

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY EDWINSTOWE

England & Wales · Charity number 1171553

Details

Other names	EDWINSTOWE PCC, ST MARY'S CHURCH EDWINSTOWE
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Legal form	Other
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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELICAL, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£127,911	£100,045	-	-
2023-12-31	£117,777	£111,466	-	-
2022-12-31	£98,174	£106,267	-	-
2021-12-31	£108,443	£94,648	-	-
2020-12-31	£119,739	£142,199	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Claire Louise Melless	Chair	2023-10-04
Brian William Evans		2022-04-24
Denise Poole		2022-11-08
HILARY AILSA CHESHIRE		2017-01-10
Linda Foster		2023-01-10
Margaret Share		2018-04-29
Matthew Storor		2023-04-30
Peter George Edwards		2021-05-16
RICHARD NEELY		2016-04-24
Sue Ford		2017-04-30
Terrence Jack Ashton		2024-09-10
Walter Daglish		2021-05-16

Accounts



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF
ST MARY EDWINSTOWE**

Registered Charity Number 1171553

**YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Priest in Charge
Revd. Claire Melless

Independent Examiner

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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to **God's love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship [**Worship**]

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life** [**Discipleship**]

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. [**Mission**]

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

During the year, there have been 8 PCC meetings with an average attendance of 69% (2023 76%).

Sub-committees of the PCC met several times during the year: Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three Churches Forum" who meet every Monday for Prayer and a diary meeting.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The Standing and Finance committee meet every other month.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 108 (106 in 2023) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll

Safeguarding

The PCC has worked closely with Pete Edwards, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure we have complied with our Safeguarding Policy & Action Plan. The documentation and procedures are under regular review and revised as necessary. All the identified members have undergone appropriate training for their role.

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the church charity.

Priest in charge:	Revd Claire Melless	From October 2023
Wardens:	Richard Neely Vacant	
Deanery synod:	Hilary Cheshire Matthew Storor Ruth Roddison	Treasurer & Diocesan synod To July 2024
Reader representative:	Pete Edwards	
Elected members:	Emma Scaysbrook Margaret Share Walter Daglish Darren Knight Brian Evans Sue Ford Harold Green Denise Poole Linda Foster Jane Knight Terry Ashton Michaela Turpin Julie Readman Steve Roddison	Secretary to July 2024 Co-opted APCM (full Sept 24) Co-opted Sept24 (full Nov 24) To APCM To APCM To July 2024
Safeguarding	Pete Edwards	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553**. These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extends its thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

Vicar's Report

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

The regular Sunday morning service moved, in March 24, to a new time of 11.15am – this has been received well, and the average attendance is around 35 adults, with 5 children. However, our regular worshipping community is made up of approximately 49 adults and 15 under 18's.

Parish communion is held on most Sundays with a 'Worship for Everyone' service being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are very thankful to Steve Roddison who at the beginning of the year was playing the piano to accompany our worship almost every week. Since the summer Steve plays for approximately two Sunday's a month and we use the system to accompany our worship on other Sunday's. Occasionally John Pope plays the organ and we are grateful to him too.

Thanks also go to our readers (LLM's) Lorna and Pete who preach and lead services regularly and to Revd Richard Ford and Revd Sue Caddy who cover services when needed.

The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young and we are very thankful for them. One Way Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Our pre-school offering "The Ark" continues and welcomes the foundation children from St Mary's school each month.

At Easter it was great to welcome many children and families into church on Good Friday for our 'Good Friday Special'.

The Youth group "Illuminate" paused in the spring of 2024 as we made plans to re-launch in Sept 2024. It was re-launched and now meets on the 1st Sunday of every month 6-7.30pm. The group consists of a core group of 6- 8 young people and there is representation from Edwinstowe and Clipstone.

'Sunday @6' was launched in Sept 2024, this is a contemporary worship service and is a space for come and soak in the presence of God through worship, prayer, scripture and word. This takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month at 6pm. Held at St Mary's but for anyone from across The Churches of Sherwood and beyond. On average there are about 15 people each month, however this is often a different combination of people each time so there have been more in total.

The bible course concluded in late Spring and an ALPHA course will be beginning in Spring 2025.

Occasional Offices	2024	2023
Baptism	7	16
Funerals in Church	15	10
Service at Crematorium	2	6
Weddings	3	5

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. There has been a change in leadership in 2024, Jennie Bailey took up the role of head teacher in Sept 2024. Hilary Cheshire continues as chair of governors with Linda Foster as vice chair. Revd Claire is a governor and other foundation governors are Steve Roddison, Glenn Hickman, Sara Coupe and James Turpin. Revd Claire goes in to deliver Collective worship on a regular basis (every 2 weeks) and Steve and Ruth go in regularly to deliver singing sessions. Curriculum visits to St Mary's Church with Revd Claire take place too.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King Edwin Primary School, Revd Claire occasionally delivers an assembly at the school.

Both schools attended church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas specials.

The Christmas tree festival was, once again, a great occasion. The wonderful trees represented groups from across the wider community and many people came in to view the trees.

The carol service, Christingle and midnight communion attracted many people from across the community. The numbers all being significantly higher than the previous year. It is always great to welcome many people in from the wider community and to proclaim the good news of the Christmas message.

The church continues to be open for visitors on many days throughout the year as and when the stewards are able to facilitate this. We are hugely thankful for the dedication & interest of our small band of stewards, Denise, Harold, Peter, Terry & Revd Richard. This meant we were able to welcome many visitors [nearly 4000 over the year] to enjoy our church history & explore the legend that is Robin Hood. We hope to receive funding to install a system called 'InfoPoint' in 2025 which will help to enhance the visitors' experience alongside the stewards.

The 'hidden' jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible and treasurer Hilary Cheshire. We thank Emma Farrier for her continued work in the paid role of cleaner. Our thanks also go to the band of volunteers who have diligently and beautifully decorated the church for festivals led by our vergers Jo Rose.

Jayne Mawby our administrator is still unwell and unable to work. We pray for her recovery. In December 2024 we employed a temporary admin assistant, Alice Curry, who works 10 hours each week. It has been great to welcome her into the role and we look forward to working with her going forwards.

The Village Exchange shop has had some management changes this year, our paid manager was on long term absence due to illness for the first 6 months of the year. The manager resigned in September and since then the team of core volunteers has been co-ordinating the day to day running and management of the shop in liaison with Revd Claire, our church warden and treasurer. The VX is thriving, it is not only a shop but a place where people can drop in for a chat too. The VX continues to provide pre-loved goods and is appreciated as the cost of living continues to rise. Our HUGE thanks go to the Core volunteers and the team of general volunteers for all they do, and all who donate goods for sale.

Eco church – We achieved the silver eco church award from La Rocha during 2024. Thanks go to the Eco group for all their hard work in achieving this award, in continuing to meet these standards, and as we work towards attaining the gold award in the future.

Future plans

In 2025 we will be working continue with the many aspects of mission, discipleship, outreach and ministry and will be seeking to deepen our own discipleship and to grow disciples.

Future plans include but are not limited to

- Learning and praying together as we seek to join with God's mission to place love at the heart of life
- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need.
- Encouraging regular giving which enables our mission and ministry.
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- Enjoy fellowship and fun over the 3 parishes.
- Our hope is that St Mary's will continue steadily to change and develop to reflect and challenge the community, welcoming many more to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

We will also strive to work towards meeting the different priorities of our Growing Disciples plan (this is a working document that is subject to change as God moves and works within our lives and within the Churches of Sherwood Forest)

- **Inspiring worship:** Increase our reach and attract new worshippers. Continue with our regular services and further embed and develop the new Sunday@ 6 service
- **Reaching younger:** Increase our reach to children and families across the three churches through building on Worship for Everyone service, development of existing children's and young people's groups - The Ark, One Way Club/ Messy Church and Illuminate
Investigate the scope and practicalities of an after-school church/ messy church linked to St Mary's School – possibly 2026?
- **Enabling Commitment:** encourage the discipleship of adults by offering nurture courses (ALPHA 2025) and other avenues deeper into God, such as baptism and confirmation preparation, and recruitment to discipleship groups.
- **Nurturing Prayer** deepen and develop the prayer life of the church to underpin all the above with prayer. Establish a community of people who pray.
- **Growing leaders** Develop teams across all areas
- **Encouraging Generosity** To establish a community of giving across the three churches. A giving programme will be held in 2025.
- **Inspiring worship** investigate the scope and practicalities around developing a forest/outdoor church at Sherwood Forest which would become a NWC (new worshipping community) by the end of 2026/27.

I look forward to all that lies ahead in this year and the years to come. I believe there are exciting opportunities for mission and growth here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest. I pray that as we enter the next year, we will continue to build on what we do well, to pray together, worship together and work together to grow disciples with confidence, compassion and courage as we join with God's mission to place love at the heart of life here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest. Thank you everyone for all that you are and all that you do.

Rev'd Claire

Other reports

Church Rooms

With much dedicated & continuous support from members of the Management Committee, 2024 turned out to be a further year of retrenchment where, albeit with a small trading surplus, we saw a good level of usage both by regular hirers & occasional users across the year. To support the Rooms the PCC made a grant of £2k. In the new year the fees were increased applicable to all hirings.

Insurance costs & wages were slightly up on 2023 but outlays on gas & electricity & maintenance/repair costs were lower.

For the first time the Management Committee was compelled to issue court proceedings to seek recovery of unpaid hire charges.

All these items taken together resulted in the generation of a small surplus but the reward was that our community continued to have access to a great resource at an affordable cost.

The Management Committee met 5 times during the year.

The Edwinstowe in Bloom volunteers helped by young people from St Mary's Church used the ground at the front railings again this year to brighten up the area.

After many years of devoted service, we reluctantly accepted the resignations of Pauline & Walter Daglish from the Management Committee. We are deeply indebted to them for their commitment & support.

For the future

Going forward we will be updating the terms & conditions of hire; and, when finances allow, we will introduce LED lighting into the hall which will improve our carbon footprint & lower running costs. We will also investigate investing in a remote keyless locking system - it is anticipated that this will facilitate our hirers as well as reducing administrative tasks.

Fabric

We have again arrived at this time of year where a report is made on the upkeep of the church fabric & our churchyard together with some detail of maintenance work that has been done throughout 2024.

Internally, it is confirmed that the ornaments & furniture are all accounted for & in good condition [allowing for 'wear & tear']. We wish to record our appreciation for the gifts of a side table & fire stand, the latter being crafted by renowned local carpenter, Richard Tudsbury. These items are on display in church - they add to our demonstration of God's creation through the working of wood & the depiction of nature.

Service & maintenance works have been carried out during the year, for example, to the organ [half-yearly], the gas boilers, the CCTV system, the emergency lighting, the fire extinguishers and the external water goods. The Fire & Safety Service made a preliminary inspection of the church premises. The heating & lighting were monitored closely to control costs whilst seeking to maintain a reasonable ambience for the congregation and at other events. In this regard it is important to remember that the organ also has to be cared for. There were minor water incursions when the weather was particularly inclement & a radiator showed a very small leak which seemed to seal itself.

The church clock & the chime have not run smoothly during the year & we remain in consultation with our contractor to remedy this.

Newark & Sherwood DC has continued to carry out a regular mowing of the grass & cutting the hedgerows. Regard has been had to our increased planting of bulbs etc thus helping them to spread [by not cutting them down too soon]. It was intimated by N&SDC that it would be planning a review of all the trees in the churchyard with a view to drawing up a plan for future maintenance. Our young people joined with Edwinstowe in Bloom to plant more flowers & a raised flowerbed was erected near the southern main gate. We thus continued our efforts to increase the wilding of the churchyard. As reported elsewhere, St Mary's also achieved the silver ECO award from La Rocha. Gold next!

We would like to thank all those who have helped & supported us over the year but special mention must go to Emma Farrier & Peter Atkinson for keeping the church clean; to Walter Daglish & Terry Ashton doing odd jobs; to Margaret Share & Val Hart for their work in the grounds [including the bug hotel]; and to all those who gave of their time as stewards to welcome visitors & tourists.

Our church architect, Graeme Renton, retires in 2025 having looked after St Mary's for some 20 years. We thank him most sincerely for his advice & guidance & wish him well in his retirement.

