

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

England & Wales · Charity number 1172273

Details

Other names GREASLEY PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-03-27

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Activities

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

Activities: Public worship open to all Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation Pastoral work visiting the sick and bereaved Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses etc Taking of religious assemblies in schools Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and distribution of literature Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£117,476	£98,459	-	-
2024-12-31	£113,548	£80,802	-	-
2023-12-31	£114,806	£93,424	-	-
2022-12-31	£112,343	£72,324	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,161	£102,086	-	-
2020-12-31	£146,151	£112,772	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Michael Kirby		2021-05-04
Barbara Coleman		2017-04-11
Dennis Arthur Pickworth		2023-04-16
Derek Fletcher		2019-04-29
IAN WHEELER		2017-02-12
John Raymond Timby		2022-05-08
Julie Stanton		2021-05-04
Neil Roger Taylor		2023-03-14
PETER STANTON		2017-02-12
Pauline Lilian Jackson		2021-05-04
Susan Fletcher		2021-05-04

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for 2025

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's Church, Greasley

Sunday 26th April, 2026

Opening Prayers: Present / Apologies

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners, held on 27th April 2025
 Meeting of Parishioners – Election of Churchwardens 2025
 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 27th April 2025
2. Election of PCC Members
3. Election of Deanery Synod Members
4. The appointment of an independent Examiner or Auditor
5. Achievements and Performance:

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Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- *Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;*
- *Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;*
- *Missionary and outreach work.*

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

Minutes of 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A. Welcome and Prayer:

Meeting was chaired by Revd Denise Dodd, who also led us in prayer.

B. Meeting of the parishioners:-

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Robert Carlin and seconded by Martin Perry.

Election of churchwardens:-

There were two nominations:

Derek Fletcher – proposed by Martin Perry, seconded by Sue Fletcher.

John Timby – proposed by Peter Stanton, seconded by John Hind.

There being only two candidates and two vacancies, both were duly elected. Denise gave thanks to Derek and John for all their work so far.

C. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Derek Burnett and seconded by Neil Squires.

D. Election of PCC Members

No vacancies this year, so no new members.

E. Election of Deanery Synod representatives

Barbara Coleman has another year to go, meaning there are two further vacancies which remain unfilled. If anyone is interested, Heather Hazard put her name forward, proposed by Ian Wheeler, seconded by John Timby. All in favour.

F. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor

Recommendations that we remain with Pell's accountants. unanimous agreement.

Reports:**Vicar's report** – nothing to raise**Churchwardens** – nothing to raise**PCC secretary report** – nothing to raise**Electoral Roll** – nothing to raise**Financial Review** – Revd Denise thanked Neil Taylor for all his work as Treasurer, working each week and giving up his time "to keep us in order". It is recognised that it is not an easy task.

Bob Willimott said he thought Neil's reports were "an excellent piece of work".

Martin Perry asked what was happening to the money raised by the Parish Oven, which currently stands at £82,000. Meeting heard that all money raised by the tearooms is in a restricted account for the redevelopment of the Sexton's cottage. It is hoped to display the plans in the tearooms so that people can see them.

Revd Denise, wardens and treasurer have been invited to a meeting with the Diocesan financial director and archdeacon to discuss Parish Share and future finances.

Bob Willimott asked if there was any "rainy day money" for anything which the next Quinquennial report may highlight. We are just short of having a three-month reserve.

Building & Property – Update from John Timby on building work. A Friday morning working party meets most weeks for which Denise gave thanks. The Church Terrier was signed by Denise and the wardens. Denise also gave thanks to all those involved in repairing the church tower when the louvres needed securing.**Choir** – Denise gave thanks to Robert Carlin. Pat Higham said that she appreciated all the work Robert and the choir have done. It is very inspiring.**BLAST!** – Fiona Edwards expressed thanks to Julie for all she does.**Deanery Synod** – nothing to raise.**Christian Aid** – nothing to raise. Katrine explained the team are grateful for all the support given by the congregation. Denise thanked everyone involved and urged others to please consider joining the group.**Tower Captain's report** – nothing to raise. Denise expressed her thanks to the team. They are part of our worship, are attracting new members and what they do is remarkable.**Friends of St Mary's** – Sue Fletcher expressed her thanks for the support which the group gets. Denise thanked the group, which represents another form of Mission for our church.**Ecochurch** – Nothing to raise. Denise expressed her thanks to Sheila Over for championing the eco-message in our church and the way she is looking after the environment within the church campus.**Social committee** – Nothing to raise. Ian gave thanks to all who help with events and appealed for more members to come forward.**Open Door** – nothing to raise. Ian thanked for all his work on the magazine.**Christmas Market** – Another successful day with a phenomenal result, financially.**Safeguarding** – Nothing to raise. Denise emphasised that safeguarding has become very important within the Church of England nationally as a result of leadership failings. We have to undergo safeguarding and DBS checks as that is the culture we have to work within. It shouldn't however stop people coming forward to volunteer as it's for everyone's benefit.**Pastoral visiting** – Pat Higham expressed her belief that pastoral visiting is important and very much needed and volunteered her services.**Parish Oven** – No comments.**Art & Soul** – Dave Sawyer reported that things are going in the right direction". Denise expressed her thanks – this is a group which is expanding and providing great fellowship, with most participants coming from outside our church.**Vicar's Round up**

Revd Denise expressed her thanks to everyone for attending and for the members of the PCC and leadership team. "God is working in this place and it's such a special place to work

Meeting ended with a prayer at 12:45pm**2. Election of PCC members for 2026/27:** Five vacancies to be filled**3. Election of Deanery Synod members:** Two vacancies to be filled**4. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor:** Proposal needed

5. Achievements and performance

a) Vicar's report

As I reflect on this year's vicar's report, I am truly heartened by the progress we have made together. Revisiting the previous two reports and considering our collective journey over the past twelve months, it is inspiring to see how faithfully the Lord continues to guide us.

There are visible signs of new growth in our church life, and it fills me with joy to witness our community not only moving forward but also flourishing. This year, it is evident that the path we are on is becoming stronger and more mature, and we should all feel proud and encouraged by the positive trajectory we are experiencing.

The reports throughout this document unmistakably highlight the vibrant role St Mary's plays in enriching our community. Our occasional missional activities — open days, church performances, and social gatherings — have enjoyed ever-growing attendance and brought abundant blessings. Reflecting on each event in our church calendar even if we end the day a little tired, we are always filled with joy and satisfaction. We are truly thankful to God for the many ways He continues to bless us.

Church worship has also experienced growth. We have welcomed new members of all ages into our church family. Being part of baptisms, weddings, funerals, as well as significant events such as Christmas and Easter, has been an enriching experience, emphasising the profound importance these moments hold for families.

A particularly heartening example was when we welcomed over 100+ adults and 80+ children from Beauvale Greasley Primary School for their Christmas and Easter performances. The church was filled with joyful faces, especially during the Nativity on Christmas Eve, with so many children praising the Lord — such occasions are a testament to the vibrant life within our church.

We continue to be blessed with the ministries of Jane Byron and Andy Pointon, as Lay ministers who lead and preach with great skill. We continue to be blessed with Julie Stanton's willingness to co-ordinate and lead B.L.A.S.T group.

Ministry is not restricted to those in leadership positions. It has been a joy to see people grow in confidence — leading fellowship groups, co-ordinating rotas, managing the sound system and overhead projector, volunteering for readings and prayers, serving as sides people, welcoming newcomers, and showing dedication as bell-ringers. These contributions reflect a growing and maturing church.

An increasing number of community groups are selecting our church as their venue for gatherings. These partnerships have fostered positive relationships that benefit both St Mary's and the wider community. We extend our sincere appreciation to all volunteers, particularly those involved with the mid-week Parish Oven, whose continual dedication has contributed to its ongoing success!

We continue to face financial challenges and struggle to make ends meet. This is due not only to rising utility costs caused by difficult international circumstances but also to increased ministry and use of our building, placing considerable strain on resources. Sadly, St Mary's persists in experiencing financial instability, with a projected deficit for 2026.

I wish to reiterate my gratitude to everyone who provides financial support, as your contributions remain essential to the church's operations and represent our primary source of income. Your generosity enables us to accomplish everything we do. I am especially grateful to Neil Taylor, our Treasurer, for his diligent management and dedicated efforts to manage the church's finances on a daily basis.

One of the greatest strengths of our church community lies in the generous gift of time and effort shared by so many. As part of our discipleship, we are all encouraged to nurture and support one another in service, and at St Mary's, this is happening. The dedication shown by so many ensures the smooth running of our church, and words cannot truly express the depth of gratitude for what you do.

A special mention must go to our two churchwardens, Derek and John, whose unwavering commitment and tireless work is notable. Their willingness to step in wherever needed — often beyond their usual responsibilities — plays a crucial role in keeping St Mary's so well cared for. Thank you both for your steadfast service to our church family; your efforts make a real difference and are deeply appreciated.

Particular thanks go to Ian who supports me as PCC Secretary and co-ordinates all the social events for the church. Also, to our PCC who have worked with me throughout the year, especially as I have asked many questions, which often dragged our meetings much later than expected on some occasions.

There are of course vital ministries behind the scenes that continue to bless the life of the church. People who do so much behind the scenes that we rely on but don't see, such as Winifred and John Timby, who coordinate the hall hire, keeping everyone happy, while the 'flower ladies' team ensures the church remains beautifully decorated.

Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention someone, but in a church of so many giving so much, I am bound to not be able to do justice to all. What is true though, is it is through the hard work of many that we can bless so many people in our community in Jesus' name. Thank you all so much.

As you will know only too well, it is always a risk to start thanking individuals, since someone important will inevitably get missed. So, I want to say this. You are all valued. And I do want to make it clear that it is not simply for what you do that you are valued, but also for who you are. The contributions each of you make are not to be measured, but rather to be treasured and cherished.

In summary, I think St Mary's church family should feel rightfully encouraged by all the hard work and goodwill of its volunteers and members. This church has an incredibly positive place in the hearts of our community, and there is widespread public goodwill, interest, and appreciation of our presence in this place.

There is much potential to be built upon. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing as we seek to grow. Please keep sharing the good news of all that is happening here and invite others to join us. Please consider how your own gifts and skills can further build the kingdom of God in this place.

Thank you all for your unwavering support, perseverance, faithfulness, and positive spirit — all of which have been such a blessing.

I extend my gratitude for everything that builds our life together as a church and ask for God's blessing on the coming year.

With every Blessing – Revd Denise

b) Churchwardens' report

As in the previous years of our terms of office, the maintenance of the church, its fabric and fixtures and general day-to-day running, etc, has been challenging to say the least.

Our church wardens' remit is to ensure, as much as possible, the smooth and efficient running of our place of worship and we both believe we have worked hard with many others to achieve this.

Having worked together now for several years we know each other's strong points and have a mutual regard for what we each bring to the table. We maintain regular contact and have frequent discussions about the best way to tackle any problems or tasks as they arise. We have our differences of opinion but rarely have arguments and we are willing to share our aims and objectives with all who care to listen. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Above all we both know that whatever we set out to do, the success depends to a very great extent on the valuable contributions of so many others.

It's also true to say that we both get an enormous amount of satisfaction and pleasure being involved in our work for the church and that is something which can, and does, outweigh any difficulties that may arise. We also believe that it is better to be proactive than reactive and always have one eye on the future development of the church and its position of influence in the local and wider community

We extend our grateful thanks to everyone for their ongoing love and support over the past year. We ask for God's blessings on us both as we continue, with the hope that He will give us the strength and determination to achieve positive outcomes in all we set out to do.

Derek Fletcher & John Timby, Churchwardens

c) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole church. In a normal year the PCC meets for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary ones being held where necessary.

Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC.

Members of the PCC, as of December 31st, 2025, are as follows: Denise Dodd (Chair), Derek Fletcher (churchwarden), John Timby (churchwarden), Neil Taylor (treasurer, co-opted), Ian Wheeler (secretary), David Bullock, Sue Fletcher, Pat Higham, Pauline Jackson, Dennis Pickworth, David Sawyer, Sandra Sawyer, Neil Squires, Julie Stanton, Peter Stanton, Robert Carlin (co-opted), Heather Hazard and Barbara Coleman (Deanery Synod reps).

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

d) Electoral Roll Report

A brand-new Electoral Roll was compiled last year between Sunday, February 23rd and Sunday March 23rd, in line with Church of England regulations which dictate that a completely new Roll must be compiled every six years, the last one having been done in 2019 (but with annual minor revisions). The next completely new Roll is due in 2031.

The total number on the current Roll is 116, with three names removed (deceased) and four new ones added. There are 78 people resident in the Parish (38 non-residents), 78 females and 38 males.

Ian Wheeler, Electoral Roll Officer

e) Grants and fundraising group

Early in 2025 the group worked in collaboration with the Treasurer to sign St. Mary's up to the Easyfundraising scheme.

By this scheme whenever anyone in the church buys something online, the retailer will send the church a free donation based on how much they spend. There is no extra cost as the retailer pays the donation. Furthermore, the funds raised in this way are classed as unrestricted funds so we can use the donations in whatever way we wish.

The group was asked by the Wardens to look at possible grant funding to help with replacing some of the worn floor covering in three areas of the church, and the National Historic Churches Trust was found to offer grants that seemed to be suitable. A couple of meetings were held with the Wardens and it was decided to apply for a grant from them, but to look at this in detail for the first deadline in 2026.

During the year, on Wednesday 1st October 2025, Neil took part in a free one-hour training course on applying for grants from the National Churches Trust and the information from this will be of help whenever we might apply for grants from them in the future.

The group continued to investigate possible sources of grant funding during the year.

Neil Squires, Dave & Sandra Sawyer

NOTES:

f) Financial Review

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

St Mary's, Greasley is a registered charity, ref 1172273.

A summary of the church's financial performance against budget are regularly presented to the PCC which includes a forecast for the year ahead. Revisions to the remaining budget are considered.

Pelis Chartered Accountants provided an independent examination of our accounts. Their report is attached herewith.

2025 saw an increase of 8% in our regular giving by Gift Aid, including tax refund, and Pledges; this being an achievement considering that we have lost 12 of our regular donors during the year. The year also saw an increase in cash donations, received through the plate, Sum-Up machine and various on-site donation boxes.

The Parish Share paid to Southwell for 2025 was set at £51,984. The PCC agreed that we would pay £45,600 (£3,800 per month) with a review after the third quarter of the year. As a result of the review the PCC decided that we would pay the remaining £6,384 in December.

Parish Share is St Mary's contribution to Southwell Diocese to pay towards the running of the Diocese, which then gives the church, at present, a full-time stipendiary minister. It also pays towards the training of future incumbents within the Diocese.

For 2025 we have been requested to pay £53,551 towards Parish Share. The PCC agreed that we would pay £48,000 (£4,000 per month) with a further review at the end of the third quarter of 2026.

Our Budget forecast for 2026 predicts a shortfall of £1,612. An increase of 3.2% in our donation and gifts should cover this – i.e. for every £10 we would require an additional 30p.

Excluding extraordinary expenses, our annual church activities cost around £80,000 or £219 per day. Based on 115 members on our electoral role this would equate to around £60 per member per month.

Social events, including tabletop sales and concerts in church, have complimented the Christmas market, Spring Open Day and church illumination as being an important source of income.

Thanks go to all those who contribute time and talents, which are not shown in the accounts, which benefit our church so much.

Should anyone have any questions about our finances or gift aiding then please feel free to speak or e-mail me.

Neil Taylor, Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172273

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

19/03/2026

Name:

MISS GEORGINA DEAKIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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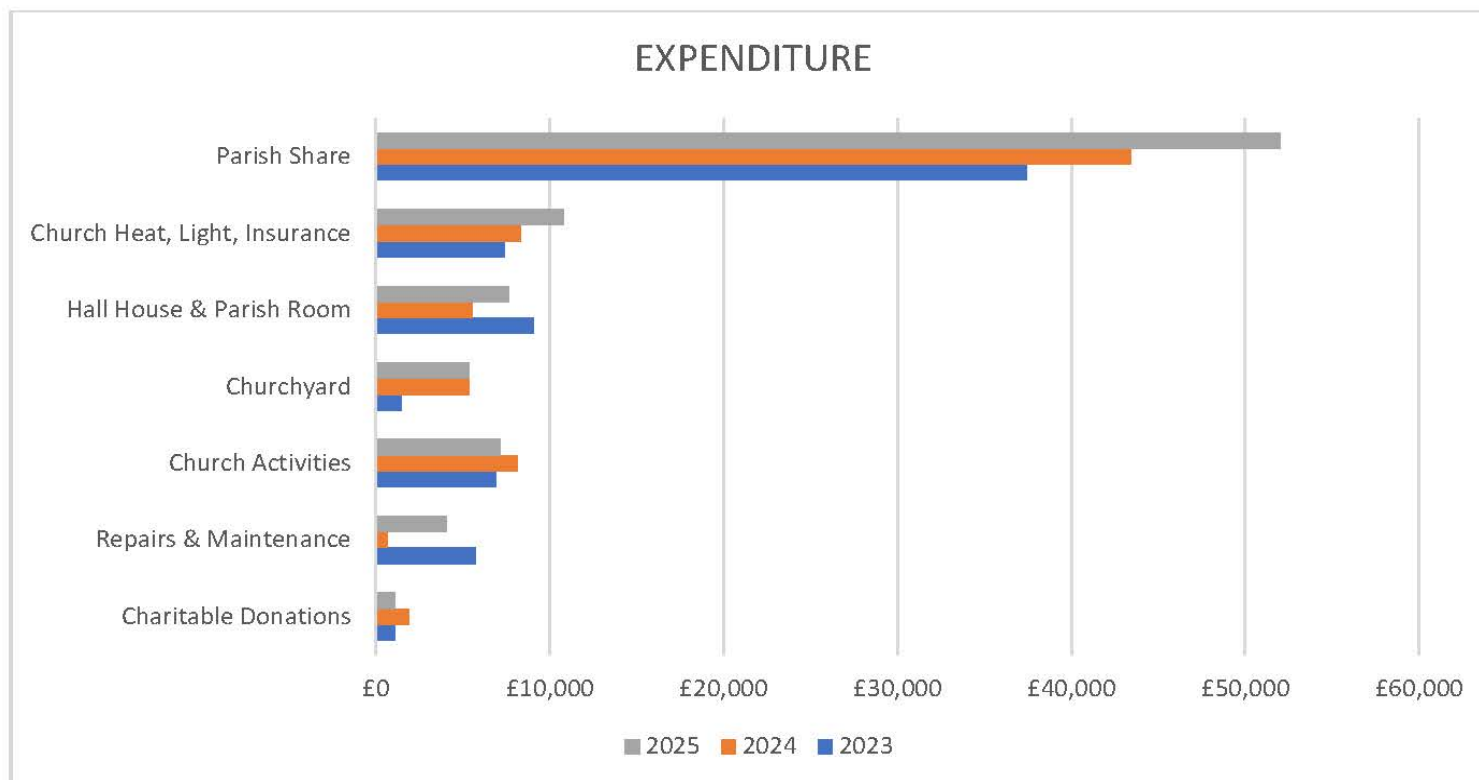
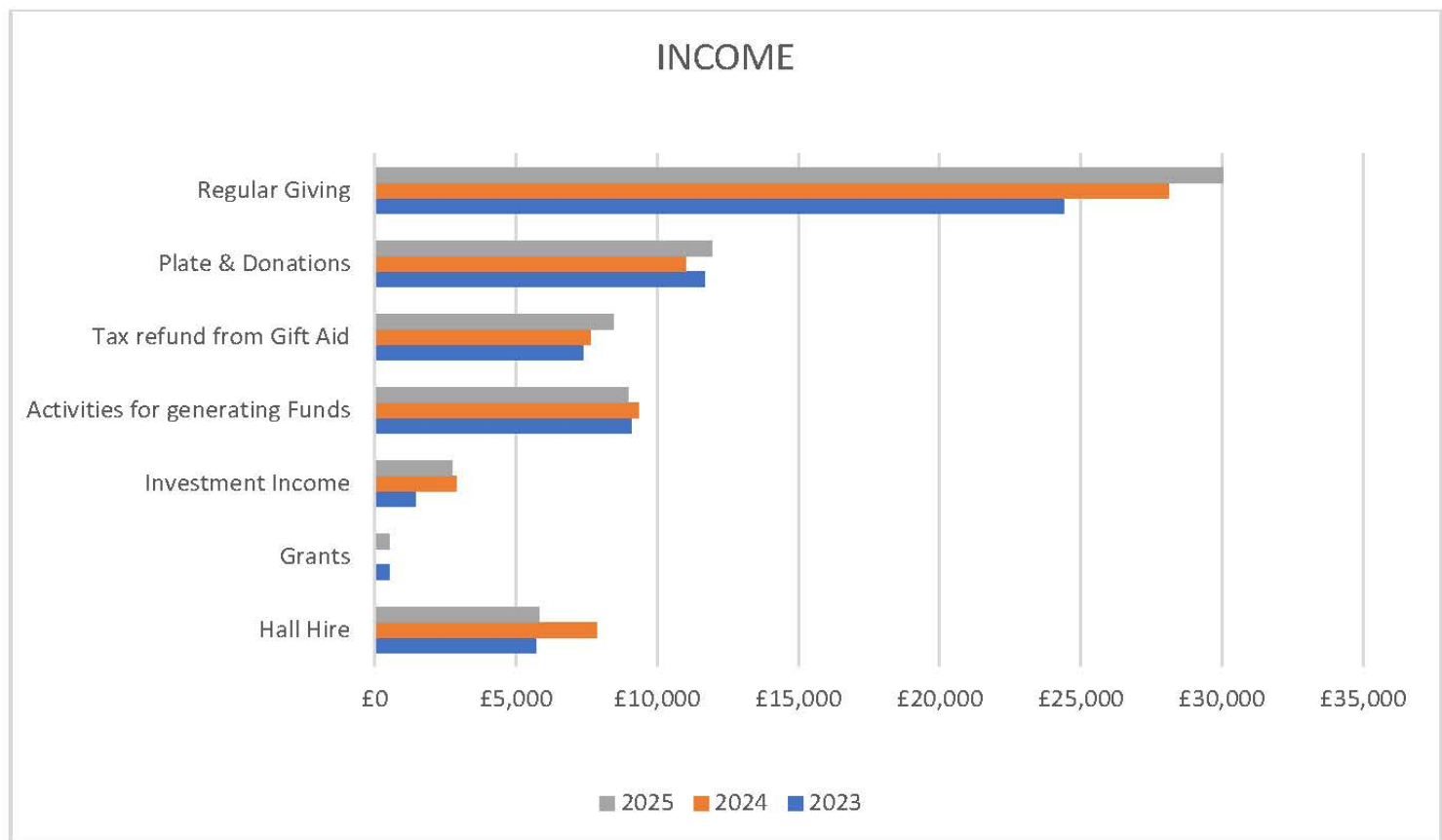
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Section B	Disclosure
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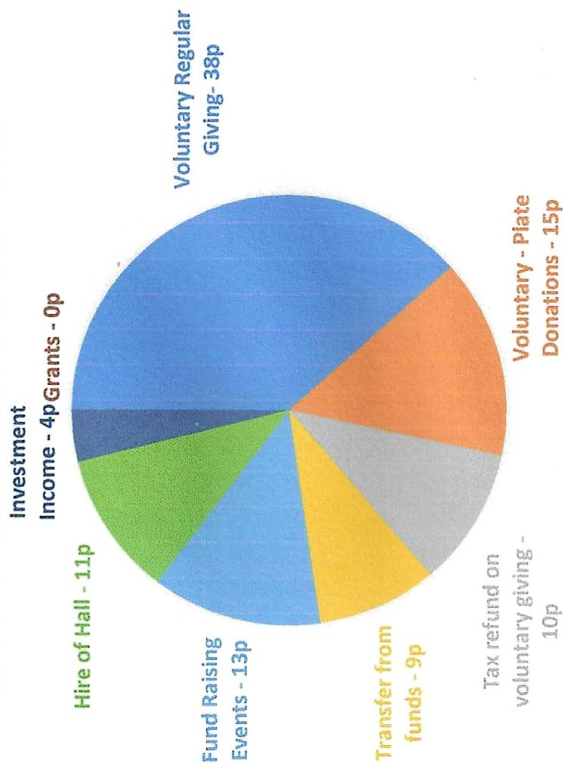
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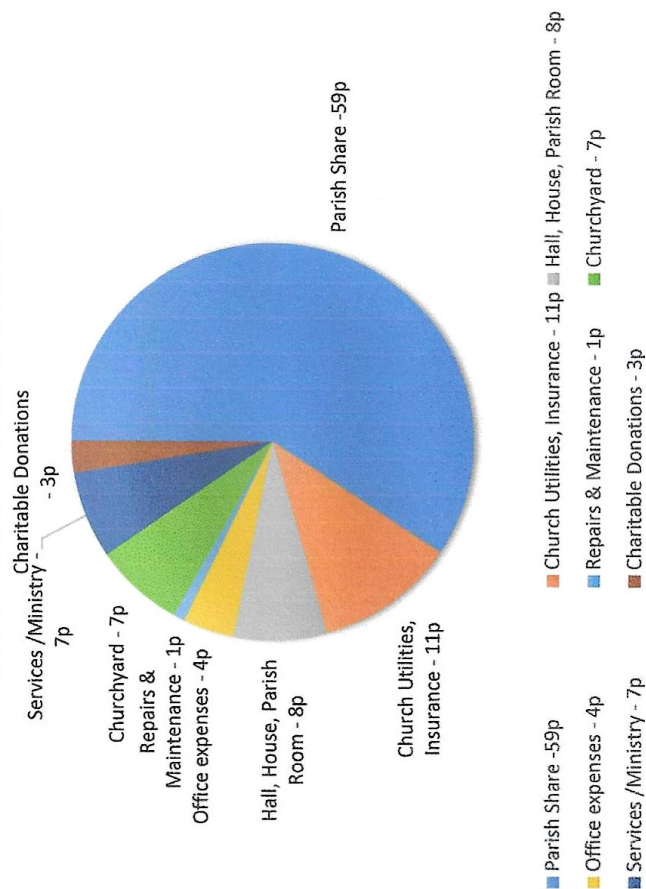
I can confirm that no matters of concern were identified during the review of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.
Upon receipt of the initial draft from the client, a small number of formula errors were noted. The client worked collaboratively with us to correct these and update the accounts accordingly.
The final draft has since been re-reviewed and confirmed to be accurate.



