

THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HANDSWORTH, ST MARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1171344

Details

Other names ST MARY'S, HANDSWORTH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-01-27

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: PASTORAL; EVANGELISTIC; SOCIAL; AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: We are the Parish Church for the Established Church of England in the Parish of Handsworth, Birmingham. We offer religious worship, instruction and pastoral support to the whole community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£112,170	£122,792	-	-
2023-12-31	£124,642	£90,055	-	-
2022-12-31	£132,212	£106,354	-	-
2021-12-31	£87,793	£77,445	-	-
2020-12-31	£87,587	£360,118	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTOPHER HAZELEY-JONES		2017-01-01
DOREEN GLADYS HEMMINGS		2017-01-01
Delia Arnold		2022-04-28
EDNA JOAN SIMKIN		2017-01-01
ETHEL VERONICA LUBIN		2017-01-01
EUREKA DRAYTON		2017-01-01
GRAHAM WILLIAM WALTERS		2017-01-01
KEITH HEMMINGS		2017-01-01
LEONIE KAREN COLWILL		2017-01-01
ROSEMARIE JEAN SEADON		2017-01-01
Rev ELIZABETH ROSE LONGHURST		2024-09-30
SHANE O TAYLOR		2017-01-01
Susan Ruth Cooper		2022-04-28
William Mujabi Senteza		2022-04-28

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THE PARISH OF HANDSWORTH

(ST. MARY)

St Mary's Parish Church

Registered Charity Number 1171344

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Rector: The Revd Elizabeth Longhurst

Bankers: TSB Birmingham

Independent Examiner: Mr Laurence Parkes FCA

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Agenda of the Meeting of the Ancient Vestry Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth St Mary

Registered Charity Number:1171344

Sunday 18th May 2025 12.15pm

1. Opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 11th May 2024
4. Appointment of two Churchwardens for the forthcoming year.
5. Close meeting

To be followed by the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

**Minutes of the previous meeting of the Ancient Vestry
Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth St Mary
held on 11th May 2024 at 10.30am**

A Meeting of the Ancient Vestry

Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth St Mary

Registered Charity Number:1171344

Saturday 11th May 2024 at 10.30am

Minutes

In Attendance: Beryl Anderson, Delia Arnold, Ruth Cooper, Diana Duggan, Christopher Hazeley-Jones, Keith Hemmings, Mary Jones, Edward Lear, Adam Lubin, Ethel Lubin, Naresh Mehay, Pam Mehay-Hydes, Camelia Paton-Devine, Richard Paton- Devine, Chris Perry, John Rose, Rosemarie Seadon, William Senteza, Edna Simkin, Shane Taylor, Graham Walters. Also present Khadeem Duncan- Banerjee who is not on the church electoral roll or resident in the parish.

Apologies: Pete and Sue Banford, Lee Colwill, Eureka Drayton, Doreen Hemmings, Raj Mahay, Gillian Rose.

Appointment of two Church Wardens for the forthcoming year:

Keith Hemmings and Chris Perry had both been proposed and seconded. They were appointed with the approval of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.38am

Signed:



Dated: 18/05/2025

Agenda of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary

Registered Charity Number: 1171344

Sunday 18th May 2025 following the meeting of the Ancient Vestry

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Last Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting: 11th May 2024
3. Matters Arising
4. Presentation and adoption of accounts for 2024 (ES)
5. Adoption of the Annual Report for 2024 (LL)
6. Presentation of the Electoral Roll (RS)
7. Deanery Synod members elected in 2023 for a period of three years Ruth Cooper and Shane Taylor.
8. Membership of the PCC:
 - a. Election of members to the PCC.
 - b. Appointment of Co-Opted Members:
 - c. Appointment of Ex-Officio Members:
9. Annual Review of the Safeguarding Policy (DA)
10. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Currently Laurence Parkes
11. Any Other Business pertaining to this meeting

To be followed by a short meeting of the PCC.

7. Appointment of Sidespersons: The current list was considered. Vincent Daniel and Thaddeus Ede are unable to attend church at present and Raj Mahay has server's duties so they were removed. Pete and Sue Banford had agreed to be added.

These people were appointed for the coming year: Derek Burns, Lee Colwill, Diana Duggan, Doreen Hemmings, Naresh Mehay, Pam Mehay-Hydes, Camelia Paton-Devine, Richard Paton-Devine, Edna Simkin, Shane Taylor.

The list of sidespersons duties which had been produced by Bob will be reissued as a reminder.

8. Election of Members to the Deanery synod: Ruth Cooper and Shane Taylor had been elected in 2023 for a period of three years. They will continue.

9. Membership of the PCC:

a. David Holmes term of office had been completed and he did not wish to be re-elected. Adam Lubin had been proposed and seconded and was elected.

b. **Appointment of Co-opted Members:** Vincent Daniel and Thaddeus Ede had resigned; Doreen Hemmings and Raj Mahay were re-appointed as Assistant Wardens and William Senteza who had stepped down as warden was also elected as an assistant.

Other co-opted members also re-elected are Christopher Hazeley-Jones as Church Hall lettings officer and Graham Walters.

Chris Perry had stood down as safeguarding officer. Delia Arnold was proposed by Chris Perry and seconded by Camelia Paton-Devine and appointed. (Delia is an elected member of the PCC).

c. **Appointment of Ex-officio Members:** Ruth Cooper and Eureka Drayton (by virtue of their licence as readers); Edna Simkin (Treasurer); Eddie Lear (Hall treasurer).

10. Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy: A revised policy had been included in the annual report for adoption at the meeting. It had been updated to include procedures for people who visit schools and social media guidance. Its adoption was proposed by Chris Perry and seconded by Camelia Paton-Devine.

All PCC members had been trained to Basic Safeguarding level.

All PCC members have been DBS checked.

11. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Laurence Parkes was re-appointed. Proposed by Edward Lear and seconded by Edna Simkin.

12. Any Other Business: There was none pertaining to this meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.28am

Signed: 

Dated: 18/05/2025

Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary

**The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
Of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St Mary**

Registered Charity Number:1171344

Saturday 11th May 2024 10.38am

Minutes

In Attendance:

Keith Hemmings (Church Warden and Chair), Chris Perry (Church Warden), Beryl Anderson, Delia Arnold, Ruth Cooper, Diana Duggan, Christopher Hazeley-Jones, Mary Jones, Adam Lubin, Ethel Lubin, Naresh Mehay, Parmala Mehay-Hydes, Edward Lear, Camelia Paton-Devine, Richard Paton-Devine, John Rose, Rosemarie Seadon, William Senteza, Edna Simkin, Shane Taylor, Graham Walters.

Visitor (not on Electoral Roll) Khadeem Duncan-Banerjee.

1. Apologies for Absence: Pete and Sue Banford, Lee Colwill, Eureka Drayton, Doreen Hemmings, Raj Mahay, Gillian Rose.

2. Minutes of the last APCM: Were not read but had been distributed last year and deemed a true and correct record.

3. Matters arising: None.

4 Adoption of Accounts: The Treasurer stated that these had been collated by the Accountant/Independent Examiner and gave a brief outline. Income had decreased but so had expenditure during the interregnum so we had held our own. There had been no major expenditure on repairs and maintenance, some jobs had been held over until this year. There had been increased costs on electricity, gas and stationery. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Rosemarie Seadon, seconded by Diana Duggan and carried by the meeting.

5. Adoption of the Annual Report: This had been circulated to PCC members. Adoption was proposed by Edna Simkin and seconded by Shane Taylor. Keith and William were thanked for its production.

6. Presentation of the Electoral Roll: At the APCM in May 2023 there were 73 on the Roll. At the recent revision 9 people were removed (2 deaths and 7 no longer attending) and 2 new members were added. This gives a total of 66 (33 resident in the Parish and 33 none resident).

REPORTS

Parochial Church Council and Activities of the Parish

PCC

St Mary's PCC has met five times since the 2024 APCM, in July, September, November, January and March. The Finance and General Purposes committee has met twice in that period.

Chris Perry resigned as church warden on the 21st of February 2025, following his relatively recent move to Pelsall, and is hoping to worship somewhere closer to home. We wish him and his family all the best. Eddie Lear has also resigned as Parish Treasurer following a move out of the area, and we thank him for his many years of service to this church.

Thanks to Secretary Rosemarie Seadon for her excellent minute taking skills, and understanding of (and adept use of) the Church Representation Rules. Thanks to all office holders on the PCC for all their hard work behind the scenes, and particular thanks to Keith as Church Warden, Delia as Parish Safeguarding Officer and Edna as Treasurer.

Safeguarding, Fabric and Finance

These are covered in their own individual reports, enclosed in this booklet.

Communication

The website has been redeveloped in the past year, which has been managed by Adam Lubin and William Senteza. Social media accounts on Instagram, Twitter (now X) and Bluesky have been created in addition to the Facebook group, all of which publicise church services and other activities.

Worship, Ministry and Mission

The eleven o'clock Sunday Parish Eucharist, and eight o'clock BCP Holy Communion services continue, as does the Friday Morning Prayer service which has a steady congregation. Christmas Services were reasonably well attended, and I look forward to my first Holy Week and Easter here at St Mary's. A new midweek said Eucharist service has been introduced on Wednesdays mornings. This started during the Advent season in 2024 and has a small but dedicated group who attend most weeks.

The Lent Study group is currently underway, and has been looking at the Psalms (using Charlie Bells book, "Searched Me Out and Known Me: Journeying Lent with The Psalms"). There will be another study group during Advent, with details of the materials to be used advertised closer to the time.

St Mary's continues to be incredibly lucky to have two excellent readers as part of the ministry team, Ruth Cooper and Eureka Dreyton. Both act as liturgical deacon on Sundays,

and are integral parts of the ministry team at St Mary's. Grateful thanks to both Ruth and Eureka for their hard work here.

Khadeem Duncan-Banerjee resigned as the St Mary's Director of Music in January, and his final Sunday was the 16th of February. Presentations and thanks were offered for all his hard work here over the past three years. And the advertisement for the interim director of music role is out. Thanks to Katia, the composer in residence who has been playing the organ for the eleven o'clock Parish Eucharists recently. The choir continues to receive singing lessons in school on Wednesday and Thursdays and the hope is to have them return to singing on Sunday mornings after Easter.

Parish ministry continues at St Mary's in day-to-day pastoral ministry. At the time of writing, since my installation there have been; five funerals at St Mary's, one baptism, with one wedding booked in for the summer months. The close working relationship with St Mary's Academy is good. The school had their end of term service in the church at Christmas, and will be having their Easter end of term service here too. I am a governor on the Local Governors Board for St Mary's Academy (which part of the Fioretti Trust).

Personal Note

I wish to add my thanks for the incredibly warm welcome that Jules, and myself have had over the past six months. It has been a joy and privilege to serve as your Rector, and it is hard to put into words how supported and valued I have felt over recent months. Thank you to all who helped keep this magnificent place going during the interregnum, and to everyone who contributes in any way, big or small, to make sure we bring glory to God in this place. Thank you.

Rector: The Revd Elizabeth Longhurst

Electoral Roll

2025 is the year in which the Electoral Roll has been completely revised and a new roll prepared. The new St Mary's electoral roll, collated earlier this year, has 50 people on it. A copy of the roll will be available for inspection at the APCM.

Safeguarding

Since May 2024, we have now adopted a new policy and procedures, which is the one recommended by The Church Of England under Safer Church and Safer Recruitment. (This is available to view on the church notice boards in the porch, by the north door, on the website, and is based on: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>).

We have had several emails to the Safeguarding email all of which have been dealt with, one of these had to go to the Police. Other matters were dealt with via assistance from the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese with the correct action taken.

All of the PCC are DBS checked. All have completed the required training. Any adults involved with the choir have all been enhanced DBS checked.

A new Fire Procedure has been introduced. Equipment and signs have been bought/designed and in the main, these are now up.

The PCC has been made aware of a Lockdown procedure.

The Dashboard is on 100%.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Delia Arnold

Fabric

This year has included continued maintenance, both planned and reactive, of the ancient building we have custody of. The Rector has been informed that we are due to have the periodic quinquennial report carried out this year which will provide a good picture of the fabric of St Mary's church as it stands.

In August last year we were unfortunately broken into four times. Three of which happened in the same 24-hour time period. This impacted the small door on the North side of the church, and the windows in the toilet. Repairs to the door are long lasting, and have been sealed with grey sealant, and will be painted black once the weather is more consistent. The August 2024 break-ins, in conjunction with the break-in in September 2023 (which impacted the refectory window on the West side of the church), means that two stained glass windows are now in urgent need of repair. Quotations are currently being sought for these repairs, for the insurance provider. These break-ins also resulted in the theft of the majority of the live streaming equipment. Again, this is being followed up with the insurance provider.

There have also been issues with the heating system this winter which resulted in having to call out the boiler manufacturer to review. This was remedied, but did result in some cold weeks in the church, especially over the Christmas Tree Festival. There has also been a problem with a heating control problem in the Wyrley chapel which suffered from unexpected water ingress. This is in the process of being fixed.

The tower clocks recently underwent their annual service, and were found to be in good condition.

A list of things to explore in the next 12 months from a fabric perspective are as follows:

1. Updating fire safety protocols and equipment - this is underway
2. Repair the hearing loop system - quotations are being sought for this
3. Annual service of the heating system - to include exploration of how to reduce heating costs
4. Windows - seek health check of all windows are water ingress during stormy weather
5. Windows damaged in recent burglaries, to be repaired/replaced
6. North facing door - ensure secure and in good condition following burglaries and repairs (including locks)
7. External stone work needs a review - this will be picked up in the quinquennial inspection and subsequent report
8. Roof condition needs to be reviewed - this will be picked up in the quinquennial inspection and subsequent report
9. The Dip on the external pathway at the east end of the church needs to be investigated and repaired
10. Tiles at the end of the chancel/sanctuary area need be secured and reset
11. Installation of CCTV is to be explored and actioned for additional security of the building

It is likely that a lot of the above will be picked up as part of the quinquennial inspection, and the resultant report will detail which fabric projects should be deemed the highest priority moving forward.

Rector: The Revd Elizabeth Longhurst
Church Warden: Keith Hemmings

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met on 20th April 2024 at St. Bernard's Church.

The main subject of discussion was finance related. We looked at money coming in and out of the diocese and how that is managed and spent. We looked at which churches were

meeting their suggested Parish Giving and it was stressed again that this is a voluntary payment.

1. The Diocesan office is under – resourced.
2. The Cathedral pays into and receives from the Common Fund
3. Milawi receives £25-30K annually and Bolivia £5K presently
4. There is no allocation for mission work
5. We receive financial help from Gloucester Diocese e.g. an interest free loan

Factors that limit us from contributing more include:

1. Churches with older member
2. The level of welcome in a church makes members more or less likely to give
3. There is a need to resource churches in order to equip members to be team players
4. There is a lack of transparency about how rich or poor the church is and its need for hel
5. A giving church gives not only money but skills and talents

Also discussed was Environmental Issues (Net Zero)

Our current DEC has moved , but a new one is in post. Though the departure of Eve Pitts leaves another spot of a DEC if anyone is interested.

A Lay Chair needed to be elected.

There was a brief reflection on General Synod

The November meeting was held at St. Mary's on November 28th. I was unable to attend, but from the minutes:

Canon Dr. Andrew Smith, Bishop's Advisor on Interfaith Relations led the discussion about the Gaza-Israeli conflict.

1. Birmingham has 400,000 Christians, 380,000 Muslims and 1800 Jews
2. Prayers should be focused on

peace and justice for Christian brothers and sisters

hostage release and cessation of violence

peace in UK

God's will be done

Beyond prayer let us do something positive – Write to our MP, protest well (!),
fundraise.

Deanery Synod Member: Ruth Cooper

Social Committee

Our new rector, Lizzie Longhurst was installed on 30 September last year. Thus begins a new era in the life of St Mary's. She very quickly put her shoulder to the wheel so that when preparations for our largest and most important fund raising event begun in late October, she enthusiastically joined the team. Despite some challenges, a depleted team of workers and most unfavourable weather, the event was most successful.

We were also involved in the Carols in the Park service in support of the Salvation Army and the popular Nine Lessons and Carols.

In February we hosted our annual parish Candlemass meal in the hall. A delicious three course meal was served and fellowship and bonhomie abounded. We would like to welcome more members of the congregation to this happy occasion.

I would like to thank Lizzie, Jules and all the members of our small committee for their fellowship, co-operation and hard work over the past six months. All moneys raised go into church funds.

Social Committee Member: Shane Taylor

Bell Ringers

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)

ST. MARY'S BELLRINGERS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

BELL TOWER FUND

Receipts:

Ringing School	60.00
Ringing Masterclass	50.00
Wedding	<u>20.00</u>
	130.00

Payments:

Christmas tree festival	<u>15.00</u>
	15.00

Balance in hand 1.1.24	<u>1251.00</u>
Balance in hand 31.12.24	1366.00

Cash in hand	20.59
TSB Bank	<u>1345.41</u>
	<u>1366.00</u>

AIMS

To ring the Church bells prior to services to 'call people to worship'. We aim to ring every Sunday from 10.40 – 11am.

To ring for weddings when requested.

To teach new recruits to ring to ensure continuity of the band. New members are always welcome.

To ring commemorative quarter peals or peals to mark special events.

To maintain the ring of bells in good working order. To this end we have a bell tower fund in which we collect fees for weddings and from visitors who make a donation when they ring quarter peals, peals or visit on an outing. This money can then be used for repairs, e.g. new ropes and stays.

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We continue to ring for the 11am service on Sundays whenever possible and for special services which this year included the Induction of our new Rector Elizabeth Longhurst, who I am pleased to say can ring and we hope will join our practices. We rang in the New Year and rang for one wedding.

The Ringing school have continued to use the tower for sessions on a Saturday morning.

We would welcome more recruits to enable us to have all 8 bells rung on a Sunday morning.

Practice night is Wednesday at 8pm.