Future plans

The PCC still has plans to electrify the church clock & to digitalise the Memorial Book. The coming year will see the servicing of the lightning conductor – good practice says this should be done every 4 years. We will look at adding a surge protection system to

reduce possible electrical outages. This has assumed greater significance as we have increased our reliance on electrical devices. The 2 benches in the Children's section will be replaced.

Finance

There was global economic uncertainty in 2024 as the war in Ukraine continued along with the conflict in Israel and Gaza. General inflation fell from the high of 10% however there continues to be concern over the cost-of-living.

We are grateful to both Thoresby Charitable Trust and The Sir Hugh & Lady Sykes foundation for their continued support.

The Card reader has been a good addition as many people no longer carry cash, it generated donations of £2,312 over the year, on a par with cash donations of £2,413 in the "black box".

The Village Xchange provided nearly 40% of the total income for 2024 enabling us to pay our Parish share in full and continue our commitment to give away 10% of income to other charities.

We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom and generosity in our stewardship of all gifts. Everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support.

Report on the proceedings of the Mansfield Deanery Synod 2024

During 2024, Deanery Synod met 3 times, twice via zoom and once in person. The March meeting learned about Chaplaincy, with Revd David McCullough leading the discussion and encouraging us to 'go where the people are'.

At our July meeting we welcomed Tony Brown to tell us about the Parish Giving Scheme which is being expanded across the diocese.

Our November meeting concentrated on Safeguarding and the new framework which was explained to us by Stephanie Spencer, National Standards Safeguarding training manager and parish support officer.

At each meeting we are updated on Parish Share. Paying share continues to be a challenge for most parishes, which is met with great generosity. However, this year we were able to pay £30k more than last year and were the only deanery to pay 100% of their requirement, totalling £470,615.

In addition to the Synods, we held 3 Gatherings. These were informal meetings where each parish had the opportunity to share the good things that were going on, and any challenges they faced. We were able to spend time praying for each other.

The diocesan vision of Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage was launched this year, with 7 areas of focus for mission and ministry, to bring Living Hope for the city, towns, villages of Nottinghamshire and beyond.

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Planned giving		27,157	-	-	27,157	26,732
Collections, donations & other giving		7,961	2,200	1,946	12,107	22,017
Income tax recovered		8,689			8,689	8,225
Legacies		-			-	7,414
Activities for generating funds						
Church Room Lettings			6,424		6,424	6,049
Village Xchange		67,616			67,616	39,871
Other trading		250			250	200
Income from other Properties					-	-
Fund Raising Events		-		315	315	1,611
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends				-	-	8
Income from charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		3,719		450	4,169	4,410
Other incoming resources:						
Insurance claims					-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
Reimbursement of costs from other parishes		1,184			1,184	1,241
Other					-	-
Total incoming resources	2	116,577	8,624	2,711	127,911	117,777

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	(10,753)		(1,340)	(12,093)	<i>(9,741)</i>
Mission & Evangelism				-	-
Parish Share	(36,060)			(36,060)	<i>(34,332)</i>
Clergy expenses	(431)			(431)	<i>(255)</i>
Provision of Services	(173)		474	301	<i>12</i>
Church running expenses	(15,906)	(3,515)	-	(19,422)	<i>(26,944)</i>
Children/Youth work costs	(511)		(76)	(587)	<i>(1,209)</i>
Cost of raising funds	(18,834)	(2,190)	-	(21,023)	<i>(28,194)</i>

Administration

Training/Support				-	-
Administration costs	(10,090)	(455)	-	(10,544)	<i>(8,593)</i>
Other	-		(117)	(117)	<i>(107)</i>

Governance costs

	(68)			(68)	<i>(23)</i>
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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings				-	-
Depreciation			-	-	<i>(2,079)</i>

Total resources expended	<i>3</i>	(92,827)	(6,159)	(1,059)	(100,045)	<i>(111,466)</i>
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Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		23,750	2,465	1,652	27,867	<i>6,312</i>
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<i>Transfers between funds</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net incoming/outgoing resources before gains</i>		23,750	2,465	1,652	27,867	<i>6,312</i>
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<i>Gains on investment assets</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net movement in funds</i>		23,750	2,465	1,652	27,867	<i>6,312</i>
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<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2024</i>		26,735	1,790	15,855	44,380	<i>38,068</i>
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<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2024</i>		50,485	4,255	17,507	72,247	<i>44,380</i>
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Balance Sheet

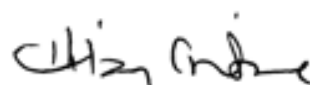
as at the 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible assets	5a	-	-
Investments	5b	-	-
Fixed Assets		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	9,439	7,109
Cash at bank and in hand		77,258	49,845
Current Assets		86,698	56,954
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(14,451)	(12,574)
Net Current Assets <i>(Current assets less creditors < 1 year)</i>		72,247	44,380
Total Assets less current liabilities <i>(Fixed Assets plus NCA)</i>		72,247	44,380
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		72,247	44,380
Restricted funds	8	17,507	15,855
Designated funds (unrestricted)	8	4,255	1,790
General fund (unrestricted)	8	50,485	26,735
Reserves		72,247	44,380

Approved by the PCC on 11th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Revd Claire Melless
Priest in Charge



Hilary Cheshire
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

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

Gains and losses on Investments

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

Resources Used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

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

Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

COIF Charity Fund Investments were cashed in November 2020

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves

Unrestricted funds.

It is the policy of this church to work towards keeping at least four months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work arising out of quinquennial inspections.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understands its responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2024	2023
Tax efficient planned giving	26,510.93	26,155.63
Other planned giving	646.00	576.00
Other collections at services	2,733.93	1,867.30
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	715.60	1,830.50
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	5,190.99	6,493.07
Special Appeals	466.30	1,318.26
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	8,689.46	8,224.54
Legacies received	-	7,414.09
Non-Recurring Grants	3,000.00	10,508.09
Fund Raising Events	315.00	1,611.03
Dividends & Interest	-	7.90
Total Parochial Fees Income	4,169.00	4,410.23
Coffee, Bookstall, Magazine etc	250.00	200.00
Village Xchange	67,616.39	39,870.81
Hall Lettings	6,424.00	6,049.00
Insurance Claims		
Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes	1,183.70	1,241.00
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)		
Total Income	127,911.30	117,777.45

3 Resources Expended

	2024	2023
Donations/Grants to Charities & Mission Giving	(12,093.06)	(9,741.42)
Parish Share	(36,060.00)	(34,332.00)
Salaries & Wages	(12,076.73)	(22,245.83)
Clergy Expenses	(431.24)	(255.11)
Children/Youth Work costs	(587.33)	(1,209.43)
Insurance costs	(7,336.38)	(7,085.51)
Cleaning costs	(45.38)	33.23
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(4,186.80)	(8,960.79)
Administration costs exc salary	(8,502.01)	(7,624.55)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of Services	1,886.36	1,757.22
Fund Raising Costs	(561.48)	(465.60)
Heating & Lighting costs	(5,663.84)	(8,339.71)
Water Rates	(84.44)	(64.73)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(3,519.50)	(2,843.08)
Costs of Trading - VX	(10,597.62)	(7,879.95)
Costs of Trading - misc		
Governance Costs	(68.37)	(22.79)
Depreciation	-	(2,078.50)
Non capitalised asset purchase	(116.94)	(106.98)
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings	-	-
Total Expenses	(100,044.76)	(111,465.53)

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

	2024	2023
Administrative Assistant	1,587.62	2,290.92
Village Exchange Manager	6,314.62	15,968.66
Vergers	510.00	660.00
Bell Ringers	360.00	360.00
Organists	715.00	725.00
Cleaner (Church & Church Rooms)	2,589.49	2,241.25
Total Staff Costs	12,076.73	22,245.83

5 Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Church Equipment	Church Rooms Equipment	Total
COST at 1/1/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Addition		-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost at 31/12/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
DEPRECIATION at 1/1/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Charge for year	-	-	-
Released on Disposal	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION at 31/12/24	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/24	-	-	-
NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/24	-	-	-

6 Debtors

	2024	2023
HMRC Gift Aid tax	7,672.51	3,559.85
Church Rooms	1,156.50	728.00
Funeral	494.00	232.00
other debtors	0.00	516.43
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	0.00	16.64
Uncleared receipts - zettle card	0.00	0.00
Uncleared receipts - cash in safe/shop	0.00	1,940.06
VAT	116.35	116.35
Other		
Sequestration	0.00	0.00
Total	9,439.36	7,109.33

7 Creditors

	2024	2023
Ministers Fees	£591.00	£1,163.00
Away Giving	£11,355.56	£8,738.44
Suppliers	£1,196.27	£1,233.66
Church Rooms Key deposits	£60.00	£40.00
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£198.10	£549.16
Wedding Deposits	£1,050.00	£850.00
Total	14,450.93	12,574.26

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling **£6,821.00**

Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled **£3,076.00**

Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled **£3,535.00**

Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled **£210.00**

The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year **£0.00**

Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year

Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees **£3,535.00**

£551.00

Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs **£210.00**

£0.00

(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Music – To be able to resource musical needs of the church

Growing Disciples – Funding received for mission

Eco Church – Funding received to Care for God's creation

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		
	2024	2023
Unrestricted General Fund	50,484.93	26,734.91
Fabric	2,623.01	1,623.01
Fabric - Sound System	-	116.94
Fabric - Clock	108.40	108.40
Bells Fund	11,017.54	10,927.54
Charity Donations	1.07	80.18
Growing Disciples	657.53	649.49
Eco Church	634.34	634.34
Tourism	57.15	57.15
Music	2,400.00	1,650.00
Children & Young People	7.99	7.99
Total Restricted excluding Fixed Assets	17,507.03	15,855.04
<i>Assets from restricted fabric funds (Net Book Value)</i>	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	17,507.03	15,855.04
Church Rooms Designated	4,255.06	1,790.44
Total Designated	4,255.06	1,790.44
Total Funds	72,247.02	44,380.39

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Sara Coupe

1 Woodhead Close, NG21 9RE

17th March 2025

Accounts



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY
EDWINSTOWE**

Registered Charity Number 1171553

**YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

Priest in Charge
Revd. Claire Melless (from October)

Independent Examiner

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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to **God's love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship [**Worship**]

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life** [**Discipleship**]

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. [**Mission**]

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

During the year, there have been 8 PCC meetings with an average attendance of 76%. Sub-committees of the PCC met several times during the year : Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three Churches Forum"

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 106 (105 in 2022) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll

Safeguarding

The PCC has worked closely with Pete Edwards, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure we have complied with our Safeguarding Policy & Action Plan. The documentation and procedures are under regular review and revised as necessary. All the identified members have undergone appropriate training for their role.

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the church charity.

Priest in charge:	Revd Claire Melless	From October
Wardens:	Richard Neely Vacant	
Deanery synod:	Hilary Cheshire Ruth Roddison Matthew Storor Deborah Birkett	Treasurer & Diocesan synod From APCM To APCM
Reader representative:	Pete Edwards	
Elected members:	Emma Scaysbrook Margaret Share Walter Daglish Darren Knight Brian Evans Sue Ford Harold Green Denise Poole Linda Foster Michaela Turpin Julie Readman Steve Roddison Valerie Hart Peter Atkinson Lorna Hubbard	Secretary From APCM From APCM Co-opted July To APCM To APCM To APCM
Safeguarding	Pete Edwards	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553**. These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extends its thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

The Vicar's report

Firstly, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful welcome I have received from my licensing onwards. Also thank you to all those who stepped up in the vacancy, for all who have been busy, visibly and behind the scenes, and for all who have continued to worship and participate in the life, mission and ministry of St Mary's.

My report is a bit brief this year as I am only commenting on Oct -Dec 23.

I have to confess that those few months did feel like a bit of a whirlwind for me, having been licensed in October and then Remembrance, Advent and Christmas very quickly being upon us! So many new faces and names to learn, but it is a huge privilege to be here with you, and I am enjoying continuing to get to know you all, to build relationships and community together and to journey with you all.