2024 - WHERE EVERY £ CAME FROM



2024 - HOW EVERY £ IS SPENT



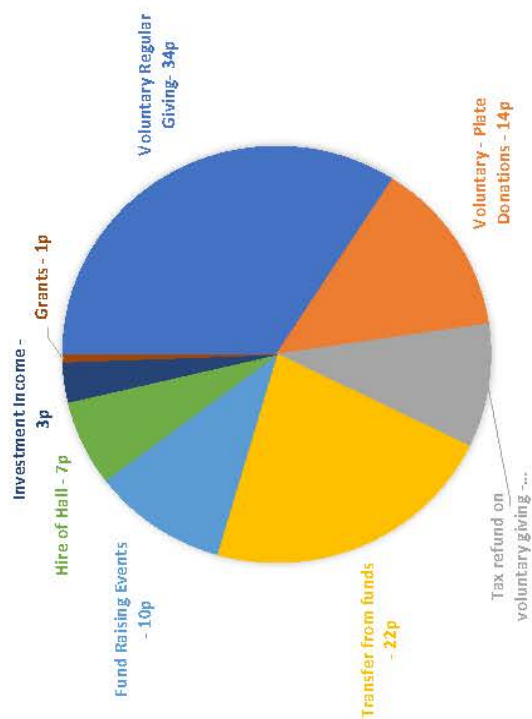
INCOME

Voluntary Regular Giving - 38p	£28,099	38%	Standing Orders, Gift Aid envelopes and Pledges
Voluntary - Plate Donations - 15p	£11,002	15%	
Tax refund on voluntary giving - 10p	£7,616	10%	
Transfer from funds - 9p	£6,558	9%	Fees. R&M, Organ, Roof
Fund Raising Events - 13p	£9,322	13%	Christmas Market, Open day, Lights, Other Social events
Hire of Hall - 11p	£7,855	11%	
Investment Income - 4p	£2,864	4%	Bank Interest, Dividends
Grants - 0p	£0	0%	
Total	£73,316	100%	

EXPENDITURE

Parish Share - 8p	£43,440	59%	
Church Utilities, Insurance - 11p	£8,304	11%	Gas, Electric Insurance
Hall, House, Parish Room - 8p	£5,527	8%	Gas, Electric, Insurance, Repairs, Effluent collection
Office expenses - 4p	£2,995	4%	Copier, Phone, Stationery, Postages
Repairs & Maintenance - 1p	£673	1%	Minor & Major
Churchyard - 7p	£5,331	7%	
Services /Ministry - 7p	£5,156	7%	Reader Exp, Organ, Licences, Candle
Charitable Donations - 3p	£1,890	3%	
Total	£73,316	100%	

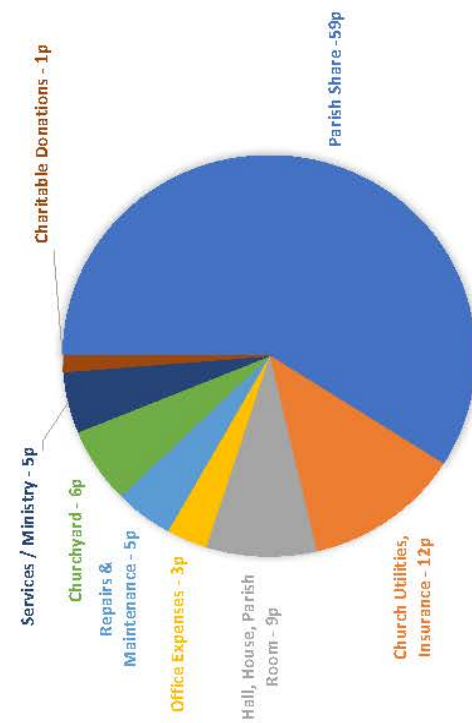
2025 - WHERE EVERY £ COMES FROM



INCOME

Voluntary Regular Giving - 34p	£30,019	34%	Standing Orders, Gift Aid envelopes and Pledges
Voluntary - Plate Donations - 14p	£11,923	14%	
Tax refund on voluntary giving - 10p	£8,465	10%	
Transfer from funds - 22p	£19,567	22%	Fees, R&M Organ, Roof
Fund Raising Events - 10p	£8,981	10%	Christmas Market, Open day, Lights, Other Social events
Hire of Hall - 7p	£5,815	7%	
Investment Income - 3p	£2,723	3%	Bank Interest, Dividends
Grants - 1p	£515	1%	
	£38,008	100%	

2025 - HOW EVERY £ IS SPENT



EXPENDITURE

Parish Share - 59p	£51,984	59%	Gas, Electric Insurance
Church Utilities, Insurance - 12p	£10,795	12%	Gas, Electric Insurance, Repairs, Effluent collection
Hall, House, Parish Room - 9p	£7,615	9%	Gas, Electric Insurance, Stationery, Postages
Office Expenses - 3p	£2,813	3%	Copier, Phone, Stationery, Postages
Repairs & Maintenance - 5p	£4,030	5%	Minor & Major
Churchyard - 6p	£5,336	6%	
Services / Ministry - 5p	£4,322	5%	Reader Exp, Organ, Licences, Candles
Charitable Donations - 1p	£1,113	1%	
	£38,008	100%	

St. Mary's Greasley (Charity No: 1172273)
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
	note				
Donations and gifts	1	50,407	0	50,407	56,715
Trading Income	2	14,796	22,710	37,506	37,462
Investment income	3	873	1,850	2,723	2,864
Other income	4	0	500	500	5
Grants received	5	0	515	515	0
PCC Fees	6	0	25,825	25,825	26,503
Total Receipts		66,076	51,400	117,476	123,549
PAYMENTS					
Donations	7	0	1,113	1,113	1,890
Church activities	8	86,896	1,140	88,036	71,427
PCC Fees	9	0	9,311	9,311	9,376
Total Payments		86,896	11,563	98,459	82,693
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		-20,304	39,322	19,017	40,856
Balances: B/F		60,722	70,499	131,221	90,365
Funds transfers		0	0	0	0
Balances: C/F		40,418	109,821	150,238	131,221

PCC APPROVAL

These Accounts have been approved by the Parochial Church Council
and are signed on their behalf.



Rev'd DK Dodd, Chair of Greasley PCC

Date: 12.04.2026

Greasley Parish Church (Charity No: 1172273)
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

note	Receipts			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£		
1 Donations and gifts				
Gift Aid	27,768	0	27,768	24,555
Pledges	2,251	0	2,251	3,544
Plate	3,817	0	3,817	4,508
Donations	4,644	3,462	8,106	6,494
Bequest	0	0	0	10,000
Tax credits	8,465	0	8,465	7,614
	46,945	3,462	50,407	56,715
2 Activities for generating funds				
Hire of Hall	5,815	0	5,815	7,855
Other Social	2,939	0	2,939	2,954
Christmas Market	3,946	0	3,946	4,166
Open Day	1,746	0	1,746	1,627
Parish Oven	0	22,710	22,710	20,285
Church Lights	350	0	350	575
	14,796	22,710	37,506	37,462
3 Investment income				
Funds from CBF	0	0	0	0
Bank interest	0	1,850	1,850	1,971
CBF Interest	873	0	873	893
	873	1,850	2,857	2,864
4 Other income				
Other				5
Bell Ringers' Fund		500	500	0
	0	500	500	5
5 Grants received				
	0	515	515	0
	0	515	515	0
6 PCC Fees				
Monuments	-	3,030	3,030	3,113
Funerals	-	19,892	19,892	21,121
Weddings	-	2,903	2,903	2,269
	-	25,825	25,825	26,503

St. Mary's Church Greasley (Charity No:1172273)
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Payments

note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
7 Charitable payments				
Age Concern Eastwood	0	375	375	0
Love Burundi	0	0	0	563
Eastwood Memory Café	0	0	0	437
Christian Aid	0	363	363	547
Children's Society	0	375	375	343
	0	1,113	1,113	1,890
8 Church activities				
Parish Share	51,984	0	51,984	43,440
Clergy Expenses	854	0	854	376
Administration	0	0	0	16
Churchyard	5,336	0	5,336	5,331
Printing & Stationery	914	0	914	1,667
Light & Heat - Church	5,149	0	5,149	2,820
Insurance	5,646	0	5,646	5,484
Minor Repairs and Refurbishment	212	0	212	673
Major Repairs and Refurbishments	3,818	0	3,818	0
Professional Fees	600	0	600	600
IT	906	0	906	712
Organist	2,268	0	2,268	1,949
Service Expenses	204	0	204	1,550
Safeguarding & DBS	79	0	79	180
Church House Expenses	2,214	0	2,214	1,292
Parish Room Expenses	386	0	386	272
Hall Running Costs	5,015	0	5,015	3,963
Hall Development	0	1,140	1,140	0
Social Event	150	0	150	198
BLAST	213	0	213	88
Licences	839	0	839	816
Sundries	110	0	110	0
	86,896	1,140	88,036	71,427
9 PCC Fees				
Funerals	0	7,381	7,381	7,753
Monuments	0	767	767	690
Weddings	0	1,163	1,163	933
	0	9,311	9,311	9,376

Fund Ref	Account/Fund	2025			2,024
		Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	£
	Current Account	7,527		7,527	10,203
	Deposit Account - NatWest - General and Social	158,416	153,306	5,110	136,304
	Fees Account - Barclays	0	0		8
	Fees Account - Lloyds	131	131		6
	Deposit Account - Lloyds	11,296	11,296		12,432
	Petty Cash	11		11	42
	Smith Bequest Fund	6,559	6,559		790
	Hill Top Mission	9	9		1,224
	Rolleston Mansell Charities	258	258		5,914
	Social Committee / Parish Oven	399	399		9
	Friends of St Mary's	407	407		173
CB3035736-001	336	31	31		29
CB3035738-001	431	81	81		77
CB3035740-001	Barber Fund	200	200		200
CB3035742-001	Lucy Lowe	248	248		237
CB3035746-001	E Hanwood	375	375		375
CB3035748-001	J Hartshorn	150	150		150
CB3035752-001	M Hancock	3,065	3,065		3,065
CB3035754-001	Dorothy Elizabeth Wain	13	13		12
CB3035832-001	Hill Top Mission Church	28,064	28,064		26,849
CB3035735-001	R G Hanson	2,045	2,045		2,069
CB3035737-001	Church Expenses	400	400		416
CB3035739-001	I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance	488	488		509
CB3035741-001	Lindley Bequest Church Yard	355	355		370
CB3035743-001	M Fryer Hill- Top Mission	311	311		324
CB3035744-001	General Purpose J T Gilbert	311	311		324
CB3035745-001	General Purpose Miss Pearson	577	577		601
CB3035747-001	Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews	400	400		416
CB3035749-001	Sunday School Fund	400	400		416
CB3035750-001	Miss W A Leck Bequest	311	311		324
CB3035751-001	Mrs Hilda Smith	400	400		416
CB3035753-001	Mrs S E Wagstaff	821	821		856
CB3035755-001	Rowley Bequest	623	623		649
CB3040215-001	Rolleston & Mansell Educational	2,930	2,930		3,052
CB3016496-001	SNDBF - Worell	19,224	19,224		20,024
CB3016509-001	SNDBF - Chancel Fund	4,662	4,662		4,856
CB3016708-001	SNDBF - Chancel Fund	9,828	9,828		9,273
CB3016465-001	SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be distributed at Christmas)	22,309	22,309		23,238
		283,632	270,984	12,648	266,232

FUNDS

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Bell Ringers' Fund	515	515		
Bell and Flood Lighting Fund	20,000	20,000		20,000
Fees	11,427	11,427		12,447
Bequest	10,000	10,000		10,000
Flower Fund	10	10		5
Parish Oven	399	399		790
Pastoral Care Fund	488	488		488
Organ Fund	472	472		0
Choir	20	20		0
Mission	155	155		126
Junior Church Fund	385	385		385
Hall Keyboard Fund				200
BLAST	302	302		0
Social Committee Fund	2,370	2,370		2,520
Community Centre Dev. Fund	103,636	103,636		82,526
Fabric Fund	13,440	13,440		12,440
Investments Funds	29,982	29,982		30,980
General Fund	12,679		12,679	16,314
Friends of St Mary's	407	407		1,224
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	656	656		966
Sunday Tea Donations Fund	825	825		578
Churchyard	844	844		879
Chancel Fund	14,490	14,490		14,128
Hill Top Mission Fund	28,073	28,073		26,858
Rolleston & Mansell Educational	3,188	3,188		3,226
Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	22,309	22,309		23,238
Smith Bequest Fund	6,559	6,559		5,914
		283,632	270,953	12,679
				266,232

Property - Insurance Valuation

Church - Building and Contents	£10,000,000	91%
Church Hall - Building and Contents	£612,931	6%
Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	£346,662	3%
		£10,959,593
		100%

BUDGET		2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
1- OVERALL	EXPENDITURE	92,280	81,530
1- OVERALL	INCOME	93,853	79,918
1- OVERALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	1,573	-1,612
2- CHURCH	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Parish share	51,984	48,000
	Heat - Light	5,148	5,663
	Insurance	5,646	6,156
	Printing Stationery Admin IT	938	976
	Organist	2,268	2,268
	Minor Repairs/ Maintenance	949	1,467
	Other	189	250
	Clergy/Ministry Expenses	854	888
	Service Exp	24	25
	Licenses	939	977
	Professional Fees	600	660
	Churchyard	5,336	2,500
	Donation/Mission	1,157	1,203
	Web Site Dev	0	750
	Major Repairs / Maintenance	3,819	0
	BLAST	213	302
	Transfer to funds	3,995	2,380
	2- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	84,059	74,464
2- CHURCH	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Gift Aid	27,768	27,768
	Tax credit	8,465	8,465
	Pledges	2,251	2,251
	Plate	3,810	3,810
	Christmas market	3,946	3,946
	Open Day	1,757	1,757
	Other social events	2,939	2,939
	Donations	8,106	8,106
	Other	500	0
	Interest	2,723	2,500
	Bequest	0	0
	Church Lights	350	350
	Missionary	0	0
	Grants	515	0
	Transfer from funds	21,829	11,799
	2- TOTAL INCOME	84,959	73,691
2- CHURCH	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	900	-773

3- HALL	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Gas	1,167	1,284
	Electric	1,185	1,304
	Insurance	372	406
	Maintenance	1,611	750
	New Equipment	210	0
	Effluent disposal	644	644
	Water	0	50
	Sundries	0	0
	Transfer to funds	606	0
	3- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,795	4,437
3- HALL	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Hire	5,765	5,765
	Social	606	0
	Transfer from funds	1,611	0
	TOTAL INCOME	7,982	5,765
3- HALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	2,187	1,328
4- HOUSE	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Gas/Electric	981	1,100
	Insurance	186	203
	Water	347	364
	Maintenance	492	500
	4 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,006	2,167
4- HOUSE	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Transfer from funds	492	0
	TOTAL INCOME	492	0
4- HOUSE	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-1,514	-2,167
5- PARISH ROOM	EXPENDITURE		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Electric	420	462
	5 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	420	462

5- PARISH ROOM	INCOME		
	ACTIVITY	2025 ACTUAL	2026 JAN TO DEC BUDGET
	Hire / Donations	420	462
	5- TOTAL INCOME	420	462
5 - PARISH ROOM	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	0	0

g) Buildings & Property report

At some point during the proceedings of the APCM, the Church Logbook and Property Records (Terrier) will be presented to the meeting and then signed off by the vicar and church wardens as an up-to-date record.

These records have already have been presented at the previous PCC meeting, held on Tuesday, 17th March 2026, in accordance with the rules laid down by the CofE governing body.

If anyone wants to examine the records before they are put back in the church safe, they will be available for a short time after the annual meeting.

As well as these records I also have a maintenance list for work undertaken over the last few years and this allows me to keep track of the work as it happens, the materials used, costs and labour and other valuable information.

It is an informal diary which proves to be really valuable when we do similar jobs or when I need to provide feedback for church meetings, or for use by those who may take over the job later.

At this stage I could produce a list of everything that has been achieved over the past year. However, it suits me better to have people look around them and see the results of the church maintenance programme for themselves.

I've lost count of the number of times someone has made a reference to 'our beautiful church'. And I fully agree with them, it is beautiful in so many ways. But it doesn't get that way by accident. It is usually the result of hard work by dedicated volunteers, both within the church and from around the local community.

Sometimes it's just routine jobs such as cleaning, dusting, polishing, tidying up, emptying bins and so much else. These jobs are essential but there are always other issues which crop up which need immediate, professional and very often costly attention usually when we have just put our feet up after completing yet another essential task.

Are we alone in this here at Greasley? No, definitely not! In a recent *Church Times* article I read that the Church of England has 16,000 churches over 12,500 parishes, with around 12,000 of these church buildings being of historical and architectural interest, which accounts for almost 85% of all listed places of worship in the UK. Many of these buildings are medieval in origin and grade 2 listed or above. That's a whopping big problem for the CofE to face up to now, and in the future.

If we want to maintain our beautiful churches, we must all do our bit. Here at St Mary's we try not to be complacent, and we do more than our bit, in so many ways.

So, I want to thank those of you who give the time and expertise and put in a considerable amount of effort to make this place a haven of peace and tranquillity, a place where we can worship in comfort with our friends and neighbours and to be sure in the knowledge that with our combined efforts and God's help, our church will be here for many more years, fulfilling as it does, the needs of the community in today's world.

John Timby

h) Choir report

The Choir had a good year in 2025. Attendance has generally been high, although inevitably, since we had a few people in hospital at various times, and people on holiday over the summer, we had occasions of sparse attendance.

On the whole, however, commitment and enthusiasm from members of the Choir seems as strong as ever. I am very pleased to note that there is also a real sense of community amongst us as a group; members are close to each other and keep in regular contact, such that, during illness and other difficulties, there are offers of help and support from within the group. We also instigated a Choir outing to the cinema – to see *'The Choral'* – and I hope we can encourage such social events further, to deepen our friendships and fellowship.

Musically, we have tried to widen our horizons a little, introducing a number of new worship songs and hymns, even from within the regular hymn book – music never used before.

We usually begin practices with a prayer and a vocal warm-up, before turning to the music for the immediate services; after that, new music or items for services and performances further ahead. We have now given two showings of Stainer's *'Crucifixion,'* both of which involved considerable commitment towards extra rehearsal-time.

The performance on Sunday, 22nd March this year, was preceded by four consecutive Sunday afternoon rehearsals, as well as time spent in preparation on Friday evenings. We are grateful to Tom Hopkinson for his support for this event, and to Helen Tooth for making herself available to accompany us.

We have pinpointed actions that must take place if we are to carry on presenting works at Easter, not least being more pro-active in advertising ourselves; members of the Choir have come forward who will take this work on.

The other major Festival for us is the Carol Service at Christmas, of course, and we were all pleased with the way we acquitted ourselves in December. Similarly at Harvest and Remembrance. However, we are not complacent, and are aware of some criticism from the congregation; we aim to have more regular silences during the administration of Holy Communion, for example, for private contemplation.

For the year ahead, we are endeavouring to choose and learn alternative settings to the Communion service music, so as to refresh music in worship, and to give us new challenges and opportunities, though without entirely replacing what we already know and use.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of former organist, Alan Wilson, who was an excellent musician and a popular man.

His love for and commitment to St. Mary's was exemplary, and he came especially from London to handover to me, returning last year to play at the Lawrence Festival Service; his closing music, *'Country Gardens,'* was a lovely touch, and he will be long-remembered.

Robert Carlin

i) BLAST Report

BLAST group (Bible Learning And Sharing Together), for our younger members of the congregation, continues to meet on the first Sunday of every month, We are pleased to welcome Jayne Byron to join the leadership team with Rev. Denise and Julie.

Our numbers remain steady, at around five to seven, occasionally with other attendees, and all are very enthusiastic. Our meetings are held in the church hall at 10am, where we usually start with a prayer and include the reading for the day, followed by an activity/activities plus colouring sheets for the very young. We then move into church for the Communion part of the service.

During 2025 BLAST members were involved with various activities e.g. helping at the annual BBQ. They went to the Red Kangaroo Centre in Bulwell where they used the trampolines, they had great fun and finished off with a trip to McDonalds. For All Saints' Eve the group made memory bottles and watched a film called Coco which they enjoyed. They also drew and coloured character story boards for the Christmas Eve Crib Service production of *The Grumpy Owl* which was supported by members of the group ringing hand bells. We hope to continue with our successful group doing more fun activities this year.

Julie Stanton

j) Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC, Barbara Coleman and Heather Hazard, sit on the Deanery Synod and Revd Denise Dodd, our vicar, is the clergy representative.

The Synod meets four times a year to provide a link between parishes within our Newstead Deanery and we meet at different churches each time.

Important news regarding finances, vacancies and appointments in parishes, together with some ideas of best practices, are shared.

At some meetings there is feedback from the General Synod of the issues they have been discussing and the decisions made.

Heather Hazard, Deanery Synod Rep

k) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

This report, as usual, starts with Christian Aid Week 2025 which ran from 11th to 17th May and raised £2650 in total.

Sadly, with our advancing years and the break that Covid made, we are no longer able to manage the house-to-house collection.

We did, however, have a very generous response to the Church envelopes put out in the Week. They raised £463.30. We were very grateful to Morrison's Eastwood who gave us two days collecting prior to the Week. This resulted in a total of £578.64 due to the efforts of the collectors and the generosity of Morrison's customers.

These collections, together with other individual donations, the profit from our Afternoon Tea and a very small donation from Fair Trade, resulted in our final total of £2650. The emphasis for the Week was on Christian Aid's partner Congcoop, which gives support to farmers in Guatemala cope with climate change.

In addition to Christian Aid Week, we were able to support the Christmas Appeal 2024 for those who become refugees through warfare sending £350.

On Saturday 14th June, we held our second Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. It was a lovely afternoon full of friendship, music and cake! We are so grateful to everyone who came, baked, served and washed up.

Particular thanks are due to Mrs. Joyce Widdowson who headed the sub-committee and to our friends Neil Squires and his daughter Natalie who provided such well-enjoyed music. This event raised £502.60.

On Saturday 11th October, we held our Annual Fairtrade Day at our usual venue Watnall WI Hall. It is harder to arrange since the demise of Traidcraft but our Treasurer copes valiantly with working out the best deal from the various fair-trade suppliers we deal with!

Due to the faithful support of our customers, we still together keep the flag of Fairtrade flying. The event raised £301.20 for Christian Aid.

As always, we sincerely appreciate the support of our Vicar, the PCC and our Church Family without whom this Group could not operate.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

I) Tower Captain Report

In terms of activities & achievements, it looks on the surface as if not much happened in the tower in 2025. But, as a band of seven members now, we have been focused on supporting each other, as we work on improving our individual ringing skills. Libby & Derek, who joined us last year, have each made good progress with their handling skills & call changes, & have become valued additions to the band. Other ringers have been working on 'calling' call changes, and leading the band in ringing the bells 'up' and ringing them 'down'.

Greasley is almost entirely a band of retired ringers, now. With the opportunity to take more holidays, it does mean that numbers for practices and Sunday service ringing can be affected. Having the addition of two new ringers means that we have been able to ring for nearly all services during the last twelve months. We continue to ring for services as long as we have a minimum of four. The role of calling worshippers to church continues to be our main function even if we are sometimes limited in what we can ring.

Maintaining the bells in good working order is another important role. Earlier this year, Graham attended a Bell Maintenance training session to update his skills. Maintenance of the bells and a thorough cleaning of the tower was carried out in Spring & Autumn by a team from our band, plus checks on ropes & clappers as needed throughout the year, by Graham.

This included a replacement washer on the tenor's staple bolt, making the clapper more secure. There hasn't been a problem of flies in the ringing room or bell chamber this year, and only one smoke bomb was used this September to prevent the flies from returning.

Mansfield District activities this year included two Rounds and Call Changes training sessions at Linby tower. Both Derek & Libby attended these, which they found very useful. This November there are training sessions for the Theory & Practice of Plain Hunting, which Libby is attending. There was also a District Quarter Peal week in October for which our band attempted a QP of Grandsire Doubles, and earlier in the year two ringers from Greasley joined a band made up of Mansfield District

ringers in a successful QP of Plain Bob Major, rung before the District AGM. The cluster of towers -- Greasley, Eastwood & Nuthall -- continue to support each other for practices, service ringing & special services such as weddings, Remembrance Day, carol services etc.

This support is vital to keep as many of our bells ringing as possible. Last year we had a joint Christmas meal for our cluster of towers, and this year Eastwood held a fund raising quiz night which Nuthall & Greasley bands entered teams.

I would like to thank Colin for his support as ringing master, Graham for keeping the bells in good working order, and everyone in the band for their commitment, as we come to the close of another good year in the tower.

Emmi Checkley, Tower Captain

m) Friends of St Mary's Report

The Friends of St Mary's produced their usual varied programme for the year in order to attract members and friends for the sole purpose of raising funds for church maintenance and repairs where necessary.

