THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH WHEATLEY

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Details

Other names	ST MARY'S PCC WHEATLEY, Wheatley Parochial Church Council
Status	Registered
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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship; The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation; Pastoral work,including visiting of sick and the bereaved; Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; Taking of religious assemblies in schools;Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas;

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£198,353	£143,295	-	-
2023-12-31	£243,764	£108,688	-	-
2022-12-31	£202,145	£100,256	-	-
2021-12-31	£159,788	£82,235	-	-
2020-12-31	£219,391	£90,914	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexandra Louise Hewitt		2016-04-17
Faith Axten		2023-04-30
Jane Ivy Pricilla Fanning		2016-04-17
Margaret Edith Jackson		2021-04-25
Peter Anthony Fanning		2016-04-17
Rev Clare Joyce		2025-05-08
Samantha Knight		2019-04-07
ZANNIFER MASON		2017-04-30

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Accounts

CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WHEATLEY
ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2025

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Church, Wheatley, has the responsibility to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church.
The Benefice is in a period of interregnum.
Alexandra Hewitt is licensed to serve as LLM to preach and assist with pastoral work in this benefice.
Wheatley Area Churches: The WAC consists of St Mary's Church, United Reformed Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Bartholomew's Church and Wheatley Community Church. WAC has continued to work together in supporting each other and the wider village community in many ways. During the interregnum joint services have been held and a joint service was held in St Mary's for the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, lent soup lunches were held to support Christian Aid in URC hall, Good Friday pilgrimage took place around the village again and Easter cards were delivered to the village and Holton. Support continues for refugees Remembrance Sunday Service was held in St Mary's and a wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial. The village Carol Service was held in St Mary's Church and Christmas cards were distributed throughout the village.

Administrative Information
St Mary the Virgin Wheatley is situated in Church Road, Wheatley. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, London Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1YA. Registered Charity Number 1159100
The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.
The Full PCC has met 6 times during the year with an average attendance of 78%.
The subgroups set up to support during the interregnum which consists of 5 teams, Spiritual, Pastoral, Governance, Building and Events & Social which have met intermittently as required during the year. The PCC remains the decision-making body and will continue to sign off any proposals from the working group. PCC members are:

*__Ex Officio members__.

***Incumbent**	Vacancy
***LLM**	Mrs Alexandra Hewitt
***Electoral roll officer**	Mr David Parsons

***Churchwardens**

Mrs Jane Fanning

Mrs Zannifer Mason (PCC Chair)

***Deanery Synod Representatives**

Margaret Jackson
David Parsons
Alexandra Hewitt

Elected Members

Chris Clements (vice chair and secretary -resigned September 2024)
Peter Fanning (Treasurer)
Samantha Knight (Sacristan)
Howard Stones
Faith Axten (PSO Acting Secretary from September 2024)
Tim Dixon
Tony Wigley
Malcolm Benson (elected member of the URC)

As we approach the APCM 2025 there are vacancies for a churchwarden and deanery synod representatives. Faith Axten Tim Dixon and Howard Stones need to stand down and seek, if they wish, re-election at the 2025 APCM. With an electoral roll between 50 and 100 we are allowed 9 elected members of the PCC who serve for a term of three years, but others may be co-opted.

PCC Chair

During the vacancy the Chair of the PCC was taken by Zannifer Mason from April 2024. During the restoration of the church PCC meetings were held at the URC but from Sept. 2024 when held in St Mary's Church.

Electoral roll

The Electoral Roll for 2025 now has 82 members and is displayed on the church notice board in the porch. 23 members who were on last year's list have been removed some of whom have relocated, some died, and the remainder chose not to be included or neglected to return their registration form, although they were informed of the need to reregister this year.
In addition, we have 7 new members who are regular or occasional attendees at our services.
This represents a reduction in numbers of 17 members – down from 99 in the previous year.
Elaine Parsons
PP David Parsons
Electoral Roll officer
A verbal update on the new electoral roll will be offered at the APCM.

Worship
BCP Holy Communion: Sunday 8.00am
Parish Eucharist: Sundays at 10.00am with a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.
Holy Communion: Wednesday at 12 noon in Church / Vicarage (until April '24)
Morning prayer: Monday - Saturday @9am. This was on Zoom until Sept 2024 when it was held in St Mary's as well as on Zoom.

Due to the Church renovation work, from late May 2023 until Sept. 2024 Sunday worship continued to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Crown Road, Wheatley. On occasions where OLoL was not available for worship, or no Priest was available services took place at other churches in the benefice and also at the United Reform Church. The URC also provided their facilities for other St Mary's activities. We are extremely grateful to all the churches for hosting us during our time of need.
St Mary's Church was reopened and rededicated on the 8th of September 2024 and a thanksgiving event for all who had helped in any way during the restoration was held on the 20th of Sept. 2024.

Special Services and Events. Special Services and Events. The following services and events were held during the year. The annual Benefice Epiphany Carol Service was held at Waterstock and there were Ash Wednesday services and a Mothering Sunday service, Compline was held every Friday during Lent and there were services on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. We had a 5.30am Vigil Service on Easter Day and other Easter services. Two members of our congregation were confirmed by Bishop Humphrey in a service at our Lady of Lourdes. From Harvest onwards special services were held in St Mary's, they were the All-Souls Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, the Advent Carol Service the Village Carol Service, a Crib Services, Midnight Eucharist and Christmas Day services.

Prayer requests by email are sent out weekly or more frequently if required and now include all the Benefice Churches.

Services are also held at the Triangle Nursing Home and in conjunction with WAC at Wellford Gardens. Holy Communion was taken to the house bound at Christmas and Easter.
Every Thursday Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme runs a Community Larder in Church which includes tea and chat. This was moved to the URC from May 2023 and returned to St Mary's Sept 2024.

Attendance 2024
Not being satisfied with having come through the pandemic it was followed by the church refurbishment and then straight into an interregnum owing to the retirement of our vicar.

The church has frequently collaborated with other churches within the benefice and the local United Reformed Church, especially during major festivals such as Easter and Christmas.
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day combined we had an adult attendance of 120 with 45 young people attending the Crib Service.
This year's midnight service had an impressive attendance of 70, an improvement from the declining numbers over the past two years.
During Advent there were a further 256 attended the Advent Carol Service and the ever-popular Village Carol Service.

Baptism, Marriage and Funerals during 2024
Three infants, one young person and one adult were baptized.
Thanksgiving for two young people took place.
There were no weddings in Church.
There were two funerals held at the crematorium and six at St Mary's
(or other Churches when St Mary's was off limits)
Ashes were buried on three occasions.
Tony Wigley

Reports

Sacristan and servers,
In my job as sacristan, I have prepared the elements for the services, I have also ordered and brought these items, this includes host, & people wafers, communion wine, oil and candles. I change the altar colours, set-up the readings & hymn numbers each week.
Christmas & Easter services is a little more involved, needing to order the special elements needed for these services to run smoothly, changing the alter colours several times in these seasons, like stripping the alter & colours for Good Friday & replacing them on Easter Saturday at Easter, for example.
Two to three times a year, depending on how messy it gets, I have to clean the votive stand. This is a time-consuming job, involving hairdryers to melt the wax and paper towels, as scrapping would take the black paint off. I have had help from other parishioners at times to do this, which is helpful.
In our job as servers, it is our responsibility to ensure the priest taking the service has everything they need for the service and to try to make sure that everything is on hand to help them with the Communion. Making sure all the elements are prepared and ready for the Eucharist. To be ready for the Gospel reading procession, handing the elements to the priest to prepare for the Eucharist, since covid the priest has dipped the communion wafer, as server it is our job to hold the communion wine for tis and to help them clean up after communion. The crucifix is carried in front of all the processions, normally by Melvyn who also stands at the votive stand to assist the

lighting of the prayer candles. When a new person comes along who is interested in serving, we help in their training.
With the recent Interregnum, we have had a number of different priests and needed to work with them on how they wanted the service to proceed.
Samantha Knight

Sides-persons
John Almond has co-ordinated the Sides-persons, who support the Churchwardens in welcoming those who come to worship. We are very grateful for him continuing in the role.

Music and Choir Group
Membership
The choir seems to have been particularly hard hit by the disruption to the building and numbers have still not returned to pre-covid levels, even allowing for the loss of Julia Hawkes and Ed Hewitt from our number. Average attendance over the year has remained at 3 to 4 singers, but this has meant some Sundays with only 1 or 2 and, for the first time in 20 years, a Sunday where there were no singers at all. The departure of Nigel means that we no longer have any basses at all, even occasionally, becoming entirely reliant on guest singers with little or no connection to the church for festivals.
Praise!
On a more positive note, we have recruited 2 very enthusiastic 10-year-olds to our new Junior Choir on Sunday afternoons. Both completed their white Voice for Life targets within 3 months and were awarded their medals, together with smart green hoodies, at the Advent Carol Service.
Music
During the year we have sung anthems at only 49 principal services, owing to the number of shared services that have taken place. The absence of basses makes choosing music particularly difficult. The many arrangements which have a single part for the men assume that it is tenors that are missing so that they don't work so well for our forces. We continue to rely on the two books of Flexible Anthems, but I have also had to spend time arranging music for upper voices only.
Our Epiphany Carol Service gave Nigel an opportunity for one final solo, and after missing out on Holy Week and Easter services, we were delighted to take up Lucy Gardner's suggestion of a Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day, where we sang the setting by Charles Wood 'in the Phrygian mode', an unaccompanied setting well-suited to the OLL acoustic. The Advent Carol Service was a particular highlight this year, with a strong choir including our two Praise! choristers, a new carol and a substantial

congregation. It was pleasing also to have *three* juniors at the Village Carol Service, with a new arrangement of 'The Angel Gabriel' by our own Izzy Godwin.
The use of Common Worship liturgy for the Praise! services has necessitated writing our own sets of seasonal responses, and an experiment with a similar format for Matins required a quick-to-learn choral setting of the Venite, so we have both been busy with composition. We hope to self-publish a complete set of Common Worship responses next year.
Special Events
At the beginning of 2024 we visited Waterstock for our annual Benefice Epiphany Carol Service. In November members of the choir were again able to support the Lay Ministers at their Annual Service: illness hit already low numbers (some were being licensed and others away) and without the Wheatley contingent there would have been no choir.
Practical Issues
We are still frustrated by the ad hoc arrangement of the organ console and speakers and hope that this will be resolved once the more urgent snagging from the building project has been dealt with. We were given a large amount of music last year, and although we have been selective and only kept what we believe we will use, there is a need for some additional storage space. A full catalogue of choir music has been created, with help from Elina as well as Izzy, and all the box files have been replaced.
Acknowledgements
A special thank you to Julia Stutfield and Elina Screen for their very regular support with the new junior choir. As always, we are grateful to John Buckley for deputising and occasional singing in the choir, and to all the choir for their support and excellent singing throughout the year. Finally, a huge thank you to Izzy Godwin for her unstinting support of all things musical, not least her enthusiasm for the Praise! project; for her continual encouragement and the fun and laughter that has kept me sane during this challenging year.
Alexandra Hewitt, Organist and Director of Music
March 2025

Wardens Report
It has been a momentous year for St Mary's. Indeed, it is nine years since Nigel instigated our refurbishment project to make St Mary's both a place of worship and a centre for the community. Our aim remains the same: to provide a secure future for **St Mary's.**
With running costs steadily increasing and a congregation that is unlikely to be able to meet these soaring costs on its own, Nigel had the foresight to plan for a building with a dual purpose for the coming years.
The Project has involved years of surveys, gathering advice, visiting other churches, planning (with thanks to our architect, Mathew Maier), contesting the Victorian Society, filling out grant forms, raising £654,000 and, finally, the build. Having been

housed in Our Lady of Lourdes since April 2023 by kind permission of Father Merwyn and John and Maggie Guy, we moved back into our church at the end of August 2024. Nigel and Julia moved on in April 2024. We have since had a year's interregnum, overseen the building work, moved back, rededicated the church, put together a Profile, appointed Reverend Clare Joyce, and held many community and fundraising events. This could not have been achieved without the help of many members of the congregation and the Wheatley community who have given hugely of their time, energy, and money.

Farewell to Nigel and Julia on 14th April

The service was held in the Primary School by kind permission of the Community Church and was presided over by Nigel and David Bendor Samuel. More than 230 people came to the service to say their farewells, many staying for a very successful *Bring and Share* lunch.

Moving back

Early in August, Whites completed the painting of the interior. We had decided to spend the retained deposit on redecoration and had six weeks to prepare the new space for our Rededication Service on the 8th September.

The pews and much else were carried back from the tent which had been pitched in the vicarage garden for the past year. It took several van journeys to collect the rest of our furniture from Jennings in Chalgrove, and various items were returned by those who had offered to store them.

Many rallied round to help clean and hoover the extremely dusty building, and to sand, oil, remove nails and stick slippers on all the pews and furniture. We are extremely grateful to Ian Roberts for his help in refurbishing the pews, fixing casters on the various units, and refitting the bookshelves behind the welcome counter. We managed to borrow a scaffolding tower and Peter spent days removing the cobwebs from the roof.

The larder fridge/freezer was returned, the kitchen area cleaned, and the toilets painted. However, like all house moves, we spent a great deal of time looking for items and new places to put them. Finally, we added some large plants which have helped make the nave look fresh and welcoming. The church now looks very much as it does in the architect's plans, although we still have the Edward King Room, Vestry, lighting and, importantly, the sound system to complete.

The return has not been without its problems. The drains were blocked for the first six weeks, making cleaning difficult. A faulty fire alarm was a constant anxiety, the underfloor heating did not work as it should have and there were also several electrical problems. Savvy's, our contractor, took more than six months to rectify the issues, but finally most were dealt with in late March. We will now need to pay the deposit we retained.