It was lovely to join with the community and to welcome members of the wider community into St Mary's too through various events during this time...on Remembrance Day for the parade and the act of remembrance, the switching on of the Christmas lights, carol services – church and schools, the Christingle and our midnight service.

Future plans and vision

I will give a short presentation on future plans and vision at the APCM and will provide a written report after that.

I look forward to all that lies ahead in this year and the years to come. I believe there are exciting opportunities for mission and growth here in the Churches of Sherwood Forest and I pray that as we enter the next year, we will continue to build on what we do well, to pray together, worship together and work together to grow disciples with confidence, compassion and courage as we join with God's mission to place love at the heart of life here in The Churches of Sherwood Forest.

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

We were thrilled to welcome Revd Claire Melless as our priest in October after a vacancy of exactly three years and look forward to working with her to grow disciples wider, younger and deeper in this parish.

We remain indebted to all those who helped us during the vacancy. We are blessed by the ministry of our team of lay ministers and retired clergy Revds. Richard Ford, Chris Levy, Sue Caddy and David Fudger and Readers Pete Edwards and Lorna Jagger.

The Sunday attendance has not returned to pre-covid levels, averaging 33 adults and 5 children at the 11am Sunday service.

The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young. Our pre-school offering "The Ark" has grown steadily and welcomes the foundation children from St Mary's school each month. Our Youth group "Illuminate" needs new leadership and is currently on a short break. Thank you to all who lead and help at these groups.

We were pleased that the Christmas tree festival was well supported as we joined the village in celebrating the commencement of the secular Christmas season.

We enjoyed a performance from Thoresby Band in December.

Sadly several faithful worshippers died during the year including Pam Bird, Jean Lawrence and Patty Chattaway.

Occasional Offices	2023	2022	2021	2020
Baptism	16	16	4	9
Funerals in Church	10	22	15	7
Service at Crematorium	6	6	15	19
Weddings	5	2	3	1

The Village Exchange shop, led by Lorna Hubbard, continues to provide pre-loved goods and is appreciated as the cost of living continues to rise. Our thanks go to the team of volunteers and all who donate goods for sale.

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. Our thanks go particularly to Miss Parkin who has coped admirably with the challenges presented by the pandemic. Hilary Cheshire continues as chair of governors with Linda Foster as vice chair. Other foundation governors are Steve Roddison, Glenn Hickman, Sara Coupe and James Turpin. With the arrival of Revd Claire, the governing body has a full complement. Revd Claire now delivers Collective worship on a regular basis.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King Edwin Primary School.

Both schools attended church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas specials.

Following on from the "Big Church Read" in 2022 we launched both a prayer group and a bible course in 2023.

Not many days during the year saw the church doors shut. This was due in large part to the dedication & interest of our small band of stewards. This meant we were able to welcome many visitors to enjoy our church history & explore the legend that is Robin Hood. Indeed, one set of visitors comprised a French TV company eager to compile a programme on him. Around 4,000 people came through the door resulting in donations of just shy of £5,500. We were gifted a "Payaz" machine by the national stewardship team to enable us to take electronic/contactless donations. We are keen to develop our

mission to tourists. We are sure there is much more that can be done but more help would be needed to be able to advertise regular opening hours.

The 'hidden' jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible; treasurer Hilary Cheshire and PCC secretary Emma Scaysbrook. This year we have particularly relied on the dedication and skills of Walter Daglish who has steered our online presence and provision of digital music. Emma Farrier has taken over from Jeanne McCollum in the paid role of cleaner. Our thanks also go to the band of volunteers who have diligently and beautifully decorated the church for festivals led by our vergers Jo Rose.

It has also been a difficult year as we have been without the services of Jayne Mawby our administrator since the summer of 2022. We pray for her recovery.

Future plans

In 2024 our focus will be working with Revd Claire and the Churches of Sherwood Forest to develop parish plans to serve our three communities.

Other future plans include but are not limited to

- Learning and praying together
- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need.
- Encouraging regular giving which enables our mission and ministry.
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- We have formed an Eco group who have signed up to the Rocha Eco Churches initiative and we await confirmation of our achievement of silver status.
- Enjoy fellowship and fun over the 3 parishes.
- Our hope is that St Mary's will continue steadily to change and develop to reflect and challenge the community, welcoming many more to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

Bellringers

The bells have been rung for several notable occasions during 2023. Quarter Peals were rung for the King's Coronation, The Tour of Britain and the Licensing of Rev Claire Melless, and a full peal was rung for John Ottaway's 75th birthday. We rang for 3 weddings during the year and ring regularly for service on the 1st Sunday of each month. We currently have only 5 active ringers so this is only achieved with the help of ringers from neighbouring towers. We are helping to train ringers at Farnsfield, Warsop, Wellow and Blidworth and ring regularly with these towers as well. Practice nights are on Fridays and are held alternate weeks with Farnsfield. There are very few new volunteers coming forward who wish to learn to ring.

We inspect the bells regularly. Several ropes have been refurbished. Tired nails on the wheels have been replaced with screws. Work is required to complete this and the frame and fittings need to be treated with preservative. No major works have been done

on the bells for well over 40 years and a major overhaul will be required in the not too distant future.

One of our ringers got national recognition for being part of the oldest band to achieve a peal of 42 Spliced Surprise Minor earlier this year.

The handbell ringers meet weekly on Sunday evenings in the Church Rooms. They perform to a commendable standard and are in demand throughout the year, performing at concerts throughout the area.

Church Rooms

This was a year of building on the progress made in 2022 after the COVID years. Hirings by regular users supplemented by one-off bookings for children's parties, for example, served to keep the 'occupancy rate' up & income flowing.

Gross annual income was c£6,500 [including a grant from the Edwinstowe & the Dukeries Lions for which we are very grateful] while expenses & administration outlays totalled c£7,700. Of these, utility & insurance charges were c£3,500, general repairs and maintenance c£1,500 & the replacement boundary fence along the jitty was c£1,000. While the normal activity generated a surplus, once repairs and the fence are factored in the Rooms made a loss in the year of £1,254. This has necessitated the rising of hiring charges from February 2024 and a plan to reduce the number of vacant hiring slots in order to maintain viability. Our aim remains to provide our community with a great resource at a competitive cost.

The Management Committee met 5 times during the year.

The Edwinstowe in Bloom volunteers along with One Way Club and Illuminate brighten up the ground at the front railings again this year and positioned a couple of yellow bikes in support of the Tour of Britain [which started its local leg at Forest Corner].

After many years of devoted service, in various roles, Julie Holmes retired from the Management Committee in March. We are deeply indebted to her for her commitment & insight.

Emma Farrier took over as cleaner from Jeanne McCollum and is doing a splendid job.

Thank you to all the committee members for their continued hard work throughout 2023.

Future plans

Upgrade the lighting to LED

Increase occupancy to minimise vacant time slots

Recruit more members to the management committee

Fabric

All is in reasonable order regarding St Mary's building fabric & churchyard. In addition, all furniture & ornaments are accounted for and in good condition [allowing for their age, 'wear & tear'].

The usual service and maintenance have been carried out during the year, for example, clearance of the external water goods, service of the organ, the gas boilers, the church clock, the CCTV system & the fire safety equipment. Heating & lighting have been monitored to control costs whilst maintaining a reasonable ambience for the congregation & the organ. The electric circuitry of the church, the Church Rooms and the Village Exchange was fully tested & found to be sound.

Newark & Sherwood DC has carried out a regular programme of cutting the grass & hedgerows. The teams attending have at appropriate times carefully gone round the cowslips & other plants which hopefully will see them spreading throughout the churchyard.

Edwinstowe in Bloom members along with congregants & children have planted & tended more flower beds. They have created a 'bug hotel' on the western boundary & there are about a dozen bird boxes on trees throughout the churchyard. This all increases biodiversity & contributes to the wilding of the land under our stewardship.

There was some evidence of bees in the Tower again this year but nothing like the previous year. There was an influx of ladybirds - fortunately they were much more genteel.

Thanks are due to Jeanne & Liam McCollum & to Emma Farrier for cleaning the church, and to Peter Atkinson for his husbandry of the pews, the wooden floors & the walls.

Future plans

A comprehensive review of the trees in the churchyard; the possible electrification of the church clock & digitalisation of the Memorial Book. We ask everyone to be on the look-out to prevent dog fouling in the churchyard - a continuing bane.

Finance

There was global economic uncertainty in 2023 as the war in Ukraine continued along with the conflict in Israel and Gaza. General inflation hit 10% and everyone is concerned about the cost-of-living squeeze.

We are grateful to Thoresby Charitable Trust for their continued support. We also received a legacy from the estate of the late Sheila Bradley. We are grateful to all those who consider us when making their will.

As mentioned above, our collections from tourists have been enabled by the provision of a PAYAZ contactless payment system.

We were delighted to welcome Thoresby Colliery Band for a Christmas concert, a very enjoyable fund-raising evening.

We are pleased once again to have paid our Parish share in full and continued our commitment to give away 10% of income to other charities.

We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom in our stewardship of all gifts. Everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support.

Report on the proceedings of the Mansfield Deanery Synod 2023

Rev'd Zoe Burton, Area Dean, has been keen to have deanery Gatherings between synod meetings to pray together and support each other, particularly the parishes in vacancy. These have been well attended and welcomed.

Every month there is an opportunity for Deanery Prayer Together on Zoom alternating between mornings and quarterly in the evening. Everyone across the Deanery is welcome to join these events.

March 2023 Synod discussed the responses from the Parish Refresh survey which were fed into the Diocesan Vision review.

These were a diverse set of responses with very little overlap, however children's work and different kinds of community outreach featured most. Ministry to those in deprivation of different kinds was noted in 3 of the 6 responses. All the churches were engaging with their communities in creative ways and seeing further opportunities, however a lack of volunteers and paid staff was noted, post COVID. Finance was also a concern for one church with this topping the list of their priorities. The need was mostly for resources of various kinds to support the vision including training. The vision and priorities were again diverse, but almost all were linked in various ways to the current Diocesan Vision of Wider, Younger, Deeper.

July 2023 Following the encouragement in 2022 for parishes to sign up for A Rocha Eco Church, 47% of our deanery have now registered. St Marks have recently achieved Silver status.

There was a plea from Mansfield Woodhouse for more volunteer help with the Food Bank.

November 2023 Ian Boothroyd provided a report on the recent General Synod and the Living in Love & Faith vote.

The Deanery Share

Mansfield Deanery allocation for 2023 was £502,272, of which 85.7% was paid £430,360 (a shortfall of £71,912)

The allocation to all deaneries was £6,862,837, of which 80.1% was paid £5,497,176 (a shortfall of £1,365,679)

Edwinstowe paid £34,752 (100% of our allocation).

Report on the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod 2023

Diocesan Synod met twice in 2023 to consider matters sent to it by General Synod, Deanery Synods, PCCs and individual Diocesan Synod members.

In 2023, Diocesan Synod received presentations with updates on Living in Love & Faith, Safeguarding, Net zero carbon Action Plan (2035) and the Diocesan Vision refresh.

The Diocese would be looking at the characteristics of disciples: **Growing Disciples in Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage**. There were 7 focus areas identified from the parish refresh process.

