



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

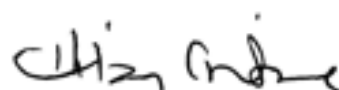
as at the 31 December 2023

	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 Resticted 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.



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21st March 2024