Rededication and other Interregnum services

We were very gratified by the turn out (183) to the Rededication Service on 8th September, presided by Bishop Gavin and Associate Archdeacon, Jane Haslam. Many

WAC and Parish Council members and many from the Wheatley community joined the congregation.
Since then, Bishop Humphrey, Jane Haslam, Lucy Gardner, Hugh Lee, David Bendor-Samuel, Caroline King, and several others have taken many of our communion and burial services. Alexandra has presided at our Parish Praise and Evensong services. We have also attended several Benefice services in Holton, Waterstock, Waterperry and Albury and very much enjoyed their hospitality and meeting our Benefice community.
Alexandra has started her Praise Choir for children between 9 and 16, which she runs between 4.00 and 6.30 pm on Sundays, concluding with Evensong. By all accounts, the children are making great progress, and several people have joined evensong.
Al Nichol and David BS presided at our Remembrance Service with many in attendance, including the Firemen, the Guides and Scouts. The names of the fallen were read out in the Memorial Garden, followed by the poignant 'Last Post'.
The Christmas Eve services, taken by Izzie Godwin and the Christmas Day services were very well attended, especially the former with more than 45 children and 50 adults taking part. We have also had several Christenings, presided by Anthea Baresford, Tom Moore and Lucy Gardener.

Inspections

On Friday 8th Nov Derek Witchell and Maureen Underdown undertook the Diocesan inspection. All was in order. Minor issues included taking new inventory photos, displaying lone worker cards, and placing more gravel around the perimeter of the building to improve drainage.
The Quinquennial, which had been postponed for almost a year, was undertaken by Robert Montgomery on 25th February. Very many thanks to Richard Cosier for overseeing it. As expected, there is a long list of issues to be dealt with, but none are very urgent.
Since then, we received a grant from the SODC to put in automatic door closing and opening mechanisms, CCTV cameras and other technical items, which has reduced the onerous task for someone to lock and open the church each day. Very many thanks to David Benny and Adam Churchley for the many, many hours they have put in to make this possible.

The churchyard

During our Diocesan inspection in November, we were praised for how well our churchyard was maintained. Very many thanks to the dedication of Michael Lancashire and our churchyard team for all the work they have put in over the years. As we had a couple of accidents last year, we have decided to keep just the perimeter unmown for 'No Mow May'.

Other community events

There was a Reception of Thanksgiving on Friday 20th September, to which all the donors and people involved in the refurbishment were invited. It included a concert by Karen Benny and involved the Community Choir and friends. Both this event and the

Angelorum Concert on 29th September were again very well attended, the latter donating very generously to the church.
The Soup and Cheese Harvest Lunch in the church was well attended and much enjoyed, despite the fire alarms going off several times.
The stage was set for *Hamlet* the following weekend with a cast from Wheatley and the surrounding villages. All three nights were more than full, and half the ticket money donated to the church funds.
On Saturday 2nd Nov a Birthday Ceilidh was held with Mouse and Trousers providing the music
On Thursday, Friday, Saturday 16th Nov the Opera *Happy Birthday Gregory Bellings*, directed by Rachel Cave, was held in the round, with a lighting gantry and speakers fixed between the pillars. It was a wonderful community occasion with people of all ages involved, particularly young people, and was again sold out. It was followed by a christening the following day.
On Saturday 23rd November, the Wheatley Singers gave a very successful 'Coming Home' Concert with Alexandra accompanying. With a huge Orchestra and choir, many more chairs, borrowed from Holton village hall, where required
Brenda Gratwicke, who delivers vehicles and supplies to Ukraine, gave a talk on 19th Nov. organised by the WUSG. Together with many slides and stories she gave us some understanding of the awful conditions in Ukraine, often with no utilities, that people are living in while constantly keeping vigilant in case of drones and bombs.
There were events each weekend between September and Christmas with footfall greater than we ever imagined. Our task now is to try and continue this process.
In March, Alexandra and Chris Saunders and Angela Knapp's St Bartholomew Consort both presented excellent concerts.
The Guides, Brownies and Rainbows use the church every Wednesday from 4.00 pm during term time. It has also been used for several very successful children's birthday parties.
The Larder is held every Thursday afternoon between 2.30 and 3.30pm. People help themselves to food and give a donation to various youth groups in the village. The main attraction is to meet people while queuing up for a mug of tea and chat in the café area.
Meg runs a very successful café, Raffle and Pound table, to help pay our heating bills, which have been much greater than we ever expected.
The Wheatley Good Neighbours, chaired by Zannifer, holds regular meetings and helps those who are housebound and others to become more independent and get out and about.
Many members of our elderly community have moved into Wellford Gardens, a new retirement home, and The Triangle, where WAC members take it in turns to take a services each month. Very many thanks to Tony, Meg and Zannifer for overseeing these services.

The Profile and appointment

We had many meetings in the church café to put together the Profile, which was published in The Church Times on 17th November, and had an excellent response. The wardens from Waterperry, Waterstock and Wheatley, together with Bishop Gavin, Nigel Edward-Few, our patron, Jane Haslam and Maureen Underdown, interviewed four strong candidates on 12th December. Rev Clare Joyce, a curate from near Haddenham, who has studied at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, was appointed, and will start after her Licensing Service at 7.30 pm on 8th May.

Vicarage

We finally cleared the Vicarage office on 11th November for the refurbishment process to begin. All the office files are stored in the attic above the Edward King room. Many will need to be taken to St Luke's shortly.

The vicarage now has solar panels, a heat pump, new triple-glazed windows and better insulation. The internal refurbishment was completed on 12th March when Clare moved in. The externals are still to be painted, and the garden cut back. We understand that the orchard/field down from the house will be our responsibility and for St Mary's use. During the next year we will explore ideas for using the space.

The Finances

Many, many thanks to Peter who spends hours each week dealing with the church finances, notably the Project, the WUSG and the Larder accounts, and who has kept the show on the road, and to Tony who deals with Gift Aid. Our finances are a constant worry. We need to raise £64,000 for our Parish Share and in the region of £12000 for heating over the winter, before we need to pay for general maintenance and cleaning.

The way ahead

We set out to make the church a spiritual and community space; somewhere to find solace and peace in a spiritual setting, but also a neighbourly place, to have a cuppa, to meet people, to undertake activities or just to be in a welcoming community space. Three-quarters of the grant money we raised was to help make St Mary's be a centre for the community. The events have become a large part of St Mary's remit and will possibly require a separate committee to keep the church in use and well-funded. We very much look forward to Clare guiding us through this dual role in the years ahead.

Thank you

It has been a monumental effort, with no vicar, no church, moving back and to reorganise St Mary's for its dual use. It has required a huge amount of goodwill and input from very many people, particularly the PCC team. It is a huge testament to our congregation that numbers have pretty much held up during the year. Special thanks to David Benny, Richard, Alexandra, Peter, Faith, Meg, Elaine, Angela, Tony, Chris, Michael Worthington, Adam Churchley and Ian Roberts, and many, many others who helped to raise the money and support the project.

Zannifer and I are very grateful for your help and patience during these very challenging times. It is with great sadness that Zannifer will no longer be my co-warden. She has been wonderfully efficient and has kept a careful eye on the smooth running of the church as a warden and as acting chair of the PCC. If there is anyone

who will take on her mantle, we would all be very grateful. It is not normally as demanding as it has been for the last three years.
Jane Fanning

Deanery Synod 2024/25

The three meetings of 2024 were March 19th at St. Helen's Church, Benson. July 3rd at St. Leonard's Church, Watlington and October 24th at Dorchester Abbey.
In 2024, the focus was on work with children, young people and families. This was the subject of both the March and October meetings. As this important ministry had ceased during Covid, the aim was to find out what was happening and to build on it. Guest Speakers, Charles Chadwick and Yvonne Morris, were both involved with youth ministry. Already happening were, Toddler's groups, 'Messy Church' and 'Craft Church' and there were good connections with primary schools. Alexandra has continued with a weekly assembly at the primary school here. For older children, there were Youth groups and Holiday clubs. Yvonne Morris added, 'any activity which allowed young people to remain part of the Christian community.'
Following this meeting, parishes were asked to complete a questionnaire.
The October meeting was a follow-on discussion, using responses to the questionnaire. Also mentioned were Family services, some on Sunday afternoons and an interesting project with a choir i.e. the new Praise! Service here. Points discussed included - finding ways to include people moving into new housing estates and ways to interest young people in secondary schools e.g. by joining a choir. Parishes could work together in setting up holiday clubs etc. and to plan ahead. The Diocese aims to support parishes in developing youth and young adult ministries.
In July, Guest Speaker, Helen King gave a talk on 'The Workings of the General Synod.' The General Synod deals mainly with legislation, but also with all aspects of Church governance. It is made up of three Houses - Bishops, Clergy and Laity and meets, residentially, two or three times a year, in London or York. The main business is debate. Everything is discussed in detail, with some motions returning two or three times, after being revised, before being passed, or not. For a motion to be passed, a 2/3 majority is needed in all three Houses. Meetings can be long, so having sufficient time to offer is a factor, but working people do attend. Christians of all denominations can apply to serve on the House of Laity. Elections are held every six years. Members of Deanery Synods are the electorate. A broad scope of opinion should make for good debate and a balanced outcome, but not always. The Big Issue today, is Gender and Sexuality. It is very divisive. Sadly, discussions can become acrimonious between traditionalists and those with more enlightened views, who regard the Church as a stumbling block and out of touch. The Synod representative for the Deanery, Jane Ozanne, who is gay, resigned in protest at the Church's position on gay marriage.
Parish Share continues to be a huge problem for some parishes. The Deanery Mutual Support Scheme, whereby struggling parishes are helped out with loans from better-

off parishes, has worked well for several years, but Parish Share is due to increase in 2025, because of an increase in clergy stipend.
There has been no report of any progress with the Deanery Motion. This was a motion to Diocesan Synod, emphasising the financial problems of parishes and requesting a change in the way parishes are funded. Other deaneries have similar problems and there Is support from the 'Save the Parish' movement, so a review of PS is likely.
During the year, three people with longstanding connections to the Deanery, retired, or stood down. Nigel retired in April, after 12 years as vicar of St. Mary's. He was also Assistant Area Dean and had been involved with the Deanery for 19 years. At the same time, Simon Richards, stood down as Lay Chair. He is now serving on Diocesan Synod.
Revd. Derek Witchell retired in October. He will continue as Priest Architect and still be available to give advice.
Margaret Jackson.

Finance report
See separate report and audited accounts.

Fabric Report May 2025
At the end of the contract works, an interregnum Building Working Group was convened on 20th June 2024 but never established lines of communication and has never met since. The building is still in a state of transition between contractor and PCC; whilst the contract was signed off last June, we are in a period of defects rectification. Most day-to-day problems arising or ongoing work seem to be dealt with on an ad-hoc basis, many without wider knowledge or being entered into the repair log as a diocese requirement.
Following decoration in church, the sewage pump failed having been clogged by painters' wipes. A fault was also detected on the electrical supply that was buried in the ground without protection. Both were replaced
The lock to the south door was left inoperable after the building works and the emergency release left inoperable. This was rectified by Executive Security paid by the PCC.
The lock to the aumbrey door was replaced.
Wheatley Parish Council undertook a tree survey and arranged minor works to be carried out. Unfortunately, the large amount trimmings were deposited on the compost pile.
The lightning conductors and surge protection annual test is scheduled for April.
The area behind the tower was cleared of rubbish tipping to the vicarage garden by the Larder group, slabs laid, and a small container installed for empty crates
The clock was serviced was in October.
The bells were inspected in October. The previous report mentioned wear to the

pulley sheaves on bells 3&4 plus wear to the clapper bushes on 4th, 5th and tenor bells that allows lateral play, but Whites decided these minor repairs could be put on hold for another 2-3 years. Proof of the inspection is needed for the Quinquennial.
The Church Road notice board having suffered for several years remains collapsed.
One lychgate was repaired, but the bottom hinge to both lych gates have now broken leaving the gates swinging on just the top hinges. The bottom hinges were welded to metal plates which have rusted through. The bottom of the posts are rotten.
A Fire Risk Assessment was carried out by West One following the reordering. Extinguishers were tested, supplemented and hazards dealt with. The fire alarm system has undergone the mandatory 6-month inspection and test. This highlighted a number of issues:

- The alarms are not being regularly tested weekly (last test 10th February)
- The fire alarm / door interlink was removed for security on the condition that the emergency override is maintained.
- Access to the call point by the font is blocked by chairs and furniture
- The electric cupboard door is locked with an extinguisher inside.

