	38,637.63	81,978.63	(84,656.48)	34.23	35,994.01
Sound System	93.26	-	(65.97)	(27.29)	-
Marriage Prep Course 2014	96.00	-	-	(96.00)	-
Glasswasher	142.02	-	(123.40)	(18.62)	-
Restricted Funds:					
Agape Fund	65.00	0.29	-	-	65.29
Bell Fund	350.00	-	(20.00)	-	330.00
Brunel Manor 2020	110.00	-	-	(110.00)	-
Children's Society	466.05	232.54	(307.80)	12.04	402.83
Church Clock Fund	554.00	-	-	-	554.00
Children/Youth Fund	3947.49	2,520.00	(5,860.68)	-	606.81
Rector's Discretionary Fund	3601.37	750.00	(800.00)	-	3,551.37
Ecumenical Fund	(4.00)	300.00	(432.00)	-	(136.00)
Flower Fund	(8.14)	268.00	(316.98)	57.12	-
Friends of St Marys	(40.00)	-	(20.00)	-	(60.00)
The Lord's Larder	24,069.93	8,883.67	(8,523.37)		24,430.23
Churchyard (FoDCC)	(75.00)	3,656.02	(4,151.02)	75.00	(495.00)
Refurbishment Fund	3,094.75	800.00	-	110.00	4,004.75
Romania (Redditch)	206.50	3,385.00	(3,600.00)	468.00	459.50
Romania (St Marys)	2555.50	536.00	(1,080.00)	(505.00)	1,506.50
Bell Fund Account - Lloyds	1028.76	12.26	-	0.52	1,041.54
Ukraine	240.00				240.00
Traid-Craft (Account)	0.00	33.83	-	-	33.83
	79,131.12	103,356.24	(109,957.70)	-	72,529.66


Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

- 1. Basis of Accounting:** - The Financial Statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and S.133 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2. Accounting Policies:** - The Financial Statements include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.
Receipts are included as received and expenditure where irrevocably paid.
Unrestricted funds represent money that can be used for the general charitable purposes of the PCC.
Restricted funds may only be used for the specific purpose indicated by the donor.
- 3. Voluntary giving and offerings including regular standing orders.**
Total unrestricted donations and Sunday offerings for the general running of the church rose by £10,817 or 24% in 2024 compared with the previous year although this increase is largely attributable to a specific Gift-Day (£9,140) and donation from the Kings Arms (£1,153).
- 4. Gift Aid and the Gift Aid (Small Donations Scheme):** Gift Aid is claimed twice during the year and GASDS just once at the year end. At the year end, there's an GASDC claim of amount £1,253.00 outstanding
- 5. Parochial Fees:** The parish receive statutory fees for wedding and funeral services, which are known as Parochial Fees. Disbursements from the amounts received are made as per fixed tariffs to the Diocese and other third parties involved.

Fees received in 2024	9,335
Less payments outstanding from 2023	(4,133)
Less statutory payments to GDBF	(0)
Less 3rd party payments	(3,725)
Net Parochial Fees income	1,477

- 6. Donations to Charities:** The PCC donated the £1,034.85 to various charities throughout the year.
- 7. Parish Share and our Ecumenical commitments to the Methodist and Baptist church**
During 2024 the PCC fully paid their parish share of £41,752. This is the Parish's contribution to the Diocese towards the cost of the ministry we enjoy from the clergy. Because the Parish is in an Ecumenical partnership with the Methodist and Baptist church, Newent church also contributed £4,448 to the Methodist Circuit and the Baptist Union.
- 8. Major repairs to the Church Building**
There were no major repairs undertaken to the church or church room during 2024.

Signed:


S Howard Hon. Treasurer

Date: 24/3/2025

Adopted by Church Council:


Rev'd Simon Mason - PCC Chair

Date: 24/3/2025


Mr R Beard BEM - Churchwarden

Date: 24/3/2025

- Key Dates:**
- 24 March 2025:** Independently Inspected Accounts to be adopted by the PCC
 - 28 April 2025:** Accounts presented at the APCM & posted on noticeboard for the next 28 days.
(Copies of Parish accounts to be sent to the GDBF and Methodist Circuit.)
 - 28 June 2025:** Latest date for submitting the C of E Parish Finance Return.
 - 31 Oct. 2025:** Latest date for submitting the Charity Commission's Annual Return.

The Lord's Larder
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 December 2024

The 'Lord's Larder' is an initiative of St Mary's, Newent PCC which was established in 2010. The Food Bank is discreetly situated in the centre of Newent and is run by a dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers. A part-time centre co-ordinator is employed to oversee the food deliveries, monitor the 24/7 Helpline and to roster the volunteers matching their availability with the centre's needs.

During 2024 the Lord's Larder dispensed some 1,333 weekly packages of food to those in need plus responding to emergency situations where immediate home deliveries have been made. The demand for the provisions the Lord's Larder offers is growing year-on-year with a reported 10% increase in 2024 compared with the previous year. This trend is expected to continue and the centre is seeking additional voluntary help to meet the growing demand more effectively.

The Lord's Larder motto is "none shall go hungry" and working collaboratively with local professional agencies, the aim is to focus our support to as many individuals as possible. In pursuit of our aims, we are deeply grateful to our many individual and corporate donors for their generous donations of food and financial support.

Receipts & Payments Account		2024		2023
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
1	Personal Donations inc. Gift Aid	4,427.76		3,757
2	Donations other local organisations	1,443.64		2,017
3	Grants received	2,900.00		5,000
	Cash added	64.27		0
Total Incoming Resources		8,835.67		10,774
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
4	Food purchases	1,090.16		1,936
Running Costs				
5	Premises running costs	2,274.37		2,276
6	Staff costs, phone and distribution	5,110.84		4,498
Total Resources Expended		8,475.37		8,710
Surplus (Deficit) income over expenditure		360.30		2,064
The Lord's Larder Fund Balance Sheet				
	Opening cash at bank at 1 Jan 2024	24,069.93		
	Opening Petty Cash held at 1 Jan 2024	0.00	24,069.93	
	Net incoming resources in year		360.30	
	Cash at Bank at 31 Dec 2024	24,222.81		
	Petty Cash as at 31 Dec 2024	207.42	24,430.23	

Independent Examiner's Report

To the St Mary's Church, Newent PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's, Newent PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 7 to 10 above.

Responsibilities and basis of this report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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Signed C. E. Moore
Independent Examiner - Christine Moore

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ST MARY'S CHURCH APCM 2024

Opening Report from Rev Simon Mason

The content of this report mainly takes the form of a vote of thanks. This goes to all those who both lead and take part in the life of our church family life and all the activities involved. To our Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Church Council I am most grateful. As we continue to move into exciting times, each one makes a vital contribution to the life we are celebrating.

To our ministers, ordained and lay, we also express our deep gratitude. There is a vibrancy to our worship and prayer life which God is blessing and we are grateful to Him and to them. Thank you to Mark our curate for his ongoing support and wisdom in ministry, and to Josh our Children, Youth and Families Worker who has a deep involvement with wide ranging groups in our church setting, in schools and across the wider community.

As well as excitement, we also face challenges. In common with most church buildings, there is the challenge of fabric issues but again we are looking with hope to resolve these and create a worship space and facility for the future. As we move through the coming year, as well as reflecting on the year gone by, we do so with a keen focus on prayer: waiting on God for his leading and direction as well as his provision in every way.

Thank you to each member of our church family for the love and support shown in the wonderful work being done.

With every blessing

Rev Canon Simon Mason

Rector of Newent

Minutes of the APCM held on Monday 22 April 2024 at 7.30pm in church.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev Simon Mason (Chairman), Roger & Elizabeth Beard, Carol Gooch, Rev Mark Dunning, Mary Dunning, Rev David King, Pam Roberts, Mike & Cynthia Gwinnett, Shirley Johns, Tim & Ros Greenhalgh, Sue Cook, Colin Tatchell, Shirley Howard, Derek & Wyn Lemarchand, Graham Barton, Kate Blethyn, Meg Roberts, Brenda Passant, Owain & Irene Evans, Laurence & Susan Mathew, Susannah Wardale, David & Kate Griffiths, Nigel & Rose Gabb, David & Jane Sherwin, Eleri Jones, Carole Brookes.

APOLOGIES

Josh Robertson, Elaine Frampton, Annee Barwell, Julie Tatchell.

DEVOTIONS

Simon opened the meeting with prayer and a few words on John 10 - "I am the good Shepherd".