During its four-year life, more than £4,000 was raised and gratefully received by the PCC and treasurer.

Unfortunately, the committee had shrunk to a handful of helpers, which could not sustain the group indefinitely. It was eventually decided to close the group as the attendances of members and guests were also shrinking. Two members of the committee had other commitments and were unable to continue. A small profit was still made, due to the diligence of the remaining supporters, and so the last event was a meal at the Shipley Garden Centre.

Our Vicar, Revd Denise, thanked Friends for their hard work during their four-year run and said the money raised was very welcome.

Pauline Jackson

n) EcoChurch Report

The bees had a very good winter, despite it being so long, and emerged as two very healthy and busy colonies. They produced enough honey for the extraction of over 30 jars at the end of the Spring, which was sold within days when put into the tea room. Fortunately, I am able to obtain honey from a Nottinghamshire beekeeper, who can provide pure honey all year-round to sell in the Parish Oven.

Unfortunately, one hive appeared to lose the Queen as there was very little brood seen as I was preparing to shut the hives down at the end of September and it was decided to put the two hives together as one hive had a great deal of honey to see them through the winter, and the other hive had brood ready to hatch in the Spring. I did take off a small amount, which was sold very quickly.

I visited two groups, one attached to St Mary's Eastwood, and the other attached to St John's, Brinsley, this year, to talk about our EcoChurch work and how to upgrade to a Silver award.

The garden has been restocked with Spring bulbs and one of the climbing roses replaced by a clematis named Elizabeth.

The lighting in Church and outside has been updated as the application for our Silver award stated.

Sheila Over

o) Social Committee Report

The social committee organises events throughout the year which not only help raise money for our church but also provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting, as well as extending a welcome to members of the wider community.

The committee is currently made up of only four core members, with extra helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments. Additional members are always welcome!

Traditionally, any profit raised from our events was set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. However, given the church's current financial shortages, all profits are for the foreseeable future, being handed directly to our treasurer, Neil, for general funds

Since 2024 we have branched out into "the music business", with concerts held in church, and 2025 saw All Things McCartney and the popular Nottingham Bluecoat Singers performing. In 2026 we will be welcoming our very own Martin Perry and the Shad Tones, as well as the Blackwood Clarinet Orchestra.

We also hold both spring and autumn TableTop sales in the church hall, with last September's raising £708 for church funds.

Ian Wheeler, Social Committee Secretary

p) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

Our church magazine, Open Door, is published every two months and is available in full colour by visiting the church website. Given the cost involved, it is unlikely that it will ever fully return to being a printed magazine, though I do run off a handful of copies for customers at the Parish Oven and they are proving to be very popular, with most of them being taken away by visitors. With the occasional customer coming from as far away as Australia, it's nice to think that Open Door is helping to spread the good news about St Mary's far and wide!

Members of our internal Facebook group will know that I flag up when a new edition is ready and ask that, where possible, people consider printing off a copy for friends or neighbours who they think might enjoy reading it.

I am grateful to those regular contributors who continue to come up with the goods every two months. Anyone else who feels that they might be able to contribute in any way is more than welcome to send in articles or photographs!

Ian Wheeler, Editor

q) Christmas Market Report

Our annual Christmas Market, which is held on the last Saturday in November, continues to be our biggest single fund-raising event of the year and in 2025 raised £3,976.22 for St Mary's.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who in any way helps to make this event continue to be such a success. It wouldn't happen without you!

Ian Wheeler, Organiser

r) Safeguarding Report

The parish dashboard (a mechanism to ensure we comply with diocesan policy) continues to be updated. While it still requires some updating around training for specific roles in the church, progress is being made.

Pleased to report there have been no reports of safeguarding issues during the past year. Any safeguarding concerns have been followed up quickly and effectively this year, showing our policies around safeguarding and recruitment are robust and effective, and in consultation with the diocese where necessary. However, we are aware that role descriptions are required for various roles in the church, and these are being created/updated and approved by the PCC.

We continue to comply with diocesan policy by automatically bringing updates to the PCC for approval.

Revd Denise & Fiona Walker – Parish Safeguarding Officer

s) Parish Oven Report

The Parish Oven continues to grow from strength-to-strength and has become very much a part of both church and community life, being a safe place where people can visit for refreshments, a warm space and a chat.

Our varied customers are confirmed regulars, cyclists, walking groups, visitors from other churches, funeral attendees, DH Lawrence devotees, passing trade and, of course, a dedicated section of our church community.

May 2026 marks our fifth anniversary – how time flies! – and in that time (to the end of December 2025) we have raised £103,636 towards the development of the cottage. We hope to begin applying for grants in 2026.

All income from the Parish Oven is ring-fenced for future use on redevelopment of the Sexton's Cottage and is shown on the church accounts under the heading "Community Centre Development". This is supported by detailed accounts which show all income and expenditure on a weekly basis and are available for inspection on request.

Thanks, as ever, go to our enthusiastic volunteer staff and bakers for their tireless efforts over the past year, together with all those within our church and wider community who have supported us with their custom.

Ian Wheeler

t) Art & Soul Group Report

It has been another successful year for the Art & Soul Group. Membership remains steady with the morning being at full capacity. The afternoon session has also attracted new members during the year and is almost full.

We are always very conscious of the 'Soul' part of the group and make a point of emphasising that aspect of it when the group meets, or when new people enquire about joining.

The group runs on an informal basis, but we do have a weekly theme of suggested

subjects for people to try if they would like to. Among the themes covered are portraits, machines, rusty objects, landscapes etc. And, although the sessions are not structured classes, there is always help and advice available for anyone who needs it.

Most of the works are produced using water colours or acrylics, though we have also used pencil, coloured pencils, soft pastels and oil pastels. The only medium not used in such a short session is oil paint.

We had an exhibition in Eastwood Library in February 2025, and there is always some of the group's work on display in the Parish Oven as well. In addition, we took part in the Christmas Market again and had a very successful and enjoyable day and raised £77 for the church.

Group members give a voluntary donation every week, and by unanimous consent we donate £100 to the church every few weeks. Over the course of a year, the donations we are able to give along with the gift aid claimed amounts to approximately £1,500. One or two members of the group have also had paintings that have sold during the year – either having been on display in the Parish Oven or in a local library – and this has also contributed to the church's income.

Dave & Sandra Sawyer

u) Flower Arranging Group

2025 was a busy year for the flower arranging team. We prepared our arrangements for the usual festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, but we also prepared displays for the Greasley Gathering, the 80th anniversary of VE Day and the open day for Eastwood's Blooming Marvellous event.

We were very pleased to be asked to prepare the church displays for Revd Denise's niece's wedding in May. It has been such a long time since we had done wedding flowers and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Our thanks go to all those who gave us donations in the year, particularly the PCC and the Wednesday Club, as they enabled us to buy fresh flowers at a time when the costs could have prevented us from buying them. We supplemented our stock of silk flowers which we are gradually building up. We are particularly fortunate because we do not have to buy the greenery for our displays as we have plentiful supplies in our gardens, with additional supplies from the churchyard

There are currently eight members of the team and we would welcome new members to join us.

Heather Hazard

6. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that – wherever possible – reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

7. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC.

Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

8. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

9. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Names of advisors:

1. Architect: Allan Joyce Architects
2. Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1. Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF
2. Lloyd's Bank PLC, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
3. CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
4. CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2024

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's Church, Greasley

Sunday 27th April, 2025

Opening Prayers: Present / Apologies

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners, held on 14th April 2024
 Meeting of Parishioners – Election of Churchwardens 2024
 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 14th April 2024
2. Election of PCC Members
3. Election of Deanery Synod Members
4. The appointment of an independent Examiner or Auditor
5. Achievements and Performance:

A	Vicar's Report	K	Greasley Christian Aid Report
B	Churchwardens' Report	L	Tower Captain's Report
C	PCC Secretary's Report	M	Friends of St Mary's Report
D	Electoral Roll	N	EcoChurch Report
E	Grants & Fundraising Group report	O	Social Committee Report
F	Financial Review	P	Parish Magazine
G	Buildings & Property Report	Q	Christmas Market Report
H	Choir Report	R	Safeguarding Report
I	B.L.A.S.T. Report	S	Pastoral Care/ Visiting
J	Deanery Synod Report	T	Parish Oven Report
		U	Art & Soul Group Report

6. Legacy Policy
7. Structure, Governance and Management
8. Risk Assessment
9. Administrative Information

Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- *Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;*
- *Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;*
- *Missionary and outreach work.*

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

1. Minutes of 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A. Welcome and Prayer:

Meeting was chaired by Revd Denise Dodd, who also led us in prayer.

B. Meeting of the parishioners:-

The minutes of the 2023 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Rosemary Cooney and seconded by Derek Burnett

Election of churchwardens:-

There were two nominations:

Derek Fletcher – proposed by Neil Taylor seconded by Pauline Jackson.

John Timby – proposed by Ian Wheeler seconded by Graham Thorman.

There being only two candidates and two vacancies, both were duly elected. Denise gave thanks to Derek and John for all their work and to Sue and Win for all their support.

C. Minutes of the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The minutes of the 2023 APCM were proposed as being a true account of the meeting by Pauline Jackson and seconded by Katrine Hockenhull.

D. Election of PCC Members

There are seven vacancies (Edith Hawley and Lauren Howatson having stepped down following their three years. Thanks given for all their service)

Sue Fletcher — proposed by Neil Taylor, seconded by Pauline Jackson

Pauline Jackson — proposed by Barbara Coleman, seconded by Hilary James

Julie Stanton — proposed by Derek Burnett, seconded by Sonia Burnett

David Sawyer — proposed by John Timby, seconded by Barbara Coleman

Sandra Sawyer — proposed by John Timby, seconded by Barbara Coleman

David Bullock — proposed by John Timby, seconded by Bob Willimott

Neil Squires — proposed by Bob Willimott, seconded by John Timby

There being seven vacancies and seven candidates the aforementioned were duly elected. Denise gave thanks to those who have joined and those who were re-elected and who continue to serve.

Robert Carlin, as director of music, is to be asked if he will be willing to be co-opted onto the PCC

Denise gave thanks to Barbara as Reader for all her help supporting Denise and all that she gives to the Church.

E. Election of PCC Members

There are three vacancies to be filled. Barbara has agreed to continue her role meaning there are two further vacancies which remain unfilled. If anyone is interested. The annual report of the Deanery Synod is available.

F. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor

Recommendations that we remain with Pell's accountants. unanimous agreement.

G. Reports from groups

Vicar's report – nothing to raise

Churchwardens – nothing to raise

PCC secretary report – nothing to raise

Electoral Roll – nothing to raise

Financial Review – Bob Willmot expressed that he appreciates that we are now setting a budget rather than in the past, but it is worrying to set a negative budget. Denise explained that we had been heading to a deficit of £18,000 and we don't have the income coming in. Thanks to Neil who has identified any wasted expenses to reduce it down to approx. £4,000. Moving forward, we need to look at doing a stewardship campaign. Denise explained that we are not paying the full Parish Share again this year but in due course we will have to start paying more. Thanks given to Neil for all he does as treasurer.

Building & Property – Update from John on building work. during the past year. The Terrier report which is a legal requirement and contains all the property within the curtilage of the church. This will be going onto a memory stick. The PCC and church wardens are currently trying to see what additional grants can be sought.

Derek Burnett queried when the headstones are examined to ensure they are safe. The closed graveyards are the responsibility of Broxtowe Borough Council. They have recently been and tested them. There is a meeting scheduled in a couple of weeks to discuss their reports. In the new graveyard there has been a lot of mole activity and settlement which the grave diggers and Anthony are refilling.

Choir – (amendment it's Fiona Edwards not Stanton). Nothing to raise. Thanks to the choir for coming together and the efforts using the CDs.

Blast – nothing to raise. Thanks to Julie for all she does.

Deanery Synod – nothing to raise. Denise and Barbara will continue to attend.

Christian Aid – nothing to raise. Katrine explained the team are grateful for all the support given by the congregation. Denise thanked everyone involved.

Tower Captain's report – correction it was the third bell not the tenor in page 8 of the report.

Friends of St Mary's – Nothing to raise.

Ecochurch – Nothing to raise. Thanks to Sheila for all she has done so far.

Social committee – Nothing to raise thanks to all that assist.

Open Door magazine – nothing to raise thanks to Ian for all his work on this.

Christmas Market – Nothing to raise. Always blessed for all that's done.

Safeguarding – Nothing to raise. Thanks to Barbara for this

Pastoral visiting/Care report – Thanks to Barbara who co-ordinates this. Pat offers her assistance in setting up the team and any training. Should be two people for each visit.

Parish Oven – No comments. thanks to all that volunteer and how they interact with visitors. It makes a real difference to people and is an essential part of the mission of this church.

Vicar's Round up

Denise expressed her thanks to everyone for attending. The children are a delight in this Church. Faith was asked to feed this back to them and the children must feel that they can come and talk of any ideas they have for the Church. They may be young "but your voices are as important as anyone else".

Meeting ended with a prayer at 12:26pm

2. Election of PCC members for 2025/6: No vacancies to be filled

3. Election of Deanery Synod members for 2025/6: Three vacancies to be filled

4. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor: Proposal needed

5. Achievements and performance

a) Vicar's report

As we gather for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on the past year and share the many blessings and challenges we have encountered as a community. This report aims to highlight key aspects of our parish life, our achievements, and the areas where we continue to grow and serve.

I would like to extend my ongoing gratitude to our churchwardens, Derek Fletcher and John Timby, Treasurer, Neil Taylor and PCC secretary Ian Wheeler. Their unwavering commitment, diligent work, and steadfast support have been instrumental in the mission of the church. Their efforts in ensuring the smooth operation of our parish, managing our resources wisely, and fostering a welcoming environment for all are deeply appreciated.

This is also alongside the commitment and dedication from members of the Standing Committee and PCC who together have been a supportive sounding board for many key decisions of the church business. Patience has also been sought when items have dragged our meetings on much later than expected on some occasions. I encourage you to pray for those on the PCC as we continue to discuss and think about the more practical aspects of our church life, as well as seeking to get a sense of the spiritual direction the Holy Spirit is wanting us to travel in and how we might make that happen.

Worship and Spiritual Life

This year, our worship services have continued to be a cornerstone of our community. We have seen steady attendance at our Sunday services, with an increase in participation at both Sunday, midweek services and special liturgical events.

Our choir and music ministry have flourished, providing uplifting music that enhances our worship each week. All of this could not have been achieved without the skills of Robert Carlin as the church's Director of Music. His dedication, leadership and talent has been pivotal in providing uplifting music in all worship services and the direction of our choir.

In the background preparation of church services, the production of the PowerPoint presentations each Sunday and the use of the AV system by Fiona Edwards and those who help to project the service each week. The ongoing commitment and service from Anthony Kirby is always appreciated in his duties as vergers and maintaining the churchyard.

As a church, collective thanks were given to Barbara Coleman for her ministry at St Mary's as Reader. It was a delight to see this further recognised by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham in the recognition of Reader Emeritus.

Church and Community Engagement

St Mary's has been actively engaged in serving the wider community. Outreach programs have expanded, with initiatives such as the on-going donations given to Eastwood Food Bank, Church Open Day's; it was wonderful to see all the baptism gowns displayed throughout the decades! And of course, the wonderful cakes made by various congregational members, refreshments and hospitality given at the Parish Oven Tearooms, all served by outstanding volunteers proving to be invaluable for those who seek solace in the unique setting of the church.

We have also strengthened our partnerships with the local Greasley Beauvale Nursery and Primary school, to which I am School Governor and have the delight in taking school assemblies, teaching in the classrooms, as well as welcoming the children to church for various school concerts.

The church has also fostered an ongoing place of welcome and support to people who attend the Art and Soul Group and now the Parish Room serves as a new meeting place for a small Dementia group for carers. Such engagements foster a spirit of collaboration and mutual support. All the above builds up a sense of community and belonging of locals to their parish church.

As always it was a privilege throughout the year to take all the funerals and interment of ashes here at the church (43 in total). The joy of celebrating weddings, and baptisms – I continue to pray that they continue their own journey of faith in the years to come. Alongside this, when possible, to take home communion or visits to members of the church who sadly cannot join in worship, this remains to be an important aspect of pastoral care.

I acknowledge that the past year has been difficult for many as we have encountered various illnesses, bereavement, and personal challenges. It has been especially heartbreaking to say goodbye to beloved members of our church. We miss them dearly and continue to pray for their peace and for the comfort of their families.

I have been truly moved by how people have been praying for one another, looking out for each other, and finding quiet ways to support one another along this sometimes rocky journey of life. Thank you to all who offer pastoral support to those in need of friendship and compassion to help them along the way.

The confirmation of Alan Newton and Frank Sisson at St James church in Porchester was a wonderful occasion and a privilege to witness in their personal commitment in faith. A further highlight of the year was to see so many people enjoying the church social barbeque, thank you to all members of the PCC who helped behind the scenes to provide an afternoon of fellowship. We hope to make this an annual event! I want to express my gratitude to all the bell ringers who provide the wonderful sound of church bells throughout the year while also taking care of their maintenance. They are an essential part of the church's ongoing mission.

Discipleship

This remains a vital part of our mission. Our children's ministry in BLAST has been a blessing. Julie Stanton's commitment as a leader is very much valued. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in faith and form good friendships amongst each other. To see the young people actively involved in the services is an important aspect of their faith formation.

However, I would like to thank everyone who entered the Stewardship Campaign in practical and prayerful expression. Your financial contributions have alleviated some of the burden caused by a loss of income due to various challenging circumstances. It has given much-needed assistance in meeting our financial commitments. While we still have a deficit within the budget (as indicated in the treasurer's reports) it is less than what was initially predicted. Thank you once again for your continued generosity.

Thanksgiving....

Firstly for everyone who meet in the week or on a Friday to maintain the building and fabric of the church. We have been blessed with people from the community who come and volunteer their time to maintain the upkeep of the church, community hall and cottage.

- ❖ Everyone who continues to support St Mary's as a church building and church family at the centre of its community, seeking to bring hospitality, welcome and love to all.
- ❖ To all the Readers, Intercessors, Sides people who continue to do a wonderful job all year round.
- ❖ Working hard to keep the Eco church agenda at the forefront of what it means to be stewards of God's world.
- ❖ For the work undertaken by members of the new fundraising team seeking ways to secure funding for new initiatives or repair work to the church.

- Members of the social team led by Ian Wheeler working to find ways to fundraise and to offer social gatherings that people thoroughly enjoy!.
 - The wonderful events and financial support received from Friends of St Mary's.
 - The longstanding Christian Aid committee who tirelessly campaign for the mission of the worldwide church and raising the poverty and justice agenda for our worldwide brothers and sisters.
 - For the 'flower ladies' who bring beauty to the church with all the lovely flowers (the most beautiful ones being from people's own gardens) for Sunday services and festivals throughout the year.
 - For the time given in the production of the *Open Door* magazine, which visitors at the tearoom enjoy reading! Alongside the production of the Sunday news sheet and rotas.
 - Those who volunteer to clean the church, from the vacuuming, washing linen, monitoring all the busy 'church mice' who help as and when, to emptying bins – we are really grateful as the list is endless!
 - For those who co-ordinate the Foodbank donations.
 - If I've missed anyone from this list, it's unintentional. This is just a little summary of all the wonderful tasks we have going on in the life of our church. Thank you for all your contributions!
- Please do consider if you can be part of any committees or working parties, your contribution will be very much appreciated.

Future Vision

As we look to the future, we remain hopeful and prayerful for the growth of our church. I am committed to discovering effective ways for all of us to contribute to this growth — deepening our faith, strengthening our community connections, and welcoming new individuals to faith. This is an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on what God is calling us to do next, clarify our priorities for the coming years, and identify how we can best serve those around us through the love of Christ.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your dedication, support, and prayers throughout the year. Together, we have made great progress, and I am confident that we will continue to grow and thrive as a parish family.

**With every blessing in Christ,
Revd Denise, Vicar**

b) Churchwardens report

We can safely report that over the past year of our term of office the church and associated buildings have steadily improved in almost all aspects.

Our intention has been to ensure the smooth and efficient running of our place of worship and we believe we have worked hard to make this possible.

It is however a joint effort which includes all church officials, the incumbent, the PCC, and, without exception, all members of our regular congregation. Without all their combined efforts our work would be almost impossible, and we give them our grateful thanks along with the fervent wish, that the spirit they show in all they do, will help us to achieve much more in the forthcoming year. We ask God to bless us all and give us the strength of our faith in him to help us achieve what we set out to do.

Derek Fletcher & John Timby, Churchwardens

c) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole church.

In a normal year the PCC meets for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary ones being held where necessary.

Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC. Members of the PCC, as of December 31st, 2024, are as follows: Denise Dodd (Chair), Derek Fletcher (churchwarden), John Timby (churchwarden), Ian Wheeler (secretary), David Bullock, Sue Fletcher, Pat Higham, Pauline Jackson, Anthony Kirby, Dennis Pickworth, David Sawyer, Sandra Sawyer, Neil Squires, Julie Stanton, Peter Stanton, Robert Carlin (co-opted), and Barbara Coleman (Deanery Synod rep).

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

d) Electoral Roll Report

A brand-new Electoral Roll was compiled between Sunday, February 23rd and Sunday March 23rd, in line with Church of England regulations which dictate that a completely new Roll must be compiled every six years, the last one having been done in 2019 (but with annual minor revisions). The next completely new Roll is due in 2031.

The total number on the new Roll is 115 (previous 114) with 17 names removed (4 deaths, 11 non-attendance and two forms not returned). There are 18 new names for 2025 with 79 people resident in the Parish (36 non-residents), 76 females and 39 males.

Ian Wheeler, Electoral Roll Officer

e) Grants and fundraising group

The Grants & Fundraising Group was set up during the autumn of 2024 and had an initial meeting in November 2024.

The group's remit is to investigate grants that may be available for specific projects in and around the church, and to assist with fundraising initiatives. The group is currently exploring various grants that may be available as projects for funding are identified.

Neil Squires, Dave & Sandra Sawyer

f) Financial Review

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

St Mary's, Greasley is a registered charity, ref 1172273. Neil Taylor, PCC Treasurer, manages and monitors its financial accounts along with administering Gift Aid in conjunction with Southwell. A summary of the accounts is regularly presented to the PCC which includes a forecast for the year ahead.

Pells Chartered Accountants provided an independent examination of our accounts. Their report is attached herewith.

2024 saw an increase of 12% in our regular giving by Gift Aid, including tax refund, and Pledges. This remains the main source of income source. The year also saw a drop of 6% in cash receipts.

The Parish Share paid to Southwell for 2024 was set at £49,992, and we managed to pay £43 440.

The Parish Share is St Mary's contribution to Southwell Diocese to pay towards the running of the Diocese, which then gives the church, at present, a full-time stipendiary minister. It also pays towards the training of future incumbents within the Diocese.

For 2025 we have been requested to pay £51,984 towards parish share. The PCC agreed that we would pay £45,600 (£3,800 per month) with a review after the third quarter of the year.

The income and expenditure of the fees account (weddings, funerals, and monuments) has been shown on a separate page and not incorporated in main accounts.

We have been successful in receiving a VAT rebate on the gas used in the Church and Hall for the period January 2020 to October 2022.

Thanks go to all those who contribute time and talents, which are not shown in the accounts, which benefit our church so much.

New social events, including tabletop sales and concerts in church, have complimented the Christmas market, Spring Open Day and church illumination as being an important source of income. They represent 13% of our general income.

Should anyone have any questions about our finances or gift aiding then please feel free to speak or e-mail me.