There was concern the alarm system is too sophisticated, but with the church deciding to expand the building's use beyond religious services and the occasional concert into wider unsupervised public use, so the regulation by local authorities of the building increases accordingly.
An Archdeacon's inspection in November suggested any gravel areas around the church need to be weeded to aid drainage. Some of these areas will be surrounded by bricks as protection of free air to the air bricks to the suspended floor void.
The gutters were cleaned in July and two minor splits in the north valley gutter sealed following report of a roof leak. Making the most of the need to provide roof access for the Quinquennial inspection, the gutters were again cleaned in February as part of annual maintenance to satisfy insurance requirements. A probable leak between the south valley and tower was also investigated and a previous repair of the haunching found loose. Fresh repairs to the same section were carried out and some slipped roof tiles replaced.
A visit by the DAC head architect, in response to a complaint from a member of the community about the removal of the chancel altar rail and sanctuary lamps confirmed these items of religious significance should not have been removed because the reordering faculty excluded work in the chancel. A written report is yet to be received, but the opinion on site was that a faculty would be need to be applied for as retrospective consent for both removals, more so because the altar rail is attributed to G E Street and is thus of high significance as part of his design concept.
The porch light operates without control or reason.
A number of extension leads are in use; the one to the vestry has worn through the outer casing exposing the conductors
Following a grant from SODC existing locks are being replaced with digital remote access locks and CCTV installed. These installations of digital locks, CCTV were

installed without written List B consultation and archdeacon consent. The use of CCTV should be regulated by Church Buildings Council guidelines and ICO registration. Recording or streaming of any religious service, prayers or devotions is explicitly prohibited.
Due to the reordering, only essential repairs were undertaken and much of the Quinquennial 2019 list remains incomplete, but was carefully monitored for deterioration.
The Quinquennial inspection due August 2024 took place on 25th February 2025. Nothing unexpected arose, but the architect suggested that the copings above and the wall below the top of the vestry east wall be repointed as being the probable cause of damp inside. There is a major issue with the amount of exfoliating stonework to the east and west ends of the building, especially around the tower below roof level. The underlying stonework can probably be salvaged and made safe by dressing backthe loose material before it falls and causes harm. Most of the work specified will need List B approval. Excluding hugely expensive repairs to windows, repairs to walls, stonework and roofs could cost well in excess of £50,000.
On going issues with the building works are listed in the project report. The comments/ snags / defects book provided after the Q&A discussion 12th January remains blank, although a number of valid queries were raised.
The contract savings to meet the available funds meant that apart from those items omitted by the Vision working group, the vestry and belfry have nothing more than the provision of wiring for future supplies for power, heat and light. The basic completion eg sockets and proper light in these areas is a priority rather than the ad hoc use of extension leads and plug adaptors and considered urgent. Any work must comply with the high specification demanded by insurers and local authority.
Richard Cosier

Health and Safety
Accidents / incidents: one incident was recorded earlier in February when a Brownie fell over. Fortunately, no injury was sustained. However, there is a **First Aid box** available which is kept in reception and is checked regularly and replenished as necessary. A grit bin is stored inside the main door and is available for use
The church is aired regularly, and cleaning takes place once weekly and when used by other groups.
All fire extinguishers were checked during the annual **Fire Inspection** service on February 18th with no recommendations advised. The fire alarm system can be a tad temperamental at times therefore this is a work in progress. In reception there are two LED torches which are checked regularly. A **Fire Audit** was recorded by John Almond and Zannifer Mason on September 2024 – non-fire-retardant curtains were removed, and some uneven floor areas were highlighted with hazard tapes. The Edward King room will need to be monitored regularly for hazards as the nearby West door remains a fire exit.

Fire Drill: Training sessions for the bell ringers and the PCC were last done in 2018 and 2019 respectively and an evacuation drill session for the congregation was carried out in June 2018. However the advent of Covid – 19 and the building works were a further distraction, but plans are now in hand to deal with these concerns.
Pat Testing: a two-yearly inspection of all electrical items was carried last September, and all items were deemed safe for use. The Quinquennial Inspection was done on February 25th and a report is available as required.
An updated **Health and Safety Policy** is displayed on the church noticeboard in the porch.
With the introduction of digital technology and the relocation of the choir, it is the responsibility of all individuals to be mindful of the extra leads and equipment which are in use and extreme care must be taken when mobilising within the church building and the choir stall. Similarly, care must be taken when visiting graves even though the churchyard is well maintained by our team of diligent gardeners.
Our grateful thanks to Richard Cosier in all matters concerning the building and surrounding churchyard; to John Allmond for all matters relating to Health and Safety and lastly to our team of gardeners who, despite all weathers do a grand job of maintaining our surroundings so well.
Zannifer Mason / Churchwarden

Social and Fund raising
There has sadly been very little fund raising over the past year whilst St Mary's has been closed, but we did manage a very successful Plant Sale and Raffle on the Merry Bells forecourt in May raising more £700. Parishioners took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Trust Ride and Stride.
In October we held our Harvest Lunch in church, which was attended by a number of members of our congregation and was much enjoyed by everyone. We have also worked with Wheatley Area Churches, taking our turn providing Soup Lunches during Lent, to raise funds for Christian Aid. "
Since the Church reopened, we have provided the catering for the Grand Reopening of St Mary's, for the Clubs and Societies Fair , and for various Plays and Concerts.
Angela.

Flower arrangers.
The small team of flower arrangers continue to provide flowers for the memory window on a weekly basis and for special occasions.
Angela Morrison

Mission and Outreach
During 2023 members of the congregation raised £1325.14 for Charities and Church funds contributed an additional £632.13, making a total of £1957.27 in Charitable donations. We have a new list of Charities for the coming year which has been

approved by the PCC and which covers a wide range of local, national and international causes.

Pastoral Care

We have recovered from the Covid outbreak, and our pastoral care is currently running effectively.

Home Visits: Members of the Pastoral Group visited several villagers, both within and outside the congregation, which was generally welcomed. There is of course a lot of visiting that takes place just purely by friendship and not involving the Group.

Housebound: Communion is offered to the housebound particularly at Christmas and Easter time or other times if requested.

We have provided monthly Communion at the Triangle Care Home for many years. However, this became difficult just prior to the interregnum as numbers dropped considerably mainly through lack of residents. The home is now under new management. Although we haven't reintroduced communion, we've had a well-attended and meaningful service with residents and church members.

Wellford Gardens: This establishment is just celebrating its first birthday in the Village and since July 2024 under the auspices of Wheatley Area Churches (WAC) we have commenced a monthly service at the home. The organization of this is shared between St Mary's, URC and Wheatley Community Church (WCC). It is fair to say this has become quite a success.

Tony Wigley

Safeguarding Report

It has been a difficult safeguarding year for the national church and the PCC has been kept up to date with the debates and resolutions at the Deanery and General Synod. At a parish level safeguarding is an item on every PCC agenda. As more people do safeguarding training there is a greater awareness of safeguarding in its widest sense as caring for people in all our interactions both with each other and visitors to the parish. Thanks to Tony Wigley anyone who has significant involvement with children or vulnerable adults has been DBS checked. Twenty people have completed the Basic Awareness course either online or 'in house' and eight have also done the Foundation course. As many in the parish seem to prefer the 'in house' training, it is hoped that with further training I will be able to deliver the Foundation course myself in the future.

Mine is a benefice appointment but apart from being a point of contact and information this has proved difficult. However, thanks to the good offices of David Bendor Samual all parishes have now adopted the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, and I hope to have greater contact with the other benefice parishes in the future. As the 'parish safeguarding dashboard' continually reminds me there is still much to do but this has been a good year. Faith Axten

Communications
A weekly Newsletter has been produced by the administrator, Churchwardens and LLM throughout the year. News is also posted on the Church Facebook page and in the Wheatley Parish Council Newsletter.
The PCC uses a free version of Google Workspace and a domain name was purchased in 2023 'stmaryswheatley.org' This allows the PCC access to e-mail, calendar, chat, secure storage and google documents. This has been installed and being used in a modest way. It is hoped that a full roll out will occur when we have appointed an administrator training can take place as necessary.

St Mary's Guild
St Mary's Guild was started some 40 years ago and is still well attended today.
We meet monthly in the URC Hall at 2pm and have various speakers followed by tea and biscuits.
Our subjects vary – from flower arranging, music, local interests to supporting charities whose representatives come to talk to us. Added to this, we have in May a Communion service in church, an afternoon tea party in July – a lunch before our AGM in September and a Christmas tea party in December.
Our friendly group is open to everyone and all would be most welcome.
Mrs Mary John
Secretary – St Mary's Guild

Schools and Youth work
Xplore
During the year we completed our study of (almost) the whole of Matthew's gospel. From September we began to work through the Youth Emmaus course. It is a small, close-knit group, providing mutual support across the age-range and pupil-teacher divide. There are usually 3 or 4 students in attendance, and 2 adults. From January the students are taking over full responsibility for running the group, although Graham West (Head of Sixth Form) and I will still attend.
Praise!
This is also covered in the Music Report, but it is worth noting here that two 10-year-olds and their families attend almost every week. We ensure that the girls understand the words that they are singing and make time to explain elements of the faith as we go along, as well as in the short all-age talks in the service. In particular, the first half term was spent focusing on different elements of Evensong.
Wheatley C E Primary Academy School
Wheatley Primary School
Gill Standing the head teacher of the school is supported by her deputy and chair of governors. The school had an Ofsted inspection in December 2024, which noted that 'Pupils are happy, safe and value the school's nurturing and caring ethos', as well as strengths in early years and the prioritisation of reading. Three of the five areas were judged to be 'Good', and the two areas 'Requiring improvement' were both very

specific and already identified for strengthening: the ODST is confident that these areas are already on an upward trajectory.
The children were very sad to see Nigel leave: his assemblies were clearly a high point in the week. Alexandra has continued the weekly assemblies since Easter, and we welcomed the whole school into St Mary's for a Harvest service in October and a Christingle service in December.

Bell Ringers:
Bell ringing at St Mary's was severely disrupted during the first semester of 2024 while much of the building work was taking place. We were kindly offered the use of the bells in three other towers - Horspath, Cuddington and Shabbington - and agreed to use the interesting tower in Shabbington. The first ringing at Shabbington was on 8th March 2024, and the last practice there was on 21st June 2024.
Ringing at Wheatley was suspended on 14th January 2024, to accommodate the builders safely, and restarted with practice on Friday 29th June 2024.
We now have 9 regular ringers:
Adrian Coates,
Wendy Keely
David Benny
Zillah de Paiva
Phil Glanville
Celia Pagel
Peter Bayliss
Jenny Stonard
Juliet Vale
We also receive less frequent, but invaluable support from:-
Kevin Harris
Katie Lane
Steve and Marika Everett
From 7th July 2024 to February 2025 the bells were rung for virtually all services, including funerals, Remembrance Day services, and Christmas services.
We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic group of ringers. We are also grateful for the help and support we receive from the church.
Peter Bayliss
Tower Captain

St Mary's Wheatley Vision 2020 ACPM Project Report April 2025
Three architectural practices were invited to tender against the church statement of needs, feedback from the DAC on the original proposed layouts having been taken into account. Brocklehurst committed to a fixed fee plus disbursements as opposed to the percentage scale suggested by the others, this being just too high a risk with an unknown contract value.
Brocklehurst, M&E and structural consultants were appointed in April 2019 and preliminary drawings prepared and accepted by the Vision Group. A cost plan based on the drawings was prepared by a quantity surveyor in October 2019 and a

summary presented to the wider congregation.
The first tender was invited at the end of 2019 against a specification and drawings that reflected the full design brief and congregation consultation formulated since 2017. The cost estimate prior to tender suggested that with a maximum budget of £500,000, the project might have to be done over several stages. The tenders varied between £600,000 and £700,000 mainly due to assumptions and qualifications about access and electrical works, which when agreed across all tenders produced a lowest tender of £640,000. Due to cost and opposition to some elements by SODC Planning and the amenity societies the vestry floor, screen to chancel, porch door, servery fittings, storage and greeting area furniture were pencilled in for a later stage. Feedback from funders suggested that with congregation donations to date of some £250,000 a maximum budget of £500,000 would be optimistic.
Just as an intense fundraising programme launched, Covid struck and during Faculty consultations, major objections came in from the Victorian Society about the pews, floor, furniture, vestry / chancel / Neville screen and infilling the west arch under the tower. Strangely Historic England removed their initial objections. Agreement to retain 20 shorter pews to fill the centre aisle removed one objection. Reference to documented arguments in 1999 removed objections to retaining the Neville screen and infill to the tower arch and a cost cutting exercise by the Vision Group removed the porch door and vestry screening from the argument. The remaining objection was to the proposed floor finish and by lodging a formal objection, the Victorian Society ensured the project went to written arguments at consistory court. The existing aisle tile layout was mapped, including those areas replaced by concrete, together with scheduling the state of the individual tiles. This proved the taking up, cleaning and relaying the extremely poor-quality tiles whilst supplementing with new handmade tiles would have proved financially impossible. Eventually on appeal in April 2023, the chancellor rejected relaying the existing tiles but accepted the compromise of retaining Street's layout and pattern, but in a modern material. Fortunately, the final flooring cost was actually cheaper than the layout in different shades and shapes of limestone proposed by the DAC as a possible compromise.
Because the fixed tender prices had expired during covid, the contract went back out to tender at the end of 2022, based on the original tender's reduced scope of work but ahead of the chancellor's judgement.
When Edgar Taylor Ltd, the previous lowest tenderer withdrew, Savvy with a new tender in Feb 2023 of £829,262.54 were lowest. The 33% increase in cost since 2020 was due to material and labour shortages caused by the worldwide covid lockdown. Many meetings took place to rationalise the design and to make savings through omissions to meet a budget maximum of around £640,000 based on probable funding application outcomes.
A legally required asbestos survey was carried out in June 2023 and confirmed no presence of asbestos in the building.