VESTRY MEETING

Elections of

- a) Church Wardens - Roger Beard & Carol Gooch
- b) Deputy Wardens - Cynthia Gwinnett & Colin Tatchell
- c) Methodist Steward - Sue Cook
- d) Baptist Secretary - Janet Roach
- e) Secretary to the Council - Carole Brookes

Sue Cook has decided to stand down as Deputy Church Warden after several years of service. Simon thanked her and presented her with a bouquet of flowers as a token of our appreciation for all her work over the years.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The minutes were accepted and signed off by Simon.

MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising which are not covered elsewhere.

ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS 3 POSTS and 2 ADDITIONAL POSTS

Elizabeth Beard, Jo Goodwin and Pam Roberts will all stand again. Susannah Wardale and Kate Blethyn will also serve.

ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE (1 POST)

No-one at the meeting was willing to take on this role, so Tim Greenhalgh will continue as our sole rep on the Deanery Synod for now.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Since last year, we have lost 16 members but have gained 20 new members, giving an increase of 4 over last year. Anglican - 135; Methodist - 9; Joint - 22; Baptist - 9; Church in Good Standing - 3. **Total - 178**

SAFEGUARDING/GDPR/ENERGY FOOTPRINT

New Safeguarding guidelines will be forwarded to parishes. We have adopted the framework. Janet Roach will stand down as our Adult Safeguarding Officer. Annie Caulfield will take on the role after training. Simon welcomed Annie in her absence - she will work alongside reps from Christ Church and St Peter's.

FINANCIAL REPORT

a) PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Financial reports were available to members. Nigel Gabb gave an outline of our current finances. Our general giving has increased and restricted funds are up. We hold over £24,000 for the Lord's Larder. The loan we had from the diocese has now been repaid in full.

Members accepted the financial report. Simon thanked Shirley Howard, our Treasurer, for all her work on the accounts.

b) APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Christine Moore is our new Independent Examiner. Member agreed with this choice.

REPORTS

Roger read out the Wardens' report, and thanked Simon for all he does.

Josh's report on CYPS (children, young people and students) was read by Kate Blethyn in his absence - a comprehensive report on all he has been doing over the last year. Members acknowledged all his work with young people in the area.

Simon mentioned Parish Share - the current system is under review. A new system will be in place by the autumn which will be rolled out at the end of the year.

Sue Cook gave the Mothers' Union report. In 2023 there were 8 new members and a further 3 new members this year. Sue outlined all the meetings throughout the past year. A recent Coffee Morning raised £214.60 to be shared between MU funds and St Mary's.

Simon outlined the work being done to update our Outward Giving each month.

We have had 17 baptisms over recent times with the families concerned wishing to be involved at St Mary's.

The Prayer Ministry Team recently went to Harnhill, Cirencester.

Simon spoke about re-introducing "Supper Club" - having a shared meal and fellowship at various venues. He thinks we should find a new name for the venture.

He gave thanks to the LMT. We are looking to have a second curate. Simon thanked Mark Dunning, our curate, for all he does at St Mary's, and thanked Ros Greenhalgh and all our supplementary ministers for their work.

AOB

Nigel Gabb asked whether we could go back to using an overhead projector, as we have a shortage of hymn books. Simon said we would look for an updated system, as the "SongPro" system we previously had was quite complicated to use.

Nigel also asked when we could go back to using the altar rail for Holy Communion.

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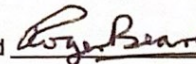
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Investment income:								
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Income from charitable activities								
Parochial fees		5,498	-	-	5,498	4,003		14,51,52
Other incoming resources:								
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-	10	
Gain on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	11	
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-	12	
Other		3,053	-	9,319	12,372	17,806	13	17,19,21,22
Total incoming resources		77,276	-	25,492	102,768	102,157		
Resources expended								
Charitable activities:								
Donations/Grants to charities		(66)	-	-	(66)	-	14	31
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Clergy expenses		(236)	-	-	(236)	(934)	17	34,35
Church running expenses		(7,189)	-	(216)	(7,405)	(6,615)	18	40,41,43,45,46,47,48
Churchyard maintenance		-	-	-	-	(75)	19	
Cost of raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	20	
Running costs:								
Support costs		-	-	-	-	(189)	21	
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(2,176)	-	(434)	(2,612)	(1,965)	22	42
Other		(11,159)	-	(16,709)	(27,868)	(27,614)	23	39,57,58
Governance costs								
Major expenditure								
Repairs to church buildings		(991)	-	-	(991)	-	25	59
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	-	-	26	
Capital purchases/additions		-	-	-	-	-	27	
Loan repayments		-	-	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,060)	28	71
Total resources expended		(68,601)	-	(26,831)	(95,432)	(84,101)		
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		8,675	-	(1,339)	7,336	18,056		
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Total Cash & Bank Balances as at 31st December 2023

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St Mary's Church Newent
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2023

2022			2023			Movement
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Investments						
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4,426	-	4,426	4,568	-	4,568	142
1,796	-	1,796	1,966	-	1,966	170
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17,534	-	17,534	19,930	-	19,930	2,396
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Total Restricted and Unrestricted cash and investment assets as at 31st December 2023 are £79,131.

Unrestricted Assets stand at £38,638 at year end compared to £26,627 as at the 31st December 2023, which represents an increase of £12,011. This is largely as a result of additional legacies received in year totalling £8,940

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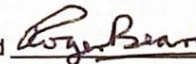
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17,534	-	17,534	19,930	-	19,930	2,396
-	-	-	8,940	-	8,940	8,940
17,534	40,217	57,751	28,870	40,493	69,363	11,612
26,627	40,217	66,844	38,638	40,493	79,131	12,287

Total Restricted and Unrestricted cash and investment assets as at 31st December 2023 are £79,131.

Unrestricted Assets stand at £38,638 at year end compared to £26,627 as at the 31st December 2023, which represents an increase of £12,011. This is largely as a result of additional legacies received in year totalling £8,940

NB:- The Diocese loan totalling £20,000 has now been fully repaid from the Refurbishment Fund. The final payment was made to the Diocese in January 2023 totalling £4,000.

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Chairman/Rector's Report 2022/23

This year has had some great encouragements, with new members joining our church family and becoming involved. In addition we have sought to deepen our discipleship focussing on people growing in their faith as well as our outreach with the desire that people should come to a living faith.

Prayer

This is becoming a major focus for us as we move forward. Whether equipping individuals and home groups or gathering as a church family, we are looking for ways to build our prayer life with prayer ministry, intercessory prayer and waiting on God for his leading about the specific projects he would lead us into.

Ministers

It has been wonderful to welcome a number of new Honorary Assistant Ministers to the Benefice and we hope to spend time together in prayer, fellowship and support creating a real sense of team. We are looking forward to the transition in ministry for Mark Dunning as he will become our curate in June later this year.

Sabbatical

I am looking forward to our coming time of sabbatical and being able to share back with the benefice on our return. We are grateful for all those who are covering this time across the life of our church which is a great gift in itself.

Ecumenical developments

We are continuing to work closely with our neighbours in the Newent and Area Churches with a sense that God is speaking to all of us with a similar message of seeking him in prayer and asking what we should be doing together that God may build his kingdom.

Children, Youth, Students and Young Adults

This work has continued and developed over the year under the supervision of Josh Robertson and I am extremely grateful for all he does. It includes a great deal of support for others working in similar areas across our wider community and is much respected by those who feedback to us. We pray for Josh as he takes time out for his University Course while visiting back regularly as we will form part of his placement work.

Deanery Synod

We are excited by developments at the Deanery level as we explore a pilot year 23/24 with Sports and Arts Ministry in Newent Community School and feeder Primary Schools. This will build on work already done by myself and Josh and the relationships built. It will link in to chaplaincy style ministry that has long been in the making.

Building

As well as its great joys, our building continues to present challenges. Much has been achieved over recent years but we are still working on the Church Room Roof drainage to prevent leaks in stormy weather. Future projects will include the refreshing of the layout of our auxiliary rooms (office, kitchen, toilets, storage, church rooms). We have people working separately on the church clock restoration.

Thank yours

I want to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who minister here both lay and ordained including Core Team and LMT, for all they do, much of it unseen, as we continue to build back steadily after Covid, looking for inventive and new ways of growing what we do. It is a privilege to share with you here.

Rev Simon Mason.

St Marys Church Newent

MINUTES VESTRY MEETING AND APCM AT ST MARYS CHURCH, NEWENT 3rd APRIL 2023 AT 7.30 PM

1. Simon welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for all, and family, and a bible reading referring to “ He who is able”

2.He reminded everyone to complete the Attendance and apologies list, and any nominations for post.

VESTRY MEETING: Simon gave a huge vote of thanks to Wardens Roger Beard and Carol Gooch and Deputy Warden Sue Cook for their efforts during the year.