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Planned giving		26,732	-	-	26,732	28,751
Collections, donations & other giving		14,757	410	6,850	22,017	10,988
Income tax recovered		8,225			8,225	8,698
Legacies		7,414			7,414	-
Activities for generating funds						
Church Room Lettings			6,049		6,049	5,206
Village X change		39,871			39,871	34,203
Other trading		200			200	200
Income from other Properties					-	-
Fund Raising Events		1,321		290	1,611	3,144
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends				8	8	1
Income from charitable activities						
Parochial fees		3,960		450	4,410	4,900
Other incoming resources						
Insurance claims					-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
Reimbursement of costs from other parishes		1,241			1,241	2,083
Other					-	-
Total incoming resources	2	103,720	6,459	7,598	117,777	98,174

Resources expended

Charitable activities

Donations/Grants to charities	(8,039)		(1,702)	(9,741)	(7,757)
Mission & Evangelism				-	-
Parish Share	(34,332)			(34,332)	(33,204)
Clergy expenses	(255)			(255)	30
Provision of Services	(230)		242	12	397
Church running expenses	(18,308)	(5,941)	(2,696)	(26,944)	(21,983)
Children/Youth work costs	(331)		(878)	(1,209)	(453)
Cost of raising funds	(26,821)	(1,373)	-	(28,194)	(26,346)

Administration

Training/Support				-	-
Administration costs	(8,194)	(400)	-	(8,593)	(13,294)
Other	(107)			(107)	(870)

Governance costs

	(23)			(23)	-
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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings				-	-
Depreciation			(2,079)	(2,079)	(2,787)

Total resources expended	3	(96,640)	(7,713)	(7,112)	(111,466)	(106,267)
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Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		7,080	(1,254)	486	6,312	(8,093)
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<i>Transfers between funds</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net incoming(outgoing) resources before gains</i>		7,080	(1,254)	486	6,312	(8,093)
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<i>Gains on investment assets</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net movement in funds</i>		7,080	(1,254)	486	6,312	(8,093)
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<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2023</i>		19,655	3,045	15,369	38,068	46,162
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<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2023</i>		26,735	1,790	15,855	44,380	38,068
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Balance Sheet

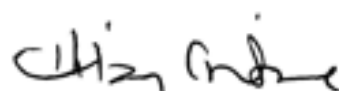
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	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Tangible assets	5a	-	2,078
Investments	5b	-	-
Fixed Assets		-	2,078
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	7,109	8,220
Cash at bank and in hand		49,845	37,648
Current Assets		56,954	45,868
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(12,574)	(9,395)
<i>Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors < 1 year)</i>		44,380	35,990
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities (Fixed Assets plus NCA)</i>		44,380	38,068
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		44,380	38,068
Restricted funds	8	15,855	15,369
Designated funds (unrestricted)	8	1,790	3,045
General fund (unrestricted)	8	26,735	19,655
Reserves		44,380	38,068

Approved by the PCC on 12th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Revd Claire Melless
Priest in Charge



Hilary Cheshire
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

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

Gains and losses on Investments

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

Resources Used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

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

Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

COIF Charity Fund Investments were cashed in November 2020

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves

Unrestricted funds.

It is the policy of this church to work towards keeping at least four months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work due at quinquennial inspections.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understands its responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2023	2022
Tax efficient planned giving	26,155.63	27,817.19
Other planned giving	576.00	941.00
Other collections at services	1,867.30	2,214.47
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	1,830.50	1,431.27
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	6,493.07	3,810.86
Special Appeals	1,318.26	810.90
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	8,224.54	8,697.89
Legacies received	7,414.09	
Non-Recurring Grants	10,508.09	2,720.50
Fund Raising Events	1,611.03	3,143.55
Dividends & Interest	7.90	0.85
Total Parochial Fees Income	4,410.23	4,900.00
Coffee, Bookstall, Magazine etc	200.00	200.00
Village Xchange	39,870.81	34,203.47
Hall Lettings	6,049.00	5,206.00
Insurance Claims		
Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes	1,241.00	2,083.00
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)		
Total Income	117,777.45	98,180.95

3 Resources Expended

	2023	2022
Donations/Grants to Charities & Mission Giving	(9,741.42)	(7,714.80)
Parish Share	(34,332.00)	(33,204.00)
Salaries & Wages	(22,245.83)	(25,460.09)
Clergy Expenses	(255.11)	30.00
Children/Youth Work costs	(1,209.43)	(452.81)
Insurance costs	(7,085.51)	(5,821.93)
Cleaning costs	33.23	(82.79)
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(8,960.79)	(8,763.17)
Administration costs exc salary	(7,624.55)	(6,886.07)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of Services	1,757.22	2,002.18
Fund Raising Costs	(465.60)	(41.23)
Heating & Lighting costs	(8,339.71)	(7,199.13)
Water Rates	(64.73)	(116.42)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(2,843.08)	(2,701.27)
Costs of Trading - VX	(7,879.95)	(6,157.14)
Costs of Trading - misc		
Governance Costs	(22.79)	
Depreciation	(2,078.50)	(2,786.55)
Non capitalised asset purchase	(106.98)	(870.00)
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings	-	-
Total Expenses	(111,465.53)	(106,225.22)

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

	2023	2022
Administrative Assistant	2,290.92	6,408.32
Village Exchange Manager	15,968.66	15,259.39
Vergers	660.00	570.00
Bell Ringers	360.00	270.00
Organists	725.00	980.00
Cleaner (Church & Church Rooms)	2,241.25	1,972.38
Total Staff Costs	22,245.83	25,460.09

5 Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Church Equipment	Church Rooms Equipment	Total
COST at 1/1/23	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Addition		-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost at 31/12/23	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
DEPRECIATION at 1/1/23	14,731.16	3,333.60	18,064.76
Charge for year	2,078.50	-	2,078.50
Released on Disposal	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION at 31/12/23	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/23	2,078.50	-	2,078.50
NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/23	-	-	-

6 Debtors

	2023	2022
HMRC Gift Aid tax	3,559.85	5,106.30
Church Rooms	728.00	835.00
Funeral	232.00	978.00
other debtors	516.43	0.00
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	16.64	19.50
Uncleared receipts - zettle card	0.00	(2.80)
Uncleared receipts - cash in safe/shop	1,940.06	773.56
VAT	116.35	116.35
Other		
Sequestration	0.00	394.00
Total	7,109.33	8,219.91

7 Creditors

	2023	2022
Ministers Fees	£1,163.00	£275.05
Away Giving	£8,738.44	£5,310.43
Suppliers	£1,233.66	£2,767.05
Church Rooms Key deposits	£40.00	£30.00
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£549.16	£162.47
Wedding Deposits	£850.00	£850.00
Total	12,574.26	9,395.00

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling	£7,206.00
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£3,166.00
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£2,644.00
Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled	£1,396.00
The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year totalling	£0.00

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year	Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)	
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£2,644.00	£1,163.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£1,396.00	£0.00
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Music – To be able to resource musical needs of the church

Growing Disciples – Funding received for mission

Eco Church – Funding received to Care for Gods creation

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		
	2023	2022
Unrestricted General Fund	26,734.91	19,654.87
Fabric	1,623.01	623.01
Fabric - Sound System	116.94	116.94
Fabric - Clock	108.40	108.40
Bells Fund	10,927.54	10,737.24
Charity Donations	80.18	-
Growing Disciples	649.49	210.00
Eco Church	634.34	250.00
Tourism	57.15	57.15
Music	1,650.00	1,000.00
Children & Young People	7.99	187.83
Total Restricted excluding Fixed Assets	15,855.04	13,290.57
<i>Assets from restricted fabric funds (Net Book Value)</i>	-	2,078.05
Total Restricted Funds	15,855.04	15,368.62
Church Rooms Designated	1,790.44	3,044.51
Total Designated	1,790.44	3,044.51
Total Funds	44,380.39	38,068.00

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

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

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Sara Coupe

1 Woodhead Close, NG21 9RE

21st March 2024

Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY EDWINSTOWE

Registered Charity Number 1171553

**YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Priest in Charge
Vacant

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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to **God's love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship [**Worship**]

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life** [**Discipleship**]

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. [**Mission**]

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

During the year, there have been 7 PCC meetings with an average attendance of 66%. Sub-committees of the PCC met several times during the year; Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three Churches Forum"

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 105 (107 in 2021) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll

Safeguarding

The PCC has worked closely with Pete Edwards, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure we have complied with our Safeguarding Policy & Action Plan. The documentation and procedures are under regular review and revised as necessary. All the identified members have undergone appropriate training for their role.

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the church charity.

Priest in charge:	Vacant	
Wardens:	Richard Neely Vacant	
Deanery synod:	Hilary Cheshire Deborah Birkett Ruth Roddison	Treasurer & Diocesan synod From June 2022 From APCM
Reader representative:	Pete Edwards	Secretary
Elected members:	Emma Scaysbrook Margaret Share Lorna Hubbard Walter Daglish Peter Atkinson Darren Knight Brian Evans Sue Ford Clare Clayton Jeanne McCollum Harold Green Denise Poole Valerie Hart Linda Foster	From APCM From APCM (previous deanery) To APCM To Nov 2022 From May 2022 Co-opted Nov 2022 Co-opted Nov 2022 Co-opted Jan 2023
Safeguarding	Pete Edwards	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553**. These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extend their thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

Another difficult year significantly affected by the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic coupled with being in vacancy.

The Sunday attendance has not returned to pre-covid levels, averaging 38 adults and 7 children at the 11am Sunday service.

The parish has been in vacancy since October 2020 and continues into 2023, with advertising of the post ongoing (March 2023). The three churches worked together to develop and update the Parish Profile.

We continue to be blessed by the ministry of our team of lay ministers and retired clergy for our regular services and other work. They have continued in their dedicated service to the churches on Sundays and midweek. We are very grateful indeed to the Revds. Richard Ford, Chris Levy, Sue Caddy and David Fudger and Readers Pete Edwards and Lorna Jagger. Greg Abbott has stepped back from his role as reader after many years faithful service, we wish him a speedy recovery.

The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young. Our pre-school offering "Teddy's Time for God" was relaunched as "The Ark" in the autumn. Our Youth group "Illuminate" also saw a revamp as a Sunday breakfast club.

We were pleased that after a two year break the Christmas tree festival resumed and was well supported. We were thrilled to welcome performances from both the Major Oak Pop Choir and Thoresby Band. Both events were enjoyed by those attending.

We said *au revoir* to several faithful worshippers during the year including Barry Whitehouse, Marian Wooley, Barbara Read, Jean Murfin and Sheila Bradley

Occasional Offices	2022	2021	2020	2019
Baptism	16	4	9	18
Funerals in Church	22	15	7	21
Service at Crematorium	6	15	19	
Weddings	2	3	1	2

The Village Exchange shop, led by Lorna Hubbard, continues to provide pre-loved goods and is appreciated as the cost of living continues to rise. Our thanks go to the team of volunteers and all who donate goods for sale.

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. Our thanks go particularly to Miss Parkin who has coped admirably with the challenges

presented by the pandemic. Hilary Cheshire continues as chair of governors with Linda Foster as vice chair. We welcomed Steve Roddison as new foundation governor in 2022 and James Turpin joins early 2023.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King Edwin Primary School.

Both schools attended church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas specials.

Our first “Big Church Read” based on Nehemiah in the autumn was a success with lots of ideas emerging for “growing disciples”.

We are blessed to have a small but dedicated band of stewards who have again been welcoming visitors. Around 4,000 people came through the door resulting in donations of over £3,400. We are keen to develop our mission to tourists as we welcome those seeking Robin Hood or a tour of our historic building. We are sure there is much more that could be done but more help would be needed to be able to advertise regular opening hours.

The ‘hidden’ jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible; treasurer Hilary Cheshire and PCC secretary Emma Scaysbrook. This year we have particularly relied on the dedication and skills of Walter Daglish who has steered our online presence and provision of digital music. Jeanne McCollum has taken over from Jane Woodside in the paid role of cleaner. Our thanks also go to the band of volunteers who have diligently and beautifully decorated the church for festivals led by our vergers Jo Rose.

It has also been a difficult year as Jayne Mawby our administrator has been out of action since the summer. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Future plans

In 2023 our focus will be working with our sister parishes to appoint a parish priest to serve our three communities. Also, to successfully re-introduce social fellowship and activities.

Other future plans include

- Launching Prayer Course and Bible Course
- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need.
- Encouraging regular giving which enables our mission and ministry.
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- We have formed an Eco group who have signed up to the Rocha Eco Churches initiative and will be working towards gaining Bronze (or even Silver) status.
- Our hope is that St Mary’s will continue steadily to change and develop to reflect and challenge the community, welcoming many more to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

Church Rooms

A good start to the year 2022 saw the return of most of our users following Covid-.

The children's church groups Illuminate, One Way Club and a new toddler group The Ark also began regularly using the rooms. A good cross section of community organisations use the rooms either regularly or occasionally, plus a number of children's parties on Sunday afternoons.

The committee carried on meeting via Zoom for most of the year but moved to face to face meetings in November.