Neil Taylor, Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1172273

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

10/03/2025

Name:

MISS GEORGINA DEAKIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

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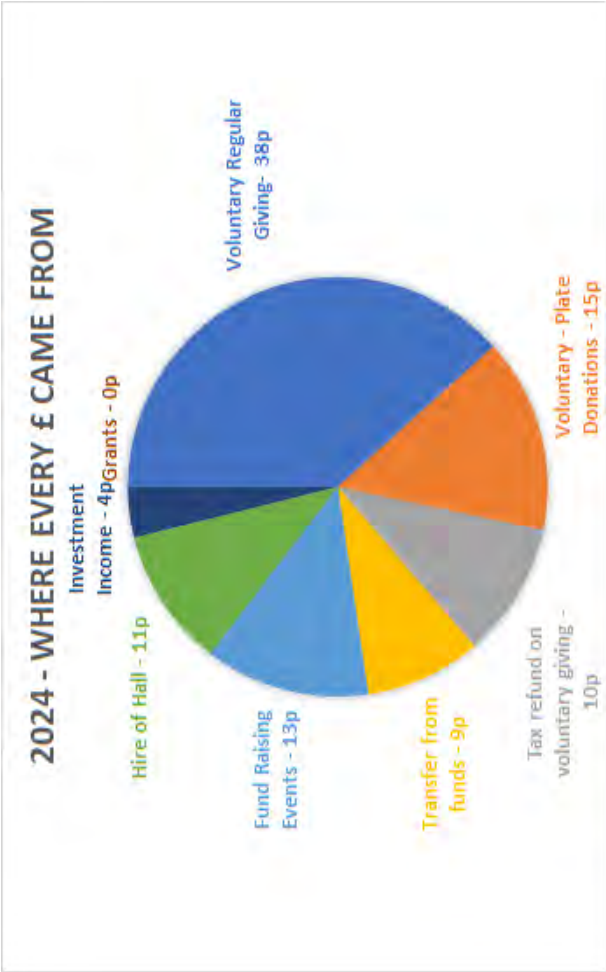
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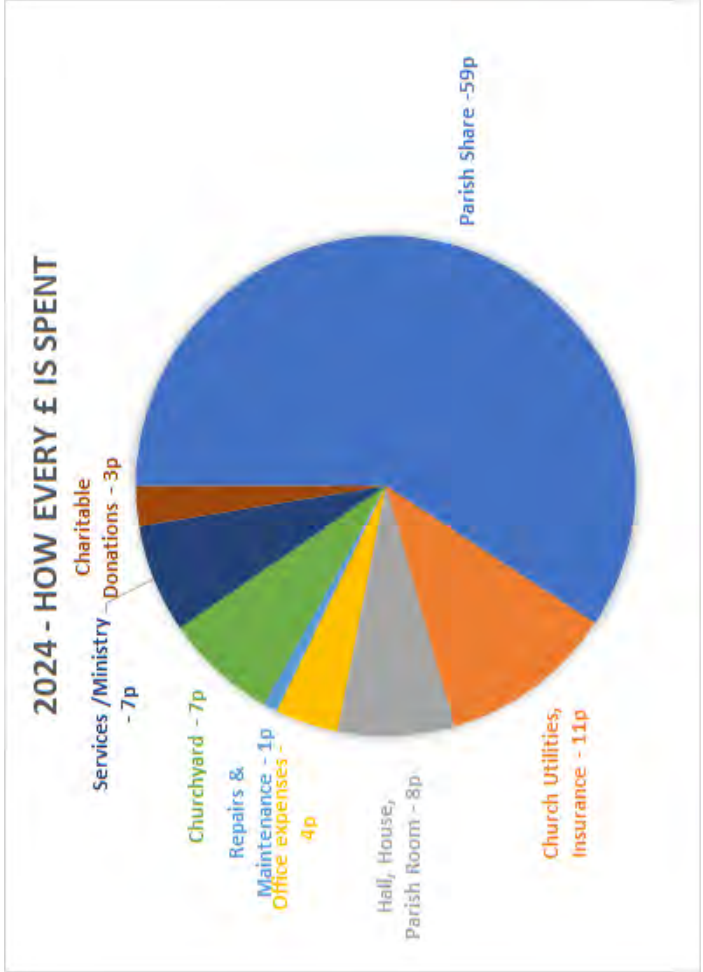
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I CAN CONFIRM THAT I HAVE NOT COME ACROSS ANY MATTERS FOR CONCERN WHEN REVIEWING THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024.
ON RECEIPT OF THE FIRST DRAFTS FROM THE CLIENT THERE WERE A FEW ERRORS WITH FORMULA, HOWEVER THE CLIENT WORKED WITH US TO AMEND THE FORMULA AND UPDATE THE ACCOUNTS ACCORDINGLY.
THE FINAL DRAFTS HAVE BEEN RE REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED TO BE CORRECT.



INCOME			
Voluntary Regular Giving - 38p	£28,099	38%	Standing Orders, Gift Aid envelopes and Pledges
Voluntary - Plate Donations - 15p	£11,002	15%	
Tax refund on voluntary giving - 10p	£7,616	10%	
Transfer from funds - 9p	£6,558	9%	Fees. R&M, Organ, Roof
Fund Raising Events - 13p	£9,322	13%	Christmas Market, Open day, Lights, Other Social events
Hire of Hall - 11p	£7,855	11%	
Investment Income - 4p	£2,864	4%	Bank Interest, Dividends
Grants - 0p	£0	0%	
	£73,316	100%	



EXPENDITURE			
Parish Share - 59p	£43,440	59%	
Church Utilities, Insurance - 11p	£8,304	11%	Gas, Electric Insurance
Hall, House, Parish Room - 8p	£5,527	8%	Gas, Electric, Insurance, Repairs, Effluent collection
Office expenses - 4p	£2,995	4%	Copier, Phone, Stationery, Postages
Repairs & Maintenance - 1p	£673	1%	Minor & Major
Churchyard - 7p	£5,331	7%	
Services /Ministry - 7p	£5,156	7%	Reader Exp, Organ, Licences, Candle
Charitable Donations - 3p	£1,890	3%	
	£73,316	100%	

St. Mary's Greasley (Charity No: 1172273)						
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024						
Receipts and Payments Account						
RECEIPTS			<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
			<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
			£	£	£	£
	note					
Donations and gifts	1		46,714	10,000	56,714	43,463
Trading Income	2		37,462	0	37,462	37,777
Investment income	3		2,864	0	2,864	1,427
Other income	4		5	0	5	0
Grants received	5		0	0	0	489
Missionary giving	6		0	0	0	37
Total Receipts			<u>87,045</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>97,045</u>	<u>83,193</u>
PAYMENTS						
Donations	8		0	1,890	1,890	1,102
Church activities	9		71,426	0	71,426	67,966
Total Payments			<u>71,426</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>73,316</u>	<u>69,068</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)			15,619	8,110	23,729	14,125
Balances:	B/F		45,103	45,262	90,365	76,240
Funds transfers						0
Balances:	C/F	11	<u>60,722</u>	<u>53,372</u>	<u>114,094</u>	<u>90,365</u>

Greasley Parish Church (Charity No: 1172273)						
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024						
Receipts and Payments Account						
Receipts December 2024						
note						
1	Donations and gifts				2024	2023
					Total	Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted			
		Funds	Funds			
		£	£			
	Gift Aid	24555			24555	21,201
	Pledges	3544			3544	3,198
	Plate	4508			4508	5,601
	Donations	6494			6494	6,089
	Bequest		10000		10000	0
	Tax credits	7614			7614	7,374
		46714	10000		56714	43463
2	Activities for generating funds					
	Hire of Hall	7855			7855	5,715
	Oher Social	2954			2954	2,065
	Christmas Market	4166			4166	4,100
	Open Day	1627			1627	2,185
	Parish Oven	20285			20285	22,987
	Church Lights	575			575	725
		37462	0		37462	37,777
3	Investment income					
	Funds from CBF	0	0		0	0
	Bank interest	2864	0		2864	1,427
		2864	0		2864	1,427
4	Other income					
	Insurance claims	0			0	0
	Interregnum claim	0			0	0
	Other	5			5	0
		5	0		5	0
5	Grants received					
		0			0	489
		0	0		0	489
6	Missionary giving					
	Mission Covenants	0	0		0	0
	Other Mission	0	0		0	37
		0	0		0	37

St. Mary's Church Greasley (Charity No: 1172273)						
Receipts and Payments Account						
Payments December 2024						
					2024	2023
note		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>		Total	Total
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>			
		£	£			
Charitable payments						
8	Donations and grants					
	Other Mission	0	0		0	63
	The Royal British Legion	0	0		0	202
	Emmanuel House	0	0		0	219
	Children's Society	0	343		343	200
	Eastwood Memory Café	0	437		437	0
	Christian Aid	0	547		547	418
	Love Burundi	0	563		563	0
		0	1890		1890	1102
9	Church activities					
	Parish share	43440	0		43440	37440
	Clergy expenses	376	0		376	480
	Administration	16	0		16	38
	Churchyard	5331	0		5331	2747
	Printing & stationery	1667	0		1667	1909
	Light & heat	2820	0		2820	4820
	Insurance	5484	0		5484	5416
	Repairs and Refurbishment	673	0		673	1955
	Professional fees	600	0		600	1320
	Telephone	712	0		712	1103
	Organist	1949	0		1949	945
	Service Expenses	1730	0		1730	499
	Licences	816	0		816	613
	Church House Expenses	1292	0		1292	2970
	Parish Room Expenses	272	0		272	560
	Hall Running Costs	3963	0		3963	3927
	Social Event	198	0		198	0
	Pastoral Care	0	0		0	0
	Major Repairs & Refurbishments	0	0		0	1224
	BLAST	88	0		88	0
		71426	0		71426	67966

Greasley Parish Church (Charity No: 1172273)						
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024						
FEES ACCOUNT						
OPENING BALANCE			£7,256.92			
RECE FEES						
	Monuments	£3,113.00				
	Funerals	£21,121.30				
	Weddings	£2,269.00	£26,503.30			
			£33,760.22			
PAYMENTS				PAYMENTS		
	Funerals	£7,753.36			SNDBF	£6,036.00
	Monuments	£690.00			Veger	£2,253.06
	Weddings	£933.00			Organist	£980.00
	Transfer to PCC	£11,936.97			Visiting Clergy	£107.30
			£21,313.33		Transfer to PCC	£11,936.97
						£21,313.33
	Cash in Bank		£12,446.89		Cash in Bank	£12,446.89
			£33,760.22			£33,760.22

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S GREASLEY (Charity No: 1172273)
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 December 2024

Account No	Account Name	31/12/2024			31/12/2023
		Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
	Current Account	10,202.85		10,202.85	6,661.17
	Deposit Account - NatWest - General and Social	136,304.28	129,878.12	6,426.16	103,116.37
	Fees Account - Barclays	8.71	8.71		336.68
	Fees Account - Lloyds	5.99	5.99		1914.65
	Deposit Account - Lloyds	12,432.19	12,432.19		5005.59
	Petty Cash	41.72		41.72	48.92
	Social Committee / Community Centre Dev	790.20	790.20		2,291.34
	Friends of St Mary's	1,224.05	1,224.05		1,010.75
	Smith Bequest Fund	5,913.54	5,913.54		5,282.91
	Hill Top Mission	8.84		8.84	8.84
	Rolleston Mansell Charities	173.32	173.32		224.49
CB3035736-001	336	29.32	29.32		27.85
CB3035738-001	431	77.31	77.31		73.42
CB3035740-001	Barber Fund	200.00	200.00		200.00
CB3035742-001	Lucy Lowe	237.38	237.38		225.42
CB3035746-001	E Harwood	375.00	375.00		375.00
CB3035748-001	J Hartshorn	150.00	150.00		150.00
CB3035752-001	M Hancock	3,064.62	3,064.62		3,064.62
CB3035754-001	Dorothy Elizabeth Wain	12.48	12.48		11.86
CB3035832-001	Hill Top Mission Church	26,849.11	26,849.11		25,495.84
CB3035735-001	R G Hanson	2,068.64	2,068.64		1,968.17
CB3035737-001	Church Expenses	416.21	416.21		406.90
CB3035739-001	I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance	508.70	508.70		497.32
CB3035741-001	Lindley Bequest Church Yard	369.96	369.96		361.68
CB3035743-001	M Fryer Hill- Top Mission	323.72	323.72		316.47
CB3035744-001	General Purpose J T Gilbert	323.72	323.72		316.47
CB3035745-001	General Purpose Miss Pearson	601.19	601.19		587.74
CB3035747-001	Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews	416.21	416.21		406.90
CB3035749-001	Sunday School Fund	416.21	416.21		406.90
CB3035750-001	Miss W A Leck Bequest	323.72	323.72		316.47
CB3035751-001	Mrs Hilda Smith	416.21	416.21		406.90
CB3035753-001	Mrs S E Wagstaff	855.54	855.54		836.40
CB3035755-001	Rowley Bequest	648.59	648.59		634.08
CB3040215-001	Rolleston & Mansell Educational	3,052.20	3,052.20		2,983.90
CB3016496-001	SNDBF - Worrell	20,024.26	20,024.26		19,576.19
CB3016509-001	SNDBF - Chancel Fund	4,855.77	4,855.77		4,747.11
CB3016708-001	SNDBF - Chancel Fund	9,272.62	9,272.62		9,124.72
CB3016465-001	SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be distributed at Christmas)	23,238.31	23,238.31		22,718.33
		266,232.69	249,553.12	16,679.57	222,138.37
FUNDS		Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	31/12/2023
	Bell Tower Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00		19,998.00
	Bequest	10,000.00	10,000.00		
	Chancel Fund	14,128.39	14,128.39		13,871.83
	Churchyard	878.66	878.66		859.00
	Community Centre Dev. Fund	82,526.28	82,526.28		54,070.54
	Fabric Fund	12,440.17	12,440.17		10,017.07
	Fees	12,446.89	12,446.89		7,256.92
	Flower Fund	5.05	5.05		2.00
	Friends of St Mary's	1,224.05	1,224.05		1,010.75
	General Fund	16,314.16		16,314.16	20,637.50
	Hall Keyboard Fund	200.00	200.00		
	Hill Top Mission Fund	26,857.95	26,849.11	8.84	25,504.68
	Investments Funds	30,980.33	30,980.33		30,307.76
	Junior Church Fund	385.17	385.17		385.17
	Minor Repairs & Maintenance	966.00	966.00		478.84
	Mission	125.77	125.77		464.42
	Organ Fund	0.00	0.00		0.00
	Parish Oven	790.20	790.20		2,291.34
	Pastoral Care Fund	488.17	488.17		488.17
	Rolleston & Mansell Educational	3,225.52	3,225.52		3,208.39
	Roof Repair Fund	0.00	0.00		0.00
	Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	23,238.31	23,238.31		22,718.33
	Smith Bequest Fund	5,913.54	5,913.54		5,282.91
	Social Committee Fund	2,519.77	2,519.77		2,747.60
	Sunday Tea Donations Fund	578.31	578.31		537.15
		266,232.69	249,909.69	16,323.00	222,138.37

Property - Insurance Valuation

Church - Building and Contents	10,000,000	91.2%
Church Hall - Building and Contents	612,931	5.6%
Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	346,662	3.2%
	10,959,593	100.0%

Approved by the PCC on 17 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd D.K.Dodd
Chair



Mr N.R.Taylor
Treasurer

		ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
1- OVERALL	EXPENDITURE	80,953	89,443	
1- OVERALL	INCOME	81,133	85,854	
1- OVERALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	181	-3,589	
2- CHURCH	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
	Parish share	43,440	45,600	2024 plus 5%
	Heat - Light	2,820	5,302	As 2024 budget
	Insurance	5,484	5,646	As advised by insurance company
	Printing Stationery Admin Phone	2,395	2,467	2024 actual + 3%
	Organist	1,949	2,000	
	Minor Repairs/ Maintenance	673	1,000	
	Other	1,207	1,000	
	Clergy/Ministry Expenses	376	1,070	As 2024 budget
	Service Exp	359	370	2024 + 3%
	Licenses	816	840	2024 + 3%
	Professional Fees	600	618	2024 + 3%
	Churchyard	5,331	2,801	As 2024 (Less mower)
	Donation/Mission	2,055	1,157	As 2024
	Web Site Dev	0	750	Estimate
	Major Repairs / Maintenance	0	5,000	Tower repair £3K
	BLAST	58	60	As 2024
	Transfer to funds	8,104	7,000	
	2- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	75,665	82,681	

2- CHURCH	INCOME				
	ACTIVITY		ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
	Gift Aid		24,555	30,000	Actual 2024 plus extra recently pledged.
	Tax credit		7,614	10,000	Actual 2024 plus extra recently pledged.
	Pledges		3,544	4,000	Actual 2024 plus extra recently pledged.
	Plate		4,508	4,508	As 2024
	Christmas market		4,166	4,166	As 2024
	Open Day		1,627	1,627	As 2024
	Other social events		2,954	2,954	As 2024
	Donations		6,499	6,499	As 2024
	Other			55	As 2024
	Interest		2,864	2,950	As 2024 plus 3%
	Bequest		0	0	
	Church Lights		575	725	As 2024 budget
	Missionary		0	0	
	Grants		0	515	VAT re-claim on Tower repairs
	Transfer from funds		14,373	10,000	Includes £3K transfer from Bell Fund for Tower repairs. Plus £3K for Fees a/c for church yard upkeep. Plus £2.5K from Fees a/c for weddings & funerals held in church
	2- TOTAL INCOME		73,278	77,999	
2- CHURCH	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL		-2,387	-4,682	

3- HALL	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
	Gas	746	1,323	As 2024 budget
	Electric	1,317	1,449	As 2024 plus 10%
	Insurance	368	372	As advised by insurance company
	Maintenance	888	890	As 2024
	Caretaker	0	0	
	Effluent disposal	196	206	As 2024 plus 5%
	Water	208	228	As 2024 Plus 10%
	Sundries	0	70	As 2024
	3- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,723	4,538	
3- HALL	INCOME			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
	Hire	7,855	7,855	As 2024
	TOTAL INCOME	7,855	7,855	
3- HALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	4,132	3,317	
4- HOUSE	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
	Gas/Electric	811	892	2024 + 10%
	Insurance	182	186	As advised by insurance company
	Water	219	346	As advised by Severn Trent
	Maintenance	80	500	Includes £492 for boiler repairs
	4 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,292	1,924	
4- HOUSE	INCOME			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	
	TOTAL INCOME		0	
4- HOUSE	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-1,468	-1,924	
5- PARISH ROOM	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	NOTES
	Electric	272	300	2024 + 10%
	5 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	272	300	
5- PARISH ROOM	INCOME			
	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025	
	5- TOTAL INCOME	0	0	
5 - PARISH ROOM	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-272	-300	

g) Buildings & Property report

Maintenance of the church and its surroundings is an ongoing task, with issues cropping up on what seems to be a daily basis. The past year has been no exception.

To put it into context, think of your own domestic situations and multiply it several times, then add in the fact that the church and its surroundings are unoccupied most of the time and very often problems which arise are only noticed some time after they appear.

It pays us all to be vigilant and to address situations as they arise. Prevention is better than cure and it's the P&M group's responsibility to respond with appropriate action when necessary. Where possible we work on issues which have been flagged up in the five-year diocesan Quinquennial inspection report. The next inspection is due in October 2027, and we are making steady progress in the areas highlighted by the last report.

It's essential that we keep good records of completed and ongoing work, and I can say with some satisfaction that, in this respect, we are now in a better place. I keep a weekly log of completed maintenance work, the main points of which are written up in the church log book and a more detailed account is also included. This log book and the accompanying Terrior, (a record of church land including gardens and graveyards, etc), and much of the fabric of the church building, furniture, vestments, robes, books, etc, is inspected by the PCC before the APCM and signed off by the incumbent and church wardens before those assembled. Please note that these records can be viewed by church members on request.

Over this past year we have concentrated on improving storage facilities, disposing of the unwanted stuff and generally making more space for the storage of essential items. We were given permission to remove all the items and property of the now disbanded Greasley Players, a job which we have now almost completed. The loft over the Parish Oven has been cleared and cleaned out and storage racks have been installed using much of the material left behind by the Players group. The under-stage area is still in the process of being cleared. Almost all of this work has been completed using already available material at minimum cost to the church.

All of the lighting in the community hall has now been converted to LEDs, and we are working hard to improve lighting in all other areas, including the main church. This work is essential to reduce costs and cut down on the maintenance of an ageing lighting system. When funds allow we will also replace the old radiators in the hall, two new ones have been installed over the past year making a noticeable difference for hall users.

Continuing work is underway to improve the choir vestry area, rear church door, and this should be completed shortly, as funds allow.

Last October, after a scare when some bell chamber louvres, (slats), on the church tower became detached during high winds it was decided that for safety reasons these should be made more secure. They have now been netted and should provide that security for many years. A comprehensive report submitted by the steeplejack firm, re, the condition of the timber work and aperture masonry in that area is now on record, for the benefit of any future restoration work.

I said in my last year's report how much we rely on volunteer help for essential maintenance. Most of this work is carried out, almost unnoticed, by a dedicated few and they deserve our thanks. I feel I must make a special mention and give our grateful thanks to several people who are not regular worshippers at our church but have become an essential part of a hardworking team.

We can speculate to our hearts content about motives and what drives people to do volunteer work of any kind, but whether they would agree or not, I believe that God is at the centre of everything we do, and that includes helping to keep our church here at St Mary's in a safe and sustainable condition and enable it to carry on as a beacon and symbol of our Christian faith for many years to come.

John Timby

h) Choir report

I took over the job as Organist & Choirmaster at St Mary's early in 2024. A handover was arranged with Alan Wilson, and my first Service was on 25th February, so this APCM marks my first full year in post.

Since then, we have had a full and exciting time. Regular Services usually feature the choir alone, mainly during the administration of Holy Communion, while occasional Services, such as Remembrance Sunday, Mothering Sunday, and bigger celebrations, as at Easter and Christmas, have all featured very successful performances by the Choir, not to mention by some of our resident instrumentalists. I feel very much that there has been a steady growth in what we can do and achieve, with evidence of a real desire to explore and expand our repertoire.

I was also keen to instigate a concert series if at all possible, especially to encourage the congregation to invite local people, particularly non-churchgoers, in, and this we have managed to do, with the blessing and help of the Revd. Denise, and, I must say, the Parish Oven staff. I organised a solo concert, 'With a Song in my Heart,' in August, and a 'Christmas Quartet Concert' in December.

We are extremely fortunate in having talented and local professional singers, including from within the congregation, who have appeared; I cannot overstate how blessed we are in this.

To cover costs, it is necessary to charge for these events, but that has enabled us to make a useful contribution to church funds - £500 from the first two - which will be added to with each event – and which also allowed us to set-up a 'Keyboard Fund' with the assistance of the Treasurer; money was set aside to purchase a decent, portable keyboard, enabling us to be flexible and have some Choir rehearsals in the Parish Room, which is warmer and cheaper to heat in the winter; it also gives us the option of having live music in the Church Hall.

The Fund attracted some generous donations from individuals – not least from Choir members – whom I would like to thank, and has enabled the purchase of a very good, second-hand keyboard.

There are a number of people to thank, not least the Revd. Denise for her continued support, and Fe Edwards for her always useful help and advice, in preparing the Sunday Services each week; many times, Fe has rescued me from making errors in programming or drawn my attention to something I've missed.

Thanks, are also due to Ian Wheeler, for tirelessly organising and providing refreshments for our concerts, as well as in selling tickets through the Tea Room.

Last, but by no means least, thanks go to our individual choir members, who have battled wind, rain and snow to rehearse week-by-week – and who always give of their best each Sunday; a number of illnesses, operations and unforeseen events have assailed us, but the Choir goes on, regardless!

Robert Carlin

i) BLAST Report

BLAST group (Bible Learning and Sharing Together), for our younger members of the congregation, continues to meet on the first Sunday of every month under the guidance of our vicar Denise and Julie.

Our numbers remain steady, at around five or seven, occasionally with other attendees, and all are very enthusiastic. Our meetings are held in the church hall at 10am, where we usually start with a song and dance followed by a prayer and an activity or a prayer and an activity of some sort, with colouring and work sheets for the younger ones.

During the meeting we have the weekly Bible reading, usually read by one of the members, in line with the Bible treading in church for that day.

During 2024 we were also involved with various activities such as a well-attended BBQ and bird, bugs and hedgehog box-making with John Timby, a Light evening with games and goodies as an alternative to Halloween and the Crib Service, culminating in a rather wild and fun dance session. We hope to continue with our successful group doing more fun activities this year also.

Julie Stanton

j) Deanery Synod

There is one member of the laity on Deanery Synod, that being Barbara Coleman. Revd Denise Dodd as the Vicar is the clergy representative.

This provides a link between the parish and the wider church. The Synod met three times during the year and important parish news was shared between the churches plus news from the General Synod.

The expected Parish Share was outlined to parish treasurers at one of the meetings followed by a discussion. Oral reports were given to the PCC as necessary.

Barbara Coleman

k) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

This report, as usual, starts with Christian Aid Week 2024 which ran from 12th to 18th May and raised £3,250 in total, which was £200 more than in 2023. We were again very grateful to Morrison's Eastwood for giving us two days collecting in their store, just prior to Christian Aid Week, resulting in £577.54 raised. We had envelopes in Church and with our friends at Newthorpe Baptist Church which raised £443.65. These, together with other individual donations, the profit from our Afternoon Tea and a very small donation from Fair Trade, resulted in our final total of £3,250.

The Chair and Treasurer attended a Christian Aid Week 2024 Celebration Event in June at Meynell Langley Hall, near Derby.

The Church service held in support of the Week reminded us all of the real need to continue with our work. We are so thankful for the very real support of Denise our Vicar, the PCC and our Church Family, who make all this possible.

In addition to Christian Aid Week, we were able to support the Christmas Appeal for those who become refugees through warfare sending £350.

In June, we held a very successful Afternoon Tea for the first time. A good time was had by all and £615 was raised. Jeremy Gowers-Cromie, our local Christian Aid officer, came and met with supporters informally. We are very grateful to Joyce Widdowson and her subcommittee for working on the event, to all the cake makers and to everyone who came. The musical entertainment provided by our Musical Director Robert Carlin and soloist Alexandra Hazard set the atmosphere and was very much enjoyed. The whole committee worked very hard to make it a successful and friendly occasion.

In October, we had our Annual Fair Trade Day at Watnall WI Hall which was very well supported. £389.55 worth of goods were sold and £265.60 was raised for Christian Aid by the Raffle and Refreshments. It was good to see people enjoying themselves with their friends, and buying goods from producers and artisans who received a fair payment for their work.

Now we are near Christian Aid Week 2025 from 11th to 17th May when the emphasis will be on Christian Aid's partner Congcoop, and the support it gives to farmers in Guatemala to cope with climate change.

We cannot thank you enough for your faithful support, which really does make a difference in practical ways.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

I) Tower Captain Report

During 2024 we aimed to keep the bells ringing on Sunday mornings & for special services such as Remembrance Sunday & Christmas Day. Inevitably, there were some occasions due to holidays, illnesses, & work commitments, when this was not possible. For the first time, we took a break from ringing during August to ease the problem. But every cloud has a silver lining, and we are now quite proficient at ringing Plain Bob Minimus & Grandsire Minimus, both methods that can be rung on fewer bells.

Practices on Wednesday evenings went well, due to the support from ringers at local towers, namely Eastwood, Nuthall & Selston. This was reciprocated by some of our ringers supporting their practices. Everyone benefits from greater connection between neighbouring towers & the opportunities to learn new ringing methods. In addition to our own practice, the Mansfield District held monthly events some of which focus on the new methods we are learning. One of these practices was held at Greasley in September, & then, in December, we hosted the District Christmas practice plus fuddle. To round off the year, ringers from Eastwood & Greasley enjoyed a joint Christmas meal at the Horse & Groom.