Tower Captain: Rosemarie Seadon

Church Hall

General update

The hall is presently regularly used by four main groups. Bellford Stage School (Dance and Speech) Tuesday, Wednesdays and occasional Saturdays, (term time) and the Lighthouse Chapel Church every Sunday and occasional additional days. Last Sunday of the month Enugu State Association (February to October) and Elite Active Children's Holiday club (week to two weeks) during school holidays.

We continue to receive regular (weekly/fortnightly) enquiries for use of the hall for one off functions such as parties, Henna evenings, and meetings.

General confirmed bookings remain low. This is in part due limited availability to open and close the hall for proposed events. After a long period of being operated by one person over the last year some additional assistance has been provided which has helped to increase the chances of converting enquiries into bookings.

Hall Condition

The hall continues to experience difficulties with the flooring. A number of boards are loose or broken, or warped. Water ingress continues to be experienced down one side of the hall

wall. Indeed water interference has led to electrical outage including loss of heating which is still being experienced presently.

Large store room remains a wasted space full of clutter and old toys/equipment.

Other remedial work required includes replacing radiator covers, and repair of a hole in external fire door. Chair rack wheel is buckling and the unit may need replacing at some point.

May also benefit from changing heating timer to something more efficient.

Pest problem continues with mice despite repellent being placed around.

Summary

The last refurbishment of the hall took place in advance of the church reordering which was some years ago. The hall requires ongoing attention. Hire price has not been reviewed or changed for at least 4 years. However any price change/increase would need to take into account its current condition.

Church Hall Bookings Manager: Chris Hazeley-Jones

Mothers Union

Our AGM took place in March 2024 and Eureka was voted in as Chair, Edna is treasurer and Ruth became secretary.

Meetings had been altered and moved due to the availability of people. It seems we all have so many other calls on our time.

However, among the highlights were a strawberries and cream tea, a cheese and wine party and Christmas sweet making (always popular). As you can see, we enjoy our food and drink!

Edna led a lovely flower arranging session, where we all had small table decorations to take home.

Rosemarie got us handbell ringing. She has the patience of a saint! It was great fun.

In the beginning of 2025 we held our belated Christmas meal, to which we were pleased to welcome Lizzie, who agreed to become our chaplain.

During the year we have welcomed some new members and we are one of the groups that is actually growing.

Once again we supported Women's Aid and Eureka represented us as a prison visitor.

Mothers Union is open to all. The new programme will be out soon. Visitors are always welcome.

Secretary of the Mothers Union: Ruth Cooper

Financial Accounts for year end 31/12/2024

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE P.C.C. OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HANDSWORTH, ST. MARY

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner

The P.C.C. members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The P.C.C. considers that an audit is not required this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

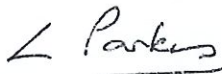
- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down under the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b)) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the financial records did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



LAURENCE E PARKES FCA
Chartered Accountant
Birmingham

15 March 2025

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St. Mary)
PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	<i>Comparative figures</i>	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
PARISH FUNDS							
Capital Funds	-	344,468	344,468	Capital Funds	-	328,095	328,095
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228	Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
St. Mary's Fabric	-	14,954	14,954	St. Mary's Fabric	-	8,201	8,201
General Funds	99,989	-	99,989	General Funds	112,126	-	112,126
Total Funds Held	99,989	362,650	462,639	Total Funds Held	112,126	339,524	451,650
Investments	50,129	344,468	394,597	Investments	44,466	328,095	372,561
Current Assets:				Current Assets:			
Amounts receivable	-	-	-	Amounts receivable	-	-	-
Bank balances	51,952	18,182	70,134	Bank balances	71,587	11,429	83,016
Current Liabilities:				Current Liabilities:			
Amounts payable	(2,092)	-	(2,092)	Amounts payable	(3,927)	-	(3,927)
Net Current Assets	49,860	18,182	68,042	Net Current Assets	67,660	11,429	79,089
Total Net Assets	99,989	362,650	462,639	Total Net Assets	112,126	339,524	451,650

The financial statements were approved by The Parochial Church Council - the Board of Trustees, and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:


Trustee


Trustee

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)			
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS (CONSOLIDATED)			
	Unrestricted	Restricted &	Total
	& Designated	Endowment	Funds
	Funds	Funds	2024
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	51,741	280	52,021
Activities for generating funds	47,528	-	47,528
Investment income	5,263	7,358	12,621
	104,532	7,638	112,170
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	122,330	462	122,792
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(17,798)	7,176	(10,622)
Change in value of investments	5,661	15,950	21,612
Balances at 1st January	112,126	339,524	451,650
Balances at 31st December	99,989	362,650	462,640
<i>Previous year</i>			
	Unrestricted	Restricted &	Total
	& Designated	Endowment	Funds
	Funds	Funds	2023
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	97,528	258	97,786
Activities for generating funds	15,358	-	15,358
Investment income	4,999	6,500	11,498
	117,884	6,758	124,642
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	89,470	585	90,055
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	28,415	6,172	34,587
Change in value of investments	1,956	14,933	16,889
Transfers			
Balances at 1st January	81,755	318,419	400,174
Balances at 31st December	112,126	339,524	451,650

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St. MARY)							
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024							
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)							
	St. Mary's	Church	Total	St. Mary's	Church	Total	
		Hall	2024		Hall	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS							
Regular Giving:							
Gift Aided Receipts	15,455		15,455	18,632		18,632	
Other pledged giving	10,531		10,531	9,573		9,573	
Income Tax recovered	8,604		8,604	9,266		9,266	
Open	3,192		3,192	2,988		2,988	
			-				
	37,782		37,782	40,459		40,459	
Other voluntary receipts:							
Baptisms, weddings & funerals	831		831	4,472	-	4,472	
Donations	5,939		5,939	3,374	-	3,374	
Sum Up & Live Streaming	710		710	1,459	-	1,459	
Rectory Refurbishment Grant	500		500	-	-	-	
Legacy	2,500		2,500	-	-	-	
Fees	2,642		2,642	-	-	-	
Keble College Grant	-		-	-	2,000	2,000	
	13,123		13,123	9,305	2,000	11,305	
Receipts from activities generating funds:							
Lettings	-	13,857	13,857	-	12,785	12,785	
Fundraising	2,041	-	2,041	2,573	-	2,573	
	2,041	13,857	15,898	2,573	12,785	15,358	
Receipts from investments:							
Trust income (M&G Arrand)	3,587	-	3,587	3,408	-	3,408	
Substation rent	-	75	75	-	75	75	
Interest TSB	-	141	141	-	79	79	
	3,587	216	3,803	3,408	154	3,562	
Other sundry receipts							
	192		192	769		769	
Total Receipts	56,724	14,073	70,798	56,514	14,939	71,453	
Total Payments	57,246	15,819	73,065	57,222	11,175	68,397	
Surplus / Deficit) for the year	(522)	(1,746)	(2,267)	(708)	3,764	3,056	
(Loss) / Gain in investments	5,662	-	5,662	1,956	-	1,956	
Net movement in funds	5,140	(1,746)	3,394	1,248	3,764	5,012	
Balances at 1st January	41,008	27,538	68,546	39,760	23,774	63,534	
Balances at 31st December	46,148	25,792	71,940	41,008	27,538	68,546	

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St. MARY)							
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024							
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)							
	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total	
	£	£	2024	£		2023	
PAYMENTS							
Common Fund	5,000		5,000	18,000		18,000	
Church Service:							
Service expenses	1,869		1,869	3,425		3,425	
Ecclesiastical requisites	1,127		1,127	609		609	
Organist	4,800		4,800	4,800		4,800	
	7,796		7,796	8,834		8,834	
Church Maintenance:							
Electricity	6,708		6,708	4,368		4,368	
Gas	7,732		7,732	9,137		9,137	
Insurance	10,514		10,514	10,176		10,176	
Sundry repairs and maintenance	11,627		11,627	1,540		1,540	
Cleaning	-		-	704		704	
Internet	4,083		4,083	-		-	
	40,664		40,664	25,925		25,925	
Clergy Housing:							
Water rates and insurance			-	233		233	
Utilities	532		532	529		529	
Alarm service	102		102	90		90	
	634		634	852		852	
Clergy expenses:							
Telephone	303		303	217		217	
Motor and travelling	65		65			-	
Stationery	55		55			-	
	423		423	217		217	
Church Hall Maintenance							
Cleaning			-		830	830	
Water charges		897	897		536	536	
Electricity		7,522	7,522		1,846	1,846	
Gas		3,178	3,178		3,947	3,947	
Repairs and maintenance		1,099	1,099		1,213	1,213	
Alarm		1,056	1,056		966	966	
Insurance		1,446	1,446		1,404	1,404	
Other expenses		621	621		433	433	
		15,819	15,819		11,175	11,175	
Other Expenses:							
Printing, postage & stationery	2,173		2,173	4,149		4,149	
Sundry expenses	556		556	97		97	
	2,729		2,729	4,246		4,246	
Total Payments	57,246	15,819	73,065	57,222	11,175	68,397	

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)											
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024											
PARISH ACCOUNTS											
RESTRICTED											
	St.	Church	Total		St.	Church	Total				
	Mary	Hall			Mary	Hall					
	Fabric	Capital	2024		Fabric	Capital	2023				
	£	£	£		£	£	£				
RECEIPTS											
Voluntary Income:											
Gift Aided Receipts	228		228		210		210				
Income Tax recovered	52		52		48		48				
	280		280		258		258				
Investment Income:											
Timms Trust BSL	6,473		6,473		5,980		5,980				
Total Income	6,753		6,753		6,238		6,238				
Outgoings	-		-		-		-				
Net Income / Outgoings	6,753		6,753		6,238		6,238				
Balances at 1st January	8,201	3,228	11,429		1,963	3,228	5,191				
Balances at 31st December	14,954	3,228	18,182		8,201	3,228	11,429				

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St. MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024
PARISH ACCOUNTS (DESIGNATED FUNDS)

	St. Mary's Special Projects £	Music & Choir £	Total 2024 £	St. Mary's Special Projects £	Music & Choir £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income:						
CBF interest (James Watt & Curates)	1,460	-	1,460	1,437	-	1,437
Receipts from Activities						
Concerts - cash	-	565	565	-	4,912	4,912
Concerts - Sum up	-	80	80	-	2,009	2,009
Other income:						
Parsonage Fund	-	-	-	1,850	-	1,850
Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust	-	6,292	6,292	-	2,475	2,475
Donations	-	7,156	7,156	-	15,408	15,408
Grants	-	18,182	18,182	-	18,340	18,340
	<u>1,460</u>	<u>32,275</u>	<u>33,734</u>	<u>3,287</u>	<u>43,145</u>	<u>46,432</u>
PAYMENTS						
Expenditure:						
Choir	-	9,900	9,900	-	7,876	7,876
Concerts	-	4,989	4,989	-	7,688	7,688
Church	-	500	500	-	975	975
Musicians	-	33,875	33,875	-	4,093	4,093
Photocopying	-	-	-	-	442	442
Expenditure:	<u>-</u>	<u>49,265</u>	<u>49,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,074</u>	<u>21,074</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	1,460	(16,990)	(15,530)	3,287	22,071	25,358
Balances at 1st January	10,314	33,265	43,579	7,027	11,194	18,221
Balances at 31st December	<u>11,774</u>	<u>16,275</u>	<u>28,049</u>	<u>10,314</u>	<u>33,265</u>	<u>43,579</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)						
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024						
PARISH ACCOUNTS ENDOWMENTS)						
					Church	
	Timms	Arrand	Assistant	James	Hall	
	Bequest	Legacy	Clergy	Watt	Residue	Total
	Capital	Capital	Capital	Capital	Capital	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Investment income					885	885
CBF Interest						
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(462)					(462)
Deficit for the year	(462)				885	423
Change in value of investments	7,867	1,491	6,591	()		15,948
Balances at 1st January	201,738	64,161	43,538	9,042	9,618	328,097
Balances at 31st December	209,143	65,652	50,129	9,042	10,503	344,468
Previous year						
					Church	
	Timms	Arrand	Assistant	James	Hall	
	Bequest	Legacy	Clergy	Watt	Residue	Total
	Capital	Capital	Capital	Capital	Capital	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Investment income						
CBF Interest					520	520
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(585)					(585)
Deficit for the year	(585)				520	(65)
Change in value of investments	11,452	(1,376)	4,074	784		14,934
Balances at 1st January	190,871	65,537	39,464	8,258	9,098	313,228
Balances at 31st December	201,738	64,161	43,538	9,042	9,618	328,097

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Rector:

St Mary's is currently in interregnum

Bankers: TSB Birmingham

Independent Examiner:

Mr Laurence Parkes FCA

1.0 Preamble:

St. Mary's Church is currently in interregnum and has been since June 2022, when Reverend Dr. Robert Stephen resigned as Rector of the Parish.

The P.C.C. have been responsible for continuing the promotion in the Ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical and co-operating with other faith communities, as much as they are able to do so given their abilities. The P.C.C. is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Mary's, Handsworth and its Church Hall.

There were 73 people on the Electoral Roll with 36 being resident in the parish and 37 being non-resident.

2.0 Objects and Activities and Currently:

The P.C.C. is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our Church and to become part of our Parish Community at St. Mary's. The P.C.C. maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture; music and sacrament; discipleship and service. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

- Worship and Prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their Knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Sharing our faith and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Mary's as it is a physical and spiritual landmark within the community.

Being in interregnum since April 2022, albeit that the Reverend Dr. Robert Stephen remained in the parish, living in the rectory and taking services at St. Mary's Church until the end of June 2022 we were gradually moving out of the COVID-19 state that we were in. This became a shown-progression in respect of numbers in the congregation.

The P.C.C. has maintained a positive approach to being in interregnum and it is apparent that the members of the congregation are continuing to be satisfied with the progression that has been achieved, but we would accept your comments in this respect at this time. Please let us have your comments in regards to where you consider that St. Mary's church is presently.

Since Reverend Dr. Robert Stephen ceased to reside here, we have continued to hold morning service on Fridays and the usual pattern of services on Sunday at 8:00am. for Holy Communion (BCP) and at 11:00am. for the Parish Eucharist. We have not held Evensong in recent time, but will review this to see if we can deliver it in due course. The Eucharist has been delivered in the offering of bread and wine to those that wish to take both or if they only want to take bread then that has been offered accordingly.

With the support of members of the congregation, including Chris Perry, Adam Lubin William Senteza and Naresh Mehay we have continued to Live Stream the 11:00am. service and gathered a regular commitment of on-line congregation.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and we are pleased with the worshipping community remaining as diverse in age, ethnic origin, employment and family situation.

St. Mary's Church is situated on Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England. The correspondences address is The Rectory, 288 Hamstead Road, Handsworth B20 2RB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is an independent charity registered with the Charity Commissioners.

PCC members who have served at any time from the Annual meeting on 14th May 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Currently in interregnum
- Readers: Mrs Ruth Cooper, Mrs Eureka Drayton.
- Churchwardens: Mr Keith Hemmings (Vice Chairman), Mr William Senteza.
- Miss E Simkin (Parish Treasurer).
- Miss R Seadon (PCC Secretary) who agreed to undertake this role temporarily during the interregnum. This will be reviewed upon appointment of a new rector.

Elected

- Mrs Delia Arnold (elected until 2026)
- Mrs Leone Colwill (elected until 2026)
- Mrs Diana Duggan (elected until 2025)
- Mr David Holmes (elected until 2024)
- Mrs Mary Jones (resigned October 2023)
- Mrs Ethel Lubin (elected until 2026)
- Miss Naresh Mehay (resigned May 2024)
- Mrs Pam Mehay-Hydes (elected until 2026)
- Miss Rosemarie Seadon (elected until 2025)
- Mrs Shane Taylor (elected until 2026)

Co-opted

- Mr Vincent Daniel (Deputy Churchwarden)
- Mr Thaddeus Ede (Deputy Churchwarden)
- Mrs Doreen Hemmings (Deputy Churchwarden)
- Mr Christopher Hazeley- Jones (Church Hall bookings)
- Mr Raj Mahay (Deputy Churchwarden)
- Mr Chris Perry (Safeguarding officer)
- Mr Graham Walters

Approved by the PCC May 2023

The Finance and General Purposes Committee (as the only standing committee of the PCC) carries workload behind the scenes on behalf of the P.C.C.

Currently serving on this committee are;

- Incumbent/Chair Vacant
- Churchwardens Keith Hemmings, William Senteza
- Parish Treasurer Edna Simkin
- Gift Aid Officer (Secretary) Rosemarie Seadon
- Social Committee representative Shane Taylor
- Church Hall Bookings Christopher Hazeley-Jones

3.0 Deanery Synod:

Deanery Synod Report for APCM 2023 Deanery Synod met twice last year. The first meeting was held in June at St. John and St. Peter Ladywood, where the Area Dean was in the chair. Our guest speaker was Rev'd Guy Donegan-Cross, who is the Enabler of Learning for Discipleship & Mission. Guy shared the five different resources and courses from Five Ways leaflet;

1. Way of Discipleship
2. Way of Servant Leadership
3. Everyday Faith Learning Communities
4. Intentional Discipleship Groups
5. Disciple-Making Workshop

The five modules can be done in any order, help can be obtained from the diocese if we wish to look closer at this. A certificate is offered at the end of each module.

AOB: We were informed that 3 new incumbents were to be licensed. St. John and St. Peter; St. George and St. Paul and St. Silas; St. Agatha and St Barnabas 4 oversight areas had been finalised. New cycle of synod reps began in July 2023 – names to Meena Need new Lay Chair. Famine in Africa - how could we help Be Bold, Be Birmingham Campaign St Martin's have taken part in some discussion, invitation to participate is open. The second meeting was held by zoom in November and was chaired by David Tomlinson as Acting Area Dean. The theme was Fostering Mental Health and Wellbeing. Speakers were Rob Jones and Colleen Shekerie. Biopics of speakers were available. The country spends £120 billion a year to help those with mental health issues with it being considered an epidemic. In young people over 3 years issues have risen by 50%. 40% of GP appointments have MH component. Further discussion followed on -

1. how we can support those struggling.
2. Causes of the problems
3. Our responsibilities as a church.