3.Election of

a) Wardens. Roger Beard, Carol Gooch and Sue Cook agreed to stay in office for the ensuing year.

b) Methodist Secretary. Sue Cook agreed to stay in office for the ensuing year.

c) Baptist Secretary. Janet Roach agreed to stay in office for the ensuing year.

d) Secretary to the Church PCC. Carole Brookes agreed to stay in office for the ensuing year.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

4. Minute of the meeting held 25th April 2022 were presented and approved as a true record.

5. Matters arising – there were none.

Simon said he had been to visit Fred and family and asked for prayers for them.

Order of agenda changed:-

8a) Electoral Roll. Simon asked the electoral roll forms be completed for those who had not yet done.

6. Election of PCC Members. One Vacancy is available, which runs for 3 year term, and the PCC has the authority to co-opt members as they consider appropriate.

Colin Tatchell offered to serve and will be co-opted. He was thanked.

7. Deanery Synod representative. Elaine Frampton has served in post for many years with dedication and passion, but Pam Roberts stated she does not wish to be re-elected. He explained there would be 3 meetings a year and an opportunity to report to PCC.

Tim Greenhalgh offered to take the post and he was thanked. Simon mentioned Jacqui Hyde is the new Area Dean.

8b) Simon reported on Electoral Roll as follows:- 9 Methodist; 9 Baptist; 22 Joint; Church in Good Standing 5; 129 Anglican and 9 yet to sign. Total 174.

9. Safeguarding/GDPR/Energy Footprint/Policy/Compliance Review. Simon reported that the annual review is September and 3 dates for Training for the PCC St Mary's and Benefice, have been earmarked for this in July. Because of previous large grants for repairs of over £100,000 were exceeded the PCC has to register as a Charity, and are required to have certain checks in place, including DBS, Foundation and Domestic Abuse

Simon and Joshua Robertson are qualified for carrying out the training sessions and everyone affected will be notified in due course.

It is noted in this Annual Meeting that these policies are in place. Core Team regularly check Fire Safety, Health and Safety and all are currently compliant, and mention was made of the carpet over the uneven stone floor, which is regularly checked.

10. Financial Report

a) Presentation of Accounts – copies were displayed and available. The PCC as Trustees had approved the accounts and they will be examined by our Independent Examiner during April, and an extra-ordinary meeting will be called to receive them for approval, when the audit has been completed. Simon briefed the meeting on the delays for the audit due to the reporting method of the new system. Nigel gave a run down of the various procedures in the new system and how the monies fell into Restricted and Unrestricted balances.

Special note regarding the Lord's Larder where grant money and donations are specifically only used for the Lord's Larder, the traffic of which has increased enormously during the financial year to 31st December 2022. The PCC can also designate funds for specific spending, and which cannot be challenged.

There were still monies in the Brunel fund which were still to be distributed either back to the payer or to other funds as they wished.

b) Appointment of Independent Examiner. It was agreed to ask Tudor Powell if he is happy to continue as Independent Examiner, and that he be appointed should he agree for next year.

Reports

a) Joshua Robertson on Children and Youth

Joshua thanked everyone for all their support and help during the current year, and that there were two more terms left for the schools. He introduced Nathan Stringer who has been appointed part time Youth Worker, covering chill out zone and St Marys and working on outreach, currently centred on Newent Lake area but shortly to be moved to the Skate Park when open. He will be focusing on intervention work and be a safe person who will be available. Joshua is looking to bring families in again to Sunday morning services following the drop off especially during covid. And in the weekdays, he is centring on Schools 5 days a week, giving pastoral day to day support and working with small school groups. Its challenging but there is slow improvement and plans are in place for the future priorities.

The new Headteacher placed last September is very supportive and recognises the value and importance of the work that he is doing. New ventures include community work, and sports and working with the Diocese Minister for Primary through to secondary and recognising the impact of covid. In order to help the children be in a better position when leaving in July. Josh is looking to get funding in Sept/October time for 2024.

At Gorsley, a new young adults ministry is in place led by independent churches in the area, all young people across the area are involved aged 18-25 to include university students. Currently studying Romans in the Bible and sharing social activities such as bowling and karaoke.

The plan is that the work done is seen as a multi agency for the community's young people along with the Schools, in keeping with the County Council regulations for vulnerable adults. The Newent leaders network and meet to discuss the work together and look at the professional development

across the area. Fund raising schemes for the youth to get involved in such as Smiles Charity are under consideration, and there is the possibility of a summer camp. Joshua has drawn up a sheet of long-term plans which would satisfy OFSTED should they instigate an inspection.

Josh said any volunteers would be most welcome to help the cause, with any ideas, support and positivity would be well received, and he also thanked Simon for the tremendous support given to him and the young people and also thanked Nathan who initially was a volunteer and is now employed part time. He also mentioned Kate and David Griffiths for their time, effort and particularly cakes. And of course, Roger and Carol in their role as wardens particularly in the help given for applying for grant funding. Simon replied and thanked Josh and his team for the level of operating being quite stunning.

b) Roger Beard for the Wardens

The report covers from June 2022 to March 2023, and a written copy will be available.

He recognises the congregation levelling at 60-65 each week has grown and the challenge is to get young people introduced once more. Some previous activities pre covid are now slowly coming back such as coffee and cake after Sunday worship and this is now held in the Church rather than in the small room adjacent to the kitchen allowing freer movement to chat and mix around.

From an outreach point of view groups such as the Thursday afternoon group, Baby and Toddler and Supper Club could all be reinstated, should there be willing members to step up to manage.

The Christmas tree festival had to be cancelled again this year but in June and December the Newent Symphony Orchestra held a concert. The Choral Society held a concert in November. Both groups provided funds for the Church.

At some time during the past year the lectern was moved and became damaged and needs repair.

Since covid, cleanliness is really important and a large donation by a Church member enabled a glasswasher to be purchased and used for communion cups and coffee cups.

There were a number of grants for the Lord's Larder received and these donations are vital; for example a week's food at £40 was provided for 35 families – total cost £1,400.00. Private donations are also made throughout the year and from Morrison's in Ross, and the Newent Spar, who this week gave 2 Trolley loads of food. Food is delivered to families in Newent and a seven-mile radius.

During this past week Carol and Roger held a presentation to 35 Organisations from in and around the Town, to raise awareness of the work of the Lord's Larder and the need for ongoing financial and physical help.

Pre loved clothes for schools, cleaned and mended by Annie Barwell and stored in the Lord's Larder premises, has a need for someone to volunteer to co-ordinate the clothes – Please see Roger if you are interested.

Fabric of the building – General maintenance and light bulb changing to LED has not revealed any major safety issues. The memorial stones under the carpet are old and worn and therefore causes the floor to be uneven in places, and tape is used to ensure safety. General maintenance is carried out but the gutters are done by specialist with particular emphasis the leak in the various roofs which is currently being looked at to prevent future flooding and damage.

During the Insurance audit the secondary heating unit was considered a hazard and has been dismantled. The death watch beetle seems to have been eradicated.

Simon thanked the wardens for all the work they do, visible and not visible, and thanks to everyone who plays a part in the running of the church.

He has great hopes for the future and feels God is gathering our congregation for work in the future and mentioned the number of new homes that are being built around Newent, increasing the size of the town considerably, which needs the church family to seek to welcome new and existing residents into St Mary's.

Simon asked for prayers for his sabbatical and as we go forward to look for new and different ways to deal with the challenges ahead as God open's new doors for us.

Mark Dunning is to be ordained Curate in June and in 2024 there will be a second Curate assigned to St Mary's Church which has been chosen as a training centre.

Prayers were said for each other and the Church family.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

**St Mary's Newent
Bank Accounts - Movements in 2022**

Lloyds Current Accounts

Opening Balance	10,930.47
Add Receipts	40,747.06
Less Payments	<u>(30,905.44)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>20,772.09</u>

Barclays Current Account

Opening Balance	27,775.89
Add Receipts	73,275.49
Less Payments	<u>(65,117.35)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>35,934.03</u>

Lloyds Bell Fund Current Account

Opening Balance	1,019.78
Add Receipts	0.52
Less Payments	
Closing Balance	<u>1,020.30</u>

Cash In Hand	<u>25.00</u>
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Total Cash & Bank Balances as at 31st December 2022	<u>57,751.42</u>
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St Mary's Church Newent
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2022

2021			2022		
Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments					
3,162		3,162	2,871		2,871
4,369		4,369	4,426		4,426
2,035		2,035	1,796		1,796
9,566	-	9,566	9,093	-	9,093
Bank Accounts Cash Balances					
Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£
	65	65		65	65
	1,538	1,538		5,112	5,112
	93	93		(195)	(195)
	430	430		430	430
	2,376	2,376		2,398	2,398
	829	829		994	994
	96	96		96	96
	11,177	11,177		21,448	21,448
	399	399		801	801
	480	480		110	110
	95	95		204	204
	554	554		554	554
	5,273	5,273		6,419	6,419
	350	350		350	350
				(20)	(20)
				(75)	(75)
				237	237
				240	240
				29	29
	1,020	1,020		1,020	1,020
14,976		14,976	17,534		17,534
14,976	24,775	39,751	17,534	40,217	57,751
Total Assets					
24,542	24,775	49,317	26,627	40,217	66,844

Total Restricted and Unrestricted cash and investment assets as at 31st December 2022 are £66,844

The Unrestricted Assets stand at £26,627 at year end compared to £24,542 as at the end of Dec 21, which represents an increase of £2,085. This is largely as a result of additional income received in year off set by fall in investments of £473

NB: The Refurbishment Fund includes an outstanding loan payment to the Diocese of £4k of an original loan of £20k. This payment is due to be paid in January 2023.