There were one or two ringing highlights for Greasley band in 2024, starting with entering a team for the Crawford Cup in March. It has been a few years since Greasley has entered a band for this Southwell & Nottingham guild competition. We didn't get beyond the heats, which were held at Edwinstowe, but may try again in 2025. We also entered a new Mansfield District striking competition one set up in memory of our much-missed friend, Alison Loydall. We hope this will become an annual event, held at St Mary's Greasley. I'm sure she would be pleased to see Greasley ringers focusing on improving their striking skills. Good striking was in evidence when we rang a quarter peal of Grandsire doubles in July.

This was rung in memory of Graham's mother, who died earlier in the year, and to celebrate several recent events of other band members. Weddings always bring out the best of ringing, although there were fewer at Greasley this year, and only two requiring bells. We hope for more next year.

Another ringing highlight was the Church Open Day/Greasley Gathering, in May. We rang for the opening of the event, then took the opportunity to recruit new ringers. Visitors to the tower were given a ringing demonstration, chance to have a go at ringing a bell & a trip up to the bell chamber to see the bells in action. It was a successful venture; we now have two new learners, Libby and Derek. Through the Summer, they had one-to-one bell handling tuition from the District Ringing Master, & are now able to ring a bell independently. Both of them were nominated to become members of the Southwell & Nottingham Guild of Church Bell Ringers by the end of 2024.

Maintenance of the bells and a thorough cleaning of the tower from top to bottom was carried out in Spring & Autumn by a team of band members. At the same time, checks on the bells, ropes & clappers was carried out, by Graham, and as needed throughout the year.

The problem of flies in the ringing room & bell chamber was much milder during the Autumn, requiring only one smoke bomb to prevent a serious infestation. In 2024, as often happens, we had requests from visiting bands wanting to ring at Greasley. There were four quarter peals rung during the year and one peal on 28th November, which was a new method composed by one of the ringers, and named Greasley Castle Surprise Delight Major. Quite an honour to have a new method attributed to the area!

Emmi Checkley, Tower Captain

m) Friends of St Mary's Report

2024 was another good year for FoSM the strawberry tea was a complete success, realising £419 for Church Funds. We always have a meeting to discuss what we could do better and what we got right. One comment heard was 'it was the best one yet. We all gave ourselves a round of applause. If you missed it this year, please ensure you have a ticket for 2025.

A disappointment was when people ring for a ticket for gluten-free food and don't turn up or make any donation.

Martin Perry always gives his support and our thanks always go to him.

The Police gave an interesting talk on scams which was very helpful.

We are very short of committee members so please consider joining us as help is always needed.

At the AGM the treasurer decided to keep the subscriptions the same which makes it very reasonable to enjoy an afternoon whilst raising funds for our beautiful Church.

Pauline Jackson

n) EcoChurch report

The work in order to achieve our EcoChurch accreditation continued throughout 2024, until the questionnaire was finally updated in August resulting in enough points gained in order to apply for the granting of a Silver Award. We were awarded a certificate, a plaque and the logo that is put on all correspondence from St Marys. The work is still ongoing with the areas highlighted in the application being maintained.

The bees were put in situ in June of and thrived during the summer months with weekly inspections being carried out. In October, a supplement feed was put into the hives to keep the bees fed during the colder months and the hives shut up until April 2025. A beekeeping course was completed and followed up by regular visits to the Hucknall Apiary in order to gain practical experience.

The work on the tea room garden resulted in colourful displays throughout the summer and autumn. Spring bulbs were planted to extend the flowering season into 2025.

The bird feeders were replenished at three-day intervals throughout the winter ensuring there was always food available.

Further training in beekeeping is being undertaken and honey should be available next year.

Sheila Over

o) Social Committee Report

The social committee meets throughout the year to plan events which not only help raise money for our church but, also provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting, as well as extending a welcome to members of the wider community.

The committee is currently made up of only four core members, with extra helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments. Additional members are always welcome!

Any profit raised from our events is normally set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee.

AS well as our popular Fish&Chip Quiz Night, held in February, 2024 saw us branch out into other activities with a successful Table Top Sale held in September and concerts held in church in June and August, performed by the Nottingham Bluecoat Singers and the Blackwood Clarinet Orchestra.

Ian Wheeler, Social Committee Secretary

p) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

Our church magazine, Open Door, switched to being online-only at the start of the Covid pandemic and is available by visiting the church website. Given the cost involved, it is unlikely that it will ever fully return to being a printed magazine, though I do run off a handful of copies for customers at the Parish Oven and they are proving to be very popular, with most of them being taken away by visitors.

Members of our Facebook group will know that I flag up when new edition is ready and ask that, where possible, people consider printing off a copy for friends or neighbours who they think might enjoy reading it.

I am grateful to those regular contributors who continue to come up with the goods every two months. Anyone else who feels that they might be able to contribute in any way is more than welcome to send in articles or photographs.

Ian Wheeler, Editor

q) Christmas Market report

Our annual Christmas Market, which is held on the last Saturday in November, continues to be our single major fund-raising event of the year and in 2024 raised an impressive £4,110 for St Mary's.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who in any way helps to make this event continue to be such a success. It wouldn't happen without you!

Ian Wheeler, Organiser

r) Safeguarding report

No safeguarding issues were reported under the Code of Safer Working Practice. Safeguarding training for people holding positions of responsibility were carried out as required.

DBS. and safeguarding updates continue to be sent from the church nationally and from South well and Nottingham Diocese.

Thank you to all for keeping up to date with requirements.

Barbara Coleman stood down during November and the Revd Denise Dodd took over on a temporary basis.

s) Pastoral visiting/care report

During the year those unable to attend church, either temporary or long term were visited by Revd Denise, Barbara or a member of the congregation.

Holy Communion was offered and given to those who requested it by Revd Denise or Barbara. Some members of the church family were happy to receive phone calls only.

Many pastoral care issues were discussed with Revd Denise or Barbara either in church or the Parish Oven.

This is an important Christian ministry with the church family.

Barbara Coleman, Pastoral Visiting Lead

t) Parish Oven Report

The Parish Oven continues to grow from strength-to-strength and has become very much a part of both church and community life, being a safe place where people can visit for refreshments, a warm space and a chat .

Our varied customers are confirmed regulars, cyclists, walking groups, visitors from other churches, funeral attendees, DH Lawrence devotees, passing trade and, of course, a dedicated section of our church community.

All income from the Parish Oven is ring-fenced for future use on redevelopment of the Sexton's Cottage and is shown on the church accounts under the heading "Community Centre Development". This is supported by detailed accounts which show all income and expenditure on a weekly basis and are available for inspection on request.

Thanks, as ever, go to our enthusiastic volunteer staff and bakers for their tireless efforts over the last 12 months together with all those within our church and wider community who have supported us with their custom.

Ian Wheeler

u) Art and Soul Group

It will be three years in May since the Art & Soul Group was launched and it is continuing to develop in terms of membership, friendship and artistic endeavour. The group became so well attended over the first two years, that we made the decision to extend the day into the afternoon as well. We now meet in the mornings from 11am to 1pm, and the afternoon session runs from 1pm to 3pm. Membership is now fairly steady at 22 people. The morning session continues to be pretty full, but we do still have some spaces available in the afternoon session.

Several of the group are members of our congregation, but by no means all. Some have seen the notices in the Parish Oven, whilst others know people who are already members and who have spoken very positively about the group to friends. We are very conscious of the 'Soul' part of the group and in this respect we do have several people who have been looking for company and an outlet having suffered a bereavement, and they do appear to benefit from a couple of hours out of their normal routine.

The group runs on an informal basis, but we do have a weekly theme of suggested subjects for people to try if they would like to. Among the themes covered are portraits, machines, rusty objects, landscapes etc. And, although the sessions are not structured classes, there is always help and advice available for anyone who needs it.

Most of the works are produced using water colours or acrylics, though we have also used pencil, coloured pencils, soft pastels and oil pastels. The only medium not used in such a short session is oil paint.

We had an exhibition in Hucknall Library in May 2024, and we always have some of the group's work on display in the Parish Oven as well. In addition, we took part in the Christmas Market and had a very successful and enjoyable day.

Group members give a voluntary donation every week, and by unanimous consent we donate £100 to the church every few weeks. Over the course of a year, the donations we are able to give along with the gift aid claimed amounts to approximately £1,500. Several paintings have also been sold – either having been on display in the Parish Oven or in a local library – and this has also contributed to the church's income.

Dave & Sandra Sawyer

6. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that – wherever possible – reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

7. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by

the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

St Mary's has one paid member of staff. PAYE payroll and a workplace pension scheme are also in place.

8. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

9. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Names of advisors:

1. Architect: Allan Joyce Architects
2. Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1. Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF
2. Barclays Bank Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RB
3. Lloyd's Bank PLC, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
4. CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
5. CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2023

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's Church, Greasley

Sunday 14th April, 2024

Opening Prayers: Present / Apologies

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners, held on 16th April 2023
 Meeting of Parishioners – Election of Churchwardens 2023
 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 16th April 2023
2. Election of PCC Members
3. Election of Deanery Synod Members
4. The appointment of an independent Examiner or Auditor
5. Achievements and Performance:

A	Vicar's Report	K	Tower Captain's Report
B	Churchwardens' Report	L	Friends of St Mary's Report
C	PCC Secretary's Report	M	EcoChurch Report
D	Electoral Roll	N	Social Committee Report
E	Financial Review	O	Parish Magazine
F	Buildings & Property Report	P	Christmas Market Report
G	Choir Report	Q	Safeguarding Report
H	B.L.A.S.T. Report	R	Pastoral Care/ Visiting
I	Deanery Synod Report	S	Parish Oven Report
J	Greasley Christian Aid Report		

6. Legacy Policy
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Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- *Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;*
- *Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;*
- *Missionary and outreach work.*

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

1. Minutes of 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A. Welcome and Prayer:

Meeting was chaired by Revd Denise Dodd, who also led us in prayer.

B. Meeting of the parishioners:-

The minutes of the 2022 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Fiona Edwards and seconded by Bob Willimott.

Election of churchwardens:-

There were two nominations:

Derek Fletcher: Proposed by Neil Taylor, seconded by Sue Fletcher

John Timby: Proposed by Peter Stanton seconded by Hercules Smit

There being only two candidates and two vacancies, both were duly elected. Denise gave thanks to Derek and John for all their work so far, and also to Sue and Win for their support.

C. Minutes of the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Denise asked if these were a true account and for a proposal: **Pauline Jackson** proposed that the 2022 APCM minutes were a true account. Seconded by **Emmi Checkley**

D. Election of Deanery Synod members

Barbara Coleman to continue, but Pat Higham has stood down as she wishes to be a full member of the PCC. There is a vacancy for two more reps should anyone be interested.

Deanery Members now can only stand for two consecutive terms of three years

E. Election of PCC members

There are seven vacancies (Phil and Sharon having resigned this morning and there already being two spaces in addition to three members being re-elected).

Peter Stanton (prop Chris Perry, sec John Hind), **Ian Wheeler** (prop Carol Atkinson, sec Wendy Taylor), **Anthony Kirby** (prop John Timby, sec John Hind), **Dennis Pickworth** (prop Peter Stanton, sec Sonia Burnett), **Pat Higham** (prop Martin Perry, sec Sue Fletcher)

There being enough vacancies all were duly elected. Denise gave thanks to those who have joined and those who were re-elected and who continue to serve.

Electoral Roll Report:

Report was read out by Ian Wheeler, Electoral Roll Officer. Meeting heard that the total on the Roll remained at 108, as last year, though five people had been removed from the Roll (three deaths, two non-attendees). There were, however, five new names added for 2023.

Treasurers' Report:

We are at the point where we are entering minus figures and we have to take this seriously. Need to look at how we are growing in our discipleship and drawing people into church who want to give to God and how we use that money.

We will be looking at stewardship in the coming months so that people realise how and where their money is being spent. It's about how do we hold our stewardship and how much we trust in God and believe in the church. I value any comments and thoughts as it's not easy reading.

Denise thanked Neil Taylor for all his hard work on the finances and for agreeing to continue. Bob Willmott proposed a vote of thanks to Neil, particularly for providing a clear Budget for the first time.

Reports from groups:

Property – Update from John on repairs to south side crenelations and ongoing repairs to Sextons Cottage following burst pipe damage.

Friends of St Mary's – Denise thanked Pauline, Sue and everyone involved.

Christian Aid – Janet Hedderly said that St Mary's should be so proud of the support it always gives. Denise thanked everyone involved.

Tower Captain's report – No comments. Emmi announced that the bellringers will be ringing for the King's coronation on May 6th.

Choir – Thanks given to David Dobb and congratulations on his retirement.

Social Committee – John Hind expressed thanks to the team and all they do.

Deanery Synod – Denise said that whenever she's attended she always brings up the subject of finance and that we at Greasley are ahead of the field in how we have reacted to the issue of the Parish Share in only paying what we can afford. Every church is struggling.

Safeguarding – Pat said she was disappointed in the quality of the in-person training given by the Diocese.

Parish Oven – No comments. Denise thanked everyone involved.

Christmas Market – Denise thanked Phil and everyone involved in its organisation and on the stalls.

Vicar's round-up:

The APCM isn't just a meeting – as your vicar I would like to think that you see it as part of our vision and what we do. Let's not be complacent – there are times when things will be challenging, but that's when God wants us to move on in a positive way. Each one of us can participate. Do not do things with guilt or because you feel you have to – do things with joy in your heart. When things change, we support and hold each other. We hope to see new things happening and support each other. Let's move forward.

It is a privilege to be here. I believe in this church and in the future.

Let's celebrate what's been achieved over the last year. Let us give thanks to God for what has been achieved.

Meeting ended at 12.55pm with The Grace

2. Election of PCC members for 2024/5: Seven vacancies to be filled

3. Election of Deanery Synod members for 2024/5: Three vacancies to be filled

4. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor: Proposal needed

5. Achievements and performance

a) Vicar's report

As I look back on 2023, and into 2024 and beyond, how am I feeling? Well, I'm actually really positive about the journey God has taken us on, and the possible future that lies ahead for us. I'm also looking at the next few years with hope and anticipation. It's not all clear waters ahead, but the view to the horizon looks great.

I am, as always, grateful to everyone who has contributed to the life of St Mary's over the past year. No matter how great or small you feel your contribution has been, please be assured that it is always valued. The Annual Parish reports highlight a wide range of the work and energy that has gone into the running of St Mary's over the year. Huge thanks to both those who are responsible for such roles, teams, and key church matters, and to everyone mentioned in those reports.

More significantly, I am very grateful indeed to John, Derek, and Neil for their service as churchwardens and treasurer. It has at times been hard for them in their roles. The churchwardens have worked tirelessly to make sure the fabric of the church, community hall and surrounding church grounds are maintained to a good standard, and this has at times come at a personal cost. As treasurer, Neil has continued to serve faithfully in keeping the church accounts in order, finding ways to be more cost-effective as a church and preparing budget reports to the PCC outlining the financial position of St Mary's.

This leads me to talk a little about finance. If you are already one of those who give to the church, let me begin by thanking you; without your giving, we would be unable to carry out what we currently do. The financial report gives an indication of how much the church costs are for its day-to-day running and the income we receive. The predicted forecast is that the church will result in an ongoing deficit each year. This, sadly, is unsustainable. I am grateful to Neil, the social committee, and other people for all their efforts to both increase income and reduce expenditure. At this point, it is our income that needs to change. Last year, we sent letters out to every member of the congregation and Electoral Roll, and in the coming months we will be looking at personal stewardship once again. Please do keep this in your prayers, alongside the finances of the church, and the skills of the treasurer.

In ministry I give thanks to Barbara Coleman for her faithful and committed role as Reader, Safeguarding and DBS Officer and Pastoral care. For Anthony Kirby as vergers, and his dedication in maintaining the grounds of the churchyard. Many families have expressed their gratitude for the endless hours he spends in making sure this area is kept to a high standard. Thank you to all who have cleaned the church or made it beautiful with the display of flowers throughout the year!

For all those who have served on the PCC, I am grateful for their wisdom and support through a tricky and challenging period of church ministry.

And once again, recognition to all those who contributed to the spiritual worship of St Mary's: Fiona Edwards, Philip Currie, all members of the choir, sides stewards, readers, intercessors, and of course the talents and skills of the bellringers!

As you will know only too well, it is always a risk to start thanking individuals, since someone important will inevitably get missed. So, I want to say this. You are all valued. And I do want to make it clear that it is not simply for what you do that you are valued, but also for who you are. The contributions each of you make are not to be measured, but rather to be treasured and cherished.

Moving forward, in the previous year's APCM report I proposed the following key priorities for St Mary's; Going Deeper into God, Transforming Communities, Making new Disciples. I would like to share some memories of the last year;

- ❖ Confirmation service for Fiona Walker and the young people of St Mary's.
- ❖ The Easter Play production and all the cast volunteers.
- ❖ The Easter and Christmas concerts from the local school children at Greasley Beauvale Primary School.
- ❖ School assemblies, class lessons and acting as community school governor at Greasley Beauvale Primary School.
- ❖ The community King's Coronation celebration in St Mary's church, with picnic and live streaming of the service.
- ❖ B.L.A.S.T (children's and young people's group) taking part in a community car wash and dancing in front of Bishop Paul during a Sunday service (In my Christmas card from the Bishop he stated how much he enjoyed seeing the children expressing their faith in worship!).
- ❖ D.H. Lawrence week, ending with a Songs of Praise Festival Finale.
- ❖ St Mary's choir adapting to singing alongside CDs after the retirement of David Dobb and working together to bring worship each week. THANK YOU!
- ❖ All social evenings throughout the year, in particular the joy in seeing people during the Strictly Ballroom evening showcasing their dancing moves.
- ❖ The fantastic community outreach in the Parish Oven. All the dedicated volunteers, seeing new people come to the tea room, and welcoming people to the church on a Sunday from visiting the Parish Oven.
- ❖ The wonderful concerts held in church by various community choirs.
- ❖ For the ministry given in baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- ❖ Our average Sunday attendance has continued to slightly grow. It has been wonderful to form new friendships with people who have joined the church.

- ❖ AND THE LIST GOES ON.....

As we make plans for the future, we need to be realistic about what is possible, and what is not, with the resources we have available. Part of that resource is human, and part is financial. In a nutshell, that is the realism we are currently encountering.

And yet we are Easter people. We need to be hopeful. And in order to be hopeful, we also need to be visionary. The future may need to look significantly different from the past. I understand that even saying that may sound frightening! In a world that seems to move so quickly, we rely on the stability of a church community. Nevertheless, change is an inevitable part of life. Not only that, if we have valued all that St Mary's has offered over the past decades, it is incumbent on us to secure its existence for future generations.

The coming year should therefore be one of challenging ourselves as we discern our future direction. We do need to be challenged, to recall what lies at the

heart of our faith. This church serves a large community, and at the moment it really is quite a small number who connect with St Mary's.

It's important that we find ways to change that. And it seems to me that the best way to do that is to recall why we worship God; how knowing God transforms our lives; why it is that sharing God's love has the potential to transform the world.

I am proud to be Vicar of this parish. I am humbled by the love and dedication that I see here. And I am passionate that we need to share God's love more widely. To ensure that others are able to believe that what we have found in God is something that others might find too.

So to end, what are the main issues for the year ahead? Simply to trust and to listen; to God, ourselves, each other and the neighbourhood....and then to act together. With my thanks to and for all of you, and all that builds our life together as the church in this place and asking God's blessing on the year ahead.

Yours in Christ, Revd Denise Dodd

b) St Mary's Churchwardens Report 2022-2023

We were once again privileged to be elected as your churchwardens at the APCM.

John was able to attend the Archdeacon's Visitation in June and Derek in July at Southwell where both were officially admitted as churchwardens.

We continue to take communion in the same manner as during Covid and, with the very pleasing increasing number of worshipers, both adult and children.

To enable those who don't carry cash to donate to the work of the church and other charities, we obtained a card reader with the help of the Diocese. The reader, accompanied by a screen, allows donors to select a donation amount and pay by card, phone or smart watch.

The payment terminal relies on having good internet access to update itself and process card transactions. It occasionally shuts down or rejects transactions due to the inconsistent mobile data signal achievable inside the church and a more reliable data connection may be required.

Following our Quinquennial inspection in October 2022 we have been tackling, or attempting to tackle, the recommendations in the report. Whilst there were no major concerns, as one might expect of a church of this age a few things needed ongoing monitoring.

We have a rolling schedule of maintenance checks on various aspects of the building and the churchyard.

The Quinquennial Inspection recommendation was that various works be carried out.

This is an indication of some of the works carried out:-

- Refixing of loose parapet stones to South Aisle.
- Repairs to rope handrail to tower staircase.
- Monitoring roofs for ingress of water, in particular tower roof (a repair to the leadwork on the tower roof was subsequently carried out).

The Quinquennial Inspection also made recommendation for various inspections and tests.

The testing of the lightning protection system, carried out in July.

The fixed electrical systems, planned for early 2024.

Annual health and safety requirements have been addressed through the year including, but not limited to:-

- Gas boiler service and safety checks.
- Fire extinguisher tests.

Following a serious pipe leak in December 2022 substantial work had to be carried out to the Sextons Cottage to enable it to be reused to support the work of the church.

A new church signboard was installed with all information updated, supported by Friends of St Mary group.

We couldn't keep our lovely church building and churchyard in such good order without the help of many friends. We are truly thankful to those who help on a regular basis as welcomers, on the sound desk, readers and intercessors at our services, with churchyard clear-ups and with necessary odd jobs around the building and in the churchyard. Serving is an act of worship and we would welcome further help inside and outside the church. Please do not hesitate to speak to one of us if you are able to offer a little help.

2023 has again been a positive year and we pray that, with God's guidance, we will build on that in 2024.

Derek Fletcher & John Timby, Churchwardens

c) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole Church. Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC. Members of the PCC, as of December 31st, 2023, are as follows:

Revd Denise Dodd (vicar & chairman)	Mr Anthony Kirby
Mr Derek Fletcher (churchwarden)	Mrs Julie Stanton
John Timby (churchwarden)	Mr Peter Stanton
Mr Ian Wheeler (secretary)	Mrs Patricia Higham
Mr Dennis Pickworth	Mrs Barbara Coleman (ex-officio,
Mrs Sue Fletcher	Deanery Synod rep)
Ms Edith Hawley	Mr Neil Taylor (ex-officio, Treasurer)
Mrs Lauren Howatson	
Mrs Pauline Jackson	

In a normal year the PCC meets for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary ones where necessary.

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

d) Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the Roll is 111, with three additions on last year and no removals.

Of those on the Roll, 70 are resident in the parish and 41 live outside.

There are 77 females and 34 males on the Roll. The next full revision of the Roll is due in 2025.

Ian Wheeler, Electoral Roll Officer

e) Financial Review

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

St Mary's, Greasley is a registered charity, ref 1172273, its financial accounts are managed and monitored by Neil Taylor, PCC Treasurer who also has the role of Gift Aid Secretary. A summary of the accounts is regularly presented to the PCC which includes a forecast for the year ahead.

Once again Pells Chartered Accountants have provided an independent examination of our accounts. Their report is attached herewith.

2023 saw an increase of 7% in our regular giving by Gift Aid, including tax refund, and Pledges. This remains the main source of income source. The year also saw a 22% increase in Plate receipts.

The Parish Share paid to Southwell for 2023 was set at £67 560.

Parish Share is St Mary's contribution to Southwell Diocese to pay towards the running of the Diocese, which then gives the church, at present, a full-time stipendiary minister. It also pays towards the training of future incumbents within the Diocese.

As we couldn't pay the full parish share due to the lack of funds the amount the PCC agreed that we pay was £37 440, which we did.

For 2024 we have been requested to pay £50 000 towards parish share, again we are not in a position to pay this, although it should be a figure we should aim for as it practically covers the cost of having a full-time stipendiary minister. The PCC agreed that we would pay £37 440 with a review later in the year.

The income and expenditure of the fees account (weddings, funerals, and monuments) has been shown on a separate page and not incorporated in main accounts.

The Church light and gas expenditure for 2023 appears to be slightly lower than it was in 2022. This is due to receiving a £770 rebate on excess VAT paid since November 2022. We had been paying 20% VAT instead of 5%. Negotiations in hand to claim excess VAT paid from January 2020 to October 2022.

As our Church is a grade 2 listed building, we were able to claim grants from the Department of Media Culture and Sport equivalent to VAT paid on Repair & Maintenance works which included repairs to crenelations, new third bell clapper and organ service.

Thanks go to all those who contribute time and talents, which are not shown in the accounts, which benefit our church so much.

New social events including tabletop sales and concerts in church have complimented the Christmas market, Spring open day and church illumination as being an important source of income. Representing 13% of our general income.

The Parish Oven continues to be a great success in many ways. Almost £23,000 was made during 2023. This income is allocated to a PCC designated fund called "Community Centre Development Fund". This income is not used to finance day to day running of the church; however, contributions are made to offset the running costs of the Hall.

Should anyone have any questions about our finances or gift aiding then please feel free to speak or e-mail me.