Unfortunately, PB Consulting the M&E consultant had failed to respond to calls, messages and emails after covid and because the M&E works had been priced as provisional sums (not fixed) Savvy were paid £15.000 out of their tender value to redesign the mechanical and electrical works, partly because of the decision not to use gas for heating.
The original design based on discussions with the DAC advisors, had been to use gas for heating, being four times as economic as electricity, but having narrowly lost out on a previous round of an SODC Community Grant, agreement to go all electric would not only save £6000 in bringing gas into the building, but also satisfy SODC Climate Emergency criteria so the second round of Community Grant applications resulted in a grant of £75,000 which with other grants gave a viable maximum contract budget of about £640,000
There followed a drastic cutting of intended works to meet this budget:
Tender 2023 £829,000.00
Savings:
Font / pulpit remain in situ £21,000.00
Floor to west end remains £5,500.00
Retain existing kitchen £6,000.00
Omit removal of mezzanine £10,000.00
Omit steelwork to new mezzanine £7,000.00
Omit new mezzanine £12,000.00
Omit screen to arch and guardrail £35,000.00
Omit stairs and door £6,500.00
Omit new screen £29,000.00
Omit floor finish to west end £5,500.00
Omit decorations nave and aisles £30,000.00
Omit decorations west end £10,500.00
Omit drainage to servery £2,500.00
IR heaters instead of trench heaters £5,000.00
Retain existing sewage pump £7,500.00
Savings on scope of electrical work £8,000.00
Additional costs related to redesign around
savings and electrics £20,000.00
Savings £201,000.00
Contract sum including £10,000 contingency £648,000.00
The main savings on electrical work were achieved by providing no more than future supplies to the vestry and bell tower, although eventually the old supply to the latter was reinstated as a temporary measure.
The contract in the sum of £648,331.87 net of recoverable VAT, was signed on 6th September 2023 with work starting on 23rd October 2023
Contract completion was certified on 28th June 2024 with a final contract sum certified as £654,910.80 due to variations exceeding the contingency. The largest

unforeseen extra cost was to provide stability to the font and pulpit which were found to have no foundations.
The defects liability period thus ends 27th June 2025 at which stage the retention of £16,373.77 becomes due for repayment.
An additional £15,000 was spent immediately post completion with decorators to paint the walls in the nave and chancel. The west end decorations were done by the congregation.
A report from the DAC head architect about the unauthorised removal of the chancel altar rail and sanctuary lamps without a faculty or consent has yet to be received.
There have been several issues with the building works, some of which are ongoing:
 The contractor proved tardy in responding to issues arising, and a great deal of effort had to be made to prove our concerns were valid and not whims.
 The floor finish to the patterned quarry tiles was proved to be the wrong material. This has been removed and a new sealer put down.
 The defective smoke detector in the bell ringing room was proven to be causing faults and eventually replaced, hopefully to end the saga of false alarms, although 2 alarms 9th March suggest this may be false hope. The contractor has suggested a heat detector in place of the smoke detector.
 Remedial electrical work was carried out at the end of March, including lowering the infra-red heaters switch panel.
 In testing the circuit breakers as part of the three-month cycle, the power to the tower tripped resulting in the clock being stopped for a few hours. The RCD breaker was proven faulty and was replaced under warranty
 Several meetings with the contractor and specialist subcontractor arrived at a possible solution regarding the long-term control of the underfloor heating. The heating zone actuators had been found to be in reverse order to the thermostats and that issue corrected. However, the floor thermostats were then found to be defective and unable to be replaced so converted to air thermostats, although these were not ideally located. However, from meter readings when the underfloor heating was turned on in October and again in March, the cost of electricity including overhead heaters, lighting and plug in devices was calculated to be over £10,500 in 5 months.
 The heating installers have now fitted three wireless room thermostats controlling the nave, north and south aisles, but effectiveness at controlling the temperature remains to be proven.
 The manufacturers have indicated that the infra-red heaters can in fact be angled downwards more than at present.
 The porch light operates without control or reason but liability under the contract denied.
It may be the PCC needs to form a “Vision Completion Group” to schedule any defects before June and to determine timetables, possible grants and priorities to complete the vestry and bell tower lights and power. The basic completion eg sockets and

proper light in the vestry and bell tower by a competent electrician is a priority rather than the ad hoc use of extension leads and plug adaptors. Any wiring must comply with the high specification demanded by insurers. The vestry is a designated fire exit, but at present has no illumination or emergency light. The building remains in a state of transition between contractor and PCC during the period of defects rectification, and any building work, alterations or repairs must not invalidate our contract expectations and meet faculty guidelines. The financial cost of uncontrolled heating has been raised with the architect and contractor suggesting compensation.
Richard Cosier

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Registered Charity: Number 1159100

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Charity No. 1159100

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Congregation income	1,932	-	-	1,932	848
Monthly standing orders	52,563	2,350	-	54,913	51,999
Other planned giving	11,630	29,908	-	41,538	47,033
Gift Aid receipts	13,869	4,459	-	18,328	22,320
Grants	2,134	104,988	-	107,122	98,274
Legacy	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Other income	7,486	-	-	7,486	13,036
Vat recovery	-	45	-	45	859
Bank interest	-	3,640	-	3,640	9,395
Wheatley Support	-	3,337	-	3,337	
Total income	89,614	150,727	-	240,341	243,764
Expenditure on					
Buildings	8,962	21,385	-	30,347	13,694
Charity donations	493	-	-	493	530
Fees ODBF	992	-	-	992	2,612
IT costs	432	-	-	432	582
Ministry	7,054	-	-	7,054	5,436
Office	1,983	-	-	1,983	2,329
Parish share	60,876	-	-	60,876	61,425
Utilities	5,702	-	-	5,702	2,284
Grants	-	2,532	-	2,532	5,890
Sundry expenses	135	-	-	135	17
Project 20-20 Architect fees	-	2,787	-	2,787	6,954
Consultants fees	-	-	-	-	2,957
Other costs	-	2,266	-	2,266	3,978
Depreciation - Fixtures and fittings	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
- Revival at St. Marys	-	26,196	-	26,196	-
	86,629	56,666	-	143,295	108,688
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,985	94,061	-	97,046	135,076
Transfer	-	161,912	(161,912)	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,985	255,973	(161,912)	97,046	135,076
Funds brought forward	17,062	413,150	161,912	592,124	457,048
Funds carried forward	20,047	669,123	-	689,170	592,124
		Note 5	**Note 6**		

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets	**2**	631,715	82,352
Current Assets			
Bank account - Current account		28,515	21,299
Friends of St Mary's		35,586	36,290
Project 20-20		4,723	86,210
Wheatley Support		3,559	3,050
Coventry Building Society		6,048	193,481
Skipton Building Society		-	80,000
Bath Building Society		-	82,617
Debtors	3	458	7,825
		78,889	510,772
Less: Current Liabilities			
Sundry creditors	4	(21,434)	(1,000)
Net Current Assets		57,455	509,772
Net Assets		689,170	592,124
Represented by			
Unrestricted fund - Parish Ministry		20,047	17,062
Restricted funds	5	669,123	413,150
Designated funds	6	-	161,912
		689,170	592,124

The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 5 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

Mr Peter Fanning
(Hon. Treasurer, Wheatley PCC)

Zannifer Mason
(Chairman, Wheatley PCC)

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention and in accordace with accounting standards, the Charities SORP and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations issued under the Charities Act 2011

b) Recognition of Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

the charity becomes entitled to the resources;

the trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources; and

the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

d) Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

e) Depreciation

Depreciation aims to write off fixed assets over their estimated useful life as follows

Furniture and fittings	20% straight line
Revival at St. Mary's (Project 20-20)	Depreciated straight line over 25 years.

2. Fixed Assets

	Revival at St. Mary's	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost brought forward	77,852	7,500	85,352
Additions	577,059	-	577,059
	654,911	7,500	662,411
Accumulated depreciation brought forward	-	3,000	3,000
Depreciation for year	26,196	1,500	27,696
	26,196	4,500	30,696
Net book value at 31 December 2024	628,715	3,000	631,715
Net book value at 31 December 2023	77,852	4,500	82,352

Revival at St. Mary's (Project 20-20) represents improvement work to the fabric of the church including replacement of the flooring, with underfloor heating, new radiant heating, rewiring, new lighting, new toilets with a finish to the King Edward room (west end).

	2024	2023
	£	£
3. Debtors		
Gift Aid	458	7,825
Other debtors	-	-
	458	7,825
4. Sundry Creditors		
Retention - building contract Revival at St. Marys	16,373	-
Other creditors	5,061	1,000
	21,434	1,000

5. Restricted funds

	Capital Reserve	Friends of St. Marys	Project 20-20	Wheatley Support	Total	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	77,852	36,762	295,648	2,888	413,150	270,386
Monthly standing orders	-	1,833	517	-	2,350	2,550
Other planned giving	-	-	29,908	-	29,908	40,944
Gift aid receipts	-	458	4,001	-	4,459	10,475
Grants	-	-	106,988	-	106,988	97,854
Donations	-	-	-	3,337	3,337	4,549
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	2,796
Vat recovery	-	-	45	-	45	859
Bank interest	-	-	3,640	-	3,640	9,395
	77,852	39,053	440,747	6,225	563,877	439,808
Expenditure on						
Buildings	-	(3,009)	(18,376)	-	(21,385)	(6,879)
Architects fees	-	-	(2,787)	-	(2,787)	(6,954)
Consultants fees	-	-	-	-	-	(2,957)
Other costs	-	-	(2,266)	-	(2,266)	(2,478)
Grants	-	-	-	(2,532)	(2,532)	(5,890)
Depreciation	(26,196)	-	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
	51,656	36,044	415,818	3,693	507,211	413,150
Transfers	412,818	-	(412,818)	-	-	-
Transfer from Designated Fund	161,912	-	-	-	161,912	-
	626,386	36,044	3,000	3,693	669,123	413,150

Capital reserve - the cost of the buiding work (Revival at St. Mary's) less depreciation.

Friends of St Mary's - these are funds administered by the Friends of St. Marys and are used towards the cost of maintaining the fabric of the church.

Project 20-20 - grants and donations towards the planned refurbishment of the church (Revival at St. Mary's) less transfers to the Capital reserve.

Wheatley Support comprises a fund to provide a financial support resource for residents of Wheatley in need (balance at 31 December 2024 £2,704) and also a fund to support Ukranian refugees currently residing in Wheatley (balance at 31 Dcember 2024 £989)

6. Designated Funds

	Building Fund	Legacy Fund	Total	2023
	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	35,404	126,508	161,912	161,912
Transfer to Restricted Fund	(35,404)	(126,508)	(161,912)	-
	-	-	-	161,912

Building Fund - The Parochial Church Council agreed in 2013 that these funds should be designated; not to be used for day to day running expenses, but held towards future capital expenditure. The Building Fund has now been transfered to the Capital Reserve.

Legacy Fund - created from legacies, the fund has been used at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council and applied in part funding Project 20-20 (Revival at St. Mary's).

7. Analysis of Assets	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	631,715	-	631,715	82,352
Bank account - Current account	25,108	3,407	-	28,515	21,299
Friends of St Mary's	-	35,586	-	35,586	36,290
Project 20-20	-	4,723	-	4,723	86,210
Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme	-	3,559		3,559	3,050
Coventry Building Society	-	6,048	-	6,048	193,481
Skipton Building Society	-	-	-	-	80,000
Bath Building Society	-		-	-	82,617
Debtors	-	458	-	458	7,825
Creditors	(5,061)	(16,373)	-	(21,434)	(1,000)
	20,047	669,123	-	689,170	592,124

8. Statement of Finacial Activities - Analysis of 2023 Comparative

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Income				
Congregation income	848	-	-	848
Monthly standing orders	49,449	2,550	-	51,999
Other planned giving	6,089	40,944	-	47,033
Gift Aid receipts	11,845	10,475	-	22,320
Grants	420	97,854	-	98,274
Other income	5,691	7,345	-	13,036
Vat recovery	-	859	-	859
Bank interest	-	9,395	-	9,395
Total income	74,342	169,422	-	243,764
Expenditure on				
Buildings	6,815	6,879	-	13,694
Charity donations	530	-	-	530
Fees ODBF	2,612	-	-	2,612
IT costs	582	-	-	582
Magazine		-	-	-
Ministry	5,436	-	-	5,436
Office	2,329	-	-	2,329
Parish share	61,425	-	-	61,425
Utilities	2,284	-	-	2,284
Grants	-	5,890	-	5,890
Sundry expenses	17	-	-	17
Project 2020 Architects fees	-	6,954	-	6,954
Consultants fees	-	2,957	-	2,957
Other costs	-	3,978	-	3,978
Total expenditure	82,030	26,658	-	108,688
Net income for the year	(7,688)	142,764	-	135,076

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6 May 2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 1159100

Accounts

CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WHEATLEY
ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Church, Wheatley, has the responsibility to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church.

1. **Wheatley Ministry, Local Ecumenical Partnership and Wheatley Area Churches**: The Rev. Nigel Hawkes is our minister licensed by the Bishop to take services at St Mary's. Wheatley is part of a Benefice with Albury, Holton, Waterperry and Waterstock with Nigel as its vicar and he is assisted by Rev. David Bendor-Samuel, an Associate Priest, based at Holton who in the main looks after the four additional parishes.
The Revd. Michael Dormandy is licensed to serve as our curate to assist with pastoral work in the parish.
Alexandra Hewitt is licensed to serve as LLM to preach and assist with pastoral work in this benefice.

Wheatley Area Churches: The WAC consists of St Mary's Church, United Reformed Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Bartholomew's Church and Wheatley Community Church. WAC has continued to work together in supporting each other and the wider village community in many different ways. Joint service held in Primary School for Week of Prayer for Christian unity, lent soup lunches were held to support Christian Aid in URC hall, Good Friday pilgrimage took place around the village again and Easter cards were delivered to village and Holton. Support continues for refugees and the Fusion Harvest Fun Day was successful. Expedition a journey of faith for teenagers was run in Church finishing with the group joining the 8.00am service on Sunday morning. Remembrance Sunday Service was in Church followed by laying of wreaths at the war memorial. The Advent windows had QR codes beside them to pass on a spiritual message. The village Carol Service was held in Church and Christmas cards were distributed throughout the village. Warm spaces were set up in the URC hall for villagers Monday to Friday 1.00 – 5.00pm.

2. Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin Wheatley is situated in Church Road, Wheatley.
It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is the Vicarage, London Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1YA

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The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.
The Full PCC has met 6 times (2 on Zoom platform and 4 face to face) during the year with an average attendance of 73%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include worship, mission and outreach, fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back regularly with notes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.
PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date the report was approved are :-

*__Ex Officio members__.

***Incumbent**	Reverend Nigel Hawkes (Chairman)
***Curate**	Reverend Michael Dormandy
*** Curate**	Reverend David Benskin (from January 23)
***LLM**	Mrs Alexandra Hewitt

***Churchwardens**
Mrs Jane Fanning
Mrs Zannifer Mason

***Deanery Synod Representatives**
Mrs Margaret Jackson

Elected Members

Mrs Karen Benny	Mr David Parsons (from April 22)
Mr Chris Clements (vice chair)	Mrs Anne Walker
Mr Peter Fanning (Treasurer)	Mr Tony Wigley
Mrs Valerie Farmer (till Dec.2022)	Mrs Margaret Wilson (Secretary)
Ms Samantha Knight	

*__URC__ Representative Dr Malcolm Benson

3. Worship
BCP Holy Communion: Sunday 8.00am
Parish Eucharist: Sundays at 10.00am with a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.
Holy Communion: Wednesday at 12 noon in Church.

2022 saw us back in Church for Services and receiving Communion again. The 8.00am was held in Church and Zoom for the first part of the year changing to Church only after Easter. The 10.00am Services have continued to be held in Church and on Zoom.

Special Services and Events. The following services and events were held during the year. Ash Wednesday services, World Day of Prayer, Mothering Sunday, Compline every Friday during Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, 6.00am Dawn Service, Easter Services, Vigil and Reflection on the eve of the Funeral of HM the Queen, Harvest Festival, All Souls Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Advent Carol Service, the Village Carol Service, Crib Service, Midnight Eucharist and Christmas Day services were held in Church and on Zoom.
Morning Prayer is held on Zoom every morning and the Healing Group pray daily on Zoom. Prayer requests by email are sent out weekly or more frequently if required, and now include all the Benefice Churches. Holy Communion is also held monthly in the Triangle Nursing Home. Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme runs a Community Larder in Church every Thursday including tea and chat. A talk was held in Church discussing 'The Environment, the Bible and Church' and also a concert by Wheatley Singers.

Deanery Synod
One member has represented us on the Deanery Synod this year. This provides the PCC with an important link between parish and the wider structures of the Church.
Please see Deanery Synod Report.

Music: Please see Music Report.

Bellringers: Please see Bellringers Report

Servers, Sacristans, Sides-persons
One Sacristan prepares for our church services and Servers and Eucharistic Assistants are once again carrying out their duties since March. Also, John Almond has co-ordinated the 14 Sides-persons, who support the Churchwardens in welcoming those who come to worship. It is good to see them back. The Bellringers have rung regularly for services throughout the year.

Attendance 2022

Baptism, Marriages and Funerals

4. **Church Activities; Social Events and Fundraising**

Events Group
The Group organised a Quiz evening in May, Vicarage Garden Party in July, Tea and cake was followed by Songs of Praise for Queen's Jubilee, Harvest Lunch and Autumn Fayre were held in October and the above raised £1,591 for church funds.
Parishioners took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Trust Ride and Stride and raised £643.

Mission and Outreach
£2,834 (excluding any Gift Aid declarations) was raised to support mission projects at home and overseas. St Mary's along with Wheatley Area Churches, shared in the distribution of Christmas and Easter cards to every household in the village. St Mary's parishioners have continued to support the Community Foodbank, Children's Society boxes and Christian Aid. Community Larder in Church every Thursday afternoon with tea and chat raised £2,923 in donations for local charities.

Pastoral Care Report

Safeguarding Report

Communications

A weekly Newsletter is produced by the vicar. News is also posted on the Church Facebook page, A Church Near You Website and in the Wheatley Parish Council Newsletter.

St Mary's Guild
We are a small friendly club who meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month except August.
We meet in the U.R.C hall at 2pm.
We enjoy a Christmas tea party a summer cream tea, and a local outing.
We have interesting speakers
New members are welcome.
Wendy Rogers

House Group

Between 5 and 7 of us have met most weeks during 2022, mostly in Zoom but with some periods meeting face-to-face either at Meg's or Renate's house. A thread throughout the year has been discussing John Pritchard's excellent book 'How to explain your faith', alternating this with specific Bible studies. We completed our study of the Parables (begun in 2021). During Lent we studied the Lord's Prayer, using the Pilgrim Course booklets and videos. Later in the year we looked at Steven Croft's short course 'Principles of deep water fishing' and a series of reflections for Advent.
In 2023 we intend to study the book of Acts as our main focus and would be delighted to welcome new members to this oasis of reflection and mutual support.

Xplore

Xplore has continued to thrive during the year, with 8 students attending regularly before the summer. After the summer Xpedition, this has increased to a membership of 11 with most students attending most weeks. All but 2 of the students come from Christian families, but for these 2 students, Xplore has been the only regular Christian input they receive. We have returned to using Scripture Union resources, punctuated by 'Big Questions' from the students, and have welcomed Al McNicholl, Nigel Hawkes and Andrew Shergold as guest speakers. Since September, Elisa Pizzo, the student youth worker at the URC, has been assisting with the sessions, and Graham West (Head of Sixth Form) attends most weeks. The students continue to amaze me with their knowledge, conviction and eloquence, and I am blessed to have this opportunity to support them.

Xpedition

This was a new venture at the end of the summer holiday attempting to fill the gap, at least for the teenagers, left by the absence of a Fusion Holiday Club. The planning team was evenly split between St Mary's, the URC and WCC. Our motto was 'small and manageable'! We had around 25 young people of secondary school age attending three evenings of activities in St Mary's and at Brill. There was also an optional night walk and sleepover in church, attended by about 20. On Sunday morning the young people joined in the 8am Communion Service. We followed a theme of 'journeys', looking at the Exodus, the Flight to Egypt, the Road to Emmaus and the Road to Damascus.
We were very pleased to note that the event had a very significant impact on at least two young people, who have moved forward on their Christian 'journey'. Memorable moments included watching the young people being woken early on Sunday morning by some very gentle organ music, wide games at Brill and sharing meals together. The format worked extremely well, although we have noted opportunities for improving it, and we intend to repeat the event in 2023.

Wheatley C E Primary Academy School

Gill Standing the head teacher of the school is supported by her deputy and two co- chair governors. Teachers have worked hard to deliver the curriculum to the children while tracking and monitoring their progress. The school is still awaiting it's SIAM's inspection. There is a good Christian ethos at the school, which is helped by having a Christian Distinctiveness Committee and a Well-being Group. The Vicar and his Curate lead assemblies in the school weekly. The pupils attended their Harvest Service in Church. As with many schools the budget is very tight which may result in some redundancies.

Project – Reordering of St Mary's Church Wheatley

Our aim for this ongoing project is to make St Mary's a more welcoming place of worship and refurbish the building to meet the wider needs of the community.
David Benny and Richard Cosier have been working closely with the DAC and the professionals to obtain an answer to the floor finish in the Nave. We are still awaiting the Chancellors judgement on the final floor covering. The tender for the work has gone out to building contractors

and we are still aiming to start the work after the Easter Services 2023. Once we obtain the contract it will enable us to decide what work we can complete now and what we may have to do at another stage. It is important to get started as every delay makes it more expensive. Grant applications have continued under Michael Worthington during the year. Our grateful thanks to Richard and David for their expertise in working with the DAC and architects to reach this point and to Michael for the time and knowledge he has put into applying for grants. Also, thanks to the fundraising committee for all their continued work in organising fundraising events such as Macbeth, Angelorum Choir and Ceilidh. We are excitedly looking forward to seeing the work starting after Easter.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

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Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Congregation income	1,855	-	-	1,855	2,009
Monthly standing orders	49,234	2,260	-	51,494	49,102
Other planned giving	9,168	53,336	-	62,504	61,892
Gift Aid receipts	11,835	9,038	-	20,873	28,851
Grants	300	1,700	-	2,000	300
Legacy	-	-	36,508	36,508	10,000
Other income	10,474	14,016		24,490	6,923
Stewardship	-	-	-	-	544
Vat recovery	-	414	-	414	-
Bank interest	-	2,007	-	2,007	167
Total income	82,866	82,771	36,508	202,145	159,788
Expenditure on					
Buildings	8,780	1,811	-	10,591	8,381
Charity donations	1,256	-	-	1,256	1,031
Fees ODBF	2,264	-	-	2,264	2,021
IT costs	657	-	-	657	891
Magazine	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry	5,516	-	-	5,516	5,115
Office	2,129	-	-	2,129	488
Parish share	60,220	-	-	60,220	60,220
Utilities	2,043	-	-	2,043	1,724
Grants	-	6,290	-	6,290	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	0	62
Project 2020 Architect fees	-	5,023	-	5,023	779
Consultants fees	-	2,219	-	2,219	600
Other costs	-	2,048	-	2,048	923
Total expenditure	82,865	17,391	-	100,256	82,235
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1	65,380	36,508	101,889	77,553
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1	65,380	36,508	101,889	77,553
Funds brought forward	24,749	205,006	125,404	355,159	277,606
Funds carried forward	24,750	270,386	161,912	457,048	355,159
		Note 4	**Note 5**		

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Furniture and fittings	2	6,000	-
Current Assets			
Bank account - Current account		28,406	47,615
Capital projects		-	557
Friends of St Mary's		40,697	39,650
Project 20-20		25,717	67,262
Wheatley Support		2,852	263
Coventry Building Society		188,503	87,807
Skipton Building Society		80,000	60,000
Bath Building Society		80,587	50,000
Debtors	3	5,832	2,624
		452,594	355,778
Less: Current Liabilities			
Sundry creditors	4	(1,546)	(619)
Net Current Assets		451,048	355,159
Net Assets		457,048	355,159
Represented by			
Unrestricted fund - Parish Ministry		24,750	24,749
Restricted funds	5	270,386	205,006
Designated funds	6	161,912	125,404
		457,048	355,159

The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 5 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23/4/2023

Mr Peter Fanning
(Hon. Treasurer, Wheatley PCC)

Rev Nigel Hawkes
(Chairman, Wheatley PCC)

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention and in accordace with accounting standards, the Charities SORP and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations issued under the Charities Act 2011

b) Recognition of Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when:
the charity becomes entitled to the resources;

the trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources; and

the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

d) Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

e) Depreciation

Depreciation aims to write off fixed assets over their estimated useful life as follows
Furniture and fittings 20% straight line

2. Fixed Assets

Furniture and fittings

	£
Additions - Chairs	7,500
Less: depreciation	(1,500)
Net book value at 31 December 2022	6,000

	2022 £	2021 £
3. Debtors		
Gift Aid	5,832	2,624
Other debtors	-	-
	5,832	2,624
4. Sundry Creditors		
Other creditors	1,546	619
	1,546	619

5. Restricted funds

	Friends of St. Marys	Project 20-20	Wheatley Support	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	40,227	164,546	233	205,006	135,797
Monthly standing orders	2,160	100	-	2,260	3,990
Other planned giving	120	53,216	-	53,336	54,818
Gift aid receipts	570	8,193	275	9,038	13,153
Grants	-	-	1,700	1,700	0
Donations	-	6,368	7,648	14,016	295
Vat recovery	-	414.00	-	414	0
Bank interest	-	2007	-	2,007	167
	43,077	234,844	9,856	287,777	208,220
Expenditure on					
Buildings	(1,811)	-	-	(1,811)	(850)
Architects fees	-	(5,023)	-	(5,023)	(779)
Consultants fees	-	(2,219)	-	(2,219)	(600)
Other costs	-	(327)	(221)	(548)	(985)
Grants	-	-	(6,290)	(6,290)	-
Depreciation	-	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	-
	41,266	225,775	3,345	270,386	205,006

5. Restricted funds

Friends of St Mary's - these are funds administered by the Friends of St. Marys and are used towards the cost of maintaining the fabric of the church.

Project 20-20 - the planned refurbishment of the church.

Wheatley Support comprises a fund to provide a financial support resource for residents of Wheatley in need (balance at 31 December 2022 £1,578) and also a fund to support Ukranian refugees currently residing in Wheatley (balance at 31 Dcember 2022 £1,767).

6. Designated Funds

	Building Fund	Legacy Fund	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	35,404	90,000	125,404	115,404
Legacy in 2022 received from the estate of the late Gillian Herring	-	36,508	36,508	10,000
	35,404	126,508	161,912	125,404

Building Fund - The Parochial Church Council agreed in 2013 that these funds should be designated; not to be used for day to day running expenses, but held towards future capital expenditure.

Legacy Fund - created from legacies, the fund will be used at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, including in support of Parish Ministry and Project 20-20.