AOB: Elections were made for Deanery Synod standing committee. Clergy elected Siobhan Bridge, Tracy Browne, Philip Calvert Lay persons Jan Savage, David Bayliss, Maverny Kettle Lay Chair Richard Jeffcoat. Bishop Exploration Days had been held at St Peter's and St Barnabas – it offered an opportunity to hear about different ministry vocations. An interesting day to see where our faith journey will take us.

4.0 Cap Information:

The failure for CAP to provide the appropriate education for the applicants wishing to undertake the role as a member of outreach to those in financial difficulty has resulted in our church members not getting to do what they had intended to do. To this end it has resulted in a stand down until further notice. It might be advisable to make this as a Handsworth Area Deanery organisation as was originally conceived.

5.0 Safeguarding:

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 11th May 2024.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our Church is committed to:-

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will: -

- Create a safe and caring environment for all.
- Appoint a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit (enhanced DBS check and at least two independent references), train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the Church.
- Display in Church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the Church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed cyclically.

- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this Church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this Church.

Safeguarding Procedures

All PCC members, staff/contractors and volunteer adults working with the Church will be required to undertake mandatory safeguarding training and an enhanced DBS check, including bell ringers and sides people.

In its dealings with vulnerable adults and children it is important that the congregation shall demonstrate:-

- Kindness
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Politeness

Adults must never:-

- Enter into inappropriate relationships with children.
- Go into a child's toilet or dressing room unless doing so to perform your duties
- Use unprofessional language.
- Enter into a sexual relationship with a child; or have any form of physical contact unless doing so protects the child from harm.
- Give out your contact details - phone number, social media, email or address direct to a child or vulnerable adult.
- Refer to a child on social media.
- Post an image or any information about one of our children on the internet or social media without written parental consent beforehand and the authorisation of the Director of Music
- Bring nut products into a space with children.

For staff and contractors engaged by the Church but working off site, they must:

- Follow Handsworth St Mary safeguarding policy
- Communicate quickly with their line manager and school/church safeguarding officer if a concern arises
- Wear your Handsworth St Mary ID at all times whilst off-site on Handsworth St Mary business

- Carefully adhere to procedures for children or vulnerable adults making disclosures (see below)
- Maintain confidentiality at all times
- Never leave children unattended
- Always challenge poor behaviour
- Ensure children never walk home alone, they must leave with a relative. If they have an afterschool club, ensure you hand the child over to staff *after* you have dismissed the other children to parents. If children are being collected by siblings, they must be over 14. If in doubt always ask their age. If the sibling is underage, tell a school senior staff member immediately and do not release the child.
- If in doubt about anything, ask a school senior staff member and inform the Director of Music. Do not release a child until a school senior staff member has been satisfied of safety.
- If you notice any unusual behaviour or a child feels unwell, tell a school staff member and inform the Director of Music immediately. If this requires you to leave the room, bring all children with you.
- Ensure children walk calmly and safely round school and do not allow them to leave the premises for any reason
- Be extremely careful with hot drinks around the children
- Report all issues to the school Safeguarding Officer and Headteacher
- Ensure all procedures in the risk assessment are carefully followed if on an external visit/trip with children.
- Keep abreast of any updates to Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)

Online Profiles of PCC members and staff/contractors

It is important to consider your online profile and if your past, present or future online presence could bring Handsworth St Mary into disrepute. It is therefore critical that you carefully monitor your activity on the internet and social media. PCC members and staff/contractors must never engage with a child on social media. If you are a contractor, accepting friend requests from parents/carers is also prohibited.

Disclosure procedures

NSPCC states abuse can be any of the following:-

- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Child sexual exploitation
- Child trafficking
- Criminal exploitation and gangs
- Domestic abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Female Genital Mutilation

- Grooming
- Neglect
- Non-recent abuse
- Online abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse

In the circumstance a child makes a disclosure:-

- Support the child to tell you the full story. Make sure you have a clear understanding of the matter but try not to be overly inquisitive. Do not ask leading questions.
- Tell them that you now have to do what you can to keep them (or the child who is the subject of the allegation) safe. Tell them you cannot keep it a secret, you must inform the Safeguarding adults.
- Try not to be alone with the child so far as possible
- Make accurate notes of the conversation including date, time and location on the Church form
- Reassure the child that telling someone was a good thing.
- Ask the child what they would like to happen from telling you, but don't make commitments because you will not be able to keep them
- Any concerns should be reported on a Safeguarding Report Form, which is a confidential process and managed by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

This church appoints Christopher Perry as the Parish Safeguarding Officer

Contact Email –

Contact Telephone Number -

Incumbent currently vacant

Churchwardens: Keith Hemmings, Christopher Perry

Date: 11th May 2024

6.0 Financial Statement:

The details of the Parish and Church Finances follow in this report. We are particular grateful to those who, despite the current financial strain, have continued to ensure that their offerings have been maintained and have either made the effort to deliver their envelopes or have set up standing orders to the Church.

7.0 Volunteers and Support:

A confirmation of gratitude to those that undertake voluntary work in many different ways on behalf of the church to be written by me or whoever you regard as being appropriate to do so.

8.0 Structure and Governance:

The method of appointment of PCC members is set in the Church Representative Rules.

At St Mary's, the membership of PCC consists of the incumbent (This will be the Rector when installed), churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concerns and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of PCC are to be spent. New members will receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. The standing committee of the PCC is the Finance and General Purposes Committee and it is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly with reports given to the full PCC and discussed as necessary. Other committees deal with safeguarding, pastoral matters, and social activities. The PCC are responsible to the Diocese to act as Trustees for the Church.

We have been through a challenging time in respect of being without a resident Rector, but we have been amazingly well supported in obtaining priests to preside and preach here.

This includes those regularly attending being Canon Brian Hall and Fr John Austen, as well as priests from St Martins in Bullring, including Rector Jeremy Allcock, Revd Ivor Lewis, and Allison Fenton from College. We have also had Andrew Leno Conyngham taking numerous 8.00am Services.

We have been superbly supported by our Readers, Ruth and Eureka Drayton.

9.0 Report on the Fabric of the church:

Having reviewed the state of the external stonework from ground level as this is one part of the church's structure that is quite vulnerable to deterioration due to weather conditions and weed growth. There appears to be minor effect on some parts of the stonework but presently no major defects have been identified. We will have the stonework reviewed when the people who do the roof inspections in the autumn undertake their survey. The last time that we had the Church roofs inspected there were no major defects identified. We expect a further roof survey in the Autumn of this year.

There is the ongoing matter of the spalling of internal paintwork in the transept and the lobbies in front of the toilets and the Forestry. This is created by the stonework walls not having damp proof course in them whereby the damp continues to rise up the walls and gets behind the paintwork and over a period of time pushes the paintwork off the walls. We will review this regularly to define whether replenishing of it is needed. A similar fault of spalling is occurring at the top of the arch that leads from the Transept to the Wyrley Chapel. This will also be reviewed to see what the progress is if any.

The lighting along the ceiling of the North Inner aisle has been improved and now has adequate lighting levels. The bar type lighting in the Transept has been reviewed and replaced with white bar type lights which has achieved a much more enhanced lighting levels in that area. The light

above the East facing window in the Watt Chapel which faces onto the James Watt Monument is not working and it is now on the list for replacing the bulb or repairing the light as soon as practicable.

The clay tiled area of the church floor is unfortunately suffering with numerous marks on the surface and would benefit from professional cleaning and resealing. Although it will be relatively costly it would be something that we ought to commit to. We will seek quotations for such work and determine whether this proves to be practical.

The Refectory glazed panels that form division walls are quite dirty and would benefit from being cleaned appropriately. Such cleaning would be sought from professional window cleaners. There are some metal cover plates at the bottom of the doors that need refixing. This can probably be done by members of the church.

We still have some issues with the recessed floor area at the West end of the Refectory and in front of the pair of North facing doors. This area has been somewhat protected by setting a number of chairs around the inside of the recess to avoid people going into this area. This has worked well over the past year, but we will continue to review its safety.

Due to the lack of identification of fabric defects we have not had to undertake major repairs in the past year.

The church has gone through an extended period of coping with heating that has not functioned properly and that has resulted in excessively high bills costs for the fuel usage. We have had the Air Source Heat Pumps serviced and the joining-up element of the two units has been replaced and is now working as anticipated it should. This has resulted in lower fuel costs.

We are awaiting the company to respond to us in respect of us contacting them regarding the repair of the damaged leaded light window at the West end of the Refectory, which was damaged by prospective burglars. We will contact them again for a quotation.

10.0 Church Hall Report:

General update

The hall is presently regularly used by three main groups. Belford Stage School (Dance and Speech) Tuesday, Wednesdays and occasional Saturdays, (term time) and the Lighthouse Chapel Church every Sunday and occasional additional days. Last Sunday of the month Enugu State Association (initial 6 months contract).

We continue to receive regular (weekly/fortnightly) enquiries for use of the hall for one off functions such as parties, Henna evenings, and meetings.

General confirmed bookings remain low. This is in part due limited availability to open and close the hall for proposed events. Requests for additional assistance have been made with little take up/response.

Hall Condition

The hall continues to experience difficulties with the flooring. A number of boards are loose or broken or warped. Water ingress continues to be experienced down one side of the hall wall.

Large store remains a wasted space full of clutter and old toys/equipment.
Other remedial work including replacing radiator covers, toilet seat replacement, replacement disabled toilet alarm cord.
May also benefit from changing heating timer to something more efficient.
Pest problem continues with mice despite repellent being placed around.
Hall cleaner, and a vacuum cleaner would be welcomed.

Summary

Hall requires ongoing attention. Hire price has not been reviewed or changed for at least 2 years. However, any price change/increase would need to take into account its current condition.

11.0 Social Committee:

Report of the St Mary's Social Committee 2023 – 2024

The past year has been a busy one for the small Social Committee. The following fellowship meals and fundraising events took place;

- Candlemass Dinner on 19.02.23
- Coronation Street Party on 07.05.23
- Heritage Weekend on 14.09.23
- Harvest Meal early in October 23
- Christmas Tree Festival early in December

We were also involved in the Carols in the Park Service and Nine Lessons and Carols.

Our largest and most important annual event is the Christmas Tree Festival. This huge project really only came to life in October and its success is, in a large part, due to the enthusiasm, perseverance and organisation skills of Ruth Cooper. We thank her for all she did for our 2023 festival.

Our church fellowship meals at Candlemass, Harvest and the Coronation street party were enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to see more of the congregation attending these happy events.

At present there are seven dedicated members, six ladies and one gentleman on our committee. I would like to extend my grateful thanks to each of you for your support, hard work and enthusiasm for all we do together.

12.0 Music Report:

Handsworth St Mary's Music Department – Brief Overview of the Year

These last 12 months have been incredibly blessed and busy for the music department. By God's blessing, we have successfully launched two new choral outreach programmes, expanded our music team and delivered a set of brilliant examination outcomes for our Choristers. We have seen enormous growth across our activities, which is to the great commendation of our hardworking and dedicated team – Khadeem Duncan-Banerjee (Director of Music), Tom Etheridge (Organist & Assistant Director of Music – resigned January 2024), Hope Pugh (Music Programmes Manager & Chorister Singing Teacher) and Mabowunje Harrison (Choir Matron).

We also wish to thank our generous funders, who without their support this incredible work could not happen - The Owen Family Trust, The Edward Cadbury Trust, The Grimmitt Trust, The Passionists UK, The Handsworth Charity, The Ouseley Church Music Trust, The Pilling Trust and the Friends of Handsworth St Mary's Music.

We look forward to seeing what the following year brings as we continue to prayerfully grow and strengthen our provision, transforming life chances across Northwest Birmingham and beyond.

Chorister Scholarship Programme

Our flagship chorister scholarship programme supports gifted and talented children to develop their musical spark with choral excellence. Children have an extended school day and receive daily training, rehearsals and music theory tuition as well as singing lessons (also during the school day).

Our programme is ran in partnership with St Mary's Primary CofE Academy, part of Fioretti Trust and primary-aged choristers attend the school.

Key Achievements

- We currently have 15 chorister scholars, with a further 9 to come on stream we hope this term.
- Senior Choristers all passed their ABRSM grade 1 music examinations in Summer 23, we had several merits/distinctions!
- Choristers continue to be invited to sing for special services and events as the choir of choice for the City including the Lord Mayor of Birmingham Inauguration, Birmingham Diocese Black History Celebration Service and the first ever Mayor of the West Midlands Carol Service (held at Handsworth St Mary)
- We delivered two cathedral services – a carol service at Birmingham Cathedral with Chaplaincy+ and a highly successful choral evensong at Worcester Cathedral
- Our annual choral concert with 25 strong professional orchestra was a great success in partnership with our friends at Birmingham Choral Union and Barnt Green Choral Society
- In summer term 2024 our Choristers will participate in a professional opera organised by Persona Arts, a BME led opera company, held at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. They shall also be world premiering a new piece specially commissioned for this incredible project as part of the performance.
- Recruited two brilliant choral scholars and a lay clerk whom have greatly enhanced our choral standards and supported our choristers

Birmingham Choral Education Partnership (BCEP)

Birmingham Choral Education Partnership is our wider choral outreach programme and sees us take our musical education gift beyond the confines of the Church walls, out into our community. We in collaboration with five schools deliver this ambitious programme which has the capacity to touch the lives of up to 1,000 children this year. All schools delivered brilliant concerts this

Easter term, performing a breadth of music from Choral (Christian classical) to Film. This term, children are working towards delivering a professional standard production of Britten's Noyes Fludde inside St Mary's Church, working alongside professional opera singers and orchestra.

Plans for the Future

- Continue to grow and strengthen our chorister scholarship programme, consistently raising choral standards and musical achievement
- Continue to grow and strengthen our BCEP programme, welcoming more schools and increasing the quality, ambition and dynamism of our activities
- Continue to grow and strengthen our recital series and concerts programme, driving more collaborations and joint-ventures
- Further diversify our income generation routes, including expanding our group of funders and enhancing self-generated income to support the sustained long-term resourcing of our work
- Seek to deliver more partnership opportunities for the Choristers, recognising the richness and depth of cultural experience this adds to their chorister life
- Further build and strengthen our team, growing steadily to meet capacity/resource requirements and ambition Insert Khadeem's Music one page Report?

13.0 Mothers Union Report

Mothers Union Report for APCM 2023

Our Mothers Union group meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the church hall from 2 – 4 pm. Our numbers are small but consistent. The main pleasure that derives from the meetings is one of companionship. We enjoy talking and spending time together. Because of our small numbers, we have not felt able to ask external speakers to attend; but that hasn't stopped the enjoyment.

Sharing something of ourselves has been at the heart of the programme this year as well as sharing food and drink.

We have had a strawberry cream tea and a cheese and wine party. We have shared our favourite possessions and our favourite music with our friends. And of course, we managed to make rather a mess with the Christmas Truffles, that were so good last year we did it again this year (rather less messily).

Sadly, our Christmas meal didn't happen – we were all too busy with other church duties.

However, the group collected toys to be given to prisoners' children at Christmas. Eureka being one of the ladies who visits the prison. We collected toiletries for Women's Aid. We gave £100 to help support St. Michael's Food Bank and we paid for the flowers in our church for Pentecost.

A reminder that Mothers Union is open to all – single, married, divorced, widowed, men and women who wish to build a strong Christian Family ethic. We pay an annual membership to MU and then £2 per meeting. Visitors are always welcome and are asked for £3 per meeting.

14.0 Handsworth Parish Church (St Mary) - St. Mary's Bellringers

Year Ended 31st December 2023

BELL TOWER FUND

Receipts:

Ringing School	150.00
Peal Fee	40.00
Visitors	<u>40.00</u>
	230.00

Payments:

Christmas tree festival	<u>15.00</u>
	15.00

Balance in hand 1.1.23

Balance in hand 31.12.23

Cash in hand

TSB Bank

OFFICERS Rosemarie Seadon, David Holmes

AIMS

To ring the Church bells prior to services to 'call people to worship'. We aim to ring every Sunday from 10.40 – 11am.

To ring for weddings when requested.

To teach new recruits to ring to ensure continuity of the band. New members are always welcome.

To ring commemorative quarter peals or peals to mark special events.

To maintain the ring of bells in good working order. To this end we have a bell tower fund in which we collect fees for weddings and from visitors who make a donation when they ring quarter peals, peals or visit on an outing. This money can then be used for repairs, e.g. new ropes and stays.

ANNUAL REPORT

We continue to ring for the 11am service on Sundays whenever possible and for special services. This year we rang for the Coronation of King Charles III with help from outside ringers. We rang in the New Year.

The Ringing school have continued to use the tower for sessions on a Saturday morning.

One peal was rung, and we had one group of visitors.

We would welcome more recruits to enable us to have all 8 bells rung on a Sunday morning.

Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the
members of the PCC of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Handsworth, St. Mary**

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity no 1171344

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed

Date

2024

Name L.E. Parkes FCA

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS (CONSOLIDATED)

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	97,528	258	97,786
Activities for generating funds	15,358	-	15,358
Investment income	4,999	6,500	11,498
	<u>117,884</u>	<u>6,758</u>	<u>124,642</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	<u>89,470</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>90,055</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	28,415	6,172	34,587
Change in value of investments	1,956	14,933	16,889
Balances at 1st January	81,755	318,419	400,174
Balances at 31st December	<u>112,126</u>	<u>339,524</u>	<u>451,650</u>
<i>Previous year</i>			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	80,070	23,192	103,262
Activities for generating funds	18,141	-	18,141
Investment income	4,849	5,960	10,809
	<u>103,060</u>	<u>29,152</u>	<u>132,212</u>

PAYMENTS

Church Activities	<u>73,350</u>	<u>33,004</u>	<u>106,354</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	29,710	(3,852)	25,858
Change in value of investments	(3,455)	(32,456)	(35,911)
Transfers	(4,000)	4,000	-
Balances at 1st January	59,500	350,727	410,227
Balances at 31st December	<u>81,755</u>	<u>318,419</u>	<u>400,174</u>

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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
PARISH FUNDS			
Capital Funds	-	328,095	328,095
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
St. Mary' s Fabric	-	8,201	8,201
General Funds	112,126	-	112,126
Total Funds Held	<u>112,126</u>	<u>339,524</u>	<u>451,650</u>
Investments	44,466	328,095	372,561
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Amounts receivable			
Bank balances	71,587	11,429	83,016
	<u>71,587</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>83,016</u>
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Amounts payable	(3,927)	-	(3,927)
	<u>(3,927)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,927)</u>
Net Current Assets	67,660	11,429	79,089

<i>Comparative figures</i>			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
PARISH FUNDS			
Capital Funds	-	313,228	313,228
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
St. Mary' s Fabric	-	1,963	1,963
General Funds	81,755	-	81,755
Total Funds Held	<u>81,755</u>	<u>318,419</u>	<u>400,174</u>
Investments	42,511	313,228	355,739
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Amounts receivable	-	-	-
Bank balances	40,891	5,191	46,082
	<u>40,891</u>	<u>5,191</u>	<u>46,082</u>
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Amounts payable	(1,647)	-	(1,647)
	<u>(1,647)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,647)</u>
Net Current Assets	39,244	5,191	44,435

Total Net Assets	<u>112,126</u>	<u>339,524</u>	<u>451,650</u>	Total Net Assets	<u>81,755</u>	<u>318,419</u>	<u>400,174</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the P.C.C. on
and signed on their behalf by

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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 on the Receipts and Payments basis and the Church of England Accounting Regulations.

2 INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at mid-market prices at the year end date.

3 FUNDS

Movements in Funds are shown in the appropriate statement.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes. They consist of St,. Mary's Parish Funds and the Church Hall.

DESIGNATED FUNDS represent funds set aside, out of ordinary unrestricted funds, for specific purposes, but they can be transferred back into general funds at any time.

Designated funds consist of St. Mary's Special Projects, including the Parsonage Refurbishment, and Music and Choir.

RESTRICTED FUNDS represent income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided for in the terms of the bequest or grant, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. Any remaining balance unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and may not be absorbed into general funds.

Restricted funds consist of the Fabric Fund and Church Hall Capital.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS are those funds whose capital must be maintained: only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

4 GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, as the trustees believe that there is a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to finance its activities in the foreseeable future.

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	St, Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total £	St, Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS						
Regular Giving:						
Gift Aided Receipts	18,632		18,632	20,411		20,411
Other pledged giving	9,573		9,573	10,062		10,062
Income Tax recovered	9,266		9,266	10,708		10,708
Open	2,989		2,989	2,006		2,006
	<u>40,459</u>		<u>40,459</u>	<u>43,187</u>		<u>43,187</u>
Other voluntary receipts:						
Baptisms, weddings & funerals	4,472		4,472	1,705		1,705
Donations	3,374		3,374	2,255		2,255
Handsworth Charity grant	-		-	250		250
Live streaming & Sum Up	1,459		1,459	2,786		2,786
Birmingham Voluntary Service	-		-	4,000		4,000
Birmingham Diocese Energy Grant	-		-	5,904		5,904
Keble College Grant	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
	<u>9,305</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>11,305</u>	<u>16,900</u>		<u>16,900</u>
Receipts from activities generating funds:						
Lettings	-	12,785	12,785	-	12,745	12,745
Fundraising	2,573	-	2,573	5,120	-	5,120
	<u>2,573</u>	<u>12,785</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u>5,120</u>	<u>12,745</u>	<u>17,865</u>

Receipts from investments:

Trust income	3,408		3,408	3,308		3,308
Substation rent		75	75		75	75
Interest TSB		79	79		36	36
	<u>3,408</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>3,562</u>	<u>3,308</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>3,419</u>
Other sundry receipts	<u>769</u>		<u>769</u>	<u>276</u>		<u>276</u>
Total Receipts	56,514	14,939	71,452	68,791	12,856	81,647
Total Payments	57,222	11,175	68,396	57,559	7,001	64,560
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>(708)</u>	<u>3,764</u>	<u>3,056</u>	<u>11,232</u>	<u>5,855</u>	<u>17,087</u>
Transfers				(4,000)		(4,000)
(Loss) Gain in value of investments	1,956		1,956	(3,455)		(3,455)
Net movement in funds	<u>1,248</u>	<u>3,764</u>	<u>5,012</u>	<u>3,777</u>	<u>5,855</u>	<u>9,632</u>
Balances at 1st January	39,760	23,774	63,534	35,983	17,919	53,902
Balances at 31st December	<u>41,008</u>	<u>27,538</u>	<u>73,559</u>	<u>39,760</u>	<u>23,774</u>	<u>73,166</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	St, Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total 2023 £	St, Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total 2022 £
PAYMENTS						
	18,000		18,000	20,000		20,000
Common Fund						
Church Service:						
Service expenses	3,425		3,425	3,696		3,696
Ecclesiastical requisites	609		609	-		-
Organist	4,800		4,800	4,940		4,940
	8,834		8,834	8,636		8,636
Church Maintenance						
Electricity	4,368		4,368	2,629		2,629
Gas	9,137		9,137	1,408		1,408
Insurance	10,176		10,176	10,083		10,083
Sundry repairs & maintenance	1,540		1,540	6,626		6,626
Cleaning	704		704	1,085		1,085
Other expenses - welcome				30		30
	25,925		25,925	21,861		21,861
Clergy Housing:						
Water rates & insurance	-		-	233		233
Utilities	-		-	529		529
Alarm service	-		-	90		90

	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>852</u>	<u>852</u>	
Clergy Expenses:						
Telephone	217		217	299	299	
Motor & travelling	-		-	325	325	
	<u>217</u>		<u>217</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>624</u>	
Church Hall Maintenance						
Cleaning		830	830	1,085	1,085	
Water charges		536	536	347	347	
Electricity		1,846	1,846	838	838	
Gas		3,947	3,947	2,042	2,042	
Repairs & maintenance		1,213	1,213	624	624	
Alarm		966	966	594	594	
Insurance		1,404	1,404	1,311	1,311	
Other expenses		434	434	160	160	
		<u>11,175</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>7,001</u>	<u>7,001</u>	
Other Expenses:						
Printing, postage & stationery	4,149		4,149	2,717	2,717	
Christmas Trees, cakes etc.	-		-	452	452	
Queen's Jubilee	-		-	980	980	
Leaving present	-		-	150	150	
Beer Festival	-		-	826	826	
Sundry expenses	97		97	461	461	
	<u>4,246</u>		<u>4,246</u>	<u>5,586</u>	<u>5,586</u>	
Total Payments	57,222	11,175	68,396	57,559	7,001	64,560

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

PARISH ACCOUNTS (DESIGNATED)

	St. Mary's Special Projects £	Music & Choir £	Total 2023 £	St. Mary's Special Projects £	Music & Choir £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income						
CBF interest	1,437	-	1,437	1,429	-	1,429
Other income:						
Parsonage Fund /Donations	1,850	24,805	24,805	-	19,983	19,983
Grants:						
Passionates	-	6,000	6,000			
Concert	-	2,000	2,000			
Floretti	-	990	990			
The John Pilling Trust	-	3,250	3,250			
Owen	-	500	500			
Handsworth Charity	-	5,000	5,000			
Swan Travel	-	600	600			
	<u>3,287</u>	<u>43,145</u>	<u>44,582</u>	<u>1,429</u>	<u>19,983</u>	<u>21,412</u>
PAYMENTS						
Expenditure						
Choir	-	7,876	7,876	-	8,789	8,789

Concerts	-	7,688	7,688	-		
Church	-	975	975	-		
Musicians	-	4,093	4,093	-		
Photocopying	-	442	442	-		
Expenditure	-	21,074	21,074	-	8,789	8,789
Surplus for the year	3,287	22,071	23,508	1,429	11,194	12,623
Balances at 1st January	7,027	11,194	18,221	5,598		5,598
Balances at 31st December	10,314	33,265	41,729	7,027	11,194	18,221
<i>Choir Donations include::</i>						

Mayor
All Saints Multi Academy Trust
Hampstead Hall
Birmingham Diocesan Academies Trust

4,504

2,700

2,780

2,780

12,764

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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

PARISH ACCOUNTS**RESTRICTED****RECEIPTS**

Voluntary income:

Gift Aided Receipts	210		210	192		192
Income Tax recovered	48		48	-		-
Friends of St. Mary's	-		-	23,000		23,000
	<u>258</u>		<u>258</u>	<u>23,192</u>		<u>23,192</u>

Investment income:

Tims Trust BISL	<u>5,980</u>		<u>5,980</u>	<u>5,750</u>		<u>5,750</u>
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Total Income	6,238		6,238	28,942		28,942
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Lychgate	-		-	32,400		32,400
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Net Income / Outgoings	6,238		6,238	(3,458)		(3,458)
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Balances at 1st January	1,963	3,228	5,191	5,421	3,228	8,649
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Balances at 31st December	<u>8,201</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>1,963</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>5,191</u>
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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

PARISH ACCOUNTS ENDOWMENTS)

	Timms Bequest Capital £	Arrand Legacy Capital £	Assistant Clergy Capital £	James Watt Capital £	Church Hall Residue Capital £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income						
CBF Interest					520	520
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(585)					(585)
Deficit for the year	<u>(585)</u>				<u>520</u>	<u>(66)</u>
Change in value of investments	11,452	(1,376)	4,074	784	-	14,933
Balances at 1st January	190,871	65,537	39,464	8,258	9,098	313,228
Balances at 31st December	<u>201,737</u>	<u>64,161</u>	<u>43,538</u>	<u>9,042</u>	<u>9,618</u>	<u>328,096</u>

Previous year

	Timms Bequest Capital £	Arrand Legacy Capital £	Assistant Clergy Capital £	James Watt Capital £	Church Hall Residue Capital £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS						
Investment income						
CBF Interest					210	210

PAYMENTS

Investment management fees	(604)					(604)
Deficit for the year	<u>(604)</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>210</u>	<u>(394)</u>
Change in value of investments	(22,325)	(3,455)	(5,579)	(1,097)		(32,456)
Transfer					4,000	4,000
Balances at 1st January	213,800	68,992	45,043	9,355	4,888	342,078
Balances at 31st December	<u>190,871</u>	<u>65,537</u>	<u>39,464</u>	<u>8,258</u>	<u>9,098</u>	<u>313,228</u>

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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)

PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted General Fund £	Church Hall £	Designated Special Projects £	Music Fund £	Restricted Fabric Fund £	Endowment Funds £	Church Hall Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
PARISH FUNDS								
Capital Funds	-	-	10,314			328,096		338,410
St. Mary's Fabric Fund					8,201			8,201
Church Hall Capital							3,228	3,228
Music Fund				33,265				33,265
General Fund	41,008							41,008
Church Hall		27,538						27,538
Total Funds Held	<u>41,008</u>	<u>27,538</u>	<u>10,314</u>	<u>33,265</u>	<u>8,201</u>	<u>328,096</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>451,650</u>
Represented by:								
Assets held by Birmingham Diocesan Trustees								
Portfolio managed by Barclays Wealth						201,737		201,737
CBF Investments						126,358		126,358
M& G Charishare	<u>44,466</u>							<u>44,466</u>
Investments	44,466	-	-	-	-	328,095	-	372,561
Current Assets:								
Amounts receivable								
Bank balances	<u>11,210</u>	<u>16,797</u>	<u>10,314</u>	<u>33,265</u>	<u>8,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>83,016</u>
	11,210	16,797	10,314	33,265	8,201	-	3,228	83,016
Current Liabilities								
Amounts payable	(3,000)	(927)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,927)

Internal loans	(11,668)	11,668	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(14,668)	10,741	-	-	-	-	-	(3,927)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	(3,458)	27,538	10,314	33,265	8,201		3,228	79,089
Total Assets	41,008	27,538	10,314	33,265	8,201	328,095	3,228	451,650

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THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HANDSWORTH, ST MARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1171344

Accounts

The Parish of Handsworth

The Church of St Mary

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**THE PARISH OF HANDSWORTH
(ST. MARY)**

**ST Mary's Parish Church
Registered Charity Number 1171344**

**St Mary's Church Hall
Registered Charity Number: L4/603/840**

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31st December 2022

**Rector:
St Mary's is currently in interregnum**

**Bankers:
TSB plc
Birmingham**

**Independent Examiner:
Mr Laurence Parkes FCA**

Preamble

St Mary's Church is currently in Interregnum and has been since July 2022, when Reverend Dr Robert Stephen resigned as Rector of the parish.

The P.C.C. have been responsible for continuing the promotion in the Ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social ecumenical and co-operating with other faith communities, as much as they are able to do so given their abilities. The P.C.C. is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St Mary's, Handsworth and its Church Hall.

Objects and Activities

The P.C.C. is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our Church and to become part of our Parish Community at St Mary's. The P.C.C. maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture; music and sacrament; discipleship and service. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

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

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's as it is a physical and spiritual landmark within this community.

Being in Interregnum since April 2022, albeit that the Reverend Dr Robert Stephen remained in the parish, living in the Rectory and taking services at St Mary's Church until the end of June 2022, we take into consideration that throughout 2022 we were gradually moving out of the COVID-19 state that we were in. This was shown progression in respect of numbers in the congregation.

The P.C.C. has maintained a positive approach to being in Interregnum and it is apparent that the congregation are continuing to be satisfied with the progression that has been achieved, but we would accept your comments in this respect at this time.

Please let us have your comments in respect of where you consider that St. Mary's church is currently.

Since Reverend Dr Robert Stephen ceased to reside here, we have continued to hold morning service on Fridays and the usual pattern of services on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for Holy Communion (BCP) and at 11:00 a.m. for the Parish Eucharist. We have not held Evensong in recent time but will review this to see if we can deliver it in due course. The Eucharist has been delivered in the offering of bread and wine to those that wish to take both or if they only want to take bread then that has been offered accordingly.

With the support of members of our congregation, including Chris Perry, Adam Lubin, William Senteza and Naresh Mehay we have continued to Live Stream the 11:00 a.m. service and gathered a regular commitment of an on-line congregation.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and we are pleased with the worshipping community remaining as diverse in age, ethnic origin, employment, and family situation.

There are 75 people on the electoral roll with 43 being resident in the parish and 32 being non-resident.

The Annual Statistical Returns indicate the following:

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Christmas Attendance	236	67	77	119
Easter Attendance	107		82	80
Average week (October)	145	67	80	58
Usual Sunday	78		-	-
Baptisms	5	3	8	2
Marriages	2	1	2	0
Funerals	17	39	31	3

We have been through a challenging time in respect of being without a resident Rector, but we have been amazingly well supported in obtaining priests to preside and preach here.

This includes those regularly attending being Canon Brian Hall, and Father John Austen, as well as and from St. Martins in the Bullring, include Rector Jeremy Allcock, Revd. Ivor Lewis and recently we have had Allison Fenton from Queen's College with us. We have also had Andrew Lenox Conyngham taking numerous 8.00am services.

We have been superbly supported by our Readers, Ruth Cooper, and Eureka Drayton and previously by Penny Stephen whilst Father Bob was still with us.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the P.C.C. sit on the Deanery Synod, these being Ruth Cooper and Shane Taylor. This provides the P.C.C. with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church when it has been able to meet.

Pastoral Care

Mary's

We have a congregation where people of St. tend to look after other members when they are poorly or need help. We are much encouraged by all of you who do such good supportive ways. We encourage you to do this with people in need as one day we may be those people in need.

CAP Information

We at St Mary's are dedicated to helping the community. In this difficult time that we face in the cost-of-living crisis, the church has teamed up with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to assist people in the community with budgeting.

We have two members of the congregation that have completed a course to give budgeting advice to people who may be struggling. To find the best ways for them to handle money that they have. This can be done face to face or remotely via Teams/Zoom. Should we need to visit people we will go in pairs for safety.

Ideally, we would like to get more people trained up in the future so that the community are able to be made aware that we are here to assist them. We hope that this will help and encourage people in difficult times that they are facing. This will also give us the opportunity to invite people to church and spread the good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Safeguarding

Since the last meeting Chris Perry has been appointed Safeguarding Officer.
A new policy has been adopted, as has a new Health & Safety Policy.
Arrangements to supervise the choir have been adopted.
Most of the PCC has been trained to Basic Safeguarding level.
The vast majority of the PCC have applied for their DBS.
33% of our Parish Dashboard is now complete.

Financial Review

The details of the Parish and Church finances follow in this report. We are particularly grateful to those who, despite the lock-down, have continued to ensure that their offerings have been maintained and have either made the effort to deliver their envelopes or have set up Standing Orders to the Church. This has been a difficult year in that we have, in the same period, had to come to terms with the significant loss in our income due to the investing our capital reserves into the reordering of the building and the decline in income due to the lock-down.

Volunteers

We owe a debt of thanks to our Churchwardens, Keith Hemmings and William Senteza, who have ensured that life of the Church continues as far as it can; to Edna Simkin, our Treasurer, for her tireless work to keep us 'afloat'; to Eddie Lear, who manages our investments and the Hall accounts; to Rosemarie Seadon for her work on the Gift Aid reclaim, as well as being Captain of the Tower, and now P.C.C. Secretary; to Laurence Parkes, our independent examiner; and to Christopher Hazeley-Jones for managing the Hall bookings. We are grateful to the Live-stream Team, Adam Lubin, Chris Perry, William Senteza and Naresh Mehay, for the work they do to offer alternatives to attending in person.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of P.C.C. members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the P.C.C. consists of the incumbent (This will be the Rector when installed), Churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the Congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the P.C.C.

The P.C.C. members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the P.C.C. are to be spent. New members will receive initial training into the workings of the P.C.C. Given its wide responsibilities the P.C.C. has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. The standing committee of the P.C.C. is the Finance and General Purposes Committee and it is responsible to the P.C.C. and reports back to it regularly with reports given to the full P.C.C. and discussed as necessary. Other committees deal with safeguarding, pastoral matters, and social activities. The P.C.C. are responsible to the Diocese to act as Trustees for the Church.

Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated on Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 288 Hamstead Road, Handsworth B20 2RB. The P.C.C. is a body corporate (P.C.C. Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is an independent charity registered with the Charity Commissioners.

P.C.C. Members who have served at any time from 1st April 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Dr Robert Stephen (Chairman) Until he was no longer the Rector of St. Mary's
- Readers: Mrs Ruth Cooper; Mrs Eureka Drayton and Penny Stephen until she was no longer in residence here.
- Churchwardens: Mr William Senteza; Mr Keith Hemmings (Vice Chairman)
- Miss E Simkin (Parish Treasurer)
- Mrs M Thomas (P.C.C. Secretary) Until she moved away from Handsworth last year.
- Miss R Seadon (P.C.C. Secretary) who agreed to undertake this role temporarily during Interregnum. This will be reviewed upon appointment of a new Rector.

Elected

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| • Mrs L Colwill | (elected until 2023) |
| • Mrs Diana Duggan | (elected until 2025) |
| • Mr D Holmes | (elected until 2024) |
| • Mrs Camelia Paton-Devine | (elected until 2023) |
| • Mr Richard Paten-Devine | (elected until 2023) |
| • Mr A Lubin | (elected until 2023) |
| • Mrs E V Lubin | (elected until 2023) |
| • Mrs E Moore | (elected until 2023) |
| • Miss R Seadon (Electoral Roll Officer) | (elected until 2025) |
| • Mrs S Taylor | (elected until 2023) |

Co-opted

- Mrs D Hemmings
- Mr V F Daniel
- Mr C Hazeley-Jones
- Mr E Lear OBE – Hall & Investment Treasurer
- Mr Raj Mahay
- Mr Thaddeus Ede
- Mr G Walters

Approved by the PCC April 2022 and signed on their behalf by Keith Hemmings (Churchwarden)

Report on the Fabric of the Church (Keith Hemmings)

We have progressed through the Covid-19 lockdown period and have taken an initial view of the state of the church's fabric as much as can be viewed from ground level.

External stonework continues to have the consequences of ongoing deterioration in places and some plant growth, but the latter being much less than previously endured. We will keep reviewing this.

The roof was cleared and inspected, and no major defects were identified.

There is an ongoing issue with regards to the spalling of paintwork in and around the transept and the North entrance lobby. This is most likely caused by rising damp as these walls do not have a damp proof course, thereby the stonework gets damp and effectively breaks down the paintwork and in time the paint is forced off. We will review this regularly to determine if appropriate action is required

We have identified some spalling of mortar from the top of the arch that leads into the Wyrley Chapel at the top of the ramp from the transept. This will also be reviewed to see if this is progressive.

There are issues with lighting in the North inner aisle where the bar type lights are not in good working order resulting in inadequate illumination in the area below. We have also had issues with the light above the window to James Watt's chapel, but currently it is working.

The clay tiled flooring is not in good condition as its surface is marked and dirty. It needs cleaning and re-sealing, which will be an expensive issue. We will get quotations for undertaking this and consider our approach to improving the flooring.

Glazing to the Refectory screens is quite dirty and requires proper cleaning on both sides. We will obtain quotations for this work and proceed as is appropriate.

The glazed doors at the West end of the Refectory screen have loose cover plates to the floor spring covering. These need to be refixed, which can probably be done by ourselves.

The recess in the floor at the double doors to the North wall of the refectory remains as a hazard and necessitates consideration of whether it can remain in their current format.

The contractors engaged to examine the roof and clear the guttering and downpipes. Completed this work late last year and there were no major issues to the roof. We also have maintenance contracts for the heating and alarm systems.

As the fabric is in good order, there have been no major repairs and no projects in this past year. We did have the Lychgate roof replaced with new slates, which took longer than anticipated, but it now looks good and should last a long time.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee (as the only Standing Committee of the PCC) continues to carry most of the workload behind the scenes on behalf of the PCC. Currently serving on this committee are:

Vacant	(Incumbent /Chair)
William Senteza	(Churchwarden)
Keith Hemmings	(Churchwarden)
Rosemarie Seadon	(Gift Aid & Electoral Roll & PCC Secretary)
Edna Simkin	(Parish Treasurer)

Additional members of the church may be requested to attend F & G P Meetings as and when required.

Church Hall Report May 2023 (Chris Hazeley Jones)

General update

The hall is presently regularly used by two main groups. Belford Stage School (Dance and Speech) Tuesday, Wednesdays, and occasional Saturdays, (term time) and the Lighthouse Chapel Church every Sunday and occasional additional days. Karate sessions have ceased for the time being as the instructor/organiser Roger continues to suffer from an ongoing back complaint. We have had no other requests to use the hall on regular basis over the last 12 months.

We continue to receive regular (weekly/fortnightly) enquiries for use of the hall for one off functions such as parties and even a book launch, however it is noticeable that enquiries have dropped off since the start of the year 2023.

Observations

As mentioned in the report for 2022, it still remains that in general the potential hirers who seek to hire the hall at short notice (less than 4 weeks prior to their proposed event) are most likely to have issues with payment e.g. seeking discounts, less likely to clear away rubbish and less likely to finish on time, and wanting to extend the time beyond close time of 10.30pm. As bookings have been down certainly since the start of 2023 incidents have naturally been less but will still need to be monitored as and when more events take place.

Having the church hall advertised on the church website continues to provide an opportunity to advertise the hall and also allow prospective hirers to both see available dates before making a booking enquiry, familiarise themselves with booking conditions as well as get an idea of the facilities available.

We are always looking at ways to increase use of the hall and there has been conversation regarding advertising on other external sites. Like a business, the hall has to function within its means. We could have a 50% or 100% increase interest which could then be translated into bookings. However, these bookings could not be realised or confirmed because we don't have the personnel to facilitate those bookings. Having been responsible for booking, opening, and closing for events, clearing up before and after events for a number of years, my availability to continue to perform all these roles has been severely curtailed by other commitments. Presently there is one other person "on call" but similarly with limited availability.

An appeal has been made to the church congregation for any other assistance and there has been at least a couple of offers. It has not been possible yet to utilise these offers or indeed know how the much support can be provided. Practical things such as extra keys, alarm fobs would have to be arranged and provided to help with this.

There has been and continues to be discussion around a paid "caretaker" for the hall and if we want the hall to move from a voluntary part time resource to a full time fully used resource then serious consideration will need to be given as to how we might make this next step.

Technology

The church hall is advertised via the church hall website and has its own separate page providing information and contact details. Following trial of an online enquiry and booking system (November 2021 to January 2022) this was converted into an initial one-year subscription. This subscription has been extended a further year and is due to expire again in February 2024. The Hallmaster system allows potential hirers to see an online diary, make request/enquiries, see the Hall Hire agreement, and allow for invoices to be created.

Hall condition

The hall continues to show signs of wear and tear. The most obvious being the radiator covers. There are some floorboards which are loose or broken and a few areas where the boards have become warped probably due to water coming through the flooring. The flooring is perhaps the most important part of the hall, and it would benefit from being replaced. There are a couple of lightbulbs that need replacing. The wash basin in the disabled toilet has become slightly detached from the wall. Though it does not look like it is in danger of coming apart fully any time soon it's not going to get any better. The inner entrance doors may need the hinges repaired and/or replaced. In recent months two toilet seats have been broken, one successfully repaired but the other requiring some further work. We have random items "disappearing" on a regular basis such as dustpan and brushes and even bin lids. We appear to have resumed a problem with mice particularly in the kitchen area but not exclusively. Needless

to say this has caused some concern for potential hirers. The alarm system functions reasonably though is prone to occasionally not setting, or showing fault codes if certain doors are not securely closed.

Space

The main storeroom continues to remain a wasted space. It retains items that were used by the mother and toddler group which has not run for at least 2 years now. It contains old documents, miscellaneous items including electrical items, foam mats, old tables, and is a bit of a mess. If a skip could be hired or we hire a firm to remove "rubbish" the unwanted items could be cleared away, leaving more useful space, and there may even be room for a small/cosy meeting area.

Hall Cleaning

There does not appear to be a regular cleaner for the hall, so it has relied on myself and hall hirers to "self-clean". Toilet rolls, and soap are things which need continual replacement. I have since found a "tool" to unlock the toilet roll holders which has helped to reduce waste of toilet roll. The hall would benefit from a vacuum cleaner to help with cleaning before and after any event. There is no budget for sundry items such as toilet rolls, soap, dishwasher detergent.

Hall Payments

Traditionally/historically payments for hire of the hall have been in cash. However, in keeping with the financial changes many enquirers and hall hirers have been asking to pay directly to the church hall account. For regular users we have made this facility open to them, but for "one off" casual users we still request cash though we may need to review this position again in due course as direct banking and monitoring such transactions becomes more the norm.

Hall/Kitchen Property

The kitchen is a big selling point for the hall. The facilities and space are good. Access to items such as pots and pans, cutlery, glasses and so forth are included in the hire and may be seen as a generous offer. There has been no noticeable loss of equipment such as pots and other items, in recent times but this may be.

because there has been a decrease in bookings/events and a consequent decrease in the use of the kitchen. It is still recommended that "moveable" items be stored elsewhere and not be made available when the kitchen is hired. Kitchen hire should only include "hard goods" toaster, microwave, cooker, ovens, food warmer, hot water urn, fridge, and dishwasher. This is something the PCC may wish to discuss and consider.

Heating

It has been noticeable that at times during the winter months particularly, the thermostat in the hall has been moved to the highest temperature and left. Whilst the heating is controlled by set timings, there are only two daily setting options, meaning there can be long gaps between on off periods which in effect limits any savings we try to make (if the thermostat has been moved to its highest point/temperature). There has been discussion around a more sophisticated thermostatic and heating control such as Hive which can also allow remote access. Again, this is something the PCC may wish to consider further.

Music

Overview

Handsworth St Mary's Music exists to support the transformation of life chances for children, young people, and families across Birmingham. Our vision is simple, we aim to use music participation as a vehicle to enrich lives and cultural capital, sharing God's gift and Christ's message of love and redemption.

Our music provision was launched just last year in March 2022. We started with no resources, no choir, no team, and no money. All we had was a vision and an unwavering faith that if it were God's will, he would move mountainous obstacles and create the opportunities and conditions to make it happen. Now, just 14 months on, thanks be to God, we have: -

- Successfully initiated a chorister scheme, providing free professional singing lessons, regular performance opportunities and incredible development experiences for children across Handsworth.
- Launched a free weekly recital series, bringing professional musicians (often world class graduates from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire) into our community to provide access to this level of music participation without social barriers. The series in itself has raised £800 towards the Church maintenance fund.
- Delivered music instrument workshops (harp, organ, piano, saxophone) to over 300 children from across the locality.
- Raised in excess of £20,000 for the music fund through a range of sources including grants, commercial/traded activities, and regular donors' scheme.
- Held a full venue concert with an incredibly diverse audience bringing together three choral societies with a professional orchestra including period instruments.
- Hosted a Royal Carol Service for the Princess of Wales and WM Lord-lieutenant.

Deep Dive

Progress of our chorister scheme, in just nine months: -

- Broadcast four times on the BBC – BBC Radio4, BBC WM, BBC News and CBBC with an estimated total of 15 million viewers/listeners
- Led a cathedral service and led a royal carol service at the request of the Princess of Wales and WM Lord-Lieutenant
- Performed at the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay
- Learned and sang choral repertoire and church music on a weekly basis since August 2022
- Made excellent progress in their weekly professional singing lessons toward completing ABRSM Grade 1 (exams in the summer term for older choristers)
- Held a private audience with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and performed in front of the Mayor of the West Midlands
- Participated in a special private masterclass session with the Kings Singers followed by a concert with free tickets for all children and families.

What is next? – Priorities over the next twelve months

We have made incredible progress since our humble beginnings just last year, but we have so much further to go. Over the next year we aim too: -

Chorister Scheme

- Fill all the places on our chorister scheme ran in partnership with St Mary's School/Floretti trust (16 children were successfully auditioned just last week - w/c 04.05.23)
- Enhance our provision including more focused tuition in smaller groups so we see that rapid and sustained progress – including towards ABRSM grades.
- Embed a new programme of ambitious choral repertory for performance in services and concerts.
- Continue to work successfully with our safeguarding colleagues to keep our children and families safe, happy, and well.
- See continuous improvement in our chorister's overall musicality as well as their social, academic and health and wellbeing.

Recital Series

- Increase the breadth and diversity of our programme.
- Continue to build an audience number.
- Secure new opportunities for promotion and development

Music Workshops

- Scale to 1,000 deliveries by the end of 2023
- Welcome more schools from outside the immediate area and from diverse inner-city communities.
- Explore new arm with offer for mature people (OAPs)

Fundraising

- Build our regular donors' scheme to 150 by the end of the third quarter.
- Continue to source income from grants and bids.
- Increase income from commercial/traded activities (events)

Wider outreach

- We intend to launch a new scheme – Birmingham Choral Education Partnership for schools across the city. A trial project is being set-up with seven schools in the locality with a climax in July. we hope to fully launch on September 23

Team

We could not do any of this work without our amazing team who dedicate huge amounts of time and effort. This star team includes Pam Mehay-Hydes, Naresh Mehay, Ruth Cooper, Jenny Sullvarna-Hall (St Mary's School), Marianne Ayling (Chorister Vocal Tutor) Isobel Rose and others. Thank you. On behalf of the whole music team, we would like to thank you for your amazing, continued support whether that be through giving, volunteering or indeed your prayers. All are extremely valuable, and we are so excited to see what progress we make over the next twelve months. For more information and to see our broadcasts please visit our new music website – www.handsworthstmarysmusic.org

Yours, Khadeem Duncan-Banerjee FRSA NPQEL, Director of Music at Handsworth St Mary

Note Some of the items as defined above were achieved either in part or all in the first four months of 2023, these will be identified in the published report.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE P.C.C. OF ST. MARY, HANDSWORTH

This report on the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") and St. Mary's Church Hall Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 16, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under S.144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under S.145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under S.145 (5)(b)) of the Charities Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act and Regulations

have not been met; or

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

Laurence E Parkes FCA
Chartered Accountant

5 Crondal Place
Birmingham

4th March 2022

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (CONSOLIDATED)

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	80,070	23,192	103,262
Activities for generating funds	18,141	-	18,141
Investment income	4,849	5,960	10,809
	<u>103,060</u>	<u>29,152</u>	<u>132,212</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	<u>73,350</u>	<u>33,004</u>	<u>106,354</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	29,710	(3,852)	25,858
Change in value of investments	(3,455)	(32,456)	(35,911)
Transfers	(4,000)	4,000	-
Balances at 1st January	59,500	350,727	410,227
Balances at 31st December	<u>81,755</u>	<u>318,419</u>	<u>400,174</u>

Previous year

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	60,967	263	61,230
Activities for generating funds	16,917	-	16,917
Investment income	4,480	5,164	9,644
	<u>82,364</u>	<u>5,427</u>	<u>87,791</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	<u>76,836</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>77,445</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	5,529	4,819	10,348
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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)
PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
PARISH FUNDS			
Capital Funds	-	313,228	313,228
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
St. Mary's Fabric	-	1,963	1,963
General Funds	81,755	-	81,755
Total Funds Held	<u>81,755</u>	<u>318,419</u>	<u>400,174</u>
Investments	42,511	313,228	355,739
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Amounts receivable	-	-	-
Bank balances	40,892	5,191	46,083
	<u>40,892</u>	<u>5,191</u>	<u>46,083</u>
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Amounts payable	(1,647)	-	(1,647)
Net Current Assets	39,245	5,191	44,436
Total Net Assets	<u>81,755</u>	<u>318,419</u>	<u>400,174</u>
<i>Previous year:</i>			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
PARISH FUNDS			
Capital Funds	-	342,078	342,078
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
St. Mary's Fabric	-	5,421	5,421
General Funds	60,499	-	60,499
Total Funds Held	<u>60,499</u>	<u>350,727</u>	<u>411,226</u>
Investments	46,623	342,078	388,701
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Amounts receivable	235	-	235