Neil Taylor, Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1172273

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

07/03/2024

Name:

MISS GEORGINA DEAKIN

Relevant professional
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(if any):

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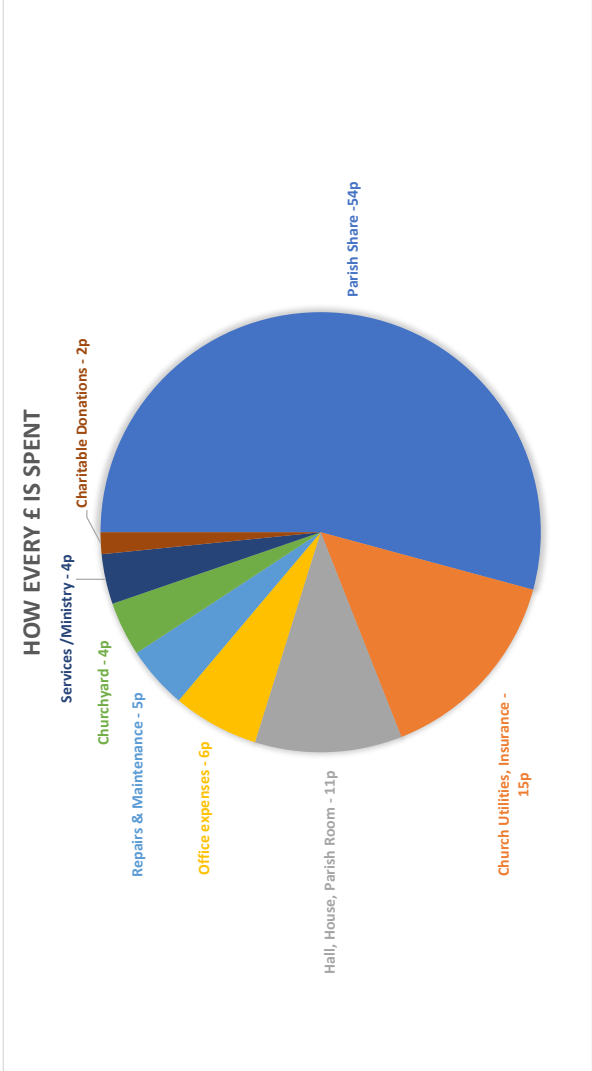
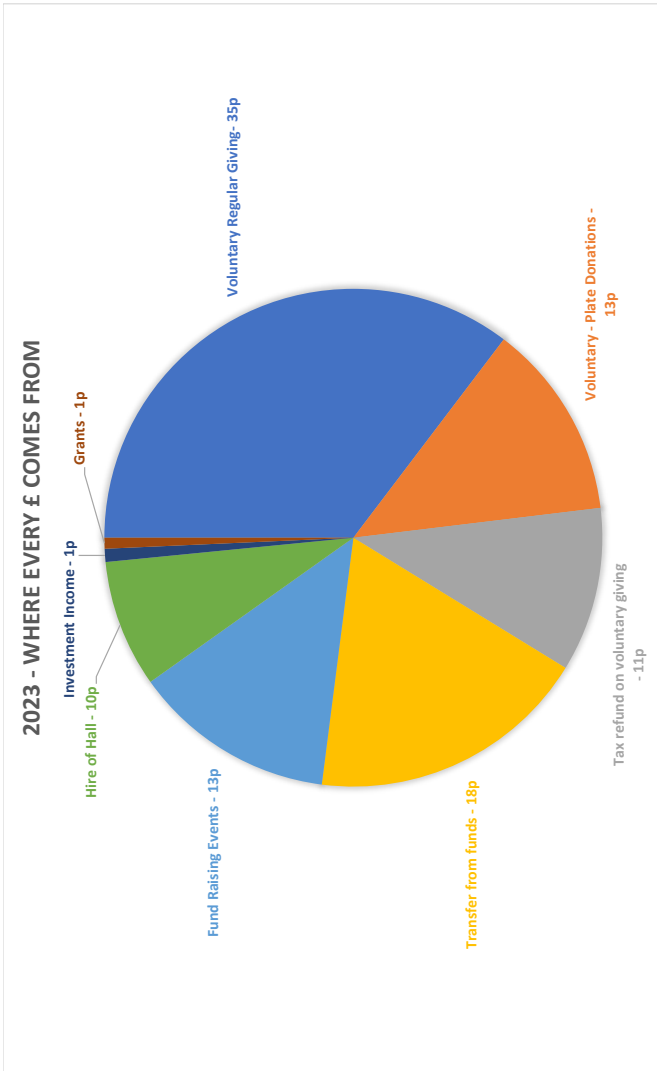
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Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I CAN CONFIRM THAT I HAVE NOT COME ACROSS ANY MATTERS FOR CONCERN WHEN REVIEWING THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023.
ON RECEIPT OF THE FIRST DRAFTS FROM THE CLIENT THERE WERE A FEW ERRORS WITH FORMULA, HOWEVER THE CLIENT WORKED WITH US TO AMEND THE FORMULA AND UPDATE THE ACCOUNTS ACCORDINGLY.
THE FINAL DRAFTS HAVE BEEN RE REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED TO BE CORRECT.



Voluntary Regular Giving - 35p	Standing Orders, Gift Aid envelopes and Pledges
Voluntary - Plate Donations - 13p	Collection plate, Donations
Tax refund on voluntary giving - 11p	
Transfer from funds - 18p	Fees: R&M, Organ, Roof
Fund Raising Events - 13p	Christmas Market, Open day, Church Illumination, Other Social events
Hire of Hall - 10p	
Investment Income - 1p	Bank Interest, Dividends
Grants - 1p	

EXPENDITURE	
Parish Share - 54p	Clergy salary & housing and Diocesan expenses
Church Utilities, Insurance - 15p	Gas, Electric Insurance
Hall, House, Parish Room - 11p	Gas, Electric, Insurance, Repairs, Effluent collection
Office expenses - 6p	Copier, Phone, Stationery, Postages
Repairs & Maintenance - 5p	Minor & Major
Churchyard - 4p	
Services /Ministry - 4p	Reader Exp, Organ, Licences, Candles
Charitable Donations - 2p	

St. Mary's Greasley
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023
Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
	note				
Donations and gifts	1	40,586	2,877	43,463	38,804
Trading Income	2	14,791	22,987	37,778	32,036
Investment income	3	589	838	1,427	5,629
Other income	4	0	0	0	303
Grants received	5	489	0	489	0
Missionary giving	6	0	37	37	251
Total Receipts		56,455	26,739	83,194	77,023
PAYMENTS					
Donations	8	0	1,102	1,102	603
Church activities	9	64,788	3,179	67,967	55,080
Total Payments		64,788	4,281	69,069	55,683
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		-8,334	-529	-8,862	21,340
Balances: B/F		30,449	45,791	76,240	54,900
Funds transfers					
Balances: C/F	11	22,115	45,262	67,378	76,240

Greasley Parish Church
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

note

1 Donations and gifts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid	21,201		21,201	18,326
Pledges	3,198		3,198	3,717
Plate	5,601		5,601	4,600
Donations	3,212	2,877	6,089	3,920
Bequest	0		0	500
Tax credits	7,374		7,374	7,741
	40,586	2,877	43,463	38,804
2 Activities for generating funds				
Hire of Hall	5,715		5,715	4,745
Church House Rent	0		0	0
Funerals		see fees account	0	0
Wedding fees		see fees account	0	0
Christmas Market	4,100		4,100	3,663
Open Day & Other events	4,250		4,250	1,420
Parish Oven	0	22,987	22,987	21,998
Church Lights	725		725	210
	14,791	22,987	37,778	32,036
3 Investment income				
Funds from CBF	0	0	0	4,224
Bank interest	589	838	1,427	1,405
CBF Interest	0	0	0	0
	589	838	1,427	5,629
4 Other income				
Insurance claims	0		0	0
Interregnum claim	0		0	0
Other	0		0	303
	0	0	0	303
5 Grants received				
	489		489	0
	489		489	0
6 Missionary giving				
Mission Covenants	0	0	0	0
Other Mission	0	37	37	251
	0	37	37	251

St. Mary's Church Greasley

Receipts and Payments Account Expenses December 2023

note	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Charitable payments				
8	Donations and grants			
	Friends of St Mary's	0	63	0
	The Royal British Legion	0	202	0
	Emmanuel House	0	219	0
	Christian Aid	0	419	267
	Children's Society	0	200	250
	Other Mission	0	0	86
	0	1102	1102	603
9	Church activities			
	Parish share	37440	37440	36000
	Clergy expenses	480	480	315
	Administration	38	38	29
	Churchyard	2747	2747	2470
	Printing & stationery	1909	1909	1596
	Light & heat	4820	4820	4931
	Insurance	5416	5416	5020
	Minor Repairs and Refurbishment	0	1955	918
	Professional fees	1320	1320	600
	Telephone	1103	1103	1086
	Organist	945	945	2045
	Service Expenses	499	499	610
	Licences	613	613	605
	Church House Expenses	2970	2970	-7275
	Parish Oven Exp	0	0	1000
	Parish Room Expenses	560	560	0
	Hall Running Costs	3927	3927	5130
	Pastoral Care	0	0	0
	Major Repairs and Refurbishment	0	1224	0
	Investments	0	0	0
	Funeral expenses	0	see fees account	0
	Wedding Expenses	0	see fees account	0
	64788	3179	67967	71721

ST MARY'S GREASLEY
FEES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

OPENING BALANCE		£51
RECEIPTS FEES		
Monuments	£4,917	
Funerals	£24,955	
Weddings	£1,561	£31,433
OTHER		
Donations	£105	
Interest	£23	£128
		£31,612

PAYMENTS		
SNDBF	£6,886	
PCC	£12,665	
Verger	£2,823	
Organist	£1,364	
Expenses	£197	
Visiting Clergy	£420	
	£24,355	£24,355
Cash in Bank		£7,257
		£31,612

PAYMENTS		
Funerals	£20,629	included with funerals
Monuments	£2,476	£12,339
Weddings	£1,249	£4,302
	£24,355	£16,641
	£7,257	£18,679 to PCC
	£31,612	£35,320

2022

included with funerals
£28,065
£7,255

£35,320

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARYS GREASLEY
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 December 2023

Old Account No.	New Account No.		31/12/2023			31/12/2022
			Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
31/12/2023		Current Account	6,661.17		6,661.17	49,433.99
31/12/2023		Deposit Account - NatWest - General and Social	103,116.37	89,188.96	13,927.41	
31/12/2023		Fees Account - Barclays	336.68	336.68		50.63
31/12/2023		Fees Account - Lloyds	1,914.65	1,914.65		
31/12/2023		Deposit Account - Lloyds	5,005.59	5,005.59		
31/12/2023		Petty Cash	48.92		48.92	85.99
31/12/2023		Smith Bequest Fund	5,282.91	5,282.91		4,661.93
31/12/2023		Hill Top Mission	8.84		8.84	8.84
31/12/2023		Rolleston Mansell Charities	224.49	224.49		218.42
31/12/2023		Social Committee / Community Centre Dev	2,291.34	2,291.34		39,019.18
31/12/2023		Friends of St Mary's	1,010.75	1,010.75		1,362.10
31/12/2023	638020002D	CB3035736-001 336	27.85	27.85		26.99
31/12/2023	638020003D	CB3035738-001 431	73.42	73.42		71.14
31/12/2023	638020004D	CB3035740-001 Barber Fund	200.00	200.00		200.00
31/12/2023	638020005D	CB3035742-001 Lucy Lowe	225.42	225.42		218.42
31/12/2023	638020009D	CB3035746-001 E Harwood	375.00	375.00		375.00
31/12/2023	638020010D	CB3035748-001 J Hartshorn	150.00	150.00		150.00
31/12/2023	638020013D	CB3035752-001 M Hancock	3,064.62	3,064.62		3,064.62
31/12/2023	638020014D	CB3035754-001 Dorothy Elizabeth Wain	11.86	11.86		11.49
31/12/2023	638057001D	CB3035832-001 Hill Top Mission Church	25,495.84	25,495.84		24,704.09
31/12/2023	638020001J	CB3035735-001 R G Hanson	1,968.17	1,968.17		1,748.46
31/12/2023	638020002S	CB3035737-001 Church Expenses	406.90	406.90		371.91
31/12/2023	638030003S	CB3035739-001 I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance	497.32	497.32		454.55
31/12/2023	638020004S	CB3035741-001 Lindley Bequest Church Yard	361.68	361.68		330.58
31/12/2023	638020005S	CB3035743-001 M Fryer Hill- Top Mission	316.47	316.47		289.26
31/12/2023	638020007S	CB3035744-001 General Purpose J T Gilbert	316.47	316.47		289.26
31/12/2023	638020008S	CB3035745-001 General Purpose Miss Pearson	587.74	587.74		537.20
31/12/2023	638020009S	CB3035747-001 Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews	406.90	406.90		371.91
31/12/2023	638020010S	CB3035749-001 Sunday School Fund	406.90	406.90		371.91
31/12/2023	638020011S	CB3035750-001 Miss W A Leck Bequest	316.47	316.47		289.26
31/12/2023	638020012S	CB3035751-001 Mrs Hilda Smith	406.90	406.90		371.91
31/12/2023	638020013S	CB3035753-001 Mrs S E Wagstaff	836.40	836.40		764.47
31/12/2023	638020014S	CB3035755-001 Rowley Bequest	634.08	634.08		579.55
31/12/2023	776624001S	CB3040215-001 Rolleston & Mansell Educational	2,983.90	2,983.90		2,727.30
31/12/2023	138001048S	CB3016496-001 SNDBF - Worrell	19,576.19	19,576.19		17,892.77
31/12/2023	138001079S	CB3016509-001 SNDBF - Chancel Fund	4,747.11	4,747.11		4,338.89
31/12/2023	138002044D	CB3016708-001 SNDBF - Chancel Fund	8,678.80	8,678.80		8,282.10
31/12/2023	138001013S	CB3016465-001 SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be dist)	22,718.33	22,718.33		20,764.71
			221,227.00	200,580.66	20,646.34	183,076.73

FUNDS

FUNDS	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Bell Tower Fund	19,998.00	19,998.00		20,000.00
Fees	7,256.92	7,256.92		
Flower Fund	2.00	2.00		
Parish Oven	2,291.34	2,291.34		
Pastoral Care Fund	488.17	488.17		488.17
Organ Fund	0.00	0.00		16.00
Roof Repair Fund	0.00	0.00		250.77
Mission	464.42	464.42		464.42
Junior Church Fund	406.75	406.75		371.91
Social Committee Fund	2,747.60	2,747.60		2,747.60
Community Centre Dev. Fund	54,070.54	54,070.54		36,271.58
Fabric Fund	10,017.07	10,017.07		0.00
Investments Funds	30,307.76	30,307.76		
General Fund	20,637.50		20,637.50	55,983.71
Friends of St Mary's	1,010.75	1,010.75		1,362.10
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	478.84	478.84		
Sunday Tea Donations Fund	537.15	537.15		
Churchyard	859.00	859.00		785.13
Chancel Fund	13,425.91	13,425.91		12,620.99
Hill Top Mission Fund	25,504.68	25,495.84	8.84	24,704.09
Rolleston& Mansell Educational	3,208.39	3,208.39		2,945.72
Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	22,718.33	22,718.33		20,764.71
Smith Bequest Fund	5,282.91	5,282.91		4,661.93
	221,227.00	200,580.66	20,646.34	183,076.73

Property - Insurance Valuation
Church - Building and Contents
Church Hall - Building and Contents
Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents

10,000,000.00 91%
612,931.00 6%
346,662.00 3%
10,959,593.00 100%

Approved by the PCC on 19 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd. D. Dodd
Chairman

Mr. N. R. Taylor
Treasurer

f) Buildings & Property report

It's not unusual that a parish church, especially one such as ours, with a considerable amount of attached land, three separate graveyards, along with the Community Hall and Sexton's Cottage, will inevitably throw up challenges and it can be a bit off-putting when these seem to occur on an almost daily basis.

To say that this last year has been problematic would be an understatement, with several major issues cropping up simultaneously, causing problems which needed urgent attention.

It's to our credit that, despite everything, the working team here at St Mary's has managed to stay on top of much which arose, working as we do with limited resources, money and labour.

What was lacking in these areas, was more than made up for by the enthusiasm of the workforce and their dedication to maintaining the church and church property as well as can be expected, in the circumstances. Also encouraging is that some members of the wider community have rallied round to provide their services, free of charge, and we can only assume that this is brought about by them recognising the worth and value of this church in their community and the wish to help where they can.

To mention all of the work which has been completed over the year would take up too much space, so suffice to say, many of the boxes have been ticked off regarding the requirements of the 2022 Quinquennial report. Most of the statutory requirements have been met and documented, ie. fire safety, electrical safety, health & safety requirements, also the health, safety and cleanliness of all the areas used by the church congregation, and casual users of the church and its surroundings. Other important work is in the pipeline and will be dealt with over the coming months.

A more comprehensive list of completed work can be found in the church logbook, along with faculty requirement records and architects' recommendations, reference numbers as per Church of England requirements. These records are continually being updated by the churchwardens and will be signed off for the period covered at this 2024 APCM meeting.

Last winter's severe frosts caused a great deal of damage to the Parish Room and other downstairs rooms in the Sexton's Cottage. This has been rectified over the summer with most of the cost being carried by the church insurers. We now have valuable space for meetings and extra storage with the added advantage of knowing that until these areas are 'modernised', they can be used safely in a variety of ways. Work was also carried out restoring some damaged and dangerous stonework on the church south wall as well as new lead flashings on the tower roof to prevent water damage in the bell chamber.

Our thanks go out also to the Friends of St Mary's group who raised the money for a new church notice board.

The Church of England is looking ahead towards making the church and its surroundings an eco-friendly area, which will mean that this requirement will need to be taken into account when planning future work.

You will notice that this report does not mention any names. That is done deliberately because those who do help, in so many ways, show such a generosity of spirit in what they do for the church and community, thanks are not required. It's a constant source of inspiration and encouragement for me to know that I can ask for help and it is almost always forthcoming.

We can look to the future with confidence and the knowledge that our efforts will find their reward.

John Timby

g) Choir report

Following the departure of David Dobb as organist, my gut reaction was to become an individual member of the Royal School of Church Music (my costs were subsequently refunded by the PCC) in order that we could continue to access the readings and hymns/songs for Sunday worship.

Denise, a strong supporter of the choir, proposed, and purchased the CD package to support our worship through music and voice. This wasn't without hiccups, but with Fiona Stanton's technical support at choir practice and during services, we persevered and survived!

The introduction of Alan Wilson into our practice was an opportunity for us to flourish -- he is an inspiration!

He was the injection we needed with co-ordinating the DHL Festival concerts and supporting us all through Advent and Christmas.

During this time, Pauline Jackson needs recognition, too, as she ensured the choir were constantly updated by acting as a go-between and keeping us in touch with Alan when he wasn't able to be with us in person.

*UPDATE: Early in 2024 St Mary's advertised for a Director of Music and we are so fortunate to have been able to appoint Robert Carlin to fulfil this role. Robert's repertoire is extensive, and he has already helped us, beginning our practices with warm-up exercises, and extending our practice time to help us all to develop our inner strengths.

We, as a choir, are looking forward to improving our support of church worship.

Hilary James (Crucifer)

h) BLAST Report

Our B.L.A.S.T. (Bible Learning and Sharing Together) group, for the younger members of the congregation, continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month under the guidance of the Vicar and Julie.

Sadly numbers remain low but the members are very enthusiastic!

A typical meeting starts in the hall with a prayer followed by some form of activity and a reading before returning into church to join in the final stages of the Eucharist. On Sundays' when there is no formal meeting, those members not involved in the choir will normally get together during the service in the resource corner of Church and carry out some constructive unsupervised activity. Formal or informal, the group generally share their work with the congregation at the end of the service.

During the year they have been involved in various activities. They held a car wash session during the week which raised money for the church funds, a Light Evening with games as an alternative to Halloween, helped with the construction of the Bug Hotels in the Churchyard, put on a presentation during the Crib Service culminating in a rather wild but entertaining dance session.

Julie Stanton

i) Deanery Synod

Currently, only one member of the PCC sits on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. Technically, we should have two representatives from our parish. If anyone feels that they would like to volunteer, please speak to me or Denise.

The Deanery Synod meets four times during the year at different venues within the Newstead Deanery and gives us the opportunity to share our parish news with other churches. Parish treasurers were again invited to one of the meetings where the deanery treasurer outlined the Parish share expected by the Diocese from each parish. A discussion followed.

Revd Richard Kellett is now acting as Area Dean, following the retirement of Fe Shouler.

Barbara Coleman

j) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

As usual we start our report with Christian Aid Week held from the 14th – 20th May 2023.

We, together with our friends at Newthorpe Baptist Church, had Church Collection envelopes. There was also a two day collection at Morrisons, Eastwood and we already had some savings from individual donations and Fair trade profits, which meant that £2,760 was raised altogether. Our Vicar led a very meaningful service and Jeremy Gowers-Cromie from Christian Aid came to speak at a separate event.

Other giving, during the year amounted to £500 for the 2023 Christmas Appeal supporting young women setting up businesses, using traditional sewing skills, in Northern Bangladesh, and £825 for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal, making a total of £1,325. This, added to the Christian Aid Week total, meant we were able to send a final total of £4,085 to Christian Aid.

Despite more difficult conditions, £3,031 worth of Fair Trade goods were sold in the financial year 1st August 2022 – 31st July 2023 and the contribution given to Christian Aid was £542.

We had our popular Fair trade Day at Watnall WI Hall on 14th October.2023.

The Chair and Treasurer attended a Christian Aid East Midlands get together in June at Maynell Langley Hall near Derby. which celebrated the efforts and achievements of Christian Aid week 2023 and outlined future events and activities.

So now we come full circle to Christian Aid Week 2024, which runs from 12th – 18th May.

We hear the story of Aline Nibogora from Burundi. She was pushed to the brink of survival by poverty. She suffered abuse from her violent husband and had to flee. He turned the community against her. She was separated from her children and was sleeping on the streets. With the help of Christian Aid she was reunited with her three sons and was trained to set up a small business. Together Aline and her sons are building a new home.

Reading through this report it is very clear that together we have made a difference to many people suffering from extreme poverty, to the young setting

up businesses, to the victims of natural disasters and to those getting a fair wage for their skills.

Without the support of our Vicar, the PCC and everyone who has given money or bought Fair trade goods none of this would have been possible. We thank you very sincerely for your great support.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

k) Tower Captain Report

Reflecting on the past year, apart from the odd occasion due to illness or absences for holidays, we have been able to ring for most Sunday services and hold practices on Wednesday nights. At practices, we continue to benefit from the support of ringers from Eastwood tower. Like-wise some of our band support their practices on Fridays. This mutual arrangement means that progress can be made both in ringing skills and methods rung.

We currently have seven ringers in the band, although, one of our members has been unable to ring due to family illness and bereavement for the past few months. We hope he will be able to rejoin us in the future. Our newest member of the band, Neil Taylor, is a former ringer, and during the past year has been regaining his skills & method ringing.

Recently, he rang in a quarter peal at Greasley, which was his first for the tower and Mansfield District. Natalie achieved her first quarter peal in May, only a year after first learning to ring, and has rung two further quarter peals on the treble, recently. The remaining members of the band continue to work on learning new methods, when we have the support of visiting ringers, and play an important role in the progress of new ringers.

In addition to service ringing & practice nights there have been several occasions when the band have come together to ring. The first of these was hosting Mansfield District's 8 bell practice in April. Next, we had the pleasure of ringing to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Shortly after this, we rang a quarter peal to commemorate the life of a former Mansfield District ringing master. In September we were asked to ring for a special service held at Greasley as part of the D.H. Lawrence festival of arts, culture & local history. The ringing was well received, not only by the organiser of the event, but by customers of the Parish Oven cafe. October brought the Mansfield District Quarter Peal week, during which we rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles for Sunday service, and some Greasley ringers got involved in quarter peals at other towers with various ringers from the district. In late November, on the day of Greasley's Christmas Market, we had some General ringing to add to the atmosphere of the event. To round off the year we rang for the Carols by Candlelight service in December.

Maintenance of the bells and cleaning of the tower was carried out in Spring, Summer & Autumn. A potential problem with the third clapper was identified during the Spring maintenance, and subsequently repaired at John Taylor's bell foundry. The tenor bell, from as early as March '23, had been posing some difficulties when rung, and was inspected by a Taylor's Bell engineer.

The problem was a bearing that had come loose, allowing the tenor to shunt sideways. The engineer carried out the required work in the tower in September.

The infestation of flies was much milder during the Autumn, and only one smoke bomb was required to control potential infestation.

Finally, last April, rather belatedly due to Covid, a peal board was hung in the ringing chamber for Don & Mary Beach. Don was the tower captain at Greasley for 56 years & Mary rang at the tower for 70 years. The board shows the two peals, one of Grandsire Triples for Don & the second of Plain Bob Triples for Mary, rung by members of the Greasley band & ringers from the Southwell & Nottingham Guild, who had rung with them throughout their lives. We are pleased, finally, to have a board commemorating their lives and service to ringing at Greasley.

Emmi Checkley, Tower Captain

I) Friends of St Mary's Report

Another good year for the Friends of St Mary's, the annual Strawberry Tea being the highlight with all 50 tickets sold.

The Friends of St Mary had a programme throughout the year of very varied meetings with topics to suit all interests. The other highlight was the Burundi lunch, a charity close to our Vicar's heart as she spent some time in Burundi.

Membership remains steady and funds were raised to support the church. The majority of the funds raised last year paid for the new notice board at the front of the church.

Over £1,600 was spent on this one item but the Friends also donated wood and other materials needed to re-instate the old wooden cross which had rotted. We are grateful for the support of all our members and guests who all help to raise money to support our church.

We are continually grateful to all speakers, but especially members of the congregation, many of whom do not charge a fee or expenses.

Pauline Jackson

m) EcoChurch report

In August last year, the first steps were taken to get recognition as an EcoChurch and achieve an award. This is an initiative developed by A Rocha UK. To quote from their advertising :-

'From meditation to insulation, from location to invocation, loving God and his creation should impact everything in our church lives. This is why A Rocha UK developed EcoChurch – an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth'.