7. Analysis of Assets

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Bank account - Current account	25,416	2,990	-	28,406	47,615
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	557
Friends of St Mary's	-	40,697	-	40,697	39,650
Project 20-20	-	25,717	-	25,717	67,262
Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme	-	2,852	-	2,852	263
Coventry Building Society	-	187,178	1,325	188,503	87,807
Skipton Building Society	-	-	80,000	80,000	60,000
Bath Building Society	-	-	80,587	80,587	50,000
Debtors	880	4,952	-	5,832	2,624
Creditors	(1,546)	-	-	(1,546)	(619)
	24,750	270,386	161,912	457,048	355,159

8. Statement of Finacial Activities - Analysis of 2021 Comparative

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Income				
Congregation income	2,009	0	-	2,009
Monthly standing orders	45,112	3,990	-	49,102
Other planned giving	7,074	54,818	-	61,892
Gift Aid receipts	15,698	13,153	-	28,851
Grants	300	-	-	300
Legacy	-	-	10,000	10,000
Other income	6,628	295	-	6,923
Stewardship	544	0	-	544
Vat recovery	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	167	-	167
Total income	77,365	72,423	10,000	159,788
Expenditure on				
Buildings	7,531	850	-	8,381
Charity donations	1,031	-	-	1,031
Fees ODBF	2,021	-	-	2,021
IT costs	891	-	-	891
Magazine	-	-	-	-
Ministry	5,115	-	-	5,115
Office	488	-	-	488
Parish share	60,220	-	-	60,220
Utilities	1,724	-	-	1,724
Sundry expenses	-	62	-	62
Project 2020 Architects fees	-	779	-	779
Consultants fees	-	600	-	600
Other costs	-	923	-	923
Total expenditure	79,021	3,214	-	82,235
Net income for the year	(1,656)	69,209	10,000	77,553

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Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Congregation income	1,855	-	-	1,855	2,009
Monthly standing orders	49,234	2,260	-	51,494	49,102
Other planned giving	9,168	53,336	-	62,504	61,892
Gift Aid receipts	11,835	9,038	-	20,873	28,851
Grants	300	1,700	-	2,000	300
Legacy	-	-	36,508	36,508	10,000
Other income	10,474	14,016		24,490	6,923
Stewardship	-	-	-	-	544
Vat recovery	-	414	-	414	-
Bank interest	-	2,007	-	2,007	167
Total income	82,866	82,771	36,508	202,145	159,788
Expenditure on					
Buildings	8,780	1,811	-	10,591	8,381
Charity donations	1,256	-	-	1,256	1,031
Fees ODBF	2,264	-	-	2,264	2,021
IT costs	657	-	-	657	891
Magazine	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry	5,516	-	-	5,516	5,115
Office	2,129	-	-	2,129	488
Parish share	60,220	-	-	60,220	60,220
Utilities	2,043	-	-	2,043	1,724
Grants	-	6,290	-	6,290	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	0	62
Project 2020 Architect fees	-	5,023	-	5,023	779
Consultants fees	-	2,219	-	2,219	600
Other costs	-	2,048	-	2,048	923
Total expenditure	82,865	17,391	-	100,256	82,235
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1	65,380	36,508	101,889	77,553
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1	65,380	36,508	101,889	77,553
Funds brought forward	24,749	205,006	125,404	355,159	277,606
Funds carried forward	24,750	270,386	161,912	457,048	355,159
		Note 4	**Note 5**		

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Furniture and fittings	2	6,000	-
Current Assets			
Bank account - Current account		28,406	47,615
Capital projects		-	557
Friends of St Mary's		40,697	39,650
Project 20-20		25,717	67,262
Wheatley Support		2,852	263
Coventry Building Society		188,503	87,807
Skipton Building Society		80,000	60,000
Bath Building Society		80,587	50,000
Debtors	3	5,832	2,624
		452,594	355,778
Less: Current Liabilities			
Sundry creditors	4	(1,546)	(619)
Net Current Assets		451,048	355,159
Net Assets		457,048	355,159
Represented by			
Unrestricted fund - Parish Ministry		24,750	24,749
Restricted funds	5	270,386	205,006
Designated funds	6	161,912	125,404
		457,048	355,159

The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 5 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23/4/2023

Mr Peter Fanning
(Hon. Treasurer, Wheatley PCC)

Rev Nigel Hawkes
(Chairman, Wheatley PCC)

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1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention and in accordace with accounting standards, the Charities SORP and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations issued under the Charities Act 2011

b) Recognition of Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when:
the charity becomes entitled to the resources;

the trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources; and

the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

d) Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

e) Depreciation

Depreciation aims to write off fixed assets over their estimated useful life as follows
Furniture and fittings 20% straight line

2. Fixed Assets

Furniture and fittings

	£
Additions - Chairs	7,500
Less: depreciation	(1,500)
Net book value at 31 December 2022	6,000

	2022 £	2021 £
3. Debtors		
Gift Aid	5,832	2,624
Other debtors	-	-
	5,832	2,624
4. Sundry Creditors		
Other creditors	1,546	619
	1,546	619

5. Restricted funds

	Friends of St. Marys	Project 20-20	Wheatley Support	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	40,227	164,546	233	205,006	135,797
Monthly standing orders	2,160	100	-	2,260	3,990
Other planned giving	120	53,216	-	53,336	54,818
Gift aid receipts	570	8,193	275	9,038	13,153
Grants	-	-	1,700	1,700	0
Donations	-	6,368	7,648	14,016	295
Vat recovery	-	414.00	-	414	0
Bank interest	-	2007	-	2,007	167
	43,077	234,844	9,856	287,777	208,220
Expenditure on					
Buildings	(1,811)	-	-	(1,811)	(850)
Architects fees	-	(5,023)	-	(5,023)	(779)
Consultants fees	-	(2,219)	-	(2,219)	(600)
Other costs	-	(327)	(221)	(548)	(985)
Grants	-	-	(6,290)	(6,290)	-
Depreciation	-	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	-
	41,266	225,775	3,345	270,386	205,006

5. Restricted funds

Friends of St Mary's - these are funds administered by the Friends of St. Marys and are used towards the cost of maintaining the fabric of the church.

Project 20-20 - the planned refurbishment of the church.

Wheatley Support comprises a fund to provide a financial support resource for residents of Wheatley in need (balance at 31 December 2022 £1,578) and also a fund to support Ukranian refugees currently residing in Wheatley (balance at 31 Dcember 2022 £1,767).

6. Designated Funds

	Building Fund	Legacy Fund	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	35,404	90,000	125,404	115,404
Legacy in 2022 received from the estate of the late Gillian Herring	-	36,508	36,508	10,000
	35,404	126,508	161,912	125,404

Building Fund - The Parochial Church Council agreed in 2013 that these funds should be designated; not to be used for day to day running expenses, but held towards future capital expenditure.

Legacy Fund - created from legacies, the fund will be used at the discretion of the Parochial Church Council, including in support of Parish Ministry and Project 20-20.

7. Analysis of Assets

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Bank account - Current account	25,416	2,990	-	28,406	47,615
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	557
Friends of St Mary's	-	40,697	-	40,697	39,650
Project 20-20	-	25,717	-	25,717	67,262
Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme	-	2,852	-	2,852	263
Coventry Building Society	-	187,178	1,325	188,503	87,807
Skipton Building Society	-	-	80,000	80,000	60,000
Bath Building Society	-	-	80,587	80,587	50,000
Debtors	880	4,952	-	5,832	2,624
Creditors	(1,546)	-	-	(1,546)	(619)
	24,750	270,386	161,912	457,048	355,159

8. Statement of Finacial Activities - Analysis of 2021 Comparative

	Parish Ministry	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
		£	£	£
Income				
Congregation income	2,009	0	-	2,009
Monthly standing orders	45,112	3,990	-	49,102
Other planned giving	7,074	54,818	-	61,892
Gift Aid receipts	15,698	13,153	-	28,851
Grants	300	-	-	300
Legacy	-	-	10,000	10,000
Other income	6,628	295	-	6,923
Stewardship	544	0	-	544
Vat recovery	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	167	-	167
Total income	77,365	72,423	10,000	159,788
Expenditure on				
Buildings	7,531	850	-	8,381
Charity donations	1,031	-	-	1,031
Fees ODBF	2,021	-	-	2,021
IT costs	891	-	-	891
Magazine	-	-	-	-
Ministry	5,115	-	-	5,115
Office	488	-	-	488
Parish share	60,220	-	-	60,220
Utilities	1,724	-	-	1,724
Sundry expenses	-	62	-	62
Project 2020 Architects fees	-	779	-	779
Consultants fees	-	600	-	600
Other costs	-	923	-	923
Total expenditure	79,021	3,214	-	82,235
Net income for the year	(1,656)	69,209	10,000	77,553

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2022

I report on the financial statements of the Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley for the period ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act').

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, ; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which give 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
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not accord with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R F Minty FCA
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24/4/2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1159100

Accounts

CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WHEATLEY
ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Church, Wheatley, has the responsibility to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church.

1. **Wheatley Ministry, Local Ecumenical Partnership and Wheatley Area Churches**: The Rev. Nigel Hawkes is our minister licensed by the Bishop to take services at St Mary's. Wheatley is part of a Benefice with Albury, Holton, Waterperry and Waterstock with Nigel as its vicar and he is assisted by Rev. David Bendor-Samuel, an Associate Priest, based at Holton who in the main looks after the four additional parishes.
The Revd. Michael Dormandy has joined us at St Mary's as curate in July this year to assist the vicar in pastoral work in the parish.
Alexandra Hewitt is licensed to serve as LLM to preach and assist with pastoral work in this benefice.

Wheatley Area Churches: The WAC consists of St Mary's Church, United Reformed Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Bartholomew's Church and Wheatley Community Church. Despite the restrictions of the past year Wheatley Area of Churches (WAC) has continued to work together in supporting each other and the wider village community in many different ways. Easter services were held on Zoom alongside website meditations. A good Friday virtual pilgrimage was set up around the village starting at St Mary's with QR codes to produce video's at each of the 7 stops. Easter cards were delivered. Support was given for refugees and the setting up of a Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme and Clubs and Societies Fair. The Fusion Encounter event and service was a great success in bringing the community together under a big top at the Primary School field. Remembrance Sunday Service was in Church without the usual parade. The Advent windows this year had QR codes beside them to pass on a spiritual message. The village Carol Service was on Zoom and Christmas cards were distributed throughout the village.

2. Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin Wheatley is situated in Church Road, Wheatley.
It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is the Vicarage, London Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1YA

Registered Charity Number 1159100

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.
The Full PCC has met 7 times on Zoom platform during the year with an average attendance of 95%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include worship, mission and outreach, fabric and finance, are all responsble to the PCC and report back regularly with notes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.
PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until the date the report was approved are :-

*__Ex Officio members__.

***Incumbent**	Reverend Nigel Hawkes (Chairman)
***Curate**	Reverent Michael Dormandy (from July 2021)
***LLM**	Mrs Alexandra Hewitt

***Churchwardens**
Mrs Jane Fanning
Mrs Zannifer Mason

***Deanery Synod Representatives**
Mrs Valerie Farmer (till April 2021)
Mrs Margaret Jackson

Elected Members

Mrs Karen Benny	Mrs Samantha Knight
Mrs Ruth Burdett (till April 2021)	Mrs Anne Walker
Mr Chris Clements (Vice Chair)	Mr Tony Wigley
Mr Peter Fanning (Treasurer)	Mrs Margaret Wilson (Secretary)
Mrs Valerie Farmer (from April 2021)	

*__URC__ Representative Dr Malcolm Benson

3. Worship
BCP Holy Communion: Sunday 8.00am
Parish Eucharist: Sundays at 10.00am with a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.
Holy Communion: Wednesday at 12 noon.

2021 proved to be another challenging year for Church Services due to various restrictions and regulations concerning the ongoing Covid pandemic. When we couldn't meet in Church, we met on Zoom only. When we could meet in Church we did so as well as on Zoom for the Sunday services. When we were able and it was safe the Wednesday services were in Church. Our thanks to all who made it possible to enable so many people to attend and feel part of our virtual services.

Special Services and Events. The following services and events were held During the year. On Zoom Bethlehem Reflects a retelling of the Christmas Story, Ash Wednesday service, World Day of Prayer and Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday art and meditation and All Souls Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and The Village Carol Service. In the Churchyard we had an Easter Fire Service, Parish Eucharists in May, June and July, Ascension Day. Choral Evensongs for Dedication Festival and Harvest. Advent Carol Service, Crib Service and Christmas Day services were held in Church.
Morning Prayer and Healing Group met for prayers every day. Prayer requests by email are sent out weekly or more frequently if required. Coffee and chat online continued on Wednesday and Fridays until end of April.
Two sessions of Grave talk were held, bringing people together to talk over tea and cake about death, dying and funerals.
An open PCC discussion using the Living in Love and Faith course covering Christian teaching and learning about Identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage also took place online.

Deanery Synod
We were represented by two members until April and one member has represented us on the Deanery Synod since then. This provides the PCC with an important link between parish and the wider structures of the Church.
Please see Deanery Synod Report.

Music: Please see Music Report.

Bellringers: Please see Bellringers Report

Servers, Sacristans, Sidespersons
Due to covid restrictions the servers, sacristans and sidespersons have been unable to carry out their normal duties. The Churchwardens have been standing in for them.

Attendance 2021
It would be impossible to give a year, by year comparison concerning Church Attendance this year as there have been so many obstacles/differences/initiatives throughout the two separate years of the pandemic making them so different in many ways. There has been a mixture of Face to Face and Zoom services and more than often both to choose from which is clearly a blessing for some that find difficulty in attending for mobility reasons. On the whole our figures have remained much about the same throughout the year.

Easter Day had an attendance of 104 which was excellent.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we had an adult attendance of 188 with some 23 young people attending the Crib Service. There is a noticeable reduction in numbers attending the midnight service.

Baptism, Marriages and Funerals
There has been 7 Baptisms and 1 wedding. There were 4 funeral services held in Church and a further 3 at the Crematorium plus a further 5 committal/burial of ashes.