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	St. Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total £	St. Mary's £	Church Hall £	2021 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Regular Giving:						
Gift Aided Receipts	20,411		20,411	24,748		24,748
Other Pledged Giving	10,062		10,062	10,502		10,502
Income Tax recovered	10,708		10,708	8,693		8,693
Open	2,006		2,006	1,961		1,961
	<u>43,187</u>		<u>43,187</u>	<u>45,904</u>		<u>45,904</u>
Other voluntary receipts:						
Baptisms, weddings & Funerals	1,705		1,705	6,848		6,848
Donations	2,255		2,255	3,755		3,755
Handsworth Charity Grant	250		250	250		250
Live Streaming & Sum-Up	2,786		2,786	3,029		3,029
Birmingham Voluntary Service	4,000		4,000	1,000		1,000
Birmingham Diocese Energy Grant	5,904		5,904	-		-
	<u>16,900</u>		<u>16,900</u>	<u>14,882</u>		<u>14,882</u>
Receipts from activities for generating funds:						
Lettings	-	12,745	12,745	-	8,385	8,385
Fundraising	5,120		5,120	8,532		8,532
	<u>5,120</u>	<u>12,745</u>	<u>17,865</u>	<u>8,532</u>	<u>8,385</u>	<u>16,917</u>
Receipts from investments:						
Trust Income	3,308		3,308	2,950		2,950
Substation rent	-	75	75	-	75	75
Interest TSB	-	36	36	-	73	73
	<u>3,308</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>3,419</u>	<u>2,950</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>3,098</u>
Other sundry receipts	<u>276</u>		<u>276</u>	<u>70</u>		<u>70</u>
Total Receipts	68,791	12,856	81,648	72,338	8,533	80,871
Total Payments	57,559	7,001	64,560	70,688	9,253	79,941
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>11,232</u>	<u>5,855</u>	<u>17,088</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>(720)</u>	<u>930</u>
Transfers	(4,000)	-	(4,000)	(4,500)	4,500	-
(Loss) Gain in value of Investments	(3,455)	-	(3,455)	6,946	-	6,946
Balances at 1st January	35,983	22,417	59,401	31,887	18,637	51,525
Balances at 31st December	<u>39,760</u>	<u>28,272</u>	<u>69,034</u>	<u>35,983</u>	<u>22,417</u>	<u>59,401</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	St. Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total £	St. Mary's £	Church Hall £	2021 Total £
PAYMENTS						
Common Fund	<u>20,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>	<u>22,500</u>		<u>22,500</u>
Church Service:						
Service expenses	3,696		3,696	3,506		3,506
Ecclesiastical requisites (donated)	-		-	1,700		1,700
Organist	4,940		4,940	3,240		3,240
	<u>8,636</u>		<u>8,636</u>	<u>8,446</u>		<u>8,446</u>
Church Maintenance:						
Electricity	2,629		2,629	7,229		7,229
Gas	1,408		1,408	1,514		1,514
Insurance	10,083		10,083	9,492		9,492
Sundry repairs & maintenance	6,626		6,626	6,237		6,237
Alarm	-		-	1,486		1,486
Sound systems & card reader	-		-	2,548		2,548
Bell ropes	-		-	1,111		1,111
Cleaning	1,085		1,085	120		120
Other expenses - welcome	30		30	120		120
	<u>21,861</u>		<u>21,861</u>	<u>29,857</u>		<u>29,857</u>
Clergy Housing:						
Water rates & Insurance	233		233	373		373
Utilities	529		529	552		552
Alarm service	90		90	84		84
	<u>852</u>		<u>852</u>	<u>1,009</u>		<u>1,009</u>
Clergy Expenses:						
Telephone	299		299	258		258
Motor & travelling expenses	325		325	555		555
	<u>624</u>		<u>624</u>	<u>813</u>		<u>813</u>
Church Hall Maintenance:						
Cleaning		1,085	1,085		92	92
Water charges		347	347		220	220
Electricity		838	838		796	796
Gas		2,042	2,042		844	844
Repairs & maintenance		624	624		5,553	5,553
Alarm		594	594		340	340
Insurance		1,311	1,311		1,237	1,237
Other expenses		160	160		171	171
		<u>7,001</u>	<u>7,001</u>		<u>9,253</u>	<u>9,253</u>
Other Expenses:						
Printing, stationery and postage	2,718			3,404		3,404
Christmas Trees, cakes etc.	452			1,269		1,269
Queen's Jubilee	980			-		-
Leaving present	150			-		-
Beer Festival	826			1,875		1,875
Sundry expenses	461			1,515		1,515
	<u>5,587</u>			<u>8,063</u>		<u>8,063</u>
Total Payments	<u>57,559</u>	<u>7,001</u>	<u>64,560</u>	<u>70,688</u>	<u>9,253</u>	<u>79,941</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

PARISH ACCOUNTS
(RESTRICTED)

	St. Mary Fabric £	Church Hall Capital £	Total 2022 £	St. Mary Fabric £	Church Hall Capital £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary income:						
Gift Aid receipts	192		192	210		210
Income Tax recovered	-		-	53		53
Friends of St. Mary's	23,000		23,000	-		-
	<u>23,192</u>		<u>23,192</u>	<u>263</u>		<u>263</u>
Investment income:						
Tims Trust BISL	<u>5,750</u>		<u>5,750</u>	<u>5,158</u>		<u>5,158</u>
Total Income	28,942		28,942	5,421		5,421
Lychgate	<u>32,400</u>		<u>32,400</u>	-		-
Net Outgoings	(3,458)		(3,458)	5,421		5,421
Balances at 1st January	5,421	3,228	8,649	-	3,228	3,228
Balances at 31st December	<u>1,963</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>5,191</u>	<u>5,421</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>8,649</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (St.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022
PARISH ACCOUNTS (ENDOWMENTS)

	Timms Bequest Capital	Arrand Legacy Capital	Assistant Clergy Capital	James Watt Capital	Church Hall Residue Capital	Total 2022
RECEIPTS						
Investment income:						
CBF Interest					210	210
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(604)	-			-	(604)
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(604)	-			210	(394)
Change in value of Investments	(22,325)	(3,455)	(5,579)	(1,097)	-	(32,456)
Transfer	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Balances at 1st January	213,800	68,992	45,043	9,355	4,888	342,078
Balances at 31st December	<u>190,871</u>	<u>65,537</u>	<u>39,464</u>	<u>8,258</u>	<u>9,098</u>	<u>313,228</u>

Previous year

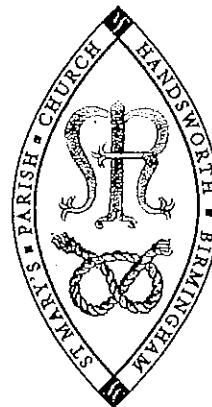
	Timms Bequest Capital	Arrand Legacy Capital	Assistant Clergy Capital	James Watt Capital	Church Hall Residue Capital	Total 2021
RECEIPTS						
Investment income:						
CBF Interest					9	9
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	609	-	-	-	-	609
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(609)	-	-	-	9	(600)
Change in value of investments	18,656	7,319	5,663	1,176	-	32,814
Transfer					4,500	4,500
Balances at 1st January	195,753	61,673	39,380	8,179	379	305,364
Balances at 31st December	<u>213,800</u>	<u>68,992</u>	<u>45,043</u>	<u>9,355</u>	<u>4,888</u>	<u>342,078</u>

Accounts

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THE PARISH OF HANDSWORTH (ST. MARY)

St. Mary's Parish Church
Registered Charity Number. 1171344

St. Mary's Church Hall
Registered Charity Number: L4/603/840

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Rector:
The Revd Dr Robert Stephen BA BD MTh(Oxon)
Handsworth Rectory
288 Hamstead Road
Birmingham

Bankers:
TSB plc
Birmingham

Independent Examiner:
Mr Laurence Parkes FCA

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Preamble

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Dr Robert Stephen, in promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and also in co-operating with other faith communities. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Mary's, Handsworth.

Objects and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our Church and to become part of our Parish Community at St Mary's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture; music and sacrament; discipleship and service. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

- * Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- * Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- * Sharing our faith and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Mary's as it is a physical and spiritual landmark within this community.

Worship and Prayer

This year has been something of a mixed economy. When we have been permitted, services have been held in Church and Morning and Evening Prayer has been said on weekdays. The disturbance caused by Covid-19 has eventually come to an end and the usual pattern of services (Sundays at 0800 for Holy Communion (BCP) and at 1100 for The Parish Eucharist (CW) and Evensong (BCP) at 1700 of the second Sunday of each month). The Eucharist has, from when it has been allowed, offered in bread only and then wine for those who wish to receive. We have continued to offer the Parish Eucharist via Live-Stream and have a committed on-line congregation.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and we are glad that our worshipping community remains diverse in age, ethnic origin, employment and family situations There were 70 on the Electoral Roll (37 resident in the Parish and 33 non-resident) an increase of 1 from the previous year.

The details submitted to the Church of England on our Annual Statistical Returns show how different the year has been:

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Christmass Attendance	166	236	67	77
Easter Attendance	104	107		82
Average Week (October)	142	145	67	80
Usual Sunday	69	78		-
Baptisms	6	5	3	8
Marriages	5	2	1	2
Funerals	8	17	39	31

One specific event to note is that we had a wedding in Church in December where the ceremony, reception and evening function all took place in the Church, making use of the reordered space to the full.

I have been glad to have had the support of my 3 licensed Readers who have assisted as Liturgical Deacons at the Parish Eucharist, have officiated at other services, have preached and have supported me in the pastoral care of the congregation. We were sad to see Dr Stephanie Hayton move on to become Director of Lay Ministries and Warden of Readers in the Diocese of Bristol and congratulate her on that recognition of her gifts and talents.

Attendance at worship has been affected by the varying degrees of confidence that people have following the need to self-isolate. While numbers attending services and events are showing some growth, we are still experiencing the effects of long-Covid. This does underline the need for the Church to attract new worshippers, to see people come to faith and to engage with our Parish and Community.

Deanery Synod

2 members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church, when it has been able to meet.

Pastoral Care

During this year it has continued to be difficult to offer Pastoral Care in a traditional way, especially by visiting. It has been good to know that there have been numerous ways that have continued by which people have supported each other and that this has ensured that those in particular need have had contact by telephone, email and in letters when in-person meetings have not been advised.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Policy was reviewed at the APCM. The website is compliant with the necessary local and Diocesan details on the page on which people first land on the site. Both the Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Ethel Lubin, and the Designated Person, Mrs Penny Stephen, have had all the necessary training. All those who have need of a DBS certificate have up-to-date documentation and we are satisfied that our policies and practices are compliant.

Financial Review

The details of the Parish and Church finances follow in this report. We are particularly grateful to those who, despite the lock-down, have continued to ensure that their offerings have been maintained and have either made the effort to deliver their envelopes or have set up Standing Orders to the Church. This has been a difficult year in that we have, in the same period, had to come to terms with the significant loss in our income due to the investing our capital reserves into the reordering of the building and the decline in income due to the lock-down.

Volunteers

I owe a debt of thanks to my Churchwardens, Keith and Doreen Hemmings, who have ensured that the life of the Church continues as far as it can; to Edna Simkin, our Treasurer, for her tireless work to keep us 'afloat'; to Eddie Lear, who manages our investments and the Hall accounts; to Rosemarie Seadon for her work on the Gift Aid reclaim (as well as being Captain of the Tower); to Laurence Parkes, our independent examiner; to Margaret Thomas our PCC Secretary; and to Christopher Hazeley-Jones for managing the few Hall bookings in this year. We are grateful to the Live-Stream Team, led by Adam Lubin, for the work that they have done to offer alternatives to attending in person.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwarden(s), the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members will receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

The standing committee of the PCC is the Finance and General Purposes Committee and it is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly with regular reports given to the full PCC and discussed as necessary. Other committees deal with safeguarding, pastoral matters and social activities. The PCC are responsible to the Diocese to act as Trustees for the Church Hall.

Administrative information

St. Mary's Church is situated on Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 288 Hamstead Road, Handsworth, B20 2RB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is an independent charity registered with the Charity Commissioners.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st April 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- * Incumbent: The Reverend Dr Robert Stephen (Chairman)
- * Readers: Mrs Ruth Cooper; Mrs Eureka Drayton; Mrs Penny Stephen
- * Wardens: Mrs Doreen Hemmings; Mr Keith Hemmings (Vice Chairman)
- * Miss E J Simkin (Parish Treasurer)
- * Mrs M Thomas, (PCC Secretary)



Elected

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|---|----------------------|
| * Mrs L Colwill | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mrs Diana Duggan | (elected until 2022) |
| * Mr D Holmes | (elected until 2024) |
| * Mrs Camelia Paton-Devine | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mr Richard Paton-Devine | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mr A Lubin | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mrs E V Lubin | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mrs E Moore | (elected until 2023) |
| * Miss R J, Seadon (Electoral Roll Officer) | (elected until 2022) |
| * Mrs S Taylor | (elected until 2023) |

Co-Opted

- * Mr V F Daniel
- * Mr C Hazeley-Jones
- * Mr E Lear OBE – Hall & Investment Treasurer
- * Mr Raj Mahay
- * Mr Thaddeus Ede
- * Mr G Walters



Approved by the PCC on 23rd April 2022 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Dr Robert Stephen (PCC chairman).

Report on the Fabric (Keith Hemmings)

The year has been dominated by the opening and closing of the Church due to Covid-19. We have therefore had to have risk assessments completed on the Church and the Hall.

We have contractors who are scheduled to examine the roof and clear guttering and downpipes twice a year. We also have maintenance contracts for the heating and alarm systems.

As the fabric is in good order, there have been no major repairs and no projects in this year.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee (as the only Standing Committee of the PCC) continues to carry most of the workload behind the scenes on behalf of the PCC. Currently serving on this committee are:

The Revd Dr Robert Stephen	(Incumbent & Chair);
Christopher Hazeley-Jones	(Hall Letting Officer);
Doreen Hemmings	(Churchwarden);
Keith Hemmings	(Churchwarden);
David Holmes	(PCC Appointment);
Eddie Lear	(Hall & Investment Treasurer);
Rosemarie Seadon	(Gift Aid & Electoral Roll);
Edna Simkin	(Parish Treasurer);
Shane Taylor	(Social & Fund-raising Committee)
Margaret Thomas	(PCC Secretary)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE P.C.C. OF ST. MARY, HANDSWORTH

This report on the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") and St. Mary's Church Hall Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 16, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under S.144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under S.145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under S.145 (5)(b)) of the Charities Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act and Regulations

have not been met: or

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

Laurence E Parkes FCA
Chartered Accountant

5 Crondal Place
Birmingham

4th March 2022

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (CONSOLIDATED)

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	60,967	263	61,231
Activities for generating funds	16,917	-	16,917
Investment income	4,480	5,164	9,645
	<u>82,365</u>	<u>5,428</u>	<u>87,793</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	<u>76,836</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>77,445</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	5,529	4,819	10,348
Change in value of investments	6,946	32,814	39,760
Transfers	(4,500)	4,500	-
Balances at 1st January 2021	51,525	308,594	360,119
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PREVIOUS YEAR

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	62,144	263	62,407
Activities for generating funds	5,068	-	5,068
Investment income	4,156	5,956	10,112
Other incoming resources	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>81,368</u>	<u>6,219</u>	<u>87,587</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	<u>117,680</u>	<u>6,532</u>	<u>124,212</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(36,312)	(313)	(36,625)
Change in value of investments	-	(7,630)	(7,630)
Transfers	45,842	(45,842)	-
Balances at 1st January 2020	41,995	362,379	404,374
Balances at 31st December 2020	<u>51,525</u>	<u>308,594</u>	<u>360,119</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST. MARY)
PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
PARISH FUNDS			
Capital Funds	-	342,078	342,078
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
St. Mary Fabric	-	5,421	5,421
General Funds	60,499	-	60,499
Total Funds Held	60,499	350,727	411,226
Investments	46,623	342,078	388,701
Current Assets:			
Amounts receivable	235	-	235
Bank balances	16,827	8,649	25,476
	17,062	8,649	25,711
Current Liabilities:			
Amounts payable	3,186	-	3,186
Net Current Assets	13,876	8,649	22,525
Total Net Assets	60,499	350,727	411,226
Previous year:			

	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
PARISH FUNDS			
Capital Funds	-	305,365	305,365
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
General Funds	52,525	-	52,525
Total Funds Held	52,525	308,593	361,118
Investments	39,677	305,365	345,042
Current Assets:			
Amounts receivable	75	-	75
Bank balances	17,296	3,228	20,524
	17,371	3,228	20,599
Current Liabilities:			
Amounts payable	5,523	-	5,523
Net Current Assets	11,848	3,228	15,076

Total Net Assets	<u>51,525</u>	<u>308,593</u>	<u>360,118</u>
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HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	St. Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total £	St. Mary's £	2020 Church Hall £	Total £
RECEIPTS						
Regular Giving:						
Gift Aided Receipts	24,748		24,748	20,507		20,507
Other Pledged Giving	10,502		10,502	9,760		9,760
Income Tax recovered	8,693		8,693	10,628		10,628
Open	1,961		1,961	2,770		2,770
	<u>45,904</u>		<u>45,904</u>	<u>43,665</u>		<u>43,665</u>
Other voluntary receipts:						
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals	6,849		6,849	4,217		4,217
Donations	3,755		3,755	10,022		10,022
Handsworth Charity grant	250		250	3,000		3,000.00
Live Streaming & Sum Up	3,029		3,029	1,850		1,850.00
Birmingham Voluntary Service	1,000		1,000	-		-
	<u>14,882</u>		<u>14,882</u>	<u>19,089</u>		<u>19,089</u>
Receipts from activities for generating funds:						
Lettings	-	8,385	8,385	-	4,015	4,015
Fundraising	8,532		8,532	1,053		1,053
	<u>8,532</u>	<u>8,385</u>	<u>16,917</u>	<u>1,053</u>	<u>4,015</u>	<u>5,068</u>
Receipts from investments:						
Trust income	2,950		2,950	2,671	-	2,671
Parish Reserve investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substation rent	-	75	75	-	75	75
Interest CFB	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest TSB	-	73	73	-	75	75
	<u>2,950</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>3,098</u>	<u>2,671</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>2,821</u>
Other Incoming resources:						
Sundry receipts	<u>70</u>		<u>70</u>	<u>156</u>		<u>156</u>
Total Receipts	72,338	8,533	80,871	66,634	4,165	70,799
Total Payments	70,688	9,253	79,941	36,128	6,695	42,823
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	1,650	(720)	930	30,506	(2,530)	27,976
Transfers	(4,500)	-	(4,500)	(18,446)	-	(18,446)
Gain in value of investments	6,946	-	6,946	-	-	-
Balances brought forward	32,888	18,637	51,525	20,828	21,167	41,995
Balances carried forward	<u>36,984</u>	<u>17,917</u>	<u>54,901</u>	<u>32,888</u>	<u>18,637</u>	<u>51,525</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	St. Mary's £	Church Hall £	Total £	St. Mary's £	2020 Church Hall £	Total £
PAYMENTS						
Common Fund	<u>22,500</u>		<u>22,500</u>	<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>
Church Service:						
Service expenses	3,506		3,506	3,264		3,264
Ecclesiastical requisites (donated)	1,700		1,700	1,697		1,697
Organist	3,240		3,240	2,020		2,020
Organ maintenance				70		70
	<u>8,446</u>		<u>8,446</u>	<u>7,051</u>		<u>7,051</u>
Church Maintenance:						
Electricity	7,229		7,229	1,205		1,205
Gas	1,514		1,514	2,627		2,627
Insurance	9,492		9,492	9,475		9,475
Sundry repairs & maintenance	6,237		6,237	5,482		5,482
Alarm	1,486		1,486	-		-
Sound systems & card reader	2,548		2,548	-		-
Bell ropes	1,111		1,111	-		-
Cleaning	120		120	1,305		1,305
Other expenses - Welcome	120		120	120		120
	<u>29,857</u>		<u>29,857</u>	<u>20,214</u>		<u>20,214</u>
Clergy Housing:						
Water rates & insurance	373		373	373		373
Utilities	552		552	552		552
Alarm service	84		84	367		367
	<u>1,009</u>		<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,292</u>		<u>1,292</u>
Clergy Expenses						
Telephone	258		258	239		239
Motor & travelling expenses	555		555	526		526
	<u>813</u>		<u>813</u>	<u>765</u>		<u>765</u>
Church Hall Maintenance						
Cleaning		92	92		861	861
Water charges		220	220		224	224
Electricity		796	796		430	430
Gas		844	844		1,531	1,531
Repairs and maintenance		5,553	5,553		2,351	2,351
Alarm		340	-		-	-
Insurance		1,237	1,237		1,217	1,217
Other expenses		171	171		81	81
		<u>9,253</u>	<u>9,253</u>		<u>6,695</u>	<u>6,695</u>
Other:						
Printing, stationery & postage	3,404		3,404	3,746		3,746
Christmas Trees, cakes etc.	1,269		1,269	-		-
Beer Festival	1,875		1,875	-		-
Sundry expenses	1,515		1,515	2,560		2,560
	<u>8,063</u>		<u>8,063</u>	<u>6,306</u>		<u>6,306</u>
Total Payments	<u>70,688</u>	<u>9,253</u>	<u>79,941</u>	<u>36,128</u>	<u>6,695</u>	<u>42,823</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER
2021
PARISH ACCOUNTS
(DESIGNATED)

