

Parochial Church Council Of St Mary the Virgin, West Moors

Information

St Mary's Parish Church is situated on Station Road, West Moors in the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is c/o The Vicarage, 57 Glenwood Road, West Moors, Dorset, BH22 0EN.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 1162532. PCC members that have served during the from the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 were:

Incumbent	Revd Andy Muckle (Chair of PCC) (ex-officio) <i>to July 2023</i>
Curate in training LLM	Revd Michael Eaton-Well (ex-officio) Mrs Alyson Scott (ex-officio)
Churchwarden Churchwarden	Mrs Karen Clark (Standing Committee) Mrs Louise Collins (Standing Committee)
Deanery Synod	Mrs Gillian Clarke (Lay Vice-Chair of PCC & Standing Committee) Mrs Elizabeth Bowler Mr William Munn (Treasurer) <i>to June 2023</i> Mr Paul Brealey
To serve till 2026	Mrs Carol Longland Mr Peter Short Mr Paul Barber
To serve till 2025	Mr Mike Bowler Mrs Debbie Brown (Assistant Churchwarden) Mrs Isobel Dale Mr Stuart Stebbing (Assistant Churchwarden)
To serve till 2024	Mr Alex Clarke (Parish Safeguarding Officer & Chair of Finance Committee from May 2023) Mrs Julie Hardman (PCC Secretary) Mr Noel Moss-Holland (Chair of Finance Committee, until retiring from PCC May 2023) Mr Nick Osborn Mr Chris Wilson
To serve one year till 2024	Mrs Christine Nutland
Co-opted	Revd Lynne Morris

Structure, governance, and management

Members of the PCC are either elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules, or act ex officio. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Marriages	3
Funerals in church	13
Funerals in crematoria	12
Burial of Ashes	0

Safeguarding statement

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 and has shown due regard to the guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Chair of PCC's report

Our wonderful church community could not function without the love and dedication of so many people. Our thanks to our wonderful churchwardens Karen Clark and Louise Collins and their assistants Stuart Stebbing and Debbie Brown. We are also grateful for the support of Julie Hardman (Secretary), Alex Clarke (Chair of Finance Committee) and the whole PCC, especially as we have navigated the start of a period of Vacancy. Special thanks to William Munn for his twelve years' service as PCC Treasurer until January 2024. Across the Diocese and the Church of England, financial pressures are very much part of the landscape, and we are no different. Whilst we are so generously supported by so many people in the congregation, and are working hard to live within our means, our financial situation continues to be challenging, as we seek to pay in full our parish share, reach out in mission to the community, and justify the retention of a full-time stipendiary post here at West Moors. The PCC has maintained its statutory functions in terms of Safeguarding, through the hard work of Alex Clarke, our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

2023 began with a Parish Vision Day, in the very comfortable and spacious venue, Holtwood Methodist Church, discussing priorities for our church over the next five years. We explored our ideas under three headings: Looking Up – exploring what might deepen our spiritual life; Looking Out, exploring how we might be more open to God and open to our community of West Moors; Looking In, exploring what might extend and deepen our worshipping life together and potentially attract new people. The day was very positive and affirming with lots of input and ideas to consider. For obvious reasons, as we moved into Vacancy, newer ideas have not been developed as we have concentrated our efforts on maintaining as much as possible of our existing mission and ministry.

In February, Bishop Stephen's introductory tour of Wimborne Deanery included a visit to Sturts Farm. Revd Andy Muckle, Year 4 Pupils from St Mary' First School with their headteacher Roy Sewell told Bishop Stephen of our Outreach project and joint initiatives, including the Sharing Shed, Autism Services and Food Awareness.

Our Lent course, again led by Home Group Leaders, followed the excellent course 'Life on the Frontline, which challenged us to think about how, as Christians, we can make a difference in our daily lives. Home Groups continue to be a strong feature of our church life, with a highlight for many being a study course based on The Greatest Showman.

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Our Lent Appeal raised £530 for local charity Coping With Chaos. A very personal feeling of collaboration with such a local organisation, having Fran Gibson and Clare Rochford speaking at Sunday Eucharist and receiving a bundle of personal thank you cards from the children, made this very inspiring and rewarding.

Our now customary Soup Lunches in Lent raised £560 for Christian Aid's work in South Sudan. As always, it was delight to have 'awesome' Year 4 students from St Mary's helping to serve food and offer a warm welcome. Great teamwork!