St Mary's Newent's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 £
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income:				
Planned giving	38,324	-	3,045	41,369
Collections, donations & other giving	2,870	-	18,044	20,914
Income tax recovered	12,703	-	-	12,703
Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000
Activities for generating funds				
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	365	-	-	365
Income from other Properties	186	-	-	186
Annual Fete/events	-	-	-	-
Investment income:				
Interest & dividends	111	-	-	111
Income from charitable activities:				
Parochial fees	4,003	-	-	4,003
Other	2,019	-	15,487	17,506
Total incoming resources	65,581	-	36,576	102,157
Resources expended				
Charitable activities:				
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism	(578)	-	(3,046)	(3,624)
Parish Share	(39,021)	-	-	(39,021)
Clergy expenses	(936)	-	-	(936)
Church running expenses	(6,205)	-	(410)	(6,615)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	(75)	(75)
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-
Running costs:				
Support costs	(189)	-	-	(189)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(1,965)	-	-	(1,965)
Major expenditure				
Loan repayments	-	-	(4,060)	(4,060)
Total resources expended	(61,456)	-	(22,645)	(84,101)
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources	4,125	-	13,931	18,056
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	(1,511)	-	1,511	-
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains</i>	2,614	-	15,442	18,056
<i>Gains on investment assets</i>	(530)	-	-	(530)
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	2,084	-	15,442	17,526
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022</i>	24,543		24,775	49,318
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022</i>	26,628	-	40,217	66,844

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St. Mary's Newent APCM

25th April 2022

Minutes

1. The meeting opened prayer and a reminder of God's faithfulness throughout recent times of the pandemic and as we move forward to discover what the future hold.

2. Introduction

Simon gave a reminder about signing the attendance sheet and noting any Apologies for absence as well as checking that those present had sight of all papers.

Vestry Meeting

3. Elections of

- a) Church Wardens (2 Posts)

Thanks were expressed to Roger Beard and Carol Gooch for their service and support throughout the year as well as their role throughout Covid and the time of recovery. Both had agreed to continue in service and were duly elected unopposed.

- b) Deputy Warden (1 Post)

Sue Cook was thanked for all she had done and also for agreeing to continue this coming year for which we are grateful. Given this is an internal post for St. Mary's there is no need for it to be contested and it is wonderful to have such extra support in this area.

Other posts

- c) Methodist Secretary - Sue Cook continues in this post.

- d) Baptist Secretary - Janet Roach is the named officer for this post.

- e) Secretary to the Council - Carole Brookes' appointment as Secretary to the Council. This is now an appointment at the APCM rather than PCC to afford it the standing it deserves and she was duly elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4. Minutes of the APCM held 6/7/21

Under item regarding Electoral Roll - Joint membership was amended to 31. With this amendment the minutes were accepted unanimously, with thanks to Carole Brookes for their production.

5. Matters arising

All matters were taken up in our agenda.

6. Election of PCC members - Annee Barwell and Josh Robertson renewed their offer to serve after 3 years and Shirley Johns agreed to serve for a further 1 year. In addition Cynthia Gwinnett has agreed to join the church Council. All were elected unanimously. Thanks were also expressed to all current PCC members for their service.

7. Electoral Roll

Movement

2021 2022

Total 182 which was a reduction of 18

Anglican 138 (-9)

Methodist 10 (+1)

Baptist 8 (+2)

Joint 21 (-10)

Church in Good Standing 5 -2

There are currently no Anglican/Methodist members.

8. Safeguarding/Policy compliance review

The meeting noted that DBS Disclosure and Baring checks were continuing, and an update of procedures had been carried out. The Named person from our point of view is Janet Roach. Policies on file have also been updated and will be on our website for compliance. Training has been reviewed and changed but will be more comprehensive.

H&S/FS

No issues to report thankfully. Appreciation was expressed to our Core Team for monitoring all the aspects involved. Ensures our compliance with legislation and keeps a watch on our church environment and procedures alongside the Insurance Review

9. Financial Report

- a) Presentation of Accounts

Copies were displayed and available. It was noted that the Church Council as Trustees had approved the accounts following examination by our Independent Examiner and that we were therefore receiving them for information.

We received them with thanks again to Fred Passant for all the work they represent during his last year leading up to the transition to Shirley Howard and Nigel Gabb on our Finance Team. Thank you to both of them as they port across all the details from one system to the other with assistance from the Diocesan office.

b) Appointment of Independent Examiner

Tudor Powell acted as Examiner for this year for all three churches in the Benefice and is happy to continue. He was duly appointed for the forthcoming year.

10. Reports

Chair/Rector's Report

The Chair expressed gratitude for all the work that was done via the website during the pandemic and on-going and it is now being reviewed together with associated information literature as we open progressively to more people.

The meeting noted how important it had been to have the Porch renovation completed as the glass doors had meant that numerous displays and information had been presented for people to see and benefit from.

We noted the caution necessary given current Covid rates, and that this was likely to be a feature of life in the future, adjusting with developments as they arise.

It was encouraging to be able to meet at church socially for prayer and bible study, as well as within home group settings. Once again we are discovering the blessing we have known all through or simply being church family together.

The Chair updated the meeting on Deanery matters. Under the Deanery Strategic Plan more input locally was planned for the chaplaincy at Newent Community School and 6th Form Centre as well as for sports ministry. Simon had handed on the roll of Area Dean to Rev Jacqui Hyde of the Benefice of Churchdown and Innsworth.

Wardens Report

This had been circulated and thanks were again given for all the work done during the year. Plans regarding church fabric were outlined including the next projects in view.

These included work to the Church Room roof to avoid water ingress. Design work was complete and awaiting the faculty process. The church clock will be receiving remedial work following further investigations.

Long term projects for high level gutters and internal use of auxiliary room (office, toilets, kitchen, meeting space) would be addressed in due course.

Children, Young People and Students

Josh Robertson presented an update on the work he and our team had carried out at church, in schools and in detached settings. Thanks were expressed to him and all involved for the outstanding ministry this represents.

11. The meeting closed with prayer for thanksgiving for all involved in the life and work of our church and its ministry.

Chairman's Report 2022

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In common with all churches, we are facing tremendous financial challenges. This is something that will need the attention of our Core Team and Church Council as we go forward.

But there are great encouragements too. Our main 10.30 service has welcomed new members which is a delight and the sense of being together as a single church family is increasingly important to us all.

We are seeing over this year the return of "in person" sessions for many aspects of our church life and this had an element of healing to it. We look forward to seeing more happen as the year progresses.

With my thanks again and our love to each and every person involved in the ministry that God has given us

Simon

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT

Registered Charity No. 1158153

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR END 31.12.2021

THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT TO COMPLY WITH THE CHURCH ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS, 2006. THEY INCLUDE ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, A STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of accounting: - The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations, 2006.

Accounting Policies: - The financial statements include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe affiliation to another body (e.g. Mothers' Union).

Receipts are included as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

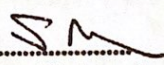
The Receipts and Payments Account differentiates between different kinds of funds:

Restricted funds must be used for the purposes for which they were given.

Unrestricted funds represent money that can be used for the general purposes of the Church Council; amounts that have been earmarked for specific purposes are called **designated** funds (which nevertheless remain unrestricted), the rest being called **general** funds.