A survey was completed that covered the following areas of church life:-

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

The survey highlighted areas to be worked on in the next months. So far, work

has been done on establishing bug hotels and bird feeders to encourage and care for our abundant wildlife. Training on beekeeping has been started by two people to look for establishing beehives in 2024. Plans to restock the tearoom garden are underway.

Sheila Over

n) Social Committee Report

The social committee meets throughout the year to plan events which not only help raise money for our church but, also provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting, as well as extending a welcome to members of the wider community.

The committee is currently made up of only four core members, with extra helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments. Additional members are always welcome!

Any profit raised from our events is normally set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. For 2024, however, given the church's current financial circumstances, it has been decided that all income will go into general funds.

Members were kept busy during 2023 running the Parish Oven tearooms and as ever, were on hand to provide refreshments for the annual Christmas Market and the Carols by Candlelight. We also organised a Fish&Chip Quiz Night, a coach trip to Stratford on Avon, two Table Top Sales, a Strictly Come Dancing theme night, and two concerts in church from visiting choirs.

Ian Wheeler, Social Committee Secretary

o) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

Our church magazine, Open Door, switched to being online-only at the start of the Covid pandemic and is available by visiting the church website. Given the cost involved, it is unlikely that it will ever fully return to being a printed magazine, though I do run off a handful of copies for customers at the Parish Oven and they are proving to be very popular, with most of them being taken away by visitors.

Members of our Facebook group will know that I flag up when new edition is ready and ask that, where possible, people consider printing off a copy for friends or neighbours who they think might enjoy reading it.

I am grateful to those regular contributors who continue to come up with the goods every two months. Anyone else who feels that they might be able to contribute in any way is more than welcome to send in articles or photographs.

Ian Wheeler, Editor

p) Christmas Market report

Our annual Christmas Market, which is held on the last Saturday in November, continues to be our single major fund-raising event of the year and in 2023 raised an impressive £4,100 for St Mary's.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who in any way helps to make this event continue to be such a success. It wouldn't happen without you!

Ian Wheeler, Organiser

q) Safeguarding report

Safeguarding is continually changing and developing regarding training issues, with edicts coming regularly from the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

Training has continued for those people holding positions of responsibility or other volunteer roles within the church.

DBS requirements have been undertaken as necessary.

During the year, continued checks have been undertaken in line with the Church of England's requirements.

There are further changes expected in 2024.

Barbara Coleman
Safeguarding Co-Ordinator & DBS Officer

r) Pastoral visiting/care report

During the past year, many people who were formerly church regulars but, for one reason or another, have not been able to attend have been phoned or visited to let them know that they are still very much part of the church family.

Reasons for visiting or making contact may be that they have been missing from church for a while due to ill-health, or perhaps are elderly and are unable to get to church due to transport or mobility issues.

Where contact is made, news has been offered regarding church family happenings and comings and goings and, where necessary, support is given.

Holy Communion has been offered and taken to those who have requested it, by Revd Denise or myself.

For various reasons the pastoral visiting teams did not form during 2023 as hoped, though we are planning to form such a group this year who will assist Denise and myself as requested.

Barbara Coleman, Pastoral Visiting Lead

s) Parish Oven Report

The Parish Oven continues to grow from strength-to-strength and has become very much a part of both church and community life, being a safe place where people can visit for refreshments, a warm space and a chat .

Our varied customers are confirmed regulars, cyclists, walking groups, visitors from other churches, funeral attendees, DH Lawrence devotees, passing trade and, of course, a dedicated section of our church community.

All income from the Parish Oven is ring-fenced for future use on redevelopment of the Sexton's Cottage and is shown on the church accounts under the heading "Community Centre Development". This is supported by detailed accounts which show all income and expenditure on a weekly basis and are available for inspection on request.

Thanks, as ever, go to our enthusiastic volunteer staff and bakers for their tireless efforts over the last 12 months together with all those within our church and wider community who have supported us with their custom.

Ian Wheeler

6. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that – wherever possible – reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

7. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

St Mary's has one paid member of staff. PAYE payroll and a workplace pension scheme are also in place.

8. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

9. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Names of advisors:

1. Architect: Allan Joyce Architects
2. Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1. Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF
2. Barclays Bank Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RB
3. Lloyd's Bank PLC, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
4. CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
5. CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2022

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's Church, Greasley

Sunday 16th April, 2023

Opening Prayers: Present / Apologies

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners, held on 8th May 2022
 Meeting of Parishioners – Election of Churchwardens 2023
 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 8th May 2022
2. Election of PCC Members
3. Election of Deanery Synod Members
4. The appointment of an independent Examiner or Auditor
5. Achievements and Performance:

A	Vicar's Report	I	Choir Master's Report
B	PCC Secretary	J	Social Committee Report
C	Electoral Roll Report	K	Parish Magazine
D	Financial Review	L	Deanery Synod
E	Property Committee Report	M	Safeguarding Report
F	Friends of St Mary's Report	N	Parish Oven Report
G	Greasley Christian Aid Report	O	Christmas Market Report
H	Tower Captain's Report		

6. Legacy Policy
7. Structure, Governance and Management
8. Risk Assessment
9. Administrative Information

Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

1. Minutes of 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A. Welcome and Prayer:

Meeting was chaired by Revd Denise Dodd, who also led us in prayer.

B. Meeting of the parishioners: -

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were proposed as being a true and accurate account of the meeting by Peter Stanton and seconded by Fiona Edwards.

Election of churchwardens

There were two nominations:

Derek Fletcher: Proposed by Sue Fletcher, seconded by Neil Taylor

John Timby: Proposed by Bob Willimott, seconded by Janet Hedderly

There being only two candidates and two vacancies, both were duly elected. Denise acknowledged the service and dedication of Melanie Clay who has resigned as church warden.

C. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Denise asked if these were a true account and for a proposal: **Peter Stanton** proposed that the 2021 APCM minutes were a true account. Seconded by **Fiona Edwards**.

Election of Deanery Synod members

Barbara Coleman and Patricia Higham remain as existing reps, though there is a vacancy for a third should anyone be interested.

Deanery Members now can only stand for two consecutive terms of three years (from the new 2020 Church Representative rule Book).

Election of PCC members

Denise informed the meeting that there were three vacancies on the PCC, Liz Wheeler having stepped down, but only one nomination, Phil Dobson, who was re-elected, having been proposed by Derek Fletcher and seconded by Fiona Edwards.

The two remaining spaces can be filled at a later date, giving us the option to co-opt people on.

Electoral Roll Report:

Report was read out by Ian Wheeler as Electoral Roll Officer. Meeting heard that the total on the Roll was now 108 – down from 114 previously – seven people having died, one having moved away from the parish and 11 non-attendees. There were, however, 13 new names added for 2022.

Treasurers' Report:

Report presented and people asked to come back with any questions should they have any. Denise told the meeting that St Mary's is not currently financially viable and that we are paying all essential bills and then paying a part of the Parish Share with what remains. On a good note, Neil Taylor has offered to take on the role of Treasurer and will be co-opted on to the PCC, working alongside Denise and the wardens to put together a budget for the forthcoming year.

Bob Willimott said he was pleased to hear that a Budget was being put together as there currently was not one and said it should be made available for all to see. Denise replied that it was her priority to be more open and smarter with regards to finance and that the time had come for us all to look at how we do discipleship and evangelism. She also reported that she was the first to say at Deanery Synod that we will only pay what we can afford and that it was time for all parishes to be more honest with the Diocese about finances in order for the Diocese to get the true picture.

Reports from groups:

Friends of St Mary's: Denise said she was pleased to see how it had grown.

Christian Aid: Janet, Katrine and all the team were congratulated.

Bellringers: Thanks to Emmi and recognition of the loss of Alison Loydall.

Choir: Thanks to David and all the choir. "Such a blessing to have a choir" -- Denise.

Open Door: People are taking it away from the tearooms where it is available in printed form. Congregation encouraged to provide articles.

Deanery Synod: No questions

Safeguarding: Safeguarding is increasingly important so PCC members and congregation urged to make sure they are up to date on training and to respond to anything which Barbara may ask them to do.

Parish Oven: Phil reported that since the APCM report only covers the calendar year Jan 2021 to December 2021, it doesn't show the full picture of just how successful the tearooms are. Up to date figures show a net income of £22,426. All money raised will be ring-fenced for the planned work on the Sexton's Cottage.

Worship and Prayer: Janet Davies offered a vote of thanks to Denise and Barbara.

Vicar's round-up:

Denise thanked Sharon Dobson who is stepping down as Verger after 10 years. Congregation were encouraged to come forward and volunteer in any way going forward.

She also thanked Derek Fletcher who has taken on a responsibility for the churchyards, not only during the interregnum but also since her arrival.

Thanks were also given to Barbara Coleman, Howard Jones for his assistance with the finances and to David Graves who has resigned as caretaker, and to Andrew Dobb for his work as administrator following Esther's departure. The PCC is currently looking to see if we can afford an administrator for 10 hours a week.

Meeting ended at 12.35pm

New PCC asked to remain behind to approve the co-opting of Neil Taylor as Treasurer. Proposed by Phil Dobson, seconded by Derek Fletcher. All in favour

2. Election of PCC members for 2023: Five vacancies to be filled

3. Election of Deanery Synod members for 2023: Three vacancies to be filled

4. Appointment of an independent Examiner or Advisor: Proposal needed

5. Achievements and performance

a) Vicar's report

AS I look over the last 12 months at St Mary's, the word 'Grace' has been coming to the forefront of my thoughts and prayers.

This past year has been one of experiencing God's grace in a variety of ways. Over the last year, I have encountered many signs of His grace within many things that have happened. I remain excited and expectant of all God's plans with the church and in our community!

Moving forward into 2022, as a worshipping community, there has been much organising, planning, discussing, doing, and achieving at St Mary's. We have been trying under God, to re-energise, restore, sometimes re-start, re-imagine, and renew our church life. Discussions have been had, decisions made, and actions taken.

There has, in summary, been a lot of hard work. Thank you for your part in all of this. As you reflect, I hope there has been something that has brought you a new sense of encouragement, help, comfort, inspiration, and joy!

St Paul reminds us that the church is a web of relationships, and the stark truth is 'If one part suffers, every part suffers with it, if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it' (*1 Corinthians 12 verse 26*).

So, I would like to say a public 'thank you' to all those involved in responsible roles at St Mary's, especially John Timby and Derek Fletcher as churchwardens. For their commitment to serving the Lord and St Mary's in this way. For Barbara Coleman in her role as Reader, Safeguarding and DBS Officer, and Pastoral Care.

For all who serve on the PCC and sub-committees as we seek new priorities and vision for the future mission of St Mary's. Neil Taylor for his incredibly efficient, faithful, and steadfast commitment to the treasury business of the church.

Anthony Kirby in his role as vergers (on Sundays and for all the weddings and funerals) and in addition as the person who maintains the grounds of the churchyard. He truly is a blessing to the church. Anthony, you are a shining example as a servant of the Lord – thank you so much.

Thirdly, my thanks to David Dobb, Fiona Edwards, Phil Currie, all members of the choir, sides stewards, readers, intercessors, and of course the bell-ringers all who contribute to the spiritual worship of St Mary's.

In addition, appreciation and thanksgiving are offered to those who continue to faithfully serve year on year in what they do for our common church life. As PCC secretary and editor of the parish magazine; those who are part of the social committee finding ways to fund-raise and to offer social gatherings and fun along the way; those who take the Food Bank donations to Eastwood; to members of the Christian Aid committee and Fairtrade stall, reminding us how we are all part of the worldwide Anglican communion.

Everyone's contribution is very much valued!

I truly believe that we are in a period of transition. 2022 allowed space and time to reflect, pray and think about what we need to become as a parish church with the mission of God at its heart. I think we may well look back and see how God used it as a 'fallow' year, ready for this year of investment and initiative, and to new growth in the coming years.

I feel privileged to be part of a church that is willing to listen to the needs of the wider community and especially those who are part of the worshipping community. I'm pleased that we have good examples of people sharing ideas and taking risks to see those things come about -- here are just a few examples as a way of encouragement:

- David Sawyer developed, alongside John Timby, the 'Art and Soul' group, in recognition of people's gifts not only in art but to also provide a time of mid-week fellowship. This has grown in numbers and is now becoming a weekly outreach for the majority of the year! We must continue to discern similar initiatives.
- Ian (and, of course, Liz) Wheeler, Phil and Sharon Dobson who continue to develop the Oven Parish Tearooms alongside all the dedicated volunteers. A wonderful initiative that demonstrates friendship and hospitality to all in the community through a space of welcome. Complimented by the welcome given to many people by Helen and Graham Thorman through the 'Book Nook' and the selling and planting of flowers to make the garden look fantastic! Thank you for bringing these visions to fruition!
- Julie Stanton, who alongside me, has led the new children's group 'BLAST – Bible Learning and Sharing Together' with an underpinning vision of 'Loving Jesus and Loving Others'. Space for children to explore faith in a time of fun and fellowship. It is a privilege to see the spiritual nurture given to all children who attend.
- Pauline Jackson continues to develop 'Friends of St Mary's' by inviting various speakers from the community to share their stories or skills and raise additional funds for St Mary's.

Alongside all of this, there have been many services and social events that have supported the local community and raised much-needed funds; support is given to our uniformed organisations; overseeing Christian Aid collections; donating to charities near and far through charitable giving; D H Lawrence Festival with acknowledgment to the local mining community; Lent course; the Queen's Jubilee and Thanksgiving service following her death; Church Open Day; Christmas Market; Christmas carol singing around Watnall -- and the list goes on.

Being a school governor for Greasley Beauvale Primary School has given me a unique place within the community of Greasley, so there is much that we could do to expand our ministry and share the gospel to reach out to families in the area.

Attending school classes and delivering assemblies has been a such joy and an opportunity to build relationships! Occasional offices of baptism, weddings, and funerals are vast and we need to think again about how we helpfully use these brief encounters with people at key times to draw them further into the life of the wider church.

On a more personal level, I am also aware that this year has been incredibly difficult for some of us in terms of enduring serious illness, bereavement, and

personal struggles. Sadly, in the last 12 months members of the church have died, and their legacy remains. May they continue to rest in peace and rise in glory.

Going forward, the PCC met with the Archdeacon of Newark to discuss the new vision for St Mary's. At present, I am preparing the 'Growing Discipleship Plan' (required by the Diocese) to reflect the church's vision. This will be further discussed with the PCC and shared with the wider congregation in the forthcoming months.

It is hard to get a sense of 'how' things will work out in these uncertain times, but in terms of 'what' will work out, we should take time to let things unfold and continue to pray for God to show us how we can best serve in the name of Jesus in this place in this time. I encourage us all to pray for the life of St Mary's Church.

Moving ahead, we have a big task to remain sustainable financially. This will underpin the ability to be a spiritual presence in our community in the way we know it and to meet our financial commitments.

The Parish Share, as we know, is a tough one, but I continue to trust that God is the source and if we do our best, then the rest will follow. We trust and leave the outcome in God's hands – whatever that may be. But I do believe we can still, with commitment and effort, play a significant part in the way the future of St Mary's might look for the future.

Proposed vision:

- To be a spiritual, prayerful, and dynamic church;
- To be a welcoming, inclusive, and joyful church;
- To be a church serving the whole community.

and the Priorities:

- Going Deeper into God: To encourage each person to develop and grow in their relationship with God.
- Transforming Communities: To become more involved, as a church, in the community.
- Making new Disciples: To explore the whole area of welcoming and nurturing and growing all of our church family.

Please pray into these longings and hopes – and if you have any ideas or thoughts about the life of our church or ways in which the above might happen, then please do share them with me or with the PCC. Consider where you could be making a difference, where you could share your skills, and where you could invite others to join in.

To end, investing in the future takes time. Gifts need to be discerned and then developed. Ideas need to be tried and then tested. There must be opportunities for initiatives to grow. There are no quick fixes.

As we listen to God, we must also remember that we are following His guidance and His timing.

With every blessing,

Revd Denise Dodd

b) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole Church. Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC. Members of the PCC, as of December 31st, 2022, are as follows:

Ms Denise Dodd (vicar & chairman)	Mr Anthony Kirby
Mr Derek Fletcher (churchwarden)	Mrs Julie Stanton
Mr John Timby (churchwarden)	Mr Peter Stanton
Mr Ian Wheeler (secretary)	Mrs Barbara Coleman (ex-officio, Deanery Synod rep)
Mr Phil Dobson	Mrs Patricia Higham (ex-officio, Deanery Synod rep)
Mrs Sharon Dobson	Mr Neil Taylor (ex-officio, Treasurer)
Mrs Sue Fletcher	
Ms Edith Hawley	
Mrs Lauren Howatson	
Mrs Pauline Jackson	

In a normal year the PCC meets for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary ones where necessary.

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

c) Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the Roll remains at 108, with 5 additions on last year and 5 removals (two deceased, and three non-attendees).

Of those on the Roll, 68 are resident in the parish and 40 live outside.

There are 75 females and 33 males on the Roll. The next full revision of the Roll is due in 2025.

Ian Wheeler, Electoral Roll Officer

d) Financial Review

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

St Mary's, Greasley financial accounts are managed and monitored by Neil Taylor, PCC Treasurer, who also has the role of Gift Aid Secretary. A summary of the accounts is regularly presented to the PCC which includes a forecast for the year ahead.

As usual, Pells Chartered Accountants have provided an independent examination of our accounts. Their report is attached herewith.

I would like to thank my predecessors, Melanie Clay and Derek Fletcher, and for the advice and assistance given by Howard Jones, Tania Cook and colleagues at Jubilee House, Southwell.

Regular giving by Gift Aid, including tax refund, and Pledges remains an important income source representing 27% of our total income – an increase of 16% on the previous year. At the start of 2022 we had 44 Gift Aiders and 10

d) Financial Review (cont)

Pledgers, by the year end this has increased to 63 and 32. The year also saw a dramatic increase in Plate receipts to £4,600, this being higher than the years leading up to the "Lockdown" years.

The Parish Share paid to Southwell for 2022 was set at £64,957. In last few years, the Parish Share was paid out of the Hill Top Mission Fund, which is now almost depleted.

The Parish Share is St Mary's contribution to Southwell Diocese to pay towards the running of the Diocese. This includes the vicar's salary; pension costs and providing a vicarage. It also pays towards the training of future incumbents within the Diocese.

It was apparent that we are not able to pay our full quota. A case was put to the Area Dean and Deanery Treasurer by me and Revd Denise Dodd detailing our predicament and what we could afford to pay. After a constructive meeting it was agreed that we would pay £36,000 for 2022. For 2023 the Parish Share was increased by 4% (£67,560) and we have stated that we would pay £37,440 with a review near the end of the year.

Since the Church House ceased being rented out the Church has been paying the Council Tax. After discussion with the council, they accepted that the house was no longer a domestic abode and refunded us £12,256. However, weeks later a notice was received that property was now reclassified as a business and along with a tax demand for £32,452. The council do accept that as a church building, we should not pay council tax but the procedure to get status changed is complex. Excluding Council Tax, the house was and still is a drain on our limited resources.

Net Fees from Wedding, Funerals and Monuments amounted to £18,679 representing 17% of our income. As space in the church yard runs out this source of income will begin to dry up.

Thanks go to all those who contribute time and talents, which are not shown in the accounts, which benefit our church so much.

The Parish Oven is a great success in many ways. Almost £22,000 (20% of our income) was made during 2022. This income is a restricted fund which is earmarked for the redevelopment of the Church House and Parish Room. Although income is not used to finance day-to-day running of the church, contributions are being made to offset the running costs of the Hall.

From the accounts it might appear that we paid less for our electric, gas and insurance compared to 2021. However, for 2022 I have separated these costs between the three building complexes. This is so we can see a more accurate picture of what each building is costing us to run. The overall cost of electric and has for 2022 was £8917 (£7812 – 2021) and for insurance was £5517 (£5358 – 2021).

Should anyone have any questions about our finances or gift aiding then please feel free to speak or e-mail me.

Neil Taylor, Treasurer

St. Mary's Greasley
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022
Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> £	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u> £	<u>2020</u> <u>Total</u> £
	note					
Donations and gifts	1	36,304	2,500	38,804	27,409	24,285
Trading Income	2	43,938	23,418	67,356	50,035	35,492
Investment income	3	1,405	4,224	5,629	27,682	84,797
Other income	4	303	0	303	647	1,577
Grants received	5	0	0	0	0	0
Missionary giving	6	0	251	251	348	0
Total Receipts		<u>81,950</u>	<u>30,393</u>	<u>112,343</u>	<u>106,121</u>	<u>146,151</u>
PAYMENTS						
Donations	8	0	603	603	304	208
Church activities	9	71,722	0	71,722	101,782	112,566
Total Payments		<u>71,722</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>72,325</u>	<u>102,086</u>	<u>112,774</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		10,227	29,790	40,017	4,035	33,377
Balances: B/F		38,900	16,001	54,900	50,865	17,488
Funds transfers						
Balances: C/F	11	<u>49,127</u>	<u>45,791</u>	<u>94,917</u>	<u>54,900</u>	<u>50,865</u>

St. Mary's Church Greasley

**Receipts and Payments Account
Expenses December 2022**

note	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	2022 Total	2021 Total	2020 Total
Charitable payments					
8 Donations and grants					
Other Mission	0	0	0	304	0
Christian Aid	0	267	267	0	0
Local Schools - attendance	0	86	86	0	0
Children's Society	0	250	250	0	208
	0	603	603	304	208
9 Church activities					
Parish share and fees	36000		36000	53056	67471
Clergy / Ministry expenses	315		315	0	0
Administration	29		29	7498	9808
Churchyard	2470		2470	1114	2820
Printing & stationery	1596		1596	1959	1735
Light & heat - Church	4931		4931	7812	6195
Insurance - Church	5020		5020	5358	5350
Repairs and Refurbishment	918		918	1973	0
Professional fees	600		600	702	816
Telephone	1086		1086	1129	1088
Organist	2045		2045	1685	1022
Other	610		610	1163	953
Licences	605		605	750	713
Church House Costs	-7275		-7275	4356	3353
Parish Oven	1000		1000	1039	0
Hall Running Costs	5130		5130	259	415
Pastoral Care	0		0	0	0
Alpha course	0		0	0	0
Investments	0		0	0	0
Funeral expenses	12339		12339	10649	8300
Visiting Preacher	0		0	537	1238
Family Worker	0		0	0	0
Family Worker Expenses	0		0	0	0
Wedding expenses	4302		4302	742	1289
	71722	0	71722	101782	112566

Greasley Parish Church
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

note

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total	2021 Total	2020 Total
1	Donations and gifts					
	Gift Aid	18326		18326	15297	14430
	Pledges	3717		3717	2613	3416
	Plate	4600		4600	974	568
	Donations	1920	2000	3920	590	1336
	Bequest		500	500	300	977
	Tax credits	7741		7741	7636	3558
		36304	2500	38804	27409	24285
2	Activities for generating funds					
	Hire of Hall	4745		4745	1580	3410
	Church House Rent	0		0	0	211
	Funerals	28065		28065	31844	30948
	Wedding fees	7255		7255	808	707
	Christmas Market	3663		3663	3671	36
	Open Day		1420	1420	0	0
	Parish Oven	0	21998	21998	11862	0
	Church Lights	210		210	270	180
		43938	23418	67356	50035	35492
3	Investment income					
	Funds from CBF	0	4224	4224	26270	83487
	Bank interest	1405	0	1405	212	0
	CBF Interest	0	0	0	1199	1310
		1405	4224	5629	27682	84797
4	Other income					
	Insurance claims	0		0	0	0
	Interregnum claim	0		0	543	1301
	Other	303		303	105	276
		303	0	303	647	1577
5	Grants received					
		0		0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
6	Missionary giving					
	Mission Covenants	0	0	0	348	0
	Other Mission	0	251	251	0	0
		0	251	251	0	0