4. **Church Activities; Social Events and Fundraising**

Events Group
Members provided refreshments at Clubs & Societies Fair, and organised a quiz at new club which raised £199.39.
They are looking forward to more events in 2022.
Parishioners took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Trust Ride and Stride and raised £1397 of which £698.50 was given to St Mary's

Mission and Outreach
£2,400 (excluding any Gift Aid declarations) was raised to support mission projects at home and overseas. St Mary's along with Wheatley Area Churches, shared in the distribution of Christmas and Easter cards to every household in the village. St Mary's parishioners have continued to support the Community Foodbank, Children's Society boxes and Christian Aid.

Pastoral Care Report
Daily life at St Mary's is very much pastoral care orientated and has been even more so during the pandemic. We have continued with our phone round/keeping in touch to ensure people living alone or poorly are not left out of the equation. There is no doubt that when Zoom was the

only form of service and we shared the chit chat after the service it was a tremendous support for many of us. Our pastoral care itself stretches beyond our Church members into the village population as well and is very much to the fore even if there has not been so many face to face meet ups.

Communications
A weekly Newsletter is produced by the vicar. News is also posted on the Church Facebook page, A Church Near You Website and in the Wheatley Parish Council Newsletter.

St Mary's Guild
The Guild is thriving. But we have been unable to function for a while. We are starting again this month and hope to welcome our friends back. Our numbers are steady and have good speakers.
Wendy Rogers

House Group
We started the year in Zoom, but over the summer and early autumn we met in Meg's garden or her conservatory, where we could be reasonably well separated. During the year we have studied Paul's letter to the Romans and many of Jesus' parables. We have also worked through a *Holy Habits* course on 'making more disciples'. When it became clear that my recovery from illness was going to be rather longer than anticipated, the group decided to take a break for November and December and restarted in January.
The group is a wonderful source of refreshment and fellowship, as well as an opportunity to study the Bible and pray, and we would be delighted to welcome new members.

Xplore
We were able to restart in September and most of the students have returned. We have also gained 2 new year 7 students. The group seems more stable this year, with most members attending nearly every week. There are 5 boys and 3 girls.
We are working through a Scripture Union resource called 'Absolutely Everything', which we have used before. It takes the students through key parts of the Bible from Creation to Revelation with fun activities and copious notes. Mostly these sessions are led by 3 older students. Alongside this, guest speakers (Brandan Silcox and Michael Dormandy) and the leaders (Graham West, Head of Sixth Form, and me) take

sessions addressing some of the ‘Big Questions’ that the students come up with.
In December we held an ‘Xplore Away Evening’ in St Mary’s, where we were able to look at the Christmas story in a more relaxed atmosphere, with plenty of time. 6 students attended, and it was great to be able to have longer conversations and take time to address the questions that they came up with. Being able to take a good 10 minutes for 3 of us to give our responses to ‘Is the Christmas story really true?’ was brilliant. We are looking forward to planning another Away Evening on the theme of ‘Does God respond to us? If so, how?’, which was another student question, that we felt deserved more than a 25 minute lunch-time session.

Light Party
We decided that we struggle to find the capacity to organise a Light Party this year, and with continuing covid concerns it seemed best to put this on hold again.

Wheatley C E Primary Academy School
Due to Covid restrictions the school started the year with online learning. The staff worked hard to be ready to welcome the children back in March. Teachers have worked hard to deliver the curriculum to the children while tracking and monitoring their progress. Revd Nigel Hawkes led virtual assemblies when he couldn’t attend in person. When possible, he with the help of our curate, lead assemblies in school. He is also a member of the Christian Distinctiveness Committee, which aids the school in developing their Christian ethos. Harvest service this year was held in school instead of church. The school in expecting to have its SIAMS inspection soon, but is well prepared. Even the financial problems have not deterred the school in working hard to produce well rounded individuals. One of the joint heads has resigned to take up a new position, and the remaining head, Gill Standing has become a full time head. The school also took part in some local musical initiatives, Radio Oxford’s Carols on the doorsteps, and a musical Advent Calendar with Oxford University Musical Society. The Y1/2 children decorated their window with angels for the Wheatley Advent Window project.

Project – Reordering of St Mary’s Church Wheatley
Our aim for this ongoing project is to make St Mary’s a more welcoming place of worship and refurbish the building to meet the wider needs of the community. After a quiet year on the project partly due to the Covid restrictions, but mainly awaiting the judgement of the Chancellor we have

been granted a faculty for the work albeit with a revision on the floor finish of the Nave. We have been instructed to work with the professionals and the DAC to come up with a solution to finish the floor in a way that replicates Streets original design. Richard and David have already started negotiations with DAC and the architects to restart the project and look into contractors. Michael has been able to start applying for grants for the project. Our grateful thanks to Richard Cosier and David Benny for their sterling work, which led to the procurement of the faculty, and their expertise in working with the architects and DAC Our grateful thanks also to Michael Worthington for the time and knowledge he has put into researching possible grants and completion of the paperwork. Watch out for the exciting events in the coming year being organised by the fundraising committee

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding is taken very seriously in our Church and is on the agenda at all meetings of the PCC. We have had very few face to face meetings, however it is felt that the pastoral care/safeguarding team are very much aware of its responsibilities. Whilst we have very few younger members in our Church we do have a considerable membership of older people and amongst them are those that need special attention/support, especially those living alone, in poor health or lonely and we try to accommodate their needs.

The Diocese is very proactive in its' safeguarding issues and has had an excellent series of courses available for safeguarding personnel and members of the PCC. It is pleasing that several people have taken advantage of these courses,

The DBS system operated by APCS caters for all those that need to have the necessary check made and the Safeguarding Officer operates it from the parish end of things and includes the wider Benefice.

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Gift Aid receipts	15,698	13,153	-	28,851	23,641
Grants	300	-	-	300	2,000
Legacy	-	-	10,000	10,000	80,000
Other income	6,628	295	-	6,923	6,000
Stewardship	544	-	-	544	1,727
Vat recovery	-	-	-	0	6,539
Bank interest	-	167	-	167	240
Total income	77,365	72,423	10,000	159,788	219,391
Expenditure on					
Buildings	7,531	850	-	8,381	9,980
Charity donations	1,031	-	-	1,031	1,064
Fees ODBF	2,021	-	-	2,021	1,788
IT costs	891	-	-	891	553
Magazine	-	-	-	-	142
Ministry	5,115	-	-	5,115	5,419
Office	488	-	-	488	1,079
Parish share	60,220	-	-	60,220	60,220
Utilities	1,724	-	-	1,724	975
Sundry expenses	-	62	-	62	-
Project 2020 Architect fees	-	779	-	779	877
Consultants fees	-	600	-	600	8,229
Other costs	-	923	-	923	588
Total expenditure	79,021	3,214	-	82,235	90,914
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(1,656)	69,209	10,000	77,553	128,477
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
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Charity No. 1159480

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	£	2020 £
Current Assets			
Bank account - Current account		47,615	48,764
Capital projects		557	557
Friends of St Mary's		39,650	37,429
Project 20-20		67,262	21,679
Wheatley Good Neighbour Scheme		263	-
Coventry Building Society		87,807	127,699
Skipton Building Society		60,000	-
Bath Building Society		50,000	-
Debtors	2	2,624	43,426
		355,778	279,554
Less: Current Liabilities			
Sundry creditors	3	(619)	(1,948)
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(Hon. Treasurer, Wheatley PCC)

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Other debtors	-	533
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3. Sundry Creditors		
Other creditors	619	1,948
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4. Restricted funds

	Friends of St. Marys	Project 20-20	Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	38,089	97,708	-	135,797	82,503
Monthly standing orders	2,410	1,580	-	3,990	3,660
Other planned giving	0	54,818	-	54,818	39,936
Gift aid receipts	578	12,575	-	13,153	10,613
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,000
Donations	-	-	295	295	0
Vat recovery	-	-	-	-	6,539
Bank interest	-	167	-	167	240
	41,077	166,848	295	208,220	145,491
Expenditure on					
Buildings	(850)	-	-	(850)	-
Architects fees	-	(779)	-	(779)	(877)
Consultants fees	-	(600)	-	(600)	(8,229)
Other costs	-	(923)	(62)	(985)	(588)
	-	-			
	40,227	164,546	233	205,006	135,797

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5. Designated Funds

	Building Fund	Legacy Fund	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£
Balances brought forward	35,404	80,000	115,404	35,404
Legacy (in 2021 received from the estate of the late Anthony Bradburn)	-	10,000	10,000	80,000
	35,404	90,000	125,404	115,404

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Bank account - Current account	24,590	-	23,025	47,615	48,764
Capital projects	-	-	557	557	557
Friends of St Mary's	-	39,650	-	39,650	37,429
Project 20-20	-	67,262	-	67,262	21,679
Wheatley Good Neighbours Scheme	-	263	-	263	-
Coventry Building Society	-	87,807	-	87,807	127,699
Skipton Building Society	-	8,178	51,822	60,000	-
Bath Building Society	-		50,000	50,000	-
Debtors	748	1,876	-	2,624	43,426
Creditors	(589)	(30)	-	(619)	(1,948)
	24,749	205,006	125,404	355,159	277,606

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

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7. Statement of Finacial Activities - Analysis of 2020 Comparative

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Total
	Parish Ministry	Building Fund	Legacy Fund	Friends of St Marys	Project 20-20	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Congregation income	4,894	-	-	-		4,894
Monthly standing orders	36,470	-	-	-	3,660	40,130
Other planned giving	14,284	-	-	2,640	37,296	54,220
Gift Aid receipts	13,028	-	-	662	9,951	23,641
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Legacy	-	-	80,000	-	-	80,000
Other income	6,000	-	-	-	-	6,000
Stewardship	1,727	-	-	-	-	1,727
Vat recovery	-	-	-	-	6,539	6,539
Bank interest	0	-	-	-	240	240
Total income	76,403	-	80,000	3,302	59,686	219,391
Expenditure on						
Buildings	9,980	-	-	-	-	9,980
Charity donations	1,064	-	-	-	-	1,064
Fees ODBF	1,788	-	-	-	-	1,788
IT costs	553	-	-	-	-	553
Magazine	142	-	-	-	-	142
Ministry	5,419	-	-	-	-	5,419
Office	1,079	-	-	-	-	1,079
Parish share	60,220	-	-	-	-	60,220
Utilities	975	-	-	-	-	975
Project 2020 Architects fees	-	-	-	-	877	877
Consultants fees	-	-	-	-	8,229	8,229
Other costs	-	-	-	-	588	588
Total expenditure	81,220	-	-	-	9,694	90,914
Net income for the year	(4,817)	-	80,000	3,302	49,992	128,477

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Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2021

I report on the financial statements of the Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley for the period ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act').

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, ; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which give 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
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not accord with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R F Minty FCA
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31/3/2022.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley
Wheatley

Registered Charity: Number 1159100

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Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Parish Ministry £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2020 £
Income					
Congregation income	2,009	-	-	2,009	4,894
Monthly standing orders	45,112	3,990	-	49,102	40,130
Other planned giving	7,074	54,818	-	61,892	54,220
Gift Aid receipts	15,698	13,153	-	28,851	23,641
Grants	300	-	-	300	2,000
Legacy	-	-	10,000	10,000	80,000
Other income	6,628	295	-	6,923	6,000
Stewardship	544	-	-	544	1,727
Vat recovery	-	-	-	0	6,539
Bank interest	-	167	-	167	240
Total income	77,365	72,423	10,000	159,788	219,391
Expenditure on					
Buildings	7,531	850	-	8,381	9,980
Charity donations	1,031	-	-	1,031	1,064
Fees ODBF	2,021	-	-	2,021	1,788
IT costs	891	-	-	891	553
Magazine	-	-	-	-	142
Ministry	5,115	-	-	5,115	5,419
Office	488	-	-	488	1,079
Parish share	60,220	-	-	60,220	60,220
Utilities	1,724	-	-	1,724	975
Sundry expenses	-	62	-	62	-
Project 2020 Architect fees	-	779	-	779	877
Consultants fees	-	600	-	600	8,229
Other costs	-	923	-	923	588
Total expenditure	79,021	3,214	-	82,235	90,914
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(1,656)	69,209	10,000	77,553	128,477
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(1,656)	69,209	10,000	77,553	128,477
Funds brought forward	26,405	135,797	115,404	277,606	149,129
Funds carried forward	24,749	205,006	125,404	355,159	277,606
		Note 4	Note 5		

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159480

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	£	2020 £
Current Assets			
Bank account - Current account		47,615	48,764
Capital projects		557	557
Friends of St Mary's		39,650	37,429
Project 20-20		67,262	21,679
Wheatley Good Neighbour Scheme		263	-
Coventry Building Society		87,807	127,699
Skipton Building Society		60,000	-
Bath Building Society		50,000	-
Debtors	2	2,624	43,426
		355,778	279,554
Less: Current Liabilities			
Sundry creditors	3	(619)	(1,948)
Net Assets		355,159	277,606
Represented by			
Unrestricted fund - Parish Ministry		24,749	26,405
Restricted funds	4	205,006	135,797
Designated funds	5	125,404	115,404
		355,159	277,606

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23 March 2022.

Mr Peter Fanning
(Hon. Treasurer, Wheatley PCC)

Rev Nigel Hawkes
(Chairman, Wheatley PCC)

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention and in accordace with accounting standards, the Charities SORP and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations issued under the Charities Act 2011

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Other income	6,000	-	-	-	-	6,000
Stewardship	1,727	-	-	-	-	1,727
Vat recovery	-	-	-	-	6,539	6,539
Bank interest	0	-	-	-	240	240
Total income	76,403	-	80,000	3,302	59,686	219,391
Expenditure on						
Buildings	9,980	-	-	-	-	9,980
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Fees ODBF	1,788	-	-	-	-	1,788
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHU

England & Wales - Charity number 1159100

Accounts

. CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WHEATLEY
ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Church, Wheatley, has the responsibility to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church.