	2021 St. Mary's Special Projects	2020 St. Mary's Special Projects
RECEIPTS		
Investment Income:		
CBF Investments	<u>1,382</u>	<u>1,335</u>
Other income:		
Donations and grants	<u>1,111</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>1,111</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Receipts	<u>2,494</u>	<u>11,335</u>
PAYMENTS		
Church activities:		
Accanthus Clews Architects	-	529
A. Bird	3,342	-
EEP Heating	-	11,039
Hydro Heating	-	
IQ Glass	-	33,580
Other expenditure	<u>1,111</u>	<u>20,884</u>
	<u>4,453</u>	<u>66,032</u>
Value Added Tax recovered	(7,558)	(10,227)
Total Payments	<u>(3,105)</u>	<u>55,805</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	5,598	(44,469)
Transfer from (to) other Reserves	-	44,469
Balances carried forward	<u>5,598</u>	<u>-</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021
PARISH ACCOUNTS (ENDOWMENTS)

	Timms Bequest Capital	Arrand Legacy Capital	Assistant Clergy Capital	James Watt Capital	Church Hall Residue Capital	Total 2021
RECEIPTS						
Investment income:						
CBF interest					9	9
PAYMENTS						
Investment management fees	(609)					(609)
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(609)				9	(600)
Change in value of investments	18,656	7,319	5,663	1,176	-	32,814
Transfer					4,500	4,500
Balances brought forward	195,753	61,673	39,380	8,179	379	305,364
Balances carried forward	<u>213,800</u>	<u>68,992</u>	<u>45,043</u>	<u>9,355</u>	<u>4,888</u>	<u>342,078</u>

Previous Year	Timms Bequest Capital	Arrand Legacy Capital	Arrand Legacy Income	Assistant Clergy Capital	James Watt Capital	James Watt Income	Church Hall Residue Capital	Total 2020
RECEIPTS								
Investment income:								
CBF interest	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	53	53
PAYMENTS								
Investment management fees	(532)							(532)
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(532)						53	(480)
Change in value of investments	(2,860)	(11,484)	-	2,543	529	-	-	(11,272)
Withdrawal			(13)			(3,486)	(2,501)	(6,000)
Balances brought forward	199,145	73,157	13	36,837	7,650	3,486	2,828	323,116
Balances carried forward	<u>195,753</u>	<u>61,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,380</u>	<u>8,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>305,364</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

PARISH ACCOUNTS
(RESTRICTED)

	St. Mary Fabric	Church Hall Capital	Total 2021	St. Mary Fabric	Church Hall Capital	Total 2020
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Income:						
Gift Aid Receipts	210		210	210		210
Income Tax recovered	53		53	53		53
	<u>263</u>		<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>		<u>263</u>
Investment income:						
Tims Trust income BISL	5,158		5,158	5,903		5,903
Vaughton Trust Income	-					
Dividends CBF	<u>5,158</u>		<u>5,158</u>	<u>5,903</u>		<u>5,903</u>
Surplus for the year	5,421		5,421	6,166		6,166
Change in valuation of investments	-		-	3,642		3,642
Transfers	<u>5,421</u>		<u>5,421</u>	(45,843) (36,035)		(45,843) (36,035)
Balances brought forward	-	3,228	3,228	36,035	3,228	39,263
Balances carried forward	<u>5,421</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>8,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>3,228</u>

Report from the Mothers' Union (Penny Stephen)

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Officers:

Branch Leader: Ruth Cooper
Secretary: Penny Stephen
Treasurer: Edna Simkin
Chaplain: The Revd Dr Robert Stephen, Rector

Secretary's Report:

The Mothers Union reopened after Covid on the second Thursday in September 2021. Since then we have been meeting regularly. Tim Coltman gave a talk on The Day the Guns Went Silent in the October meeting that attracted 24 people. In December, the MU joined with the Ladies Who Lunch for the annual dinner. The AGM was held in March 2022, where the year's programme was decided. There are currently 10 members, but plans to recruit are in progress.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts:	Diocesan Subs @ £29.50 per member	£324.50
	Branch Subs	£ 75.50
	TOTAL	£400.00
Payments:	Diocesan Subs @ £29.50 per member	£324.50
	Branch Running Costs	£ 95.00
	TOTAL	£419.50
Balance	at 1 st January 2021	£305.44
	at 31 st December 202	£285.91

Prepared by Edna Simkin (Treasurer)

Approved by Ruth Cooper (Branch Officer)

Independently Examined by Rosemarie J Seadon

Report from the Bellringers (Rosemarie Seadon)

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST.MARY'S BELLRINGERS
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

BELL TOWER FUND

Receipts:	Wedding	<u>£ 12.00</u>
		£ 12.00
Payments:	New Bell Ropes	£1111.20
	Christmas Tree Festival	<u>£ 10.00</u>
		£1121.20
Balance in hand at 1 st January 2021		£1889.20
Balance in hand at 31 st December 2021		£ 780.00
Cash in hand		£ 34.59
TSB Bank		<u>£ 745.41</u>
		£ 780.00

OFFICERS Rosemarie Seadon
David Holmes

AIMS

To ring the Church bells prior to services to 'call people to worship'. We aim to ring every Sunday from 10.40 - 11am.
To ring for weddings when requested.
To teach new recruits to ring to ensure continuity of the band. New members are always welcome.
To ring commemorative quarter peals or peals to mark special events.
To maintain the ring of bells in good working order. To this end we have a bell tower fund in which we collect fees for weddings and from visitors who make a donation when they ring quarter peals, peals or visit on an outing. This money can then be used for repairs, e.g. new ropes and stays.

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Due to Covid lockdown we were unable to ring in the New Year and unable to ring again on a Sunday morning until the end of June (following yet another inspection of the tower and bells), continuing with masks and open windows. We had a few Wednesday evening practices but were unable to continue when the weather became too cold with the windows open.
In the summer I had a surprise delivery of our new bell ropes which we still have to install.
We rang for a wedding in December and were able to go to the tower on New Year's Eve.
We hope to have an open evening soon and aim to welcome new learners.

Report from Mums & Toddlers (Ron Hollins)

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST MARY'S TODDLER GROUP
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2021

Opening Balance, 2021, Lloyds TSB, Great Hampton Street Branch,	£1392.36
Closing Balance at the 31 st December 2021,	£ 719.60

No Income was generated during 2021 due to closure.

Outgoings:

8 th August 2021	Donation to Church Electrics	£500.00
9 th November 2021	St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival	£ 65.00
31 st December 2021	Morton Mitchell Insurance	£107.76
Total		£672.76

RW Hollins, *Treasurer*

Mrs D Hemmings, *Volunteer Leader*

AIMS

To promote a safe and friendly church-based playgroup for pre-school children; a place, not only for mothers and carers to meet, but also a place where their children will have the opportunity to learn, to share in activities and to respect the beliefs and cultures of others and so enrich their lives within the rich diversity of our local community.

REPORT

We have been closed for the whole year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The future is unsure as we do not have any regular users of our service and lack volunteers. We are reluctant to re-open at this time as both leaders would find it too stressful to continue on their own.

Report from the Church Hall (Christopher Hazeley-Jones)

The Financial details for the Church Hall (a registered charity) are contained within the Unrestricted Funds on page 13).

REPORT

The hall recommenced bookings around April 2021. This was led by our two incumbent and regular users, Bellford Stage School and Takukon Karate. They have been followed in terms of regular booking by The Lighthouse Chapel Church every Sunday and more recently Thursday evenings. Since April 2021 we have continued to receive regular enquiries into hiring the hall. About a quarter of the enquiries are translated into bookings.

Observations

Having managed the hall for a few years observations are easier to make. In general the potential hirers who seek to hire the hall at short notice (less than 4 weeks prior to their proposed event) are most likely to have issues with payment e.g. seeking discounts, less likely to clear away rubbish and less likely to finish on time, and wanting to extend the time beyond close time of 10.30pm.

Of course we should try and be flexible and where possible treat each "late" request on its own merits but on the whole given the "pattern of behaviour" for late bookers this is not the most attractive of propositions.

Having the church hall advertised on the church website has contributed to an increase in interest. The increase in interest can lead to the need to make more bookings. Unfortunately facilitating use of the hall is still largely reliant on one person and so this reduces the capacity and opportunity to make more bookings. There has been some assistance offered from one individual but of course he's availability is also limited.

The PCC has spoken of options such as the "employment" of a full time caretaker and this may well be the way forward in terms of maximising potential. Otherwise we will have to accept the limitations that come from the existing arrangements and also continue to apply the terms and conditions to ensure they work for us as well.

Waste disposal remains an issue. Despite all hirers being informed that rubbish needs to be removed, this on most occasions does not happen. The sanction of deducting some or all of the deposit is not enough both in terms of a deterrent or in some cases actually in terms of covering cost of getting in a rubbish collection company to remove the rubbish.

The other main difficulty is events not finishing on time. At times upon arrival to close the hall, the event may be coming to an end but of course by the time the hall /kitchen is "cleaned" and cleared of people it's often an hour or more after the end time. Its pleasing that we have stated 10.30pm as the late closing time otherwise it could be 12.30am to 1.00 am before the hall can be properly cleaned and readied for the next user which on some occasions is the next day. Again the prospect of a deduction from the deposit for late finish is not a deterrent.

Technology

The church hall is advertised via the church hall website and has its own separate page providing information and contact details. Following trial of an online enquiry and booking system (November 2021 to January 2022) this was converted into an initial one year subscription. The Hallmaster system allows potential hirers to see an online diary, make request/enquiries, see the Hall Hire agreement, and allow for invoices to be created.

Hall condition

The hall is starting to show signs of wear and tear. The most obvious being the radiator covers. There are some floor boards which are loose or broken and a few areas where the boards have become warped probably due to water coming through the flooring. There are a couple of lightbulbs that need replacing. The wash basin in the disabled toilet has become slightly detached from the wall. Though it does not look like it is in danger of coming apart fully any time soon it's not going to get any better. The inner entrance doors may need the hinges repaired replaced which is what may be causing the doors to rub against each other. For a period in July/August it seemed the alarm was going off without reason but this seems now to have been rectified.

Hall Cleaning

The hall was deep cleaned in July 2021 and I understand is cleaned perhaps on a fortnightly basis. Toilet rolls, and soap are things which need continual replacement. It could be helpful if the cleaning firm when undertaking the cleaning duties could also replenish toilet rolls and soap.

Hall Payments

Traditionally/historically payments for hire of the hall have been in cash. However in keeping with the financial changes many enquirers and hall hirers have been asking to pay directly to the church hall account. For regular users we have made this facility open to them, but for "one off" casual users we still request cash though we may need to review this position again in due course as direct banking and monitoring such transactions becomes more the norm.

Hall Property

The kitchen is a big selling point for the hall. The facilities and space are good. Access to items such as pots and pans, cutlery, glasses and so forth is included in the hire and may be seen as a generous offer. In recent times we have noticed the loss of pots and possibly some other items. There are far too many items to be counted each time an event is happening and the kitchen is being used. To reduce the prospect of loss of items in this way the most practical option would be for them to be stored elsewhere and not be made available when the kitchen is hired. Kitchen hire would only include "hard goods" toaster, microwave, cooker, ovens, food warmer, hot water urn, fridge and dishwasher. This is something the PCC may wish to discuss and consider.

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THE PARISH OF HANDSWORTH (ST. MARY)

St, Mary's Parish Church
Registered Charity Number. 1171344

St. Mary's Church Hall
Registered Charity Number: L4/603/840

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Rector:
The Revd Dr Robert Stephen BA BD MTh(Oxon)
Handsworth Rectory
288 Hamstead Road
Birmingham

Bankers:
TSB plc
Birmingham

Independent Examiner:
Mr Laurence Parkes FCA

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Preamble

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Dr Robert Stephen, in promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and also in co-operating with other faith communities. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Mary's, Handsworth.

Objects and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our Church and to become part of our Parish Community at St Mary's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture; music and sacrament; discipleship and service. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

- ✦ Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- ✦ Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- ✦ Sharing our faith and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Mary's as it is a physical and spiritual landmark within this community.

Worship and Prayer

When it has been possible, during a year with various lock-downs due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the pattern of services has continued with a Holy Communion at 8.00am every Sunday using the Book of Common Prayer (1662); The Parish Eucharist at 11.00am every Sunday using Common Worship (2000). All these services have viable numbers attending. It has not been possible to resume the pattern of the monthly Evensong. Ordinarily, Morning and Evening Prayer would be said in Church (with the bell rung to make the Parish aware): sadly, this too has not been possible during the majority of this year and we look forward to re-establishing the pattern of Daily Offices as soon as it is practicable.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and we are glad that our worshipping community remains diverse in age, ethnic origin, employment and family situations. Given the demographic of the area, where only 22% would identify as Christians and these are not all Anglicans, we can remain confident that the Parish Church still has a vital role in the community. There were 69 on the Electoral Roll (39 resident in the Parish and 30 non-resident) a decrease of 2 from the previous year.

The details submitted to the Church of England on our Annual Statistical Returns show how different the year has been:

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Christmass Attendance	143	166	236	67
Easter Attendance	90	104	107	
Average Week (October)	123	142	145	67
Usual Sunday	80	69	78	
Baptisms	8	6	5	3
Marriages	2	5	2	1
Funerals	16	8	17	39

I have been glad to have had the support of my 4 licensed Readers who have assisted as Liturgical Deacons at the Parish Eucharist, have officiated at other services, have preached and have supported me in the pastoral care of the congregation.

The significant addition to the provision of worship in this year has been the introduction of Live-Streaming on Face Book for the Parish Eucharist. This began after the Church was closed in the first lock-down in March and was initially from the Rectory dining room. Once we could be back in Church (without a congregation) we continued to do this and the demand rose. Live-Stream, as a delivered service, was deemed preferable to Zoom or Teams where interaction with the service was possible, even required: watching meant fewer distractions than engaging with technology more directly. The on-line community that has gathered from the Parish, the UK and around the world raised the funds necessary for professional equipment to be installed in Church. It has been startling to note that in Holy Week, for a series of reflections that replaced the Daily Eucharist, there were in excess of 1,200 who joined that series of talks, while the on-line 'attendance' on Sundays has always been greater than we could ordinarily have expected to attend Church in person, it has been surprising that on some Sundays the 'reach' has been over 2,000 (which would be even larger if we were able to count when more than one person watched in a household).

To ensure that as many people as possible are able to join in the remote, yet corporate, acts of worship service orders and other material of concern to the Church and Parish have been distributed weekly.

Deanery Synod

2 members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Pastoral Care

During this year it has been very difficult to offer Pastoral Care in a traditional way, especial by visiting. It has been good to know that there have been numerous ways that have evolved in which people have supported each other and that this has ensured that those in particular need have had contact by telephone, email and in letters when in-person meetings have not been advised.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Policy was reviewed at the APCM. The website is compliant with the necessary local and Diocesan details on the page on which people first land on the site. Both the Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Ethel Lubin, and the Designated Person, Mrs Penny Stephen, have had all the necessary training. All those who have need of a DBS certificate have up-to-date documentation and we are satisfied that our policies and practices are compliant.

Financial Review

The details of the Parish and Church finances follow in this report. We are particularly grateful to those who, despite the lock-down, have continued to ensure that their offerings have been maintained and have either made the effort to deliver their envelopes or have set up Standing Orders to the Church. This has been a difficult year in that we have, in the same period, had to come to terms with the significant loss in our income due to the investing our capital reserves into the reordering of the building and the decline in income due to the lock-down.

Volunteers

This year there have been no major events and so we have had fewer opportunities to make use of the time and talents within the worshipping community. I must thank my Churchwardens, Keith and Doreen Hemmings, who have ensured that the life of the Church continues as far as it can; to Edna Simkin, our Treasurer, for her tireless work to keep us 'afloat'; to Eddie Lear, who manages our investments and the Hall accounts; to Rosemarie Seadon for her work on the Gift Aid reclaim (as well as being Captain of the Tower); to Laurence Parkes, our new independent examiner; to Margaret Thomas our PCC Secretary; and to Christopher Hazeley-Jones for managing the few Hall bookings in this year. The new tasks this year have been to complete the Risk Assessments and we are grateful to Rosemarie Seadon and Margaret Thomas for undertaking these; and to the Live-Stream Team, led by Adam Lubin. We look forward to calling on people as we can resume normal activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwarden(s), the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members will receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

The standing committee of the PCC is the Finance and General Purposes Committee and it is responsible to the PCC and reports back to it regularly with regular reports given to the full PCC and discussed as necessary. Other committees deal with safeguarding, pastoral matters and social activities. The PCC are responsible to the Diocese to act as Trustees for the Church Hall.