Signed.....
F.H. Passant J.P. Hon. Treasurer

Approved by Church Council: -

Signed.....
(Rev. S. Mason, Chairman)

Signed.....
(Mr. R. Beard BEM - member)

Key dates: to be agreed:-

*Independent Examiner Report – 14 March 2022
Draft to Church Council – 21st March 2022
Approval by Church Council – 21st March 2022
Post on Notice Board – 7 May 2022
Presentation to Annual Meeting – 25th April 2022
Send to Methodist Circuit – 7 May 2022
Send to Diocesan Secretary - 7 May 2022*

<u>2020</u>	<u>RECEIPTS 2021</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total £</u>
	<u>Offertories</u>			
11667	Envelopes	10229		
16205	Bankers orders	19636		
7673	Tax refunds (general)	8935		
<u>1931</u>	General plate	<u>2655</u>		
37476		41455		41,455
	<u>Other receipts</u>			
1212	Church \ room users	1084		
373	Legacies \ memoriums	291		
12631	Gift Day (inc. gift aid tax)	7110		
61	FWO \ Sales	15		
685	Fees, etc.	3649		
50	Inv. inc. (exc CBF shares)	52		
0	Easter gifts	115		
940	Other donations	272		
941	Easter Gifts	115		
<u>1622</u>	Gift Aid donations	<u>1858</u>		
17574		14446		14,446

Restricted receipts for specific charities / purposes

St Mary's Romania link	1702	
Romania (Redditch group)	3598	
Refurbishment Fund (Porch)	2770	
For Lord's Larder	8097	
J. Robertson Training Grant	8250	
Bell Fund	0	
Churchyard upkeep - FODDC	2189	
Worldwide Missions (Leprosy)	0	
Children's Society	516	
Other charities (TRAC, Listening Post, Send a Cow)	0	
Flower Fund	0	
Christian Aid Week	1398	
Agape	0	
For Discretionary Fund	322	
Brunel 2020 (deposits)	0	
Computer Fund	0	
TOTAL	28,842	28,842
TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,901	28,842
		84,743

PAYMENTS 2021		General funds	Restricted	TOTAL
2020	Ministry, etc	.Unrestricted		
908	Rector expenses	908		
0	Curate expenses	386		
500	Baptist Home Mission	500		
1082	Office & telephone	1228		
178	Teaching, courses, etc.	0		
3252	Gas & water	2319		
1305	Electricity	1294		
5191	Insurance	5337		
1277	Cleaning services	1232		
0	Services/Altar	496		
2369	Repairs / maintenance	2843		
41	Junior church	0		
772	Music expenses	528		
396	Printing /stationary	523		
37520	Parish Share Anglican	37520		
4580	Methodist Circuit	5052		
496	Youth work	171		
207	Miscellaneous	429		
60,510		60,766		

Restricted payments to charities, etc.

Bell fund	25
St Mary's Romania link	1565
Romania Redditch Group	2700
Refurbishment fund (porch)	1772
Refurbishment Loan repayment	4060
Lord's Larder	6135
From Flower fund	42
J. Robertson Training Expenses	2977
K. Worldwide Missions (Leprosy)	0
Childrens Society	436
Other charities (TRAC, List. Post, Send a Cow)	0
Christian Aid	1485
Agape	0
Churchyard upkeep	2189
Discretionary Fund	388
Computer fund	0
TOTAL	23,774

Total unrestricted receipts (P2) minus above payments of £60,766 = - (£4,865)

Total restricted receipts (P2) minus above payments of £23,774 = £5,068

Grand Total receipts minus payments = £203.

BANK ACCOUNTS - MOVEMENTS IN 2021

Lloyds Classic A/C (current account)

Opening balance	8693.96
Add receipts	27136.03
Less payments	<u>24899.52</u>
Closing balance	<u>10,930.47</u>

Barclays A/C (current account)

Opening balance	28,953.13
Add receipts	51,991.28
Less payments	<u>53,468.52</u>
Closing balance	<u>27,775.89</u>

Lloyds Bell fund A/C

Opening balance	1,019.50
Add interest and deposits	0.28
Less transfers	<u>0.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>1,019.78</u>

Total of above accounts, plus £25 cash float (church) = £39,751.14 (see p. 5)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

<u>2020</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>£ Unrestricted</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£ Restricted</u>
2695	C of E CBF Investment Fund	3,162	0
4366	C of E CBF Deposit Fund	4,369	0
<u>1782</u>	Glos. Diocese CBF Trust (87 shares)	<u>2,035</u>	<u>0</u>
8843		<u>9,566</u>	<u>0</u>

Bank Accounts / Cash

	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Barclays (current account): -			
• Agape fund (from 2019)	65		
• Refurbishment fund (inc. Loan £8 k)	1538		
• Flower fund (£135 from 2020)	93		
• Ecumenical fund	430		
• Romania project (£2239 from 2020)	2376		
• Romania Redditch fund (-£69 from 2020)	829		
• Marriage prep. course (from 2014)	96		
• Lord's Larder (£9215 from 2020)	11,177		
• Discretionary Fund (£465 from 2020)	399		
• Brunel Manor 2020 deposits	480		
• Children's Society (£15 from 2020)	95		
• Clock Fund	554		
• Christian Aid	0		
• Training J Robertson	5273		
• Bell Fund	<u>350</u>		
• Total Barclays balance	<u>23,755</u>	<u>4,021</u>	<u>27,776</u>
Lloyds Classic (current) A/C		10,930	10,930
Lloyds Bell fund A/C	1,020		1,020
Cash		<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>24,775</u>	<u>14,976</u>	<u>39,751</u>

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* This is the total cash held in bank accounts, see page 4.

The above shows our total restricted and unrestricted cash and investment assets as £49,317.

The **Unrestricted Assets**, i.e. our general reserves, stand at **£24,542** at the year end compared to **£28,390** the previous year, i.e. a fall of **£3,848**. This decrease is due to the excess expenditure over income in 2020 of **£4,865** (page 3), and a rise in the value of the investments of **£723**.

N.B. The Refurbishment Fund includes the £20k loan from the Diocese, £8k of which is outstanding with the next payment of £4k being due in January 2022.

Monetary liabilities: - £8k Diocesan Loan outstanding. **Debtors:** - The bracketed sums shown above.

Fixed assets: - These include the land, buildings and contents belonging to St. Mary's. Apart from the items listed in the Terrier and Inventory (which includes the silver plate, etc.) the Church Council also owns the following items used in the running of the church:

Computing equipment, photocopier, printing machine, video player/monitor, public address system, stage lighting, CCTV system, various microphones and a CD / tape player. All these are security coded.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT - OUTWARD GIVING - 2021

	£
Lord's Larder	* see below
St Mary's Romania Project	1565
Agape (India)	0
Baptist Home Mission	500
Leprosy Mission (excludes boxes)	0
Listening Post	0
Children's Society (includes boxes)	436
Gloucester Historic Churches Trust	50
C S W, Open Doors, Release International	0
Teens in Crisis, Hope Flowers School	0
Send a Cow	0
Tom Roberts Adventure Centre	0
Methodist Charity	0
Christian Aid	1485

TOTAL **£4,036**

(In 2020 the outward giving was £4,603)

* Lord's Larder - This is run by St. Mary's for a wide area around Newent and includes financial and manpower support from outside St. Mary's.
See P 8 for details.

N.B. The above does not include Memoriums (collections taken for specific charitable causes at funerals). These are paid direct to the funeral directors.

REFURBISHMENT FUND 2021
(Roof and Porch Projects)

<u>Fund balance at 01.01.2021 inc. loan</u> (from 2020 accounts)	<u>£</u> 7,435
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Income in 2021

Donations (inc. gift aid tax)	2,475
Listed Places of Worship VAT grants	295
Christmas Tree Festival (net)	0

Total **£2,770**

Expenditure in 2021

Final payment chancel roof	1,512
Loan repayment to Diocese	4,060
Architect fees - chancel roof project	260

Total **£5,832**

Balance (for 2021) **-£3,060**

Overall Balance at 31.12.2021 **£1,538**
(NB £8k plus interest is due to the Diocese, £4k in January 2022)

This balance is represented on 1.1.22 by: -

CBF Deposit Fund	0
CBF Share A/C	0
Barclay's current A/C	<u>1,538</u>
	<u>£1,538</u>

(The Porch Project is thus in debt by £6,462 plus a little interest)

LORD'S LARDER FUND 2021

<u>Fund balance at 01.01.2021</u> (from 2020 accounts)	£ 9,215
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Income in 2021

Personal donations (inc.gift aid tax)	3,363
Corporate donations (inc. Forest of Dean DC & S Gooch)	2,000
Other donations (inc.churches, grants, schools)	2,180
Transfer from cash account	554
TOTAL 2021 INCOME	8,097

Expenditure in 2021

Food purchases (additional to donated food)	262
Lord's Larder infrastructure	227
Service charges (inc.electricity)	651
Co-ordination and deliveries	4,441
Transfer	554
TOTAL 2020 EXPENDITURE	7,791

Balance (for 2021) **1,962**

Overall Balance at 31.12.2020 **£11,177**

This balance is represented on 1.1.22 by: -

CBF Deposit Fund	0
CBF Share A/C	0
Barclay's current A/C	11,177
	<u>£11,177</u>

N.B. Substantial amounts of donated food + extra purchases have been delivered during the year.