In February, the committee decided that we needed to alter the Constitution to enable us to alter the hiring rates with one month's notice should rising heating costs make this necessary. The huge rise in utility bills (up by 416%) meant that we had to monitor heating and lighting costs much more closely, using the remote Wi-fi access.

Unfortunately, the increased cost of utilities as the year went on meant that some hirers scaled back their usage of the hall, ceased using the rooms or struggled with paying their hire fees.

Maintenance costs were high this year. The cupboards were refitted with new handles and locks meaning 7 of our users are now able to benefit from cupboard space. New blinds were fitted all around the hall which make a big difference to the appearance of the room and the ability to block out light for film shows and presentations. A blockage in the pipe running from the kitchen sink led to a major plumbing task. 3 underground pipes were cracked and blocked with soil. Happy Drains surveyed and relined the pipes during the summer. In December, Cadent were called out to a gas leak.

During the summer, the garden was kept tidy by Walter and Julie and Tom Stanforth cut the hedge. Members of the Edwinstowe in Bloom initiative used the car park area to plant sunflowers and blue wildflowers which really brightened up the front railings. The car park was also used to paint bicycles for the decoration of Edwinstowe for the Tour of Britain in September.

After 7 faithful years, Jane Woodside left her job as Church Rooms cleaner to take a full-time job and Jeanne McCollum took over the role helped by her son Liam. They are doing a splendid job.

Thank you to all the committee members for their continued hard work throughout 2022.

Future plans

Repairs to the fencing alongside the jitty, the fire door and the lighting tubes in the hall were allocated to 2023 when funds allow.

Fabric

We received our Quinquennial Report, which prioritises works which should be addressed during the next 5 years.

Having said that, 2022 has been another busy year with ongoing service & maintenance of the Church building & grounds. Thus, for example, the new boilers, the organ, the fire safety equipment, the external water goods and clock have been duly inspected.

Newark & Sherwood DC ran a regular programme for cutting the grass & managing the northern boundary hedgerow. They allowed the cowslips to go to seed again this year which should see them spread more abundantly. We appreciate & thank them for the care of our churchyard.

Some repairs were made to the flooring round the font - seemingly connected to the water ingress from earlier flooding. Thanks are due to those volunteers who diligently cleaned & spruced up the flooring in the pews & front porch doors & brushed off much of the efflorescence on the lower wall areas.

The opportunity was taken to replace the ageing cctv cameras when we appointed a new firm to maintain the system & another to do the 24/7 monitoring.

Being in vacancy the Diocese has arranged for the vicarage grounds to be maintained & to make the premises squirrel proof. Yes, these uninvited 'guests' had to be shown the door.

Other 'guests' which made their presence known this year were honey bees who moved into the Tower with a couple of nests.

With the huge increase in utility charges impacting upon us, steps like reducing the time the lights on the roof are on at night & the radiators are on [whilst having regard to the integrity of the building & the comfort of the congregation] have served to control the costs.

Working together enables us at St Mary's to proclaim our mission to our community..

Future plans

The 2022 Quinquennial Report was positive as to the state of the church building and fabric. Attention will be required to make good the flashings to the lead work on the aisle roofs & to monitor some stone mullions on the north side of the building. There are merlons & areas of stonework where the pointing requires attention, something which is an ongoing situation as part of a natural process of aging. Also, it will be seen that the oak louvres of the Tower are in places twisted & have a faded look, but despite its age the wood is sound & the interior is protected by wire mesh. Some more soil could be moved from abutting the south aisle wall & the south Chancel wall to reduce the external level & a gravel margin laid which would help to dry out the wall.

Finance

There was global economic uncertainty in 2022 as the war in Ukraine unfolded and energy costs rose in an unprecedented manner. General inflation hit 10% and everyone is concerned about the cost-of-living squeeze.

.We are also grateful to Thoresby Charitable Trust for their continued support.

We were delighted to welcome both The Major Oak pop choir and the Thoresby Colliery Band for concerts, two very enjoyable fund-raising evenings.

We are pleased once again to have paid our Parish share in full and we resumed our commitment to give away 10% of income to other charities.

We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom in our stewardship of all gifts. Everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support.

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Planned giving		28,636	100	15	28,751	28,074
Collections, donations & other giving		6,900		4,088	10,988	26,402
Income tax recovered		8,698			8,698	7,404
Legacies					-	-
Activities for generating funds						
Church Room Lettings			5,206		5,206	2,330
Village Xchange		34,203			34,203	34,928
Other trading		200			200	256
Income from other Properties					-	-
Fund Raising Events		2,894		250	3,144	2,297
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends				1	1	61
Income from charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		4,420		480	4,900	3,421
Other incoming resources:						
Insurance claims					-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
Reimbursement of costs from other parishes		2,083			2,083	3,148
Other					-	123
Total incoming resources	2	88,034	5,306	4,834	98,174	108,443

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	(4,855)		(2,902)	(7,757)	(6,644)
Mission & Evangelism				-	-
Parish Share	(33,204)			(33,204)	(31,932)
Clergy expenses	30			30	(81)
Provision of Services	(283)		680	397	436
Church running expenses	(14,100)	(2,898)	(4,986)	(21,983)	(15,145)
Children/Youth work costs	(212)		(241)	(453)	(131)
Cost of raising funds	(22,690)	(3,656)	-	(26,346)	(22,370)

Administration

Training/Support				-	-
Administration costs	(13,144)	(127)	(24)	(13,294)	(13,825)
Other		(870)		(870)	-

Governance costs

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings				-	(2,143)
Depreciation			(2,787)	(2,787)	(2,787)

Total resources expended	3	(88,458)	(7,550)	(10,259)	(106,267)	(94,648)
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Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		(424)	(2,244)	(5,425)	(8,093)	13,795
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<i>Transfers between funds</i>		-	-	-	-	-
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<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains</i>		(424)	(2,244)	(5,425)	(8,093)	13,795
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<i>Gains on investment assets</i>		-	-	-	-	6
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<i>Net movement in funds</i>		(424)	(2,244)	(5,425)	(8,093)	13,801
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<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022</i>		20,079	5,288	20,794	46,162	32,361
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<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022</i>		19,655	3,045	15,369	38,068	46,162
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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible assets	5a	2,078	4,865
Investments	5b	-	-
Fixed Assets		2,078	4,865
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	8,220	6,882
Cash at bank and in hand		37,648	42,395
Current Assets		45,868	49,276
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(9,395)	(7,979)
<i>Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors <1 year)</i>		35,990	41,297
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities (Fixed Assets plus NCA)</i>		38,068	46,162
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		38,068	46,162
Restricted funds	8	15,369	20,794
Designated funds (unrestricted)	8	3,045	5,288
General fund (unrestricted)	8	19,655	20,079
Reserves		38,068	46,162

Approved by the PCC on 14th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Richard Neely
Church Warden



Hilary Cheshire
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

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

Gains and losses on Investments

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

Resources Used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

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

Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

COIF Charity Fund Investments are valued at market value at 31st December. Cashed in November 2020

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves

Unrestricted funds.

It is the policy of this church to work towards keeping at least four months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work due at quinquennial inspections.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understand their responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2022	2021
Tax efficient planned giving	27,817.19	26,607.80
Other planned giving	941.00	1,466.00
Other collections at services	2,214.47	963.08
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	1,431.27	691.38
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	3,810.86	1,032.59
Special Appeals	810.90	918.34
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	8,697.89	7,403.70
Legacies received		-
Non-Recurring Grants	2,720.50	22,797.00
Fund Raising Events	3,143.55	2,296.50
Dividends & Interest	0.85	60.69
Total Parochial Fees Income	4,900.00	3,421.00
Coffee, Bookstall, Magazine etc	200.00	255.50
Village Xchange	34,203.47	34,928.14
Hall Lettings	5,206.00	2,329.75
Insurance Claims		
Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes	2,083.00	3,148.19
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)		123.36
Total Income	98,180.95	108,443.02

3 Resources Expended

	2022	2021
Donations/Grants to Charities & Mission Giving	(7,714.80)	(6,643.93)
Parish Share	(33,204.00)	(31,931.90)
Salaries & Wages	(25,460.09)	(20,738.42)
Clergy Expenses	30.00	(80.60)
Children/Youth Work costs	(452.81)	(130.75)
Insurance costs	(5,821.93)	(5,613.44)
Cleaning costs	(82.79)	(55.48)
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(8,763.17)	(6,369.21)
Administration costs exc salary	(6,886.07)	(7,082.81)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of Services	2,002.18	(89.08)
Fund Raising Costs	(41.23)	
Heating & Lighting costs	(7,199.13)	(3,102.82)
Water Rates	(116.42)	(3.95)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(2,701.27)	(2,144.83)
Costs of Trading - VX	(6,157.14)	(5,727.84)
Costs of Trading - misc		(3.94)
Depreciation	(2,786.55)	(2,786.55)
Non capitalised asset purchase	(870.00)	(1,761.58)
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings	-	(381.35)
Total Expenses	(106,225.22)	(94,648.48)

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

	2022	2021
Administrative Assistant	6,408.32	6,770.40
Village Exchange Manager	15,259.39	15,337.32
Vergers	570.00	420.00
Bell Ringers	270.00	180.00
Organists	980.00	390.00
Cleaner (Church & Church Rooms)	1,972.38	2,064.60
Support from Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)		(2,908.90)
Total Staff Costs	25,460.09	22,253.42

5 Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Church Equipment	Church Rooms Equipment	Total
COST at 1/1/22	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Addition		-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost at 31/12/22	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
DEPRECIATION at 1/1/22	11,944.61	3,333.60	15,278.21
Charge for year	2,786.55	-	2,786.55
Released on Disposal	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION at 31/12/22	14,731.16	3,333.60	18,064.76
NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/22	4,865.05	-	4,865.05
NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/22	2,078.50	-	2,078.50

6 Debtors

	2022	2021
HMRC Gift Aid tax	5,106.30	5,815.94
Church Rooms	835.00	738.50
Funeral	978.00	(330.00)
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	19.50	(33.40)
Uncleared receipts - zettle card	(2.80)	561.80
Uncleared receipts - cash in safe	773.56	
VAT	116.35	116.35
Other		17.00
Sequestration	394.00	(4.50)
Total	8,219.91	6,881.69

7 Creditors

	2022	2021
Ministers Fees	£275.05	£1,016.45
Away Giving	£5,310.43	£5,510.00
Suppliers	£2,767.05	£165.36
Church Rooms Key deposits	£30.00	£30.00
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£162.47	£1.35
Wedding Deposits	£850.00	£1,256.00
Total	9,395.00	7,979.16

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling	£8,469.00	
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£3,890.00	
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£1,538.00	
Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled	£3,041.00	
The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year totalling	(£406.00)	
In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year		<i>Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)</i>
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£1,538.00	£273.10
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£3,041.00	£110.00
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the Building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Covid Response - Grants and donations to help in the community to alleviate need and aid recovery from the pandemic.

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Music – To be able to resource musical needs of the church

Growing Disciples – Funding received for mission

Eco Church – Funding received to Care for Gods creation

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		
	2022	2021
Unrestricted General Fund	19,654.87	20,079.09
Fabric	623.01	3,183.36
Fabric - Sound System	116.94	116.94
Fabric - Clock	108.40	108.40
Bells Fund	10,737.24	10,622.99
Covid Response	-	1,364.60
Growing Disciples	210.00	
Eco Church	250.00	
Tourism	57.15	57.15
Music	1,000.00	50.00
Children & Young People	187.83	426.07
Total Restricted excluding Fixed Assets	13,290.57	15,929.51
<i>Assets from restricted fabric funds (Net Book Value)</i>	<i>2,078.05</i>	<i>4,865.05</i>
Total Restricted Funds	15,368.62	20,794.56
Church Rooms Designated	3,044.51	5,288.35
Total Designated	3,044.51	5,288.35
Total Funds	38,068.00	46,162.00

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

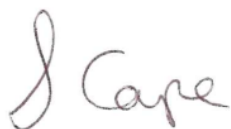
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

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

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Sara Coupe

1 Woodhead Close, NG21 9RE

22nd February 2023

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY
EDWINSTOWE**

Registered Charity Number 1171553

**YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

Priest in Charge
Vacant

Independent Examiner
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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to **God's love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship [**Worship**]

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life** [**Discipleship**]

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. [**Mission**]

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

During the year, there have been 7 full PCC meetings (on Zoom) with an average attendance of 80%.