Our journey through Lent to Easter was marked by the usual liturgies and traditions beginning with the burning of the palm crosses followed by pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. A new highlight this year was the pilgrimage walk around Sturts Farm on Palm Sunday followed by tea and cake. Then a joyful Easter morning with a renewal of vows and Easter breakfast followed by Eucharist. We are an Easter people and the celebration of resurrection and new life was uplifting and inspiring.

Further highlights included gaining our Eco Church Silver Award recognising the ongoing contribution of the whole church community as we work towards Net Zero.

Celebrating the coronation of King Charles III marked a significant historic occasion and we were delighted to welcome our MP Sir Christopher Chope, local councillors and representatives of community organisations in West Moors for a commemorative service followed by a buffet reception.

The priesting of our curate Revd Michael Eaton and his wife Kate at Salisbury cathedral was a joyful occasion – with due celebratory lunch and cake after Revd Michael's first presiding at communion at St Mary's.

A group of us attended a Celebratory Service outside the cathedral – with picnic bags and lively music – when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, made his Mission Visit to Salisbury.

Yet another lively occasion at St Mary's with wonderful food and cake was when said goodbye to Revd Andy Muckle, Becky and Isla in July.. As expected when parting from those who have become such loved and valued members of our family, there were tears and sadness. But it was a celebration too as we recognised all that has been achieved in the time that Revd Andy has led, guided, encouraged and inspired us during his four years as parish priest and Vicar of St Mary's. And so much of this during an unprecedented and prolonged period of global pandemic. It was with deep gratitude and love, we offered our thanks and our best wishes as the Muckle family embarked on a new stage of their journey as Revd Andy followed his call to be the Chaplain of St George's Crypt in Leeds.

Community services and occasions, like Remembrance and Carols on the Petwyn in association with Churches Together in West Moors, have been very well attended and it has been a great joy to see our curate Revd Michael Eaton take on the responsibility of presiding at these occasions during the Vacancy. Newer services – h(ALL)@4 and Sunday@10 were becoming well established and well attended; we have tried hard to keep these services running during the Vacancy, although, as might be expected, there has been some fall in attendance during the Vacancy. The quarterly Dementia Friendly Services continue to be well received.

There have been many social and fundraising events including a new very successful highlight – a Fashion Show. The very popular Tea@3 continues to reach out to the wider community offering fellowship and a warm welcome – with lots of cake! Saturday Breakfast – for everyone – has been revived with a new Chef and Co-ordinator, Stuart Stebbing, his Sous-Chef Paul Brealey and the continuing support of Jan Munn and Peter Dunning. Seasonal Community Lunches again at The Bridge House Hotel were attended by over 100 people.

In September the PCC met with Archdeacon, The Venerable Penny Sayer and Assistant Archdeacon, Revd Canon Lucy Holt as we began the process of finding the person God was calling to be our new Vicar. In October Revd Canon Lucy Holt led a Vision Day for PCC members where we asked key questions: What is

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distinctive about our church? Where do we feel God is leading us? What sort of person do we need to lead us on the next stage of our journey? This led to the writing of the Parish Profile and Person Specification after many contributions from the whole congregation and pupils at St Mary's First School. Karen Clark and Gillian Clarke were unanimously elected by PCC to be Parish Representatives during the discernment and appointment process.

Our ministry to West Moors is a shared ministry and we give thanks for the dedication of so many people - our organists, choir, servers, those who contribute to our services with prayers and readings, Sacristan, flower arrangers, hospitality teams, those who look after our beautiful church, fundraisers, those who manage our finances, those who keep us safe, Mother's Union, group leaders, and so many more. It is so encouraging and heart-warming to feel part of such a strong, reliable team – Team St Mary's!