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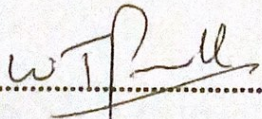
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..... Date 15 MAR 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN, NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1158153

Accounts

Chairman's Report 2020

In many respects, the report for this year echoes the words used last year. We have all experienced something that we did not expect and did not understand and had to navigate without a map.

This is still the case in so many ways, both for our church family and for our wider community, nation and world.

In the midst of all this we have sought to do what we could to enable our worship life to continue while at the same time looking after each other and those around us who are most vulnerable. 1 Corinthians 13 – “now these 3 remain – faith hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.”

I want to take the opportunity of expressing all our thanks to 2 people. First to Fred Passant who has held the position of Treasurer and Honorary Treasurer for 26 years (now retiring), and this after faithful service as Churchwarden. He has not only managed the funds on our behalf working with the Church Council, but has always given sound advice to those needing it concerning the financial picture, and all with a heart and motivation focussed on the mission of the church.

Second, I want to express thank to Graham Barton for his service over this difficult period as Health and Safety Officer for our church. Little did he know what would face us all when he took on this position, but he has advised and supported his fellow members of the Core Team, when we have encountered such huge challenges. We are so grateful for the extra miles that Graham has travelled to enable us to serve each other and care for those in need.

We continue to have challenges of other types too. The finances of all churches, in common with other sections of our communities, have been hard pressed with usual income reduced from specific events. Our Gift Day 2020 was a great answer to prayer, and this enabled us to finish the year in a much better place than would otherwise been the case.

Our new financial team will be working to take over from Fred and up-date our systems and we pray for them in all of this.

The heart we have as a church is to make Jesus known and to show his love. Our aim, as our Vision states is to be a People and Place of God's Presence and Peace. We long to see people come to faith and to grow in that faith, and this will be our focus as we move on through, hopefully to an end of the pandemic in the near future.

With my thanks and love to each and every member of our church family

Simon

ST MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT: APCM held on Monday 6 July 2021 in church and on Zoom.

Simon opened the meeting with a reading from Mark 6; feeding the five thousand. We need to listen to God as we come out of the Covid -19 regulations. There have been many answers to prayer since the pandemic started. He ended with prayer.

Simon thanked the singers and musicians who have performed in church and on Zoom. He also thanked Dan and Nigel for their technical skills and to everyone who has shared God's word with us.

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Graham Barton

VESTRY MEETING

All church officers were re-elected,
Church Wardens - Roger Beard & Carol Gooch
Deputy Warden & Methodist Secretary - Sue Cook Baptist
Secretary & Safeguarding officer - Janet Roach Secretary to
the Council - Carole Brookes

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of 2020 were accepted by members present, after Simon outlined three amendments. Elizabeth Beard, Jo Goodwin and Pam Roberts will all continue on PCC for another three years. Shirley Johns will continue on PCC with her current yearly review. Members can be co-opted throughout the year. Simon thanked PCC members.

ELECTORAL ROLL

200 members to include 147 Anglicans, 9 Methodists, 21 Joint, 6 Baptists, 7 Church in Good standing.

SAFEGUARDING

GDPR and training requirements are in hand, and we are also insurance compliant. Janet Roach is our Safeguarding officer.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Thanks to Graham Barton for all H&S, Hygiene and Fire safety measures which have helped to keep us safe during the pandemic.

A gift of appreciation is going to Graham as he stands down from this post.

FINANCIAL REPORT

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Thanks were given to Fred for his management of our finances.

Income of 2020: envelope receipts were very low although Bankers Orders were up.

Tax refunds, general plate collections and fees were all down and there was no fund-raising.

We received £12,631 for our Annual Gift Day, helping our income which was only slightly down. Our outgoings were £60,500. Our General reserves are £28,300 - down £5,000 on the previous year.

There is still £8,000 to be paid on the Diocesan bridging loan for the Porch project - the final bill for the porch has been paid.

Lord's Larder: Thanks to individual and corporate donations, and those from surrounding supermarkets.

Fred Passant is standing down as Treasurer after 26 years in post, also serving as Churchwarden before that. Simon presented his wife Brenda with gifts in Fred's absence (he was present on Zoom). There was a card, a framed picture of our

most recent stained glass window and a bottle of wine -1994 vintage, to reflect the 26 years of Fred's service.

We need a finance team - Nigel Gabb will take an advisory role with Shirley Howard looking after the accounting. We need a third person to take care of the banking side.

Assembled members agreed they should serve.

Tudor Powell has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner.

REPORTS

Simon had already circulated reports from Finance, Graham Barton, Churchwardens and Youth Team.

There is a grant of £8,000 for Josh to do his Youth work in Primary and Secondary schools and locally.

Simon thanked Rev Dan Browne for his ministry here during his curacy.

Simon says we should proceed cautiously as the country unlocks. We need to plan for how we re-introduce church activities. Mutual care will be a priority.

Simon invited questions from the floor - Rev David King expressed his concern over the decision by the Methodist Church to conduct same-sex marriage services.

Thanks were offered for Simon for all he does for us here at St Mary's, and Dan thanked Simon for all his care and attention. Thanks offered too, for the services over Zoom and music in church.

Simon gave thanks to all and ended the meeting with prayer at 8.45pm.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT

Registered Charity No. 1158153

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR END 31.12.2020

THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT TO COMPLY WITH THE CHURCH ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS, 2006. THEY INCLUDE ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, A STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of accounting: - The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations, 2006.

Accounting Policies: - The financial statements include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe affiliation to another body (e.g. Mothers' Union).

Receipts are included as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

The Receipts and Payments Account differentiates between different kinds of funds:

Restricted funds must be used for the purposes for which they were given.

Unrestricted funds represent money that can be used for the general purposes of the Church Council; amounts that have been earmarked for specific purposes are called *designated* funds (which nevertheless remain unrestricted), the rest being called *general* funds.

Signed.....
F.H. Passant J.P. Hon. Treasurer

Approved by Church Council: -

Signed.....
(Rev. S. Mason, Chairman)

Signed.....
(Mr. R. Beard BEM - member)

Key dates:

Independent Examiner Report – 5 February 2021

Draft to Church Council – 8 February 2021

Approval by Church Council – 15 March 2021

Posted on Notice Board – 7 May 2021

Presentation to Annual Meeting – t.b.a. 2021

Send to Methodist Circuit – 7 May 2021

Send to Diocesan Secretary - 7 May 2021

<u>2019</u>	<u>RECEIPTS 2020</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total £</u>
	<u>Offertories</u>			
17237	Envelopes	11667		
12539	Bankers orders	16205		
9730	Tax refunds (general)	7673		
<u>5276</u>	General plate	<u>1931</u>		
44782		37476		37,476
	<u>Other receipts</u>			
1010	Church \ room users	1212		
430	Legacies \ memoriums	373		
2433	Gift Day (inc. gift aid tax)	12631		
172	FWO \ Sales	61		
2914	Fees, etc.	685		
48	Inv. inc. (exc CBF shares)	50		
1199	Onion Fayre teas, stall, etc	0		
999	Other donations	940		
<u>1957</u>	Gift Aid donations	<u>1622</u>		
11162		17574		17,574

Restricted receipts for specific charities / purposes

St Mary's Romania link	3389	
Romania (Redditch group)	4206	
Refurbishment Fund (Porch)	2864	
For Lord's Larder	15561	
Bell Fund (Transfer from Bell A/C for bell frame work)	1000	
Memorium (for specified causes)	271	
Churchyard upkeep - FODDC	2050	
WorldwideMissions (Leprosy)	290	
Children's Society	515	
Other charities (TRAC, Listening Post, Send a Cow)	416	
Flower Fund	0	
Christian Aid	50	
Agape	37	
For Discretionary Fund	125	
Brunel 2020 (deposits)	670	
Computer Fund	375	
TOTAL	31,819	31,819
TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,050	86,869

PAYMENTS 2020		General funds	Restricted	TOTAL
2019	Ministry, church, etc.			
1038	Rector expenses	885		
194	Curate expenses	0		
500	Baptist Home Mission	500		
1082	Office & telephone	1541		
219	Teaching, courses, etc.	178		
3719	Gas & water	3252		
1262	Electricity	1305		
5110	Insurance	5191		
1591	Cleaning services	1277		
3191	Repairs / maintenance	2369		
444	Services / altar	0		
715	Music expenses	772		
117	Junior church	41		
912	Printing /stationary	396		
35632	Parish Share Anglican	37520		
4472	Methodist Circuit	4580		
978	Youth work	496		
434	Miscellaneous	207		
61,610		60,510		

Restricted payments to charities, etc.