Sub-committees of the PCC met several times during the year; The Leadership Team, Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three Churches Forum"

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 107 (108 in 2020) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll

Safeguarding

The PCC has worked closely with Pete Edwards, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, to ensure we have complied with our Safeguarding Policy & Action Plan. The documentation and procedures are under regular review and revised as necessary. All the identified members have undergone appropriate training for their role.

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the church charity.

Priest in charge:	Vacant	
Wardens:	Richard Neely Vacant	
Deanery synod:	Hilary Cheshire Deborah Birkett Susan Ford	Treasurer & Diocesan synod To December 2021 To APCM From APCM
Reader representative:	Gregory Abbott Pete Edwards	To July 2021 Secretary from APCM
Elected members:	James Turpin Emma Scaysbrook Jeanne McCollum Margaret Share Lorna Hubbard Clare Clayton Walter Daglish Peter Atkinson Darren Knight	From APCM From APCM From Sept 2021 (Co-opted APCM)
Safeguarding	Pete Edwards	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553**.

These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extend their thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

A second difficult year significantly affected by the global covid-19 pandemic. Full lockdown in the first quarter followed by gradual opening and widespread anxiety among our congregation. We moved online with mixed success, broadcasting live to YouTube on a Sunday and to Zoom midweek for evening prayer. This allowed us to maintain contact and fellowship in a limited way, but we were ever mindful of those who do not have the technology to join in.

The in-person attendance remained low for the remainder of the year at circa 25 at the 11am Sunday service.

The parish has been in vacancy since October 2020 and continues into 2022, with advertising of the post ongoing (March 2022). The three churches worked together to develop the Parish Profile.

We continue to be blessed by the ministry of our team of lay ministers and retired clergy for our regular services and other work. They have continued in their dedicated service to the churches on Sundays and midweek, whilst Greg Abbott has assumed a leadership role at St. John's; and Pete Edwards is spearheading mission at Clipstone. We are very grateful indeed to the Revds. Richard Ford, Chris Levy and David Fudger and Readers Pete Edwards, Lorna Jagger and Greg Abbott. Neil Jackson stood down from his role as reader after many years faithful service and Revd Clive Andrews moved away to be nearer his family.

The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young and have been meeting in a variety of ways.

We were sad that due to the pandemic many community services and events were not possible. The Good Friday activities, Christmas tree festival and concerts were all casualties. However, our Memorial Service at All Souls resumed and was well supported. We were thrilled to welcome Thoresby Band for their first post pandemic performance in December with a reduced capacity crowd.

We said *au revoir* to several faithful worshippers during the year including Bill Currie and Brian Lister

Occasional Offices	2021	2020	2019
Baptism	4	9	18
Funerals in Church	15	7	21
Service at Crematorium	15	19	
Weddings	3	1	2

To comply with new national rules, our procedures for holding wedding services have been revised.

The Village Exchange shop closed during lockdown but led enthusiastically by Lorna Hubbard the recovery was remarkable and takings nearly equalled the whole of 2019. Our thanks go to the team of volunteers and all who donate goods for sale.

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. Our thanks go particularly to Miss Parkin who has coped admirably with the challenges presented by the pandemic. Hilary Cheshire continues as chair of governors. We welcome others to consider if they are being called to apply to be a church appointed foundation governor.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King Edwin Primary School.

Both schools attended church for special services and nativity during the Christmas season.

We are blessed to have a small but dedicated band of stewards who have again been welcoming visitors safely once we were able to re-open.

The 'hidden' jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible; treasurer Hilary Cheshire (who despite many other roles continues to faithfully serve in this capacity) and PCC secretary Emma Scaysbrook. This year we have particularly relied on the dedication and skills of Walter Daglish who has steered our online presence and provision of digital music. Cleaners led by Jeanne McCollum with Jane Woodside have ensured the cleaning regime has kept us covid safe.

Future plans

In 2022 our focus will be working with our sister parishes to appoint a parish priest to serve our three communities. Also, to successfully re-introduce social fellowship and activities.

Other future plans include

- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need.
- Encouraging regular giving which enables our mission and ministry.
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- We have formed an Eco group who have signed up to the Rocha Eco Churches initiative and will be working towards gaining official recognition.
- Recruiting new members for the PCC and school governing body.
- Our hope is that St Mary's will continue steadily to change and develop to reflect and challenge the community, welcoming many more to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

Church Rooms

2021 began with a further period of lockdown due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. So, after having managed to reopen for hirers during September and October 2020, the Church Rooms had to close the doors to hirers again. Church Rooms business carried on via committee meetings on Zoom. Walter Daglish worked hard to set up all the committee members with StMaryt.org accounts and to put the committee documents onto Google drive, providing training as necessary.

We fitted the refurbished kitchen with a new fridge, extra kettle, toaster, new cutlery, crockery, pans and utensils. A new clock was installed in the main room and an inventory created. Pauline and Walter Daglish attended a lecture about the new Music Licence (Performing Rights) to ensure the Church Rooms and hirers were adhering to current legislation.

In April, the Church Rooms reopened to children's groups, and adult groups from May, which meant we were able to receive income again. A £3,000 Covid resilience grant from Newark and Sherwood District Council enabled the committee to pay for further improvements to the building and garden: a new ramp was fitted to the back door to make it easier to access the garden, potholes in the carpark were repaired and Tom Stanforth was hired to cut the side hedge which had reached huge proportions. Over the summer, Keith Gibson painters repainted the exterior of the Church Rooms making it look very smart.

At the end of 2021, a basic Wi-Fi system was put into the Church Rooms so that the heating could be operated remotely. This reduced hirer enquiries and extra visits to the rooms by committee members to adjust the heating.

Despite various Covid restrictions throughout 2021, most of the hirers felt able to use the rooms by the end of the year. These were Robin Hood Dramatics, Childminders, Pilates, Explorer Scouts, Illuminate, One Way Club, AA, Baby Ballet, a few children's parties and a Christmas Quiz night run by Illuminate.

In 2022, we hope to increase our footfall in the Church Rooms by new advertising and fundraising activities, increasing the number of cupboards available to hirers and putting up new blinds.

We thank all the committee members for their continued hard work and commitment throughout 2021.

Fabric

Just as with other aspects of church life our responsibilities for the upkeep and maintenance of our Grade 1 Listed church building have been affected by the impact of the pandemic but annual tasks have had to be done. A new company has been appointed to maintain the CCTV which protects the church roof.

A bench in memory of 'The Fallen' in the churchyard very kindly donated to Edwinstowe Village by Brian Hawkins was dedicated during the November remembering service.

In conjunction with The Sherwood Forest Trust & with Miner2Major Project funding, we planted a 'Maid Marion' hawthorn tree. This is part of the project to unite parishes & residents throughout the Sherwood Forest area by planting 10 'heritage' trees. The aim is to commemorate our local history & seek future aspirations. Robin & Marion were key figures of medieval & Tudor "May Games".

We thank Newark & Sherwood District Council for their continuing work in maintaining our churchyard. We note that attention will be given to make some gravestones safer & to trim some of the bigger trees.

We were able once again to participate in the annual Notts Historic Churches Trust Fund "Ride & Stride" event which raises funds for the upkeep of participating churches.

Future plans

Our five yearly "Quinquennial inspection" is due in March 2022 and that will shape the pattern of future works

Finance

Having ended 2020 with dangerously low reserves, we are immensely grateful to those who continued to regularly and faithfully support us. We are also grateful to Thoresby Charitable Trust, The Sir Hugh & Lady Sykes Charitable Trust and John Eastwood Foundation for their grants. Covid recovery funding was also received from Newark & Sherwood District Council along with support from the government Job retention scheme

We are pleased once again to have paid our Parish share in full. We managed away giving of 7.5% and we are hoping to resume our commitment to give away 10% in 2022.

We repaid the £5,000 short term loan granted by the Diocese

We have been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years.

2022 presents its own financial challenges as the war in the Ukraine unfolds and the world adjusts to its post pandemic financial landscape.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom in our stewardship of all gifts. Everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support.

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Planned giving		28,074		-	28,074	30,332
Collections, donations & other giving		19,439	3,033	3,930	26,402	48,795
Income tax recovered		7,351		53	7,404	8,633
Legacies					-	-
Activities for generating funds						
Church Room Lettings			2,330		2,330	1,438
Village Xchange		34,928			34,928	25,726
Other trading		256			256	83
Income from other Properties					-	-
Fund Raising Events		1,922	-	375	2,297	274
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends		-		61	61	172
Income from charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		3,171		250	3,421	2,152
Other incoming resources:						
Insurance claims					-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
Reimbursement of costs from other parishes		3,148			3,148	2,062
Other		-		123	123	74
Total incoming resources	2	98,288	5,363	4,792	108,443	119,739

Resources expended					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(3,771)		(2,873)	(6,644)	(2,788)
Mission & Evangelism				-	-
Parish Share	(33,876)	1,944		(31,932)	(36,408)
Clergy expenses	(81)			(81)	64
Provision of Services	566		(130)	436	(184)
Church running expenses	(10,022)	(3,412)	(1,711)	(15,145)	(14,590)
Children/Youth work costs	(131)			(131)	(262)
Cost of raising funds	(19,504)	(2,866)		(22,370)	(23,265)
Administration					
Training/Support				-	-
Administration costs	(13,365)		(460)	(13,825)	(15,770)
Other				-	-
Governance costs	(28)			(28)	-
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(1,435)	(381)	(327)	(2,143)	(48,289)
Depreciation			(2,787)	(2,787)	(708)
Total resources expended	3	(81,646)	(4,716)	(8,287)	(94,648)
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		16,643	647	(3,495)	13,795
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains		16,643	647	(3,495)	13,795
Gains on investment assets		-	6	-	6
Net movement in funds		16,643	653	(3,495)	13,801
Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021		3,437	4,635	24,289	32,361
Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2021		20,079	5,288	20,794	46,162

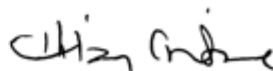
Balance Sheet

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Tangible assets	5a	4,865	7,652
Investments	5b	-	-
Fixed Assets		4,865	7,652
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	6,882	6,330
Cash at bank and in hand		42,395	27,360
Current Assets		49,276	33,690
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,979)	(8,981)
Net Current Assets <i>(Current assets less creditors < 1 year)</i>		41,297	24,709
Total Assets less current liabilities <i>(Fixed Assets plus NCA)</i>		46,162	32,361
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		46,162	32,361
Restricted funds	8	20,794	24,289
Designated funds (unrestricted)	8	5,288	4,635
General fund (unrestricted)	8	20,079	3,436
Reserves		46,162	32,361

Approved by the PCC on 8th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Richard Neely
Church Warden



Hilary Cheshire
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

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

Gains and losses on Investments

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

Resources Used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

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

Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

COIF Charity Fund Investments are valued at market value at 31st December. Cashed in November 2020

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves

Unrestricted funds.