With love and prayers
God Bless

Canon Gillian Clarke
PCC Lay Vice Chair
12th May 2024



Loving God
Loving West Moors

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, West Moors

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, West Moors (the PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: J A Ridout

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

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Date: 12th May 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WEST MOORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Receipts				
2(a) Planned giving	68,287.95	30,676.63	98,964.58	83,721.21
2(b) Activities for generating funds	8,614.94	-	8,614.94	7,801.99
2(c) Other voluntary incoming resources	3,310.56	-	3,310.56	2,858.42
2(d) Investment income	2,452.05	-	2,452.05	1,547.05
2(e) Church activities	7,119.00	-	7,119.00	8,200.00
Total receipts	89,784.50	30,676.63	120,461.13	104,128.67
PAYMENTS				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
3(a) <i>Diocesan parish contribution</i>	71,380.16	-	71,380.16	69,252.61
3(b) <i>Clergy and staffing costs</i>	712.40	-	712.40	580.78
3(c) <i>Church running expenses</i>	25,436.77	-	25,436.77	19,625.48
3(d) <i>Running costs</i>	3,641.05	-	3,641.05	2,720.75
3(e) <i>Mission</i>	1,428.38	2,880.13	4,308.51	3,796.32
Total payments	102,598.76	2,880.13	105,478.89	95,975.94
Excess of receipts over payments	(12,814.26)	27,796.50	14,982.24	8,152.73
Transfers between funds			-	-
Net movement in funds	(12,814.26)	27,796.50	14,982.24	8,152.73
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward At 1 January 2023	96,146.44	11,020.00	107,166.44	99,013.71
Total funds carried forward At 31 December 2023	83,332.18	38,816.50	122,148.68	107,166.44
Analysis of funds	At 1/1/23	Movement	31/12/23	
Restricted	11,020.00	27,796.50	38,816.50	
Unrestricted				
General fund	79,044.65	(7,689.50)	71,355.15	
With designations				
Fabric and other	16,647.07	(6,385.42)	10,261.65	
Fees	454.72	781.00	1,235.72	
Appeals	-	479.66	479.66	
	107,166.44	14,982.24	122,148.68	

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BALANCE SHEET
At 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	Not	Funds	Funds	£	£
		£	£		
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments		-	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
		-	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	38,332.18	38,816.50	77,148.68	62,166.44
		38,332.18	38,816.50	77,148.68	62,166.44
LIABILITIES					
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		38,332.18	38,816.50	77,148.68	62,166.44
TOTAL NET ASSETS					
		38,332.18	83,816.50	122,148.68	107,166.44
Represented by:					
PARISH FUNDS					
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General funds		71,355.15	-	71,355.15	79,044.65
Designated funds		11,497.37	-	11,977.03	17,101.79
Restricted funds		-	38,816.50	38,816.50	11,020.00
		82,852.52	38,816.50	122,148.68	107,166.44

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Louise Collins

Louise Collins

Karen Clark

Karen Clark

Gillian Clarke

Gillian Clarke

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

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

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts. Any balance unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income is accounted for by reference to letting date.

Fees due are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

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2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	2022 £
2(a) Voluntary income				
Planned giving				
Tax efficient	38,268.15		38,268.15	41,510.03
Other planned giving	11,192.00		11,192.00	12,302.00
Collections at services	5,314.88		5,314.88	3,865.79
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	11,587.59		11,587.59	10,661.24
Miscellaneous donations and appeals	1,925.33	30,676.63	32,601.96	15,382.15
	<u>68,287.95</u>	<u>30,676.63</u>	<u>98,964.58</u>	<u>83,721.21</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Magazine	1,165.00		1,165.00	415.00
PV Panels	1,543.76		1,543.76	2,062.16
General	2,763.12		2,763.12	2,217.88
Events	3,143.06		3,143.06	3,106.95
	<u>8,614.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,614.94</u>	<u>7,801.99</u>
2 (c) Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations	3,310.56		3,310.56	2,358.42
Legacies	-		-	500.00
Grant	-		-	-
	<u>3,310.56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,310.56</u>	<u>2,858.42</u>
2(d) Investment income				
Bank interest received	2,452.05	-	2,452.05	1,547.05
	<u>2,452.05</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,452.05</u>	<u>1,547.05</u>
2(e) Church activities				
Weddings and funerals	4,036.00	-	4,036.00	4,488.00
Fees	3,083.00	-	3,083.00	3,712.00
	<u>7,119.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,119.00</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>89,784.50</u>	<u>30,676.63</u>	<u>120,461.13</u>	<u>104,128.67</u>