	Bell fund	25
	St Mary's Romania link	2848
	Romania Redditch Group	4726
	Refurbishment fund (porch)	1619
	Refurbishment Loan repayment	4080
	Lord's Larder	7791
	Flower fund	0
	Memorium (for specified causes)	271
	Worldwide Missions (Leprosy)	290
	Childrens Society	500
	Other charities (TRAC, List. Post, Send a Cow)	416
	Christian Aid	0
	Agape	0
	Churchyard upkeep	2049
	Brunel 2020	0
	Computer fund	758
	TOTAL	25,373

Total unrestricted receipts (P2) minus above payments of £60,510 = -(£5,460)

Total restricted receipts (P2) minus above payments of £25,373 = £6,446

Grand Total receipts minus payments = £986.

BANK ACCOUNTS - MOVEMENTS IN 2020

Lloyds Classic A/C (current account)

Opening balance	5514.92
Add receipts	26320.94
Less payments	<u>23141.90</u>
Closing balance	<u>8,693.96</u>

Barclays A/C (current account)

Opening balance	31704.34
Add receipts	56036.89
Less payments	<u>58788.10</u>
Closing balance	<u>28,953.13</u>

Lloyds Bell fund A/C

Opening balance	2018.80
Add interest and deposits	0.70
Less transfers	<u>1000.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>1,019.50</u>

Total of above accounts, plus £25 cash float (church) + £557 cash float (treasurer)
= £39,248.59 (see p. 5)

Treasurer cash float held to help with Lord's Larder operations. (This float has had £1,500 transfers from Barclay's account during the year).

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

<u>2019</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>£ Unrestricted</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£ Restricted</u>
2448	C of E CBF Investment Fund	2,695	0
4348	C of E CBF Deposit Fund	4,366	0
<u>1668</u>	Glos. Diocese CBF Trust (87 shares)	<u>1,782</u>	<u>0</u>
8464		<u>8,843</u>	<u>0</u>

Bank Accounts / Cash

	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Barclays (current account): -			
• Agape fund (£28 from 2019)	65		
• Refurbishment fund (inc. Loan £12k)	4600		
• Flower fund (£135 from 2019)	135		
• Ecumenical fund	430		
• Romania project (£1698 from 2019)	2239		
• Romania Redditch fund (£451 from 2019)	(69)		
• Marriage prep. course (from 2014)	96		
• Lord's Larder (£1445 from 2019)	9215		
• Discretionary Fund (£340 from 2019)	465		
• Brunel Manor 2020 deposits	480		
• Childrens Society	15		
• Clock Fund	554		
• Christian Aid (£37 from 2019)	87		
• FODDC - churchyard	(5)		
• Bell Fund	<u>375</u>		
• Total Barclays balance	<u>18,682</u>	<u>10,271</u>	<u>28,953</u>
Lloyds Classic (current) A/C		8,694	8,694
Lloyds Bell fund A/C	1,019		1,019
Cash		<u>582</u>	<u>582</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>19,701</u>	<u>19,547</u>	<u>39,248 *</u>

* This is the total cash held in bank accounts, see page 4.

The above shows our total restricted and unrestricted cash and investment assets as £48,091.

The Unrestricted Assets, i.e. our general reserves, stand at £28,390 at the year end compared to £33,462 the previous year, i.e. a fall of £5,072. This decrease is due to the excess expenditure over income in 2020 of £5,460 (page 3), and a rise in the value of the investments of £379.

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	<u>£</u>
Lord's Larder	* see below
St Mary's Romania Project	2848
Agape (India)	0
Baptist Home Mission	500
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Listening Post	94
Children's Society (includes boxes)	500
Gloucester Historic Churches Trust	50
C S W	0
Send a Cow	190
Tom Roberts Adventure Centre	131
Methodist Charity	0
Christian Aid	0

TOTAL **£4,603**

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REFURBISHMENT FUND 2020
(Porch Project)

<u>Fund balance at 01.01.2020 inc. loan</u> (from 2019 accounts)	£ 7,435
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Income in 2020

Donations (inc. gift aid tax)	2,672
Listed Places of Worship VAT grants	192
Christmas Tree Festival (net)	0

Total **£2,864**

Expenditure in 2020

Porch project	1,356
Loan repayment to Diocese	4,080
Architect fees - Lady Chapel roof project	263

Total **£5,699**

Balance (for 2020) **-£2,835**

Overall Balance at 31.12.2020 **£4,600**
(NB £12k plus interest is due to the Diocese, £4k in January 2021)

This balance is represented on 1.1.21 by: -

CBF Deposit Fund	0
CBF Share A/C	0
Barclay's current A/C	<u>4,600</u>
	<u>£4,600</u>

(The Porch Project is thus in debt by £7,400 plus a little interest)

LORD'S LARDER FUND 2020

<u>Fund balance at 01.01.2020</u> (from 2019 accounts)	£ 1,445
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Income in 2020

Personal donations (inc. gift aid tax)	7,863
Corporate donations (inc. Newent Town Council, Avara Foods, Probus, Rotary)	6,180
Other donatios (inc. churches, grants, schools)	1518
TOTAL 2020 INCOME	15,561

Expenditure in 2020

Food purchases (additional to donated food)	1,552
Lord's Larder infrastructure	2,254
Service charges (inc. electricity)	621
Co-ordination and deliveries	3,364
TOTAL 2020 EXPENDITURE	7,791

<u>Balance (for 2020)</u>	<u>7,770</u>
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<u>Overall Balance at 31.12.2020</u>	<u>£9,215</u>
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This balance is represented on 1.1.21 by: -

CBF Deposit Fund	0
CBF Share A/C	0
Barclay's current A/C	<u>9,215</u>
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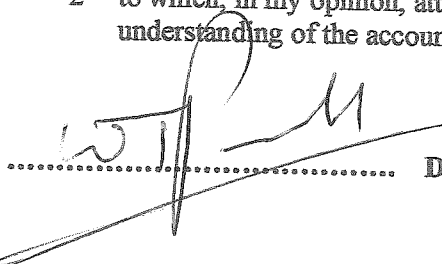
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Registered Charity No. 1158153

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR END 31.12.2020

THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT TO COMPLY WITH THE CHURCH ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS, 2006. THEY INCLUDE ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, A STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of accounting: - The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations, 2006.

Accounting Policies: - The financial statements include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe affiliation to another body (e.g. Mothers' Union).

Receipts are included as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

The Receipts and Payments Account differentiates between different kinds of funds:

Restricted funds must be used for the purposes for which they were given.

Unrestricted funds represent money that can be used for the general purposes of the Church Council; amounts that have been earmarked for specific purposes are called *designated* funds (which nevertheless remain unrestricted), the rest being called *general* funds.

Signed.....
F.H. Passant J.P. Hon. Treasurer

Approved by Church Council: -

Signed.....
(Rev. S. Mason, Chairman)

Signed.....
(Mr. R. Beard BEM - member)

Key dates:

Independent Examiner Report – 5 February 2021

Draft to Church Council – 8 February 2021

Approval by Church Council – 15 March 2021

Posted on Notice Board – 7 May 2021

Presentation to Annual Meeting – t.b.a. 2021

Send to Methodist Circuit – 7 May 2021

Send to Diocesan Secretary - 7 May 2021

<u>2019</u>	<u>RECEIPTS 2020</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total £</u>
	<u>Offertories</u>			
17237	Envelopes	11667		
12539	Bankers orders	16205		
9730	Tax refunds (general)	7673		
<u>5276</u>	General plate	<u>1931</u>		
44782		37476		37,476
	<u>Other receipts</u>			
1010	Church \ room users	1212		
430	Legacies \ memoriums	373		
2433	Gift Day (inc. gift aid tax)	12631		
172	FWO \ Sales	61		
2914	Fees, etc.	685		
48	Inv. inc. (exc CBF shares)	50		
1199	Onion Fayre teas, stall, etc	0		
999	Other donations	940		
<u>1957</u>	Gift Aid donations	<u>1622</u>		
11162		17574		17,574

Restricted receipts for specific charities / purposes

St Mary's Romania link	3389	
Romania (Redditch group)	4206	
Refurbishment Fund (Porch)	2864	
For Lord's Larder	15561	
Bell Fund (Transfer from Bell A/C for bell frame work)	1000	
Memorium (for specified causes)	271	
Churchyard upkeep - FODDC	2050	
WorldwideMissions (Leprosy)	290	
Children's Society	515	
Other charities (TRAC, Listening Post, Send a Cow)	416	
Flower Fund	0	
Christian Aid	50	
Agape	37	
For Discretionary Fund	125	
Brunel 2020 (deposits)	670	
Computer Fund	375	
TOTAL	31,819	31,819
TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,050	86,869

PAYMENTS 2020		General funds	Restricted	TOTAL
2019	Ministry, church, etc.			
1038	Rector expenses	885		
194	Curate expenses	0		
500	Baptist Home Mission	500		
1082	Office & telephone	1541		
219	Teaching, courses, etc.	178		
3719	Gas & water	3252		
1262	Electricity	1305		
5110	Insurance	5191		
1591	Cleaning services	1277		
3191	Repairs / maintenance	2369		
444	Services / altar	0		
715	Music expenses	772		
117	Junior church	41		
912	Printing /stationary	396		
35632	Parish Share Anglican	37520		
4472	Methodist Circuit	4580		
978	Youth work	496		
434	Miscellaneous	207		
61,610		60,510		

Restricted payments to charities, etc.