It is the policy of this church to keep at least three months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work due at quinquennial inspections.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understand their responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2021	2020
Tax efficient planned giving	26,607.80	28,367.75
Other planned giving	1,466.00	1,964.00
Other collections at services	963.08	1,515.21
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	691.38	733.47
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	1,032.59	3,560.41
Special Appeals	918.34	2,407.41
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	7,403.70	8,632.82
Legacies received	-	-
Non-Recurring Grants	22,797.00	40,578.18
Fund Raising Events	2,296.50	274.25
Dividends & Interest	60.69	171.50
Total Parochial Fees Income	3,421.00	2,152.00
Coffee, Bookstall, Magazine etc	255.50	83.00
Village Xchange	34,928.14	25,725.96
Hall Lettings	2,329.75	1,437.50
Insurance Claims		-
Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes	3,148.19	2,062.00
Sale of Fixed Assets		
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)	123.36	88.80
Total Income	108,443.02	119,739.26

3 Resources Expended

	2021	2020
Donations/Grants to Charities & Mission Giving	(6,643.93)	(2,788.41)
Parish Share	(31,931.90)	(36,408.00)
Salaries & Wages	(20,738.42)	(20,647.16)
Clergy Expenses	(80.60)	64.20
Children/Youth Work costs	(130.75)	(261.85)
Insurance costs	(5,613.44)	(5,615.71)
Cleaning costs	(55.48)	(145.52)
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(6,369.21)	(2,635.79)
Administration costs exc salary	(7,082.81)	(9,057.34)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of Services	(89.08)	(328.88)
Fund Raising Costs		(637.34)
Heating & Lighting costs	(3,102.82)	(6,092.78)
Water Rates	(3.95)	(99.72)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(2,144.83)	(2,657.64)
Costs of Trading - VX	(5,727.84)	(5,890.59)
Costs of Trading - misc	(3.94)	-
Depreciation	(2,786.55)	(708.06)
Non capitalised asset purchase	(1,761.58)	(792.03)
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings	(381.35)	(47,496.68)
Total Expenses	(94,648.48)	(142,199.30)

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

Staff Costs (inc Pensions)	2021	2020
Administrative Assistant	6,770.40	6,712.81
Village Exchange Manager	15,337.32	15,095.91
Vergers	420.00	35.00
Bell Ringers	180.00	60.00
Organists	390.00	205.00
Cleaner (Church & Church Rooms)	2,064.60	1,309.00
Support from Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)	(2,908.90)	(2,325.56)
Total Staff Costs	22,253.42	21,092.16

5 Assets for use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Church Equipment	Church Rooms Equipment	Total
COST at 1/1/21	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
Addition		-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost at 31/12/21	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
DEPRECIATION at 1/1/21	9,158.06	8,450.00	12,491.66
Charge for year	2,786.55	-	2,786.55
Released on Disposal	-	-	-
DEPRECIATION at 31/12/21	11,944.61	8,450.00	15,278.21
NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/21	7,651.60	-	7,651.60
NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/21	4,865.05	-	4,865.05

6 Debtors

	2021	2020
HMRC Gift Aid tax	5,815.94	2,696.15
Church Rooms	738.50	-
Funeral	(330.00)	-
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	(33.40)	168.38
Uncleared receipts - zettle	561.80	-
VAT	116.35	116.35
Prepayment of Parish Share	-	3,465.00
Other	17.00	
Sequestration	(4.50)	-
Total	6,881.69	6,445.88

7 Creditors

	2021	2020
Ministers Fees	£1,016.45	£328.00
Away Giving	£5,510.00	£2,304.41
Suppliers	£165.36	£541.00
Church Rooms Key deposits	£30.00	£10.00
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£1.35	£337.46
Wedding Deposits	£1,256.00	£650.00
Total	7,979.16	4,096.87

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling	£8,147.00
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£2,883.00
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£1,941.00
Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled	£3,323.00
The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year totalling	£606.00

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year	Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)	
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£1,941.00	£933.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£3,323.00	£83.45
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the Building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Covid Response - Grants and donations to help in the community to alleviate need and aid recovery from the pandemic.

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		
	2021	2020
Unrestricted General Fund	20,079.09	3,436.06
Fabric	3,183.36	-
Fabric - Sound System	116.94	443.51
Fabric - Clock	108.40	1,738.00
Bells Fund	10,622.99	10,470.30
Covid Response	1,364.60	3,012.69
Tourism	57.15	547.18
Music	50.00	-
Children & Young People	426.07	426.07
Total Restricted excluding Fixed Assets	15,929.51	16,637.75
<i>Assets from restricted fabric funds (Net Book Value)</i>	<i>4,865.05</i>	<i>7,651.60</i>
Total Restricted Funds	20,794.56	24,289.35
Church Rooms Designated	5,288.35	4,635.57
Total Designated	5,288.35	4,635.57
Total Funds	46,162.00	32,360.98

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

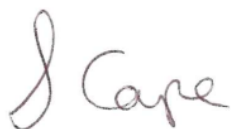
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

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

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Sara Coupe

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21st March 2022

Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY EDWINSTOWE

Registered Charity Number 1171553

**YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2020**

Priest in Charge
Vacant

Reverend Ian Webb
to October

Independent Examiner

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Annual Report

Mission Statement

We seek to join with God's mission to place **love at the heart of life** in three dimensions:

UP towards God – Helping people in Edwinstowe to recognise and respond to God's **love at the heart of life** through Spirit-led worship [**Worship**]

IN towards each other – Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who put **love for each other at the heart of life** [**Discipleship**]

OUT towards the world – together we will put **love for the world at the heart of life**, through proclamation of the Gospel, loving service, challenging injustice and protecting God's creation. [**Mission**]

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected each year by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, there have been 5 full PCC meetings with an average attendance of 73.3%. There was one standing committee meeting.

Sub-committees of the PCC also met several times during the year; The Leadership Team, Children and Young People's leaders and the Church Rooms Management Committee

Leaders from Edwinstowe also join with Perlethorpe and Clipstone to form the "Three churches forum"

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Electoral Roll

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 108 (110 in 2019) parishioners were members on the Electoral Roll

Reference and Administration

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. They are also Trustees of the charity.

Priest in charge:	Vacant	To October
Wardens:	Revd. Ian Webb Richard Neely	
Deanery synod:	Vacant Hilary Cheshire Deborah Birkett Susan Ford	Treasurer & Diocesan synod
Reader representative:	Gregory Abbott	Reader
Elected members:	James Turpin Emma Scaysbrook Jeanne McCollum Margaret Share Lorna Hubbard Clare Clayton Andrea Davis Josephine Rose Ian Smith	To APCM To APCM To December
Safeguarding	Tracey Ailward John Scaysbrook	To April From April to December
Secretary	Vacant	

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, for all who reside in the ecclesiastical parish and all who worship at St Mary's. It also has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church and the Church Rooms. The PCC is body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and **Registered Charity Number 1171553**.

These objectives could not be achieved without the time and talents of many volunteers to whom the PCC extend their thanks.

Achievements and Activities (Including future plans)

Worship, Discipleship & Mission

It has been a big year of change for St. Mary's with the global covid-19 pandemic forcing closure of the building between March and August, with restricted access and social distancing for the remainder of the year. The departure of our Revd Ian Webb and family and October also had an impact.

Throughout the pandemic we adapted swiftly to provide online worship via Facebook, YouTube and Zoom at different times, this proved to be a lifeline for many, but we are ever mindful of those who do not have the technology to join in.

The building reopened in August for private prayer sessions only and in September for public worship which was also live streamed.

We continue to be blessed by the ministry of our team of lay ministers and retired clergy for our regular services and other work. They have continued in their dedicated service to the churches on Sundays and midweek, whilst Greg Abbott has assumed a leadership role at St. Mary's and St. John's; and Pete Edwards is spearheading mission at Clipstone. We are very grateful indeed to the Revds. Clive Andrews, Richard Ford and Jackie Johnson and Readers Greg Abbott, Pete Edwards, Lorna Jagger and Neil Jackson.

We were sad that due to the pandemic many community services and events were not possible. The Good Friday activities, Christmas tree festival, School nativity events and concerts were all casualties however an online Memorial Service at All Souls was appreciated and well supported.

We said *au revoir* to several faithful worshippers during the course of the year including Sheila Sanderson and Bill Smith

A great deal of effort went into a community response to pandemic, ensuring that the church was fully involved in ensuring nobody went hungry or suffered unduly from the lockdown. Our mission was to stand beside the community in the time of need. This has gone some way to breaking down barriers between the church community and the rest of the village who wouldn't say they belong to church.

The number of occasional offices has reduced this year with 9 baptisms (18 in 2019), 1 wedding (2 in 2019) and 7 funerals, (21 in 2019) plus 19 at cemetery or crematorium only. WE are thankful that the number of funerals was not greater as in some regions.

One of Revd Ian's last services was a confirmation service which included 6 from Edwinstowe. The leaders of all our children's and youth groups do a fantastic job of nurturing the young towards this commitment.

The Village Exchange shop closed during lockdown but was given a covid safe overhaul in the summer and re-opened with an influx of donations and a renewed focus. The long-standing Manager, Wendy Stirland, moved away in October and Lorna Hubbard was appointed. Lorna's enthusiasm and commitment have already made a positive impact in many ways.

Our vital relationship with St. Mary's C of E Primary School continues to be important. Our thanks go particularly to Miss Parkin who has coped admirably with the challenges presented by the pandemic in her first year as Headteacher. Hilary Cheshire has taken on the role of chair of governors. We continue to enjoy a good relationship with King

Edwin Primary School who we hope will resume their visits to church for special seasonal services when able in 2021.

The 'hidden' jobs are just as important and thanks to all who do them - all on the PCC and especially Richard Neely whose dedication as Church Warden is incredible; treasurer Hilary Cheshire (who despite many other roles continues to faithfully serve in this capacity) and our volunteer who acts as PCC secretary; This year we have particularly relied on the dedication and skills of Walter Daglish who has steered our online presence and the band of cleaners led by Jeanne McCullum who have ensured the cleaning regime has kept us covid safe.

Future plans

In 2021 our focus will be working with our sister parishes to appoint a parish priest to serve our three communities. Also, to successfully re introduce live worship while supporting those who feel unable to resume group activities via blended worship.

Other future plans include

- Continuing to work with community groups to further support those in need.
- Encouraging regular giving which enables our mission and ministry.
- Supporting existing groups and encouraging leaders in them
- We have formed an Eco group who have signed up to the Rocha Eco Churches initiative and will be working towards gaining official recognition.
- Recruiting new members for the PCC
- Our hope is that St Mary's will continue steadily to change and develop to reflect and challenge the community, welcoming many more to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

Church Rooms

2020 began with high hopes for a busy and productive year. The Rooms were being used by community groups every day, we had plans for a kitchen refurbishment.

In February we said goodbye to two of our long-standing committee members who had decided to retire from their officer posts after 5 years: treasurer, Julia Fowler and booking officer, Wendy Stirland. We are extremely grateful to them both for their hard work.

By the end of March, the Coronavirus lockdown had hit the country which meant that the Church Rooms had to close to hirers and largely remained closed for the remainder of the year as even when able to do so (having carried out comprehensive covid risk assessments) many groups felt unable to resume their activity.

During lockdown, the committee used the time for maintenance and a major kitchen refurbishment. This was made possible by generous grants from Thoresby Estate, Cooperative Community fund and Dukeries Lions. Along with the hard work of volunteers, from the committee and from the community. The kitchen now looks modern and welcoming.

We are grateful to Walter Daglish who has overhauled our bookings procedures and created new online documentation for hirers. When Lorna Hubbard was appointed as the new Village Xchange manager, the role of church rooms booking officer was rolled into the job description.

We look forward to a time in 2021 when things may return to normal so that the community can make good use of the new kitchen facilities. Plans for 2021, funds permitting, include a new ramp at the backdoor, repairs to the potholes in the carpark and exterior painting of the woodwork.

Thank you to all the committee members for their hard work this year.

Fabric

Just as with other aspects of church life our responsibilities for the upkeep and maintenance of our Grade 1 Listed church building have been affected by the impact of the pandemic but annual tasks have had to be done & not a few major projects brought to successful conclusion.

We are very pleased to report that both the new sound system & our upgraded gas central heating boiler system have been installed. With church communal services being suspended for long periods & our not being able to welcome tourists we had the best opportunity to do these projects. We particularly thank Barbara Read for her generous donation that enabled us to improve the sound system & everyone who contributed to the funding of the boiler & the accompanying asbestos works. We may expect many years services from both these.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cleaned up the WW1 graves in our churchyard & a plaque recording their presence has been erected on an entrance gate for public information.

The church clock had been losing time & the chime stopped altogether. Thanks to funding from Cllrs John Peck & Jason Scott arrangements have been made for the clock to be repaired in 2021.

We thank Newark & Sherwood District Council for their continuing work in maintaining our churchyard. We note that attention will be given in 2021 to make some gravestones safe & to trim some of the bigger trees and to address issues with western boundary wall/hedging.

New Diocesan Rules for dealing with works in or about the Church were introduced in 2020 - the main aim being that all applications would have to be made online.

Unfortunately, owing to Covid regulations we lost a couple of concerts to be held in church & we were not able to participate in the annual Notts Historic Churches Trust Fund "Ride & Stride" event.