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3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
3(a) Diocesan parish contribution				
Deanery share	71,380.16	-	71,380.16	69,252.61
	<u>71,380.16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,380.16</u>	<u>69,252.61</u>
3(b) Clergy and staffing costs				
Clergy expenses	626.58	-	626.58	437.10
Work with young people	85.82	-	85.82	143.68
	<u>712.40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>712.40</u>	<u>580.78</u>
3(c) Church running activities				
Service and support expenses	995.82	-	995.82	1,025.70
Repairs and replacement	595.00	-	595.00	768.29
Fire safety equipment	327.74	-	327.74	964.80
Organ maintenance	-	-	-	184.80
Heat, light and insurance	12,608.90	-	12,608.90	1,976.93
Provision of music	2,743.93	-	2,743.93	1,813.55
Fund raising	-	-	-	-
Magazine costs	-	-	-	-
Wedding and funeral costs	3,255.00	-	3,255.00	4,352.28
Flowers	-	-	-	210.00
Fabric	385.42	-	385.42	2,359.00
Licence	319.00	-	319.00	319.00
Events	-	-	-	452.00
Cleaning	2,685.00	-	2,685.00	4,570.06
General activities	1,520.96	-	1,520.96	629.07
	<u>25,436.77</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,436.77</u>	<u>19,625.48</u>
3(d) Other running costs				
Administration costs	3,221.05	-	3,221.05	2,278.00
Bank Charges	120.00	-	120.00	110.00
Sundries	-	-	-	32.75
Independent examiners fee	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
	<u>3,641.05</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,641.05</u>	<u>2,720.75</u>
3(e) Mission giving and donations				
Planned	-	-	-	2,270.00
Appeals	1,405.67	-	1,405.67	941.40
Mission and evangelism	22.71	-	22.71	584.92
Restricted	-	2,880.13	2,880.13	-
	<u>1,428.38</u>	<u>2,880.13</u>	<u>4,308.51</u>	<u>3,796.32</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>102,598.76</u>	<u>2,880.13</u>	<u>105,478.89</u>	<u>95,975.94</u>

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4 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank current accounts	35,823.78	48,047.73
CBF CE Deposit Fund	39,923.82	10,016.63
Covenant accounts	1,401.08	3,902.08
Cash	-	200.00
	<u>77,148.68</u>	<u>62,166.44</u>

5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted £	Total £
Investments	-	45,000.00	-	45,000.00
Net current assets	71,355.15	(33,022.97)	38,816.50	77,148.68
	<u>71,355.15</u>	<u>11,977.03</u>	<u>38,816.50</u>	<u>122,148.68</u>

The market value of the investment at 31/12/2023 is £62,605.79 (2022 - £54,290.05).

6 RESERVES POLICY

The PCC's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the council's continued operation in the event of the temporary loss of use of the Church for any reason. With particular reference to potential costs of maintaining the fabric of the Church, the Council considers that the reserves held are adequate but not excessive.

7 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WEST MOORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2023
Comparative information for previous year

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 2021 £	
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Receipts				
2(a) Planned giving	72,479.81	11,241.40	83,721.21	65,030.04
2(b) Activities for generating funds	7,801.99	-	7,801.99	4,888.50
2(c) Other voluntary incoming resources	2,858.42	-	2,858.42	2,290.59
2(d) Investment income	1,547.05	-	1,547.05	1,512.61
2(e) Church activities	8,200.00	-	8,200.00	9,641.00
Total receipts	92,887.27	11,241.40	104,128.67	83,362.74
PAYMENTS				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
3(a) <i>Diocesan parish contribution</i>	69,252.61	-	69,252.61	66,003.20
3(b) <i>Clergy and staffing costs</i>	580.78		580.78	810.76
3(c) <i>Church running expenses</i>	19,925.48	-	19,925.48	23,639.24
3(d) <i>Running costs</i>	2,444.75	24.00	2,420.75	1,461.32
3(e) <i>Mission</i>	2,854.92	941.40	3,796.32	3,852.22
Total payments	95,058.54	917.40	95,975.94	95,766.74
Excess of receipts over payments	(2,171.27)	10,324.00	8,152.73	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(2,171.27)	10,324.00	8,152.73	(12,404.00)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward				
At 1 January 2022	98,317.71	696.00	99,013.71	111,417.71
Total funds carried forward				
At 31 December 2022	96,146.44	11,020.00	107,166.44	99,013.71
Analysis of funds				
At 1/1/22			31/12/22	
Unrestricted				
General fund	78,992.64	52.01	79,044.65	
Restricted	696.00	10,324.00	11,020.00	
With designations				
Fabric and other	19,006.07	(2,359.00)	16,647.07	
Fees	319.00	135.72	454.72	
	99,013.71	8,152.73	107,166.44	