1. **Wheatley Ministry, Local Ecumenical Partnership and Wheatley Area Churches**: The Rev. Nigel Hawkes is our minister licensed by the Bishop to take services at St Mary's. Wheatley is part of a Benefice with Albury, Holton, Waterperry and Waterstock with Nigel as its vicar and he is assisted by Rev. David Bendor-Samuel, an Associate Priest, based at Holton who in the main looks after the four additional parishes. Alexandra Hewitt is licensed to serve as LLM to preach and assist with pastoral work in this benefice.

Local Ecumenical Partnership: The Church has an ecumenical partnership with the United Reformed Church and St Bartholomew's, Holton. Close links are maintained; joint services and social activities are shared.
Wheatley Area Churches: The WAC consists of St Mary's Church, United Reformed Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Bartholomew's Church and Wheatley Community Church. Despite the restrictions of the past year Wheatley Area of Churches (WAC) has continued to work together in supporting each other and the wider village community in many different ways. The service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and some of the Lent Lunches for Christian Aid were held before lockdown. Easter services were held on Zoom alongside website meditations, videos and prayers by phone and emails. On Zoom Wac supported the dramatization of the Book of Job, a Remembrance Service, set up a virtual prayer wall and supported the Village Carol and Crib Services. New this year doorstep village carol singing on Sundays in December were held assisted by Radio Oxford. Twenty- four brightly decorated windows to produce an 'Advent Calendar' throughout the village, encouraging evening walks. Four small groups of six carol singers in the village were enjoyed by all.

2. Administrative Information
St Mary the Virgin Wheatley is situated in Church Road, Wheatley.
It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is the Vicarage, London Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1YA

Registered Charity Number 1159100.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.
The full PCC has met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 90 %. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include worship, mission and outreach, fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back regularly with notes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.
PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date the report was approved are:-
:
*Ex Officio members:

*** Incumbent** The Reverend Nigel Hawkes (Chairman)
*** LLM** Mrs Alexandra Hewitt

***Church Wardens** Mrs Jane Fanning
Mrs. Anne Walker (till January 2021))
Mrs Zannifer Mason (from January 2021)
*** Deanery Synod Representative**
Mrs. Valerie Farmer
Ms Margaret Jackson (from November 2020)

Elected Members
Mrs Karen Benny
Ms. Ruth Burdett
Mr Chris Clements (Vice Chair)
Mr Peter Fanning (Treasurer)
Ms. Samantha Knight
Mrs Zannifer Mason (till January 2021
Mrs Anne Walker (from January 2021)
Mr. Tony Wigley
Mrs. Margaret Wilson (Secretary)

*URC Representative Mr. Malcolm Benson

3. Worship
BCP Holy Communion: Sundays at 8.00am **Parish Eucharist**: Sundays at 10.00am with a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.
Holy Communion: Wednesdays at 12 noon.
Until lockdown and restrictions due to the Covid pandemic all services were held in Church. Thereafter when safe services as above were held in Church for the 8.00am and 12 noon as well as on Zoom platform, otherwise all services were held on Zoom. Link to Diocesan live streaming were sent out weekly. Many thanks to Alexandra and Ed Hewitt who managed to provide us with wonderful music to join in singing hymns at home during the services. Everyone has appreciated the expertise and creativity of

Alexandra Hewitt and Revd. Nigel Hawkes in adapting and setting up the Zoom platform to enable so many people to attend and feel part of our virtual services.

Special Services and Events: The following services and events were held during the year: -Christingle, Healing Service, Benefice Epiphany Carol Service at St Bartholomew's, and Ash Wednesday Service. Evensong to celebrate Edward King in March. Other services held via Zoom include an Evensong, Lent group, Palm Sunday, Ascension Day, Harvest. All Souls, a Remembrance Service of Thanksgiving for those who serve others and an Advent Carol Service were held in November. Village Carol Service, Crib Service and Christmas Day Services in December. Morning Prayer and Healing Group met for prayers every day. Fair traded café and chat on Saturdays have been replaced with coffee and chat online Wednesday and Fridays. Prayer requests by email are sent out weekly or more frequently as required.

Deanery Synod
From November two members have represented us on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between parish and the wider structures of the Church. Please see Deanery Synod Report.

Music: Please see Music Report.

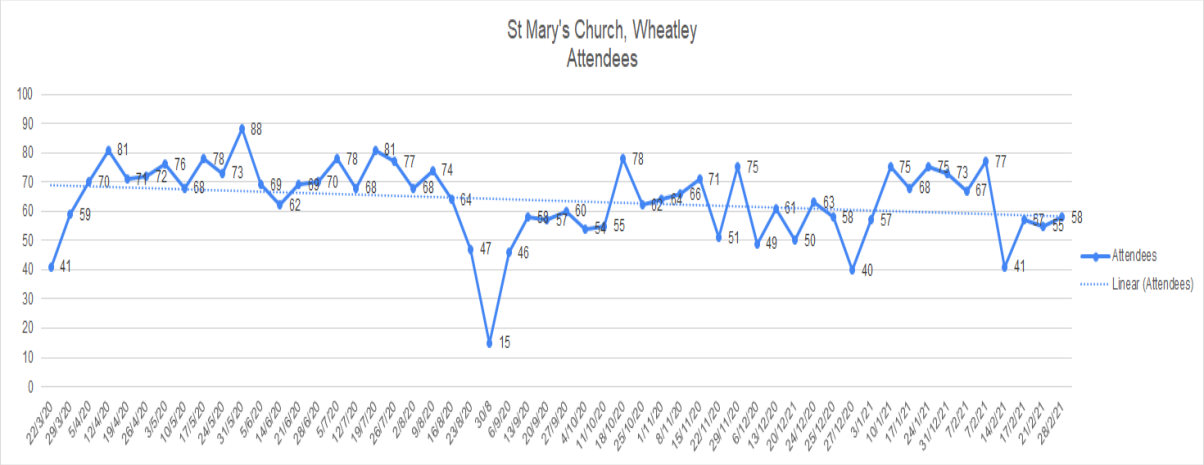
Servers, Sacristans, Sidespersons and Bellringers
One Sacristan prepares for our church services and a rota of Servers and Eucharistic Assistants carried out their duties, when the Church was open. Anne Walker co-ordinated the 12 sidespersons, who support the Churchwardens in welcoming those who come to worship, when needed this year. Please see Bellringers Report.

Attendance 2020
It is impossible to give a year, by year comparison concerning Church attendance this year as the Church has been closed many Sundays during the pandemic and when it has been open for services the numbers were understandably low. However, there has been a very good virtual attendance on Zoom for all services which has been very pleasing indeed and the overall combined figure would appear to be roughly the same as last year possibly a little more.

Easter day we had an attendance of 86 on Zoom which was excellent.
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day we had an attendance of 62 together with a virtual attendance on Zoom of 113. These attendances were extremely good considering the circumstances.

The graph below includes Sunday attendance (8am + 10am) plus other occasions e.g. funerals, Ash Wednesday etc. mainly on Zoom during lockdown. The key message is that the trend was pretty flat. The dip in August was a mixture of

administration problems and WAC services which were not recorded. A real credit to all those involved in the services.



Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals
There has been 1 Baptism and 2 weddings. There were 6 funeral services held in Church and there were a further 3 at the Crematorium plus committal/burial of ashes of another 1.

4. Church Activities: Social Events and Fundraising:
The Events Committee had planned to organise a number of events, but due to restriction only managed to hold a Quiz and March Bazaar at the beginning of the year. Parishioners took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Trust Ride and Stride. The above raised £2,602.

Mission and Outreach
£3,025 (excluding any Gift Aid declarations) was raised to support mission projects at home and overseas. St Mary's along with Wheatley Area Churches, shared in the distribution of Christmas cards to every household in the village. St Mary's parishioners have continued to support the Community Foodbank, Children's Society boxes and Christian Aid.

Pastoral Care Report
This is very much part of our daily life at St Mary's - even more so during the Pandemic and we have set up a call system where an individual member of the Pastoral Group or PCC will keep in touch with those that live alone during this difficult period. Not that it didn't go on before but in a more informal way and there is even more emphasis on it now. This has developed through the year and is very well received by all.

Our services have taken place on Zoom during the Pandemic and look set for a while yet. The Chat room facility following the Sunday service is very well received and often a job to close the session down after everyone wants to hear everyone's

news which is in itself good pastoral work. The system is also opened for a similar chat on two weekday afternoons, Wednesday & Friday for those who just want a natter about anything - again good pastoral work.

Overall pastoral care both within the Church and Village as a whole has been very much to the fore even if it has not been face to face.

The Church Magazine

Usually, the Church magazine is produced on a monthly basis, but has not been produced since April. It has been replaced by news on Facebook, A Church near You and the weekly newsletter from the Vicar.

St Mary's Guild,

Have been unable to meet this year due to restrictions They are hoping that they will be able to have their AGM in September. We have kept in touch with members as best we can.
Wendy Rogers February 2021

House Group

We have made ourselves a cup of coffee or tea, then on line have exchanged views and enjoyed friendship since March. Every Tuesday at 10.30am six of us have joined Alexandra on zoom, for a small service of worship and some bible study. Recently

we have been working our way through a set of bible reflections on 'making more disciples', but previously have looked and pondered over the Gospel of John and the letters written from his prison cell, by Paul.
For our small group it is an uplifting time of joint reflection, where after due consideration we quite often agree to differ.

Meg Barbour

Xplore

The year began with sessions looking at what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the Bible. We also had prayer and praise sessions and prayers for healing, led by some of the students. We continued to have around 6-8 students attending each week. While most students were studying from home during the summer term, an activity sheet was sent round in the hope of keeping the connection going. Sadly, external visitors have not been allowed in since the lockdown started, even when the school was open to all students. Additionally, the need for 'year group bubbles' has meant that our cross-year group has been unable to meet. Please pray that when we are allowed to restart, that the young people will be keen to return and invite their friends, and that the next generation will still get the opportunity to grow in a leadership role.

Light Party

Covid restrictions meant that we were not able to hold a Light Party in 2020. We hope to be able to restore this event in 2021.

Wheatley CE Primary Academy School

The confidence in the new leadership team is apparent with the school continuing to progress well this year. When school is only caring for vulnerable children and children of key workers in school, they are keeping in touch and supporting the children working online at home. The School has been working hard on their online learning, and the staff are doing a fantastic job in keeping everything moving forward.
The new RE Resources which church members purchased for the school are being well used and appreciated.
Revd Nigel Hawkes is recording weekly video assemblies for the children.

Project 2020 - Re-ordering of St. Mary's Church, Wheatley

Our aim for this ongoing project is to make St Mary's a more welcoming place of worship and refurbish the building to meet the wider needs of the community.
Due to the restrictions work on this has been slower, but has steadily moving forward under the very capable hands of Richard Cosier and David Benny. The Faculty application has been completed for the building work and we a now awaiting the judgement from the Diocesan Chancellor. Once have been granted a faculty, we are ready to start to apply for grants. We have so far raised £350,000 for the project.
Grateful thanks to Richard Cosier, David Benny for their expertise and work for the building and faculty side and Michael Worthington for his work on grant applications.

Safeguarding Report

We continue to take safeguarding seriously and it is constantly an Agenda item for the PCC Agenda.

It has been a difficult year owing to the Coronavirus pandemic as there has been no face to face meeting since March 2020. During the year two more members of the PCC have completed the Safeguarding Basic Awareness Course on line, we are trying to encourage more to take this course and then to take the next step a more advanced course. One member of the PCC attended a Domestic Violence (Virtual Course) run by the Diocese and general feedback is that they are good courses.
An advanced DBS check is carried out on those that require them owing to their voluntary work within the parishes and we use APCS for this purpose an organisation recommended by the Diocese. Both the Safeguarding Officer and the Deputy can arrange these checks. (Tony Wigley & Margaret Wilson).
Our Safeguarding Policy document has been revisited prior to this meeting, updated and signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens.

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Other income	6,000	-	-	-	-	6,000	18,437
Stewardship	1,727	-	-	-	-	1,727	727
Vat recovery	-	-	-	-	6,539	6,539	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	240	240	137
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Expenditure on							
Buildings	9,980	-	-	-	-	9,980	8,935
Charity donations	1,064	-	-	-	-	1,064	1,287
Fees ODBF	1,788	-	-	-	-	1,788	4,434
IT costs	553	-	-	-	-	553	389
Magazine	142	-	-	-	-	142	694
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Other planned giving	5,952	-	3,279	70,504	79,735
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Grants	-		-	8,000	8,000
Other income	18,109		328	0	18,437
Stewardship	727	-	-	-	727
Vat recovery	-	-	0	0	0
Bank interest	137	-	-	-	137
Total income	82,854	-	4,365	90,653	177,872
Expenditure on					
Buildings	8,935	-	-	-	8,935
Charity donations	1,287	-	-	-	1,287
Fees ODBF	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
IT costs	389	-	-	-	389
Magazine	694	-	-	-	694
Ministry	6,460	-	-	-	6,460
Office	3,433	-	-	-	3,433
Parish share	59,838	-	-	-	59,838
Utilities	1,956	-	-	-	1,956
Project 2020 Architects fees	-	-	-	23,865	23,865
Consultants fees	-	-	-	13,883	13,883
Other costs	-	-	-	5,189	5,189
Total expenditure	87,426	-	-	42,937	130,363
Net income for the year	(4,572)	-	4,365	47,716	47,509

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act').

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act, ; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not accord with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "trua and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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