Future plans

We look forward to the erection of a new bench in memory of 'The Fallen' in the churchyard very kindly offered to Edwinstowe Village by Brian Hawkins.

Also, in conjunction with The Sherwood Forest Trust & with Miner2Major Project funding, we look to the planting of a 'Maid Marion' hawthorn tree. This is part of the project to unite parishes & residents throughout the Sherwood Forest area by planting 10 'heritage' trees. The aim is to commemorate our local history & seek future aspirations. Robin & Marion were key figures of medieval & Tudor "May Games

Finance

2020 found us in uncharted waters, with the onset of the pandemic we found that many of our income streams dried up. On plate collection, tourist income, charity shop takings and church rooms lettings were all badly affected. We are immensely grateful to those who continued to support us via standing order and those in the community moved to raise funds on our behalf via online platform Just Giving and Thyngs.

Our unrestricted reserves are now dangerously low., indeed we needed an emergency loan from the Diocese in order to complete our boiler project due to unforeseen asbestos removal costs.

We know that 2021 has commenced with further lockdown so there is no easing of the financial situation on the short term. It continues to be a struggle to budget to ensure we are using our resources for the continued mission of the church and to maintain our fine grade 1 listed building. We are hopeful that the new boiler will significantly cut our heating costs., preliminary bills look very promising (but the church has been closed!) Despite our income falling, we have not been able to make savings in the same proportion although we are grateful for the support from the Government job retention scheme (furlough) and covid related grants from Newark & Sherwood District council along with Grants/Donations from Thoresby Charitable Trust, Sir John Eastwood foundation and Mrs Barbara Read (in memory of her husband Frank).

We are pleased once again to have paid our Parish share in full however we were unable to maintain our commitment to give away 10% of our income.

We have though also been saddened by the deaths of several of our stalwart congregation who have been faithful financial supporters for many years. 2021 presents its own financial challenges with the ongoing pandemic.

We continue to pray that we show wisdom in our stewardship of all gifts, everything we have belongs to God to be used for His glory. We would like to thank once again all organisations and individuals that give their financial support

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Planned giving		30,332		-	30,332	30,124
Collections, donations & other giving		14,617	3,728	30,449	48,795	23,639
Income tax recovered		8,633			8,633	10,309
Legacies					-	-
Activities for generating funds						
Church Room Lettings			1,438		1,438	5,369
Village Xchange		25,726			25,726	34,490
Other trading		83			83	385
Income from other Properties					-	-
Fund Raising Events		24	-	250	274	4,928
Investment income:						
Interest & dividends		105		67	172	103
Income from charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		2,027		125	2,152	3,123
Other incoming resources:						
Insurance claims					-	-
Gain on disposal of fixed assets					-	-
Reimbursement of costs from other parishes		2,062			2,062	1,183
Other		74			74	(158)
Total incoming resources	2	83,682	5,166	30,891	119,739	113,494

Resources expended

Charitable activities:

Donations/Grants to charities	(34)		(2,754)	(2,788)	(6,966)
Mission & Evangelism				-	-
Parish Share	(36,408)			(36,408)	(41,604)
Clergy expenses	64			64	(632)
Provision of Services	(124)		(60)	(184)	(1,264)
Church running expenses	(13,592)	(349)	(648)	(14,590)	(16,292)
Children/Youth work costs	(262)			(262)	(822)
Cost of raising funds	(19,877)	(3,234)	(155)	(23,265)	(31,465)

Administration

Training/Support				-	-
Administration costs	(15,207)	(20)	(543)	(15,770)	(16,481)
Other				-	-

Governance costs

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Major expenditure

Repairs to church buildings	(13,860)	(7,238)	(27,190)	(48,289)	-
Depreciation			(708)	(708)	-

Total resources expended	3	(99,300)	(10,841)	(32,059)	(142,199)	(115,526)
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Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		(15,618)	(5,675)	(1,168)	(22,460)	(2,032)
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Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains		(15,618)	(5,675)	(1,168)	(22,460)	(2,032)
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Gains on investment assets		134	-	-	134	518
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Net movement in funds		(15,483)	(5,675)	(1,168)	(22,326)	(1,514)
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Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2020		18,920	10,310	25,457	54,687	56,201
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Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2020		3,437	4,635	24,289	32,361	54,687
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*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5.0

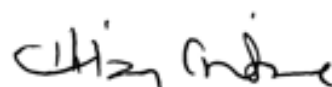
Balance Sheet

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Tangible assets	5a	7,652	-
Investments	5b	-	3,415
Fixed Assets		7,652	3,415
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	6,330	8,999
Cash at bank and in hand		27,360	47,972
Current Assets		33,690	56,971
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(8,981)	(5,699)
Net Current Assets <i>(Current assets less creditors < 1 year)</i>		24,709	51,272
Total Assets less current liabilities <i>(Fixed Assets plus NCA)</i>		32,361	54,687
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		32,361	54,687
Restricted funds	8	24,289	25,457
Designated funds (unrestricted)	8	4,635	10,310
General fund (unrestricted)	8	3,437	18,919
Reserves		32,361	54,687

Approved by the PCC on 9th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Richard Neely
Church Warden



Hilary Cheshire
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1 Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of the PCC, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (2015 FRSSSE). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources - Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fund raising events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

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

Gains and losses on Investments

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

Resources Used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

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

Moveable church furnishings are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). They are capitalised at cost and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 4 years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2003 is written off. Heating System replacement 2020 not capitalised due to the nature of the project.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years except computer equipment which is over 3 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

COIF Charity Fund Investments are valued at market value at 31st December. Cashed in November 2020

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with National Savings or National Westminster Bank. The PCC will periodically review where our investments are held to gain the best return.

Reserves

Unrestricted funds.

It is the policy of this church to keep at least three months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies.

Designated funds are set aside for a particular purpose with an identified time frame. In view of the nature of the historic building the PCC will also aim to add £5k to designated reserves each year to cover work due at quinquennial inspections. In view of the potential need for a new boiler, the current reserves are not considered to be excessive.

Restricted funds are kept and only used for their intended purposes

The PCC understand their responsibility to ensure that the reserves are used to gain the maximum benefit for the parish as a whole in its pursuit of the whole mission of the church. This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the APCM.

2 Incoming Resources

	2020	2019
Tax efficient planned giving	28,367.75	27,070.93
Other planned giving	1,964.00	3,053.00
Other collections at services	1,515.21	3,398.73
Occasional Gift Aid Envelopes	733.47	1,858.92
Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	3,560.41	12,590.08
Special Appeals	2,407.41	1,491.32
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	8,632.82	10,308.92
Legacies received	-	-
Non-Recurring Grants	40,578.18	4,300.00
Fund Raising Events	274.25	4,928.20
Dividends & Interest	171.50	102.51
Total Parochial Fees Income	2,152.00	3,123.00
Coffee, Bookstall, Magazine etc	83.00	384.61
Village Xchange	25,725.96	34,490.07
Hall Lettings	1,437.50	5,368.69
Insurance Claims	-	-
Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes	2,062.00	1,182.78
Sale of Fixed Assets		-
Other Income/(Bad Debt Write off)	73.80	(157.78)
Total Income	119,739.26	101,889.73

3 Resources Expended

	2020	2019
Donations/Grants to Charities & Mission Giving	(2,788.41)	(6,966.19)
Parish Share	(36,408.00)	(41,604.00)
Salaries & Wages	(20,647.16)	(23,253.48)
Clergy Expenses	64.20	(631.75)
Children/Youth Work costs	(261.85)	(821.87)
Insurance costs	(5,615.71)	(5,912.28)
Cleaning costs	(145.52)	(155.89)
Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	(2,635.79)	(2,983.56)
Administration costs exc salary	(9,057.34)	(9,797.43)
Other Church Expenses/Provision of Services	(328.88)	(1,148.84)
Fund Raising Costs	(637.34)	(940.06)
Heating & Lighting costs	(6,092.78)	(7,175.58)
Water Rates	(99.72)	(64.24)
Costs of Trading - rooms	(2,657.64)	(8,529.92)
Costs of Trading - VX	(5,890.59)	(5,373.04)
Costs of Trading - misc	-	(167.58)
Depreciation	(708.06)	-
Non capitalised asset purchase	(792.03)	-
Major Repairs/Redecoration to Church Buildings	(47,496.68)	-
Total Expenses	(142,199.30)	115,525.71

4 Staff Costs (including Pension)

	2020	2019
Administrative Assistant	6,712.81	6,684.00
Village Exchange Manager	15,095.91	15,412.68
Vergers	35.00	-
Bell Ringers	60.00	180.00
Organists	205.00	1,470.00
Cleaner (Church & Church Rooms)	1,309.00	1,041.80
Support from Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)	(2,325.56)	-
Total Staff Costs	21,092.16	24,788.48

5 Assets for use by the PCC

5a	Tangible Fixed Assets	Church Equipment	Church Rooms Equipment	Total
	COST at 1/1/20	8,450.00	3,333.60	11,783.60
	Addition (Sound System)	8,359.66	-	8,359.66
	Disposal	-	-	-
	Cost at 31/12/20	16,809.66	3,333.60	20,143.26
	DEPRECIATION at 1/1/20	8,450.00	3,333.60	11,783.60
	Charge for year	708.06	-	708.06
	Released on Disposal	-	-	-
	DEPRECIATION at 31/12/20	9,158.06	8,450.00	12,491.66
	NET BOOK VALUE at 1/1/20	-	-	-
	NET BOOK VALUE at 31/12/20	7,651.60	-	7,651.60

5b	Investment Assets (COIF Charities investment Fund 201.7 income units)		
	Market Value at 1/1/20		3,414.52
	Cashed in Value at 26/11/20		3,548.60
	Gain (Loss) During Year		134.08

6 Debtors

	2020	2019
HMRC Gift Aid tax	2,696.15	6,554.60
Church Rooms	-	45.00
Funeral	-	338.00
Online Giving (JustGiving/Stripe)	168.38	-
Uncleared receipts		2,061.67
VAT	116.35	-
Prepayment of Parish Share	3,465.00	
Sequestration	-	-
Total	6,445.88	8,999.27

7 Creditors

	2020	2019
Ministers Fees	£254.00	£625.00
Away Giving	£2,304.41	£4,537.63
Suppliers	£541.00	(£63.92)
Church Rooms Key deposits	£10.00	
HMRC & Pensions Payable	£337.46	
Wedding Deposits	£650.00	£600.00
Total	4,096.87	5,698.71

Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totaling	£6,687.00
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£1,865.00
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£3,738.00
Statutory Fees paid to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs totalled	£1,084.00
The PCC also received/(used) Deposits for the following year totalling	£50.00

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year	Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)	
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£3,738.00	£254.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£1,084.00	£0.00
(This excludes fees for Sunday Services)		

8 Fund details

Fabric Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the Building

Church Rooms - Hall lettings and income designated for the upkeep of the fabric of the building

The Bell Fund - donations given specifically for the restoration and upkeep of the bells and ringing chamber

Covid Response - Grants and donations to help in the community to alleviate need and aid recovery from the pandemic.

Tourism – Grants and donations to enhance the visitor experience.

Youth Fund - Grants and donations for the benefit of the Children and Young people of St Mary's

FUNDS		Restated
	2020	2019
Unrestricted General Fund	3,436.06	18,919.49
Fabric	-	5,520.54
Fabric - Sound System	443.51	8,880.00
Fabric - Clock	1,738.00	-
Bells Fund	10,470.30	10,630.39
Covid Response	3,012.69	-
Tourism	547.18	-
Children & Young People	426.07	426.07
Total Restricted excluding Fixed Assets	16,637.75	25,457.00
<i>Assets from restricted fabric funds (Net Book Value)</i>	<i>7,651.60</i>	<i>-</i>
Total Restricted Funds	24,289.35	25,457.00
Church Rooms Designated	4,635.57	10,310.45
Total Designated	4,635.57	10,310.45
Total Funds	32,360.98	54,686.94

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

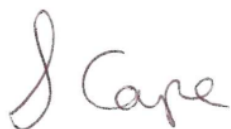
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records to ensure records are kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

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

- 1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) To keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;or
- 2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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15th February 2021