	Bell fund	25
	St Mary's Romania link	2848
	Romania Redditch Group	4726
	Refurbishment fund (porch)	1619
	Refurbishment Loan repayment	4080
	Lord's Larder	7791
	Flower fund	0
	Memorium (for specified causes)	271
	Worldwide Missions (Leprosy)	290
	Childrens Society	500
	Other charities (TRAC, List. Post, Send a Cow)	416
	Christian Aid	0
	Agape	0
	Churchyard upkeep	2049
	Brunel 2020	0
	Computer fund	758
	TOTAL	25,373

Total unrestricted receipts (P2) minus above payments of £60,510 = -(£5,460)

Total restricted receipts (P2) minus above payments of £25,373 = £6,446

Grand Total receipts minus payments = £986.

BANK ACCOUNTS - MOVEMENTS IN 2020

Lloyds Classic A/C (current account)

Opening balance	5514.92
Add receipts	26320.94
Less payments	<u>23141.90</u>
Closing balance	<u>8,693.96</u>

Barclays A/C (current account)

Opening balance	31704.34
Add receipts	56036.89
Less payments	<u>58788.10</u>
Closing balance	<u>28,953.13</u>

Lloyds Bell fund A/C

Opening balance	2018.80
Add interest and deposits	0.70
Less transfers	<u>1000.00</u>
Closing balance	<u>1,019.50</u>

Total of above accounts, plus £25 cash float (church) + £557 cash float (treasurer)
= £39,248.59 (see p. 5)

Treasurer cash float held to help with Lord's Larder operations. (This float has had £1,500 transfers from Barclay's account during the year).

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

<u>2019</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>£ Unrestricted</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£ Restricted</u>
2448	C of E CBF Investment Fund	2,695	0
4348	C of E CBF Deposit Fund	4,366	0
<u>1668</u>	Glos. Diocese CBF Trust (87 shares)	<u>1,782</u>	<u>0</u>
8464		<u>8,843</u>	<u>0</u>

Bank Accounts / Cash

	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Barclays (current account): -			
• Agape fund (£28 from 2019)	65		
• Refurbishment fund (inc. Loan £12k)	4600		
• Flower fund (£135 from 2019)	135		
• Ecumenical fund	430		
• Romania project (£1698 from 2019)	2239		
• Romania Redditch fund (£451 from 2019)	(69)		
• Marriage prep. course (from 2014)	96		
• Lord's Larder (£1445 from 2019)	9215		
• Discretionary Fund (£340 from 2019)	465		
• Brunel Manor 2020 deposits	480		
• Childrens Society	15		
• Clock Fund	554		
• Christian Aid (£37 from 2019)	87		
• FODDC - churchyard	(5)		
• Bell Fund	<u>375</u>		
• Total Barclays balance	<u>18,682</u>	<u>10,271</u>	<u>28,953</u>
Lloyds Classic (current) A/C		8,694	8,694
Lloyds Bell fund A/C	1,019		1,019
Cash		<u>582</u>	<u>582</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>19,701</u>	<u>19,547</u>	<u>39,248 *</u>

* This is the total cash held in bank accounts, see page 4.

The above shows our total restricted and unrestricted cash and investment assets as £48,091.

The **Unrestricted Assets**, i.e. our general reserves, stand at **£28,390** at the year end compared to **£33,462** the previous year, i.e. a fall of **£5,072**. This decrease is due to the excess expenditure over income in 2020 of **£5,460** (page 3), and a rise in the value of the investments of **£379**.

N.B. The Refurbishment Fund includes the **£20k** loan from the Diocese, **£12k** of which is outstanding with the next payment of **£4k** being due in January 2021.

Monetary liabilities: - **£12k** Diocesan Loan outstanding. **Debtors:** - The bracketed sums shown above.

Fixed assets: - These include the land, buildings and contents belonging to St. Mary's. Apart from the items listed in the Terrier and Inventory (which includes the silver plate, etc.) the Church Council also owns the following items used in the running of the church:

Computing equipment, photocopier, printing machine, video player/monitor, public address system, stage lighting, CCTV system, various microphones and a CD / tape player. All these are security coded.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT - OUTWARD GIVING - 2020

	<u>£</u>
Lord's Larder	* see below
St Mary's Romania Project	2848
Agape (India)	0
Baptist Home Mission	500
Leprosy Mission (excludes boxes)	290
Listening Post	94
Children's Society (includes boxes)	500
Gloucester Historic Churches Trust	50
C S W	0
Send a Cow	190
Tom Roberts Adventure Centre	131
Methodist Charity	0
Christian Aid	0

TOTAL **£4,603**

(In 2019 the outward giving was £7,060)

* Lord's Larder - see P 8 for details.

N.B. The above does not include Memoriums (collections taken for specific charitable causes at funerals). These total £271 for 2020 and are paid direct to the funeral directors.

REFURBISHMENT FUND 2020
(Porch Project)

<u>Fund balance at 01.01.2020 inc. loan</u> (from 2019 accounts)	£ 7,435
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Income in 2020

Donations (inc. gift aid tax)	2,672
Listed Places of Worship VAT grants	192
Christmas Tree Festival (net)	0

Total **£2,864**

Expenditure in 2020

Porch project	1,356
Loan repayment to Diocese	4,080
Architect fees - Lady Chapel roof project	263

Total **£5,699**

Balance (for 2020) **-£2,835**

Overall Balance at 31.12.2020 **£4,600**
(NB £12k plus interest is due to the Diocese, £4k in January 2021)

This balance is represented on 1.1.21 by: -

CBF Deposit Fund	0
CBF Share A/C	0
Barclay's current A/C	<u>4,600</u>
	<u>£4,600</u>

(The Porch Project is thus in debt by £7,400 plus a little interest)

LORD'S LARDER FUND 2020

<u>Fund balance at 01.01.2020</u> (from 2019 accounts)	£ 1,445
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Income in 2020

Personal donations (inc. gift aid tax)	7,863
Corporate donations (inc. Newent Town Council, Avara Foods, Probus, Rotary)	6,180
Other donatios (inc. churches, grants, schools)	1518
TOTAL 2020 INCOME	15,561

Expenditure in 2020

Food purchases (additional to donated food)	1,552
Lord's Larder infrastructure	2,254
Service charges (inc. electricity)	621
Co-ordination and deliveries	3,364
TOTAL 2020 EXPENDITURE	7,791

<u>Balance (for 2020)</u>	<u>7,770</u>
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<u>Overall Balance at 31.12.2020</u>	<u>£9,215</u>
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This balance is represented on 1.1.21 by: -

CBF Deposit Fund	0
CBF Share A/C	0
Barclay's current A/C	<u>9,215</u>
	<u>£9,215</u>

N.B. Substantial amounts of donated food + extra purchases have been delivered during the year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of
St. Mary's Church, Newent, Gloucestershire

Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council

This report on the accounts of the above for the year ended 31st December 2020 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and the examiner

As members of the Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these accounts in accordance with regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission section 43(7)(b) of the Charities Act 1993. The examination included a review of the accounting records maintained by the Church Council and the comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

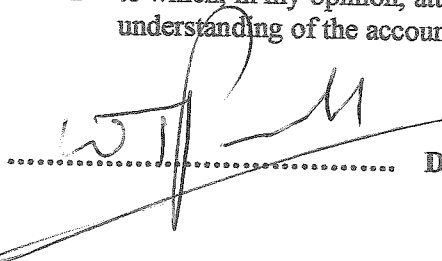
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, have not been met.

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

Signed

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..... Date 5 FEB 2021