Administrative information

St. Mary's Church is situated on Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 288 Hamstead Road, Handsworth, B20 2RB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is an independent charity registered with the Charity Commissioners.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st April 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- * Incumbent: The Reverend Dr Robert Stephen (Chairman)
- * Readers: Mrs Ruth Cooper; Mrs Eureka Drayton; Dr Stephanie Hayton; Mrs Penny Stephen
- * Wardens: Mrs Doreen Hemmings; Mr Keith Hemmings (Vice Chairman)
- * Miss E.J. Simkin (Parish Treasurer)
- * Mrs M Thomas, (PCC Secretary)

Elected

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| * Mrs L Colwill | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mrs Diana Duggan | (elected until 2022) |
| * Mr D Holmes | (elected until 2021) |
| * Mrs B Lear | (elected until 2021) |
| * Mrs Camelia Paton-Devine | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mr Richard Paton-Devine | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mr A Lubin | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mrs E V Lubin | (elected until 2023) |
| * Mrs E Moore | (elected until 2023) |
| * Miss R.J. Seadon (Electoral Roll Officer) | (elected until 2022) |
| * Mrs S Taylor | (elected until 2023) |

Co-Opted

- * Mr V F Daniel
- * Mr C Hazeley-Jones
- * Mr E Lear OBE - Hall & Investment Treasurer
- * Mr Raj Mahay
- * Mr Thaddeus Ede
- * Mr G Walters

Approved by the PCC on 13th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Dr Robert Stephen (PCC chairman).

Report on the Fabric (Keith Hemmings)

This has, following on from the major re-ordering last year, been a quiet year. We were glad to have the final element of the re-ordering completed when the glass screens were installed to the refectory in the North Aisle. This will provide an area for smaller meetings and for refreshments, as well as the children during services.

We did have our Quinquennial Inspection in 2020 and it is heartening to note that there are no major items that need urgent attention. We have, however, kept up to date with all minor repairs that have arisen.

The only significant addition to the fabric this year has been the installation of the camera array and the other equipment so that we can record and broadcast service. We are grateful to Adam Lubin for his hard work in researching, designing and installing what was necessary and to the many people of the extended St Mary's community for funding this.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee (as the only Standing Committee of the PCC) continues to carry most of the workload behind the scenes on behalf of the PCC. Currently serving on this committee are:

The Revd Dr Robert Stephen	(Incumbent & Chair);
Christopher Hazeley-Jones	(Hall Letting Officer);
Doreen Hemmings	(Churchwarden);
Keith Hemmings	(Churchwarden);
David Holmes	(PCC Appointment);
Eddie Lear	(Hall & Investment Treasurer);
Rosemarie Seadon	(Gift Aid & Electoral Roll);
Edna Simkin	(Parish Treasurer);
Shane Taylor	(Social & Fund-raising Committee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE P.C.C. OF ST. MARY, HANDSWORTH

This report on the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") and St. Mary's Church Hall Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 16, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under S.144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under S.145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under S.145 (5)(b)) of the Charities Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act and Regulations

have not been met: or

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

Laurence E Parkes FCA
Chartered Accountant

5 Crondal Place
Birmingham

5th March 2021

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)			
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (CONSOLIDATED)			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	62,144	263	62,407
Activities for generating funds	5,068	-	5,068
Investment income	4,156	5,956	10,112
Other incoming resources	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>81,368</u>	<u>6,219</u>	<u>87,587</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	117,680	6,532	124,213
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(36,312)	(313)	(36,626)
Change in value of investments	-	(7,630)	(7,630)
Transfers	45,842	(45,842)	-
Balances at 1st January 2020	41,995	362,379	404,374
Balances at 31st December 2020	<u>51,525</u>	<u>308,593</u>	<u>360,118</u>
PREVIOUS YEAR			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	Restricted & Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts	57,806	263	58,069
Activities for generating funds	14,835	-	14,835
Investment income	20,957	10,397	31,354
Other incoming resources	136,925	-	136,925
	<u>230,523</u>	<u>10,660</u>	<u>241,183</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities	1,171,224	568	1,171,792
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(940,701)	10,092	(930,609)
Change in value of investments	31,065	59,226	90,291
Transfers	264,581	(264,581)	-
Balances at 1st January 2020	687,050	557,642	1,244,692
Balances at 31st December 2020	<u>41,995</u>	<u>362,379</u>	<u>404,374</u>

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST. MARY)			
PARISH BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2020			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted & Endowment Funds	Total Funds
PARISH FUNDS	£	£	£
Capital Funds	-	305,365	305,365
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
General Funds	51,525	-	51,525
Total Funds Held	51,525	308,593	360,118
Investments	39,677	305,365	345,042
Current Assets:			
Amounts receivable	75	-	75
Bank balances	17,296	3,228	20,524
	17,371	3,228	20,599
Current Liabilities:			
Amounts payable	5,523	-	5,523
Net Current Assets	11,848	3,228	15,076
Total Net Assets	51,525	308,593	360,118
Previous year:			
	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted & Endowment Funds	Total Funds
PARISH FUNDS	£	£	£
Capital Funds	-	359,151	359,151
Church Hall Capital	-	3,228	3,228
General Funds	41,994	-	41,994
Total Funds Held	41,994	362,379	404,373
Investments	-	359,151	359,151
Current Assets:			
Amounts receivable	1,192	-	1,192
Bank balances	41,750	3,228	44,978
	42,942	3,228	46,170
Current Liabilities:			
Amounts payable	948	-	948
Net Current Assets	41,994	3,228	45,222
Total Net Assets	41,994	362,379	404,373

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)							
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020							
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)							
					2019		
		St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total
RECEIPTS		£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular Giving:							
	Gift Aided Receipts	20,507		20,507	24,581		24,581
	Other Pledged Giving	9,760		9,760	7,283		7,283
	Income Tax recovered	10,628		10,628	9,633		9,633
	Open	2,004		2,004	4,909		4,909
		42,899		42,899	46,406		46,406
Other voluntary receipts:							
	Special collections	-		-	1,493		1,493
	Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals	4,217		4,217	2,825		2,825
	Donations	10,022		10,022	7,081		7,081
	Handsworth Charity grant	3,000		3,000	-		-
	Live Streaming	1,850		1,850	-		-
		19,089		19,089	11,399		11,399
Receipts from activities for generating funds:							
	Lettings	-	4,015	4,015	-	11,585	11,585
	Fundraising	1,053		1,053	3,250		3,250
		1,053	4,015	5,068	3,250	11,585	14,835
Receipts from investments:							
	Trust income	2,671		2,671	15,607	-	15,607
	Parish Reserve investments	-	-	-	3,344	-	3,344
	Substation rent	-	75	75	-	75	75
	Interest CFB	-	-	-	-	9	9
	Interest TSB	-	75	75	-	95	95
		2,671	150	2,821	18,951	179	19,130
Other incoming resources:							
	Sundry receipts	156		156	174		174
Total Receipts							
		65,867	4,165	70,032	80,180	11,764	91,944
Total Payments							
		35,362	6,696	42,058	68,036	8,893	76,929
Surplus (Deficit) for the year							
		30,505	(2,531)	27,974	12,144	2,871	15,015
Transfers							
		(18,446)	-	(18,446)	(57,853)	-	(57,853)
Balances brought forward							
		20,828	21,167	41,995	66,537	18,296	84,833
Balances carried forward							
		32,887	18,636	51,523	20,828	21,167	41,995

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)						
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020						
PARISH ACCOUNTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)						
					2019	
	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total	St. Mary's	Church Hall	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS						
Common Fund	500		500	30,000		30,000
Church Service:						
Service expenses	3,264		3,264	3,521		3,521
Ecclesiastical requisites (donated)	1,697		1,697	5,724		5,724
Organist	2,020		2,020	4,686		4,686
Organ maintenance	70		70	282		282
	7,051		7,051	14,213		14,213
Church Maintenance:						
Electricity	1,205		1,205	5,266		5,266
Gas	2,627		2,627	1,095		1,095
Insurance	9,475		9,475	7,828		7,828
Sundry repairs & maintenance	5,482		5,482	1,915		1,915
Cleaning	1,305		1,305	90		90
Other expenses - Welcome	120		120	120		120
	20,214		20,214	16,314		16,314
Clergy Housing:						
Water rates & insurance	373		373	373		373
Utilities	552		552	605		605
Alarm service	367		367			
	1,291		1,291	978		978
Clergy Expenses						
Telephone	239		239	213		213
Motor & travelling expenses	526		526	780		780
	765		765	993		993
Church Hall Maintenance						
Cleaning		861	861		826	826
Water charges		224	224		114	114
Electricity		430	430		545	545
Gas		1,531	1,531		1,370	1,370
Repairs and maintenance		2,351	2,351		2,486	2,486
Refurbishment		-	-		1,758	1,758
Insurance		1,217	1,217		1,171	1,171
Other expenses		81	81		623	623
		6,696	6,696		8,893	8,893
Other:						
Printing, stationery & postage	3,746		3,746	3,044		3,044
Sundry expenses	2,560		2,560	2,494		2,494
	6,306		6,306	5,538		5,538
Total Payments	35,362	6,696	42,058	68,036	8,893	76,929

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)					
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020					
PARISH ACCOUNTS (DESIGNATED)					
	2020	2019			
	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	Parish	2019
	Special Projects	Special Projects	Churchyard	Reserve	Total
RECEIPTS					
Investment income:					
CBF investments	1,335	1,827			1,827
Other income:					
Insurance claims	-	130			130
Donations and grants	10,000	136,621			136,621
	10,000	136,751			136,751
Total Receipts	11,335	138,578			138,578
PAYMENTS					
Church activities:					
Accanthus Clews Architects	529	43,721			43,721
EEP Heating	11,039	32,250			32,250
Allen Organs	-	109,403			109,403
Stone Edge	-	972,364			972,364
Bates & Lambourne pews	-	106,301			106,301
Site Clearance	-	10,560			10,560
Asbestos Survey	-	1,074			1,074
Hydro Heating	19,818	-			-
IQ Glass	33,580	-			-
Other expenditure	20,884	10,163			10,163
	85,850	1,285,836			1,285,836
Value Added Tax recovered	(10,227)	(191,542)			(191,542)
Total Payments	75,623	1,094,294			1,094,294
(Deficit) for the year	(64,288)	(955,716)			(955,716)
Change in valuation of investments		2,277	3,760	25,028	31,065
Transfer from (to) other Reserves	64,288	729,146	(5,121)	(401,591)	322,434
Balances brought forward	-	224,293	1,361	376,563	602,217
Balances carried forward	-	-	-	-	-

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY) YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 PARISH A ACCOUNTS (ENDOWMENTS)												
	Timms Bequest Capital	Arrand Legacy Capital	Arrand Legacy Income	Assistant Clergy Capital	James Watt Capital	James Watt Income	Church Hall Residue Capital	Total 2020				
RECEIPTS												
Investment income:												
CBF interest	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	53	53				
PAYMENTS												
Investment management fees	(532)							(532)				
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(532)						53	(480)				
Change in value of investments	(2,860)	(11,484)	-	2,543	529	-	-	(11,272)				
Withdrawal			(13)			(3,486)	(2,501)	(6,000)				
Balances brought forward	199,145	73,157	13	36,837	7,650	3,486	2,828	323,116				
Balances carried forward	195,753	61,673	-	39,380	8,179	-	379	305,364				
Previous Year												
Timms Bequest Capital		Arrand Legacy Capital	Arrand Legacy Income	Assistant Clergy Capital	James Watt Capital	James Watt Income	Church Hall Residue Capital	Vaughton Bequest Capital	Small Trusts Capital	Coffee House Capital	Coffee House Income	Total 2019
RECEIPTS												
Investment income:												
CBF interest	-	-	59	-	-	-	1,566	-	-	-	-	1,625
PAYMENTS												
Investment management fees	568	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	568
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(568)	9,433	59	8,264	1,207	-	1,566	10,190	172	1,277	351	1,057
Change in value of investments	23,454						6,576					60,924
Transfers	-	-	(8,500)	-	-	-	(57,286)	(106,456)	(1,735)	(11,260)	(4,492)	(195,304)
Balances brought forward	176,259	63,724	8,454	28,573	6,443	3,486	51,972	96,266	1,563	9,983	4,141	456,439
Balances carried forward	199,145	73,157	13	36,837	7,650	3,486	2,828	-	-	-	-	323,116

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST.MARY)						
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020						
PARISH ACCOUNTS (RESTRICTED)						
	St. Mary Fabric	Church Hall Capital	Total 2020	St. Mary Fabric	Church Hall Capital	Total 2019
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary income:						
Gift Aid Receipts	210		210	210		210
Income Tax recovered	53		53	53		53
	<u>263</u>		<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>		<u>263</u>
Investment income:						
Tims Trust income BISL	5,903		5,903	6,536		6,536
Vaughton Trust income	-			1,494		1,494
Dividends CBF				742		
	<u>5,903</u>		<u>5,903</u>	<u>8,772</u>		<u>8,030</u>
Surplus for the year	6,166		6,166	9,035		9,035
Change in valuation of investments	3,642		3,642	(1,697)		(1,697)
Transfers	(45,843)		(45,843)	(61,764)	(7,513)	(69,277)
	<u>(36,035)</u>		<u>(36,035)</u>	<u>(54,426)</u>	<u>(7,513)</u>	<u>(61,939)</u>
Balances brought forward	36,035	3,228	39,263	90,461	10,741	101,202
Balances carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>36,035</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>39,263</u>

Report from the Mothers' Union (Penny Stephen)

**HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

Officers:

Branch Leader:	Ruth Cooper
Secretary:	Penny Stephen
Treasurer:	Edna Simkin
Chaplain:	The Revd Dr Robert Stephen, Rector

Secretary's Report:

Although we have not met since lock-down, members have remained in touch with each other and have received the updates from the Diocese and the national Mothers' Union. We look forward to being able to provide an engaging programme when we can meet again.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts:	Diocesan Subs @ £24 per member	£312.00
	Branch Subs	£ 58.00
	TOTAL	£370.00
Payments:	Diocesan Subs @ £24 per member	£312.00
	Branch Running Costs	£ 15.00
	TOTAL	£327.00
Balance	at 1 st January 2020	£262.41
	at 31 st December 2020	£305.41

Prepared by Edna Simkin (Treasurer)

Approved by Ruth Cooper (Branch Leader)

Independently Examined by Rosemarie J Seadon

Report from the Bellringers (Rosemarie Seadon)

**HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST.MARY'S BELLRINGERS
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

BELL TOWER FUND

Receipts:	Birmingham School of Bell ringing	<u>£ 70.00</u>
		£ 70.00

Payments:		<u>£ 0.00</u>
		£ 0.00

Balance in hand at 1 st January 2020	£1819.20
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Balance in hand at 31 st December 2020	£1889.20
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Cash in hand	£ 32.59
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TSB Bank	<u>£1856.61</u>
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	<u>£1889.20</u>
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OFFICERS Rosemarie Seadon
David Holmes

AIMS

To ring the Church bells prior to services to 'call people to worship'. We aim to ring every Sunday from 10.40 – 11am.

To ring for weddings when requested.

To teach new recruits to ring to ensure continuity of the band. New members are always welcome.

To ring commemorative quarter peals or peals to mark special events.

To maintain the ring of bells in good working order. To this end we have a bell tower fund in which we collect fees for weddings and from visitors who make a donation when they ring quarter peals, peals or visit on an outing. This money can then be used for repairs, e.g. new ropes and stays.

ANNUAL REPORT

We started 2020 by ringing on New Year's Eve/day and continued to ring for the 11am service on Sundays up until and including 15th March when we entered the pandemic lockdown.

When the Church reopened for services in September, we carried out an inspection of the bells and a detailed risk assessment to establish what ringing was possible. We concluded that a maximum of 4 bells (alternate bells in the circle) could be rung while maintaining social distancing and we needed to wear masks, open the windows, keep apart on the stairs and sanitize well! We rang for four weeks until we entered a higher tier and abided by the Central Council advise that we should not be ringing. As the year ended and rules tightened yet again it was impossible to judge when it would be possible to ring again.

There has been no news from the rope makers as to when our new ropes ordered towards the end of 2019 would be delivered.

With no practices to attend on Wednesday evenings those of us with the technology have been joining the St Martin's Guild Zoom sessions and had some interesting talks on a wide range of bell topics.

When things are back to 'normal' and ringing resumes we will have an open evening and aim to welcome new learners.

Report from Mums & Toddlers (Ron Hollins)

**HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY)
ST.MARY'S TODDLER GROUP
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2020

Opening Balance, 2020, Lloyds TSB, Great Hampton Street Branch, £1211.81
Closing Balance at the 31st December 2020, £1392.36

Date	Outgoings	Income	Balance
Term 1: January 9 th - February 13 th	£16.95	£142.50	£125.55
Term 2: February 27 th - March 12 th	nil	£55.00	£55.00
TOTALS			£180.55

Outgoings:

Milk & Bread: £16.95

RW Hollins, *Treasurer*
Mrs D Hemmings, *Volunteer Leader*
Mrs R Cooper, *Volunteer Leader*

AIMS

To promote a safe and friendly church-based playgroup for pre-school children; a place, not only for mothers and carers to meet, but also a place where their children will have the opportunity to learn, to share in activities and to respect the beliefs and cultures of others and so enrich their lives within the rich diversity of our local community.

REPORT

We entered our third year since the Hall refurbishment but at the beginning of the year we could not have foreseen the devastating effect that the Covid Pandemic would have on our group. For safety reasons we were forced to close and 12th March 2020 was our last meeting. The future is uncertain and we are continuing to review the situation month by month.