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARYS GREASLEY
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		31/12/2022			30/09/2022	30/06/2022	31/03/2022	31/12/2021
		Total	Restricted	Unrestricted				
31/12/2021	Current Account	49,433.99	21,219.36	28,214.63				22,562.16
31/12/2021	Fees Account	50.63		50.63				10,317.90
31/12/2021	Petty Cash	85.99		85.99				109.93
31/12/2021	Smith Bequest Fund	4,661.93	4,661.93					4,044.37
31/12/2021	Hill Top Mission	8.84		8.84				4,232.84
31/12/2021	Rolleston Mansell Charities	218.42	218.42					203.64
31/12/2021	Social Committee	39,019.18	39,019.18					14,609.61
31/12/2021	638020002D 336	26.99		26.99	26.81	26.71	26.66	26.64
31/12/2021	638020003D 431	71.14		71.14	70.68	70.42	70.28	70.22
31/12/2021	638020004D Barber Fund	200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
31/12/2021	638020005D Lucy Lowe	218.42		218.42	217.00	216.20	215.77	215.58
31/12/2021	638020009D E Harwood	375.00		375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
31/12/2021	638020010D J Hartshorn	150.00		150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
31/12/2021	638020013D M Hancock	3,064.62		3,064.62	3064.62	3064.62	3064.62	3,064.62
31/12/2021	638020014D Dorothy Elizabeth Wain	11.49		11.49	11.42	11.38	11.36	11.35
31/12/2021	638057001D Hill Top Mission Church	24,704.09	24,704.09			24543.24		24,383.39
31/12/2021	638020001J R G Hanson	1,748.46		1,748.46		1728.42		1,922.34
31/12/2021	638020002S Church Expenses	371.91		371.91		373.17		420.96
31/12/2021	638030003S I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance	454.55	454.55			456.10		514.51
31/12/2021	638020004S Lindley Bequest Church Yard	330.58	330.58			331.71		374.19
31/12/2021	638020005S M Fryer Hill- Top Mission	289.26		289.26		290.24		327.41
31/12/2021	638020007S General Purpose J T Gilbert	289.26		289.26		290.24		327.41
31/12/2021	638020008S General Purpose Miss Pearson	537.20		537.20		539.02		608.05
31/12/2021	638020009S Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews	371.91		371.91		373.17		420.96
31/12/2021	638020010S Sunday School Fund	371.91	371.91			373.17		420.96
31/12/2021	638020011S Miss W A Leck Bequest	289.26		289.26		290.24		327.41
31/12/2021	638020012S Mrs Hilda Smith	371.91		371.91		373.17		420.96
31/12/2021	638020013S Mrs S E Wagstaff	764.47		764.47		767.07		865.31
31/12/2021	638020014S Rowley Bequest	579.55		579.55		581.52		656.00
31/12/2021	776624001S Rolleston& Mansell Educational	2,727.30	2,727.30			2732.51		3087.04
31/12/2021	138001048S SNDBF - Worrell	17,892.77		17,892.77				20,252.88
31/12/2021	138001079S SNDBF - Chancel Fund	4,338.89	4,338.89					4,911.21
31/12/2021	138002044D SNDBF - Chancel Fund	8,282.10	8,282.10					8,046.12
31/12/2021	138001013S SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund-income to be distributed at Christmas)	20,764.71	20,764.71					23,503.63
		183,076.73	127,093.02	55,983.71	4,115.53	38,157.32	4,113.69	151,984.60

FUNDS

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted				
Bell Tower Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00					
Pastoral Care Fund	488.17	488.17					313.17
Organ Fund	16.00	16.00					16.00
Roof Repair Fund	250.77	250.77					250.77
Mission	464.42	464.42					43.87
Junior Church Fund	371.91	371.91					420.96
Social Committee Fund	39,019.18	39,019.18					14,609.61
General Fund	55,983.71		55,983.71				67,262.12
Churchyard	785.13	785.13					888.70
Chancel Fund	12,620.99	12,620.99					12,957.33
Hill Top Mission Fund	24,704.09	24,704.09					24,383.39
Rolleston& Mansell Educational	2,945.72	2,945.72		24543.75	24453.24	24404.63	3,290.68
Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	20,764.71	20,764.71					23,503.63
Smith Bequest Fund	4,661.93	4,661.93					4,044.37
	183,076.73	127,093.02	55,983.71				151,984.60

Property - Insurance Valuation

Church - Building and Contents	10,000,000.00
Church Hall - Building and Contents	612,931.00
Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	346,662.00

		TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
1- OVERALL	EXPENDITURE	80,326	83,112
1- OVERALL	INCOME	86,121	86,205

1- OVERALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	5,795	3,093
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2- CHURCH	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
	Parish share	36000	37440	2022 + 4%
	Heat - Light	4931	6165	2022 + 25%
	Administrator	29	29	As 2022
	Insurance	5020	5467	As advised by Ecclesiastical
	Printing Stationery	1596	1660	2022 + 4%
	Organist	2045	2045	As 2022
	Repairs refurbishment	918	1500	
	Other	610	500	
	Telephone	1086	1086	As 2022
	Caretaker	0	0	As 2022
	Clergy/Ministry Expenses	315	315	As 2022
	Licenses	605	630	2022 + 4%
	Professional Fees	600	1320	2023 Actual
	Churchyard	2470	2570	2002 + 4%
	Donation	603	603	As 2022
	Visiting preacher	0	0	As 2022
	Pastoral care	0	0	As 2022
	Family worker	0	0	As 2022
	Family worker Expenses	0	0	As 2022

2- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	56,828	61,330
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2- CHURCH	INCOME			
	ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
	Gift Aid	18326	18326	As 2022
	Tax credit	7741	7741	As 2022
	Plate	4600	4600	As 2022
	Pledges	3717	3717	As 2022
	Christmas market	3663	3663	As 2022
	Open Day	1420	1420	As 2022
	Donations	3720	3720	As 2022
	Other	303	303	As 2022
	Interest	1405	1475	2022 + 5%
	Bequest	500	0	
	Church Lights	210	210	As 2022
	Missionary	251	210	As 2022

2- TOTAL INCOME	45,856	45,385
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2- CHURCH	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-10,972	-15,945
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3- HALL**EXPENDITURE**

ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
Gas	1891	2364	2022 + 25%
Electric	1134	1418	2022 + 25%
Insurance	331	361	As advised by Ecclesiastical
Maintenance	546	600	As 2022
Caretaker	699	0	
Effluent disposal	464	485	2022 + 4%
Sundries	65	70	2022 + 4%

3- TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,130	5,298
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3- HALL**INCOME**

ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
Hire	4745	5000	
Donations	200	500	
TOTAL INCOME	4,945	5,500	

3- HALL	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-185	202
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4- HOUSE	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
	Gas/Electric	961	1201	2022 + 25%
	Insurance	166	180	As advised by Ecclesiastical
	Water	317	330	As per Severn Trent
	Maintenance	283	283	As 2022
	Broxtowe	0	0	RE-CLASSIFIED

4 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,727	1,994
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4- HOUSE	INCOME			
	ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
	TOTAL INCOME	0	0	

4- HOUSE	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	-1,727	-1,994
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5- FEES	EXPENDITURE			
	ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
	Funeral / Monument Fees	12339	12339	As 2022
	Wedding Fees	4302	2151	50% of 2022
	5 -TOTAL EXPENDITURE	16,641	14,490	

5- FEES	INCOME			
	ACTIVITY	TOTAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	NOTE
	Funeral / Monument Fees	28065	28065	As 2022
	Wedding fees	7255	3627	50% of 2022
	5- TOTAL INCOME	35,320	31,692	

5 - FEES	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL	18,679	17,202
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Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of:

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31 December 2022

Charity number (if any):

Set out on pages:

Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (*other than that disclosed below**) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records, or
- statutory fees were not accounted for correctly.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

29/03/2023

Name:

MISS GEORGINA DEAKIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

ACCA

Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I HAVE NOT COME ACROSS ANY MATTERS FOR CONCERN WHEN REVIEWING THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022.
ON RECEIPT OF THE FIRST DRAFTS FROM THE CLIENT I DID FIND VARIOUS ISSUES WITH THE FORMULAS WHICH LEAD TO INCORRECT FIGURES ON INCOME SHEETS, HOWEVER WHEN I DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE CLIENT HE HAS AMENDED ALL AREAS HIGHLIGHTED AND THE FINAL DRAFTS WERE RE REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED TO BE CORRECT.

e) Property Committee report

Over the past year, property committee work has concentrated on catching up with a backlog of maintenance jobs which have accumulated over the interregnum and COVID lockdown period.

This in no way detracts from the sterling efforts of what might be regarded as a 'skeleton crew' during this time. Inevitably, jobs had to be put on the back burner and it is taking some time to bring them up to date. This is work that is ongoing and always needed. However, I think that some real progress has been made.

A brief outline of work carried out on the general maintenance of the church, church house, and the community hall, includes electrical work, plumbing, cleaning and the replacing of damaged or missing items. Most of this work has been recorded and systems have been set up to make this recording process much easier. It is, however, an ongoing process and future concentration will be on those areas that are legal requirements, namely fire and electrical safety, buildings security and insurance requirements.

Since the last report, storage has been improved greatly but there is still much more to do. Many obsolete and surplus items have been removed entirely or relocated to where they will do the most good. We have tried to do this with as much sympathy as possible, and I think we can say that nothing has been removed or destroyed without due consideration.

Among our successes are the replacement of the church floodlights with LED systems which should be easier to maintain and much more viable cost-wise in the future. Many people have commented favourably on our new bright, white, lights and there has been a steady increase in revenue from those who have booked the lights in memory of a loved one. Our thanks go to Frank Morgan who undertook this installation work free of charge.

In October last year we had a quinquennial inspection, and this flagged up some problems which will need addressing in the future. One critical item, however, is the much-needed repair work to the crenelation stones on the south-facing church wall. We are still negotiating with the architect and contractors regarding the quotes, but it is hoped that it will be completed in the very near future. Some other work may require additional outside funding, and this will be attended to as soon as we are able.

A disappointment came in early winter when, after much hard work by volunteers, the parish room was virtually destroyed by an influx of water from a leaky pipe joint. Later, during the pre-Christmas cold spell, another pipe burst and caused extensive damage to the ground floor rooms of the Sexton's cottage. The church insurance will cover the remedial work necessary and, at the time of writing, these areas have been dried out and await the attentions of an appointed building contractor.

Work goes on and will continue to do so while funds allow.

In concluding this report can I say that I am so grateful to all who have helped in so many ways. I could name names, but they all know who I am referring to.

There will be busy and challenging times ahead but it's also exciting and stimulating to be involved in maintaining such historic and beautiful buildings.

John Timby

f) Friends of St Mary's report

We had a very successful year resulting in a little over £1,000. This is earmarked for a new church notice board, subject to a faculty being obtained. Our numbers are still growing steadily with a healthy number of visitors attending. The group supplies homemade cakes for each meeting at their own expense and most speakers are from members of the congregation who don't want a fee. Usually, we give a small gift as a token of appreciation. We are very grateful for the generosity of Church members and their continuing support.

Our talks have covered a variety of topics and all are very well received from members and visitors alike.

I have a marvellous team working with me and the first big event, the Strawberry Tea, was a huge success and a sell-out, despite the extremely hot weather. Over 50 tickets were sold and almost £300 was raised.

Dave Sawyer demonstrated painting with plastic carrier bags which is what he used to paint the Easter Scene on the Altar which was a vision Denise had and she introduced Dave and explained what she had in mind for Easter. John Timby made the frame to house the painting. It was one of the hottest days of the year but the Community Hall was very cool and cold drinks were served throughout the afternoon.

We had some very good feedback and a follow-up meeting involving all helpers to ascertain what went well and what could be improved upon was a very informative and successful exercise, resulting in two new committee members, Janet and June, who are always willing helpers and an asset to Friends and St. Mary's.

I thank all the small but willing committee for their continuing hard work and without whose help and support our fundraising for our beautiful Church wouldn't exist.

I would like to also thank members and visitors who have supported us in this very successful first year and look forward to seeing even more new members and visitors in 2023.

Pauline Jackson

g) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

During the last year we have seen a gradual return to our usual activities. Unfortunately the pandemic has hastened the end of our house-to-house collection for Christian Aid Week after over 50 years of our stalwart collectors knocking on doors and literally begging for others. We were joined by our friends at Newthorpe Baptist Church for many of those years and thank them most sincerely. Everyone who has collected for us over the years has contributed towards raising thousands of pounds for the work of Christian Aid and truly made a difference to so many lives.

Christian Aid Week 2022, which highlighted mothers trying to provide food

for their children with an emphasis on Zimbabwe, raised £1,290 through Church Collection envelopes both in our church and in Newthorpe Baptist Church. More recently we were able to send £1,243.75 to the Earthquake Appeal for Turkey and Syria and also £500 to the Christmas Appeal

Traidcraft has been an important activity for this group since we were started off by the Revd Debbie Peatman all those years ago. However, very sadly, Traidcraft went into administration recently. We remember, with great respect, that Traidcraft carried the banner for Fairtrade for over 40 years and we remember all the producers who have lost an important market for their goods as well as all those at Gateshead who will have lost their jobs. It is likely that it will be rescued by the interim CEO under a new name. We wait to see but we are determined that Fairtrade will continue at Greasley.

During the financial year which ran from 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022, we achieved sales totalling £3,641.07. With the return of our Church Sunday Stall and Traidcraft Day, this saw an increase of 7-25% on the previous year. We owe all our customers a very big thank you. For example at our Traidcraft Day in October, £320 was raised directly for Christian Aid and £1,520 of Traidcraft goods were sold.

Very sadly we lost our dear friend and faithful supporter Liz Wheeler this year. Liz collected in her road for many years and supported and encouraged us always. Over £700 was given in her memory for the work of Christian Aid. She will always be an inspiration to us all.

We also remember Sheila Hazledine who was one of the original house-to-house collectors. She continued to collect in Watnall year after year until the pandemic struck. We express our gratitude and thanks for the support she so willingly gave us.

We are so thankful for the support of Denise our Vicar, and the PCC as we continue our work for Christian Aid in a changing situation, and for the continuing support and generosity of this Church Family. Without it we could achieve nothing – we are so grateful.

Again, we have come full circle as we prepare for Christian Aid Week 2023, supporting mothers caring for their children with a particular reference to Malawi where Christian Aid has worked for 20 years. This year we will have a speaker from Christian Aid and a collection at Morrison's Eastwood as well as the Church Envelopes, so things are looking up!

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

h) Tower Captain Report

During 2022, ringing at Greasley gradually returned to normal, following the Covid pandemic. Ringers weren't required to wear masks and the window and door to the ringing chamber no longer had to remain open for ventilation purposes, though these practices were applied when necessary. Regular ringing practice resumed as well as service ringing on Sundays.

There was a significant number of weddings at Greasley in 2022, and the majority (10) requested bells. With the support of ringers from Eastwood and across the county, we were able to ring for each couple.

One of the outcomes of the pandemic was increased collaboration between Greasley and Eastwood towers, which means that ringing can continue to thrive at Greasley. We are most grateful for the support Eastwood ringers provide at our Wednesday practices and for weddings. At the beginning of 2022, three people showed an interest in learning to ring, and all commenced learning rope handling. I am pleased to say that Natalie and Pete were not put off and decided to join the band! Both made such good progress that it wasn't long before they were ringing for Sunday services and weddings.

Later in the year we welcomed Neil, a member of the church congregation and already an established ringer, to the band. This brings the number of ringers to seven.

Regular maintenance of the bells and cleaning of the tower resumed. There were no major issues to deal with, but the stay on the fifth was discovered to have a crack, and required replacing. The perennial problem of flies in the bell chamber became increasingly troublesome as the summer wore on. They were dealt with using 'smoke bombs' during the early Autumn.

We are grateful to Graham for keeping the bells in good order, and for advice given by other members of the Southwell & Nottingham Guild of Bell Ringers.

As well as Sunday service ringing, there were one or two events for which we rang. The first of these was the funeral of Alison Loydall, held in February 2022. Alison had been a ringer at Greasley for over 40 years, and passed away suddenly in January 2022. We also attempted a quarter peal in March, in Alison's memory. June saw the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and another quarter peal attempt. Then, sadly, in September we rang the bells, fully muffled, for the announcement of the death and for the funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. Following this, we rang for the proclamation of King Charles III.

September also saw the centenary of the augmentation to eight bells at Greasley. To commemorate this, a quarter peal was rung in December. The method chosen was Grandsire triples, which was fitting, as it was the method rung for the first recorded peal (1926) on eight bells at Greasley.

I would like to thank all members of the band for their commitment to keeping the bells ringing at Greasley. We can look forward to interesting times with our new band members and collaborations with local towers.

A final thank you must go to Revd Denise for all her encouragement and support for our service to the church.

Emmi Checkley
Tower Captain

i) Choir Master's Report

The last twelve months have seen many highs and lows for our choir. Many choir members have suffered the loss of loved ones, while others have experienced ill-health, preventing them from meeting with us. Sadly, we have sung at several church funerals.

However, our choir community has continued to grow, with the inclusion of more younger members -- thank you to our 'choir parents' who attend practices every time.

Our choir highlights include the 'Jubilee Anthem' for which we worked with Martin Perry and his guitar to sing the Rend Collective, Mal Pope and Graham Kendrick composition "Rise up and Serve".

Our Carol Service also included collaboration with Martin -- our "Stille Nacht" proved to be a spiritual blessing to both the choir and the congregation. Our younger members did us proud, learning to work with sound technology.

During the year we have explored contemporary worship songs, including music by Hillsong, Matt Redman and others, while still continuing to sing traditional favourites.

Thank you to all choir members, Denise, Martin and the congregation for their support.

An additional note from David:

I feel that the time is now right for me to stand aside as Choirmaster and Organist, having enjoyed over seven years in these posts. Wendy and I would love to continue to worship at St. Mary's.

David Dobb.
Organist and Choirmaster

j) Social Committee Report

The social committee meets throughout the year to plan events which not only help raise money for our church but, also provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting.

The committee is currently made up of five core members, with extra helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments.

Any profit raised from our events is set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. In the past we have paid for the redecoration of the church hall; contributed towards church roof repairs and provided new mugs, tables and chairs for the church hall, as well as new curtains for the top room. Just before Christmas we bought six new long tables for the hall.

For various reasons, the committee did not meet formally during 2022, but its members were kept busy running the Parish Oven tearooms and were actively involved in the celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and, as ever, were on hand to provide refreshments for the annual Christmas Market and the Carols by Candlelight service. We hope to resume normal service in 2023!

Ian Wheeler
Social Committee Secretary

k) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

Our church magazine, Open Door, switched to being available online-only at the beginning of the Covid pandemic and is available by visiting the church website. It has yet to return to a printed version, and given the cost involved it is unlikely that we will again, in the near future at least.

I do print off a handful of copies for customers at the Parish Oven and they are proving to be very popular, with most of them being taken away by visitors. Members of our closed-group Facebook page will know that I flag up whenever a new edition is ready and also ask that, wherever possible, people consider printing off a copy for any friends or neighbours who they think might enjoy reading it.

I am grateful to those regular contributors who continue to come up with the goods every two months, without me even having to make any suggestions as to what they might write.

Anyone else who feels that they might be able to contribute in any way is more than welcome to send in articles or photographs. Please do get in touch!

Ian Wheeler, Editor

l) Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, these being Barbara Coleman and Pat Higham. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

The Deanery Synod representatives (the Vicar and two elected representatives from Greasley) met four times during the year to share their parish news with the other churches. Parish treasurers were invited to one of the meetings where the deanery treasurer outlined the Parish share expected by the diocese from each parish. A discussion followed.

An away day was held at Brinsley church with Archdeacon Tors who chaired a meeting to look at the way forward for St Mary's.

Reports were given to the PCC as necessary.

Barbara Coleman

m) Safeguarding report

No safeguarding issues have been reported. All the required paperwork under the Code of Safer Working Practice has been completed.

Safeguarding training for people holding positions of responsibility within church continues to be undertaken and renewed as required. DBS requirements have been followed and checks and renewals carried out as necessary.

DBS and Safeguarding updates continue to be sent out from the Diocese and are acted upon as necessary and I have attended the various compulsory PSO and DBS updates from Southwell Diocese.

The Parish Dashboard continues to be updated and can be monitored by the Diocese.

Thank you to everyone who has kept up to date with all the required training.

Barbara Coleman
Safeguarding Co-Ordinator & DBS Officer

n) Parish Oven Report

The Parish Oven continues to grow from strength to strength and has become very much a part of both church and community life, especially when we were all recovering from our brush with COVID .

We acknowledge that our customers have been through probably the most challenging times for decades, which has left them fearful for their health and financially insecure, however we continued to open our doors and were delighted that our customers felt they were able to give us their continued support.

The Parish Oven has become a safe place where the community can visit for refreshments, a warm space and a chat in amongst -- not only friends -- but our ever-present Church family.

Our varied customers are confirmed regulars, cyclists, walking groups, visitors from other churches, funeral attendees, DH Lawrence devotees, passing trade and, of course, a dedicated section of our church community

All income from the Parish Oven is shown as a one line on the church accounts, this is supported by detailed accounts which show all income and expenditure on a weekly basis and are available for inspection on request.

I am pleased to confirm that our total income for the year January 2022 to December 2022 is £21,998.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteer staff and cake makers for their tireless efforts over the last 12 months together with all those within our church and wider community who have supported us with their custom and at times generous donations.

May God continue to pour his blessings on you all.

Phil Dobson

o) Christmas Market report

The 2022 Christmas Market began as normal with a frenzy of activity starting on the Tuesday prior. However, we were soon to realise that we would be without our chief organiser Ian, as he advised us that Liz was too ill to be left on her own and we would have to manage without him. There was an amazing response by all concerned and the market was erected in record time with everyone pulling together and working as a well-rehearsed team. On the Friday morning collective prayers were said for Liz and Ian. Shortly afterwards we were advised that Liz had sadly passed away. With this devastating knowledge it was decided by all that the market should carry on in Liz's honour and everyone put their shoulder to the wheel. The market was a resounding success and raised a final total of £3,663 for church funds.

I would like to personally thank all those who were involved in the market, together with other co-opted volunteers, for all your hard work and enthusiasm and I know that Liz would have been proud of you all, as was I.

**God's Blessings
Phil Dobson**

6. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that – wherever possible – reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

7. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by

the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

St Mary's has one paid member of staff. PAYE payroll and a workplace pension scheme are also in place.

8. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

9. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Names of advisors:

1. Architect: Allan Joyce Architects
2. Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1. Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF
2. Barclays Bank Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RB
3. CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
4. CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) 2021

Approved by the PCC on 13.4.2021

and signed on its behalf by Mr Derek Fletcher (PCC Chair)

Mr D. Fletcher..... (Senior Churchwarden)



Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Greasley, May 4th, 2021

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1. Minutes of 2020

Present:	Chair Mrs. T Cook (Churchwarden/Treasurer)		
	Derek Fletcher (Church Warden)	Mr. S Henshaw (Secretary/Electoral Roll officer)	
	25 members of the congregation <i>One of the members is a clerk in Holy Orders so unable to vote.</i>		
Apologies:	Chris Johnston	Dennis Pickworth	Emmi Checkley Given at end of meeting by Alison Loydall

A. Welcome and Prayer:
Barry Cooney led us in Prayer. Meeting Chaired by Tania Cook

B. Meeting of the parishioners: -
Tania Cook asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the last report. None were raised.
Tania Cook then asked if these were a true account and for a proposal:

Philip Dobson proposed that the 2019 minutes were a true account, this was seconded by Fiona Edwards

Election of churchwardens
We have 2 people standing:
Derek Fletcher: Proposed by Eileen Exley, seconded by Melanie Clay
Melanie Clay: Proposed by Susan Fletcher, seconded by Eileen Exley
Who were both duly elected to the position of churchwarden.

Tania Cook then gave way for Derek Fletcher to chair the meeting.

C. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting:
Derek Fletcher asked if these were a true account and for a proposal:

Philip Dobson proposed that the 2019 APCM minutes were a true account Seconded by Eileen Exley.

Election of Deanery Synod members
Derek Fletcher informed the meeting that there were three people standing for the Deanery election and three spaces. He then read out the nominations: -

Nominee	Proposer	Second	Elected
Barbara Coleman	Tania Cook	Stephen Henshaw	Duly elected
Eileen Exley	Melanie Clay	Brenda Hind	Duly elected
Dennis Pickworth	Barbara Coleman	Philip Dobson	Duly Elected

Deanery Members now can only stand for two consecutive terms of three years (from the new 2020 Church Representative rule Book)

Election of PCC members
Derek Fletcher informed the meeting that there were five people standing for the PCC election and five spaces. Derek Fletcher then read out the nominations: -

Nominee	Proposer	Second	Elected
Ian Wheeler	Janet Davies	Fiona Edwards	Duly elected
Derek Burnett	Brenda Hind	John Hind	Duly elected
Anthony Kirby	Melanie Clay	Susan Fletcher	Duly Elected

Peter Stanton	Derek Burnett	Dennis Pickworth	Duly elected
Tania Cook	Stephen Henshaw	Derek Fletcher	Duly elected

Derek Fletcher then stated that as there were only five nominations that they are all duly elected to the PCC.

Concern was raised that people had not been made aware that there were so many vacancies on the PCC and also that the Deanery was up. It was answered that the meeting advertisements had been displayed for April and also September with the same numbers of spaces on the principal door into church. It was suggested to look at this for next year and possible email out this information.

D. Electoral Roll Report:

Report was read out by Stephen Henshaw as Electoral Roll Officer.

*Philip Dobson asked how many on the list were active church worshippers Stephen spoke on this saying that 80 – 90% at a guess were regular attenders but what do we class as regular as some people only attend for Christian festivals? He also explained how we remove people from the list and also the six-year cycle process by which the entire Roll has to be completely revised. He also informed the meeting that wedding couples are on here due to their connection for marriage but not all remain, however last time we had a few couples re-apply to be on the roll. Phil then went onto talk about how much each person would need to give. **(see questions 1 section H below for this.)***

E. Treasurers Report:

1. T Cook informed the PCC that there had been a decrease in giving and an increase in the Parish Share.
2. T Cook also informed that church hall bookings have been increasing which has slightly helped to meet the difference.
3. T Cook said that we will need to look at more options for funding going forward.
4. She also informed the meeting that finances are going to become difficult going forward and that fundraising would be a key element of discussion for the PCC.

Questions asked: - NONE

5. Tania then thanked Melanie Clay for all the hard work she has done with her role as Giving Secretary and data inputting into the spreadsheet.

Derek Fletcher then asked if a proposal could be made to accept the accounts:

A proposal was made by Pauline Jackson that we accept the accounts for 2019. This was seconded by Brenda Hind.

- F.** Safeguarding report from Barbara Coleman: No safeguarding issues had been reported this year. Barbara informed the meeting that we will need to look at PCC members and their level of safeguarding training this year.

- G.** Interregnum report from Ian Wheeler: Ian informed the meeting that the draft profile had been sent to Southwell back in February but, despite several emails, it had still not been approved. Pat Higham then spoke on this and explained the frustration that she and the team have felt over this process.

Fiona Edwards then thanked the team for all the hard work and effort that has been put into the Parish Profile

- H. Tania Cook then informed the meeting that this would be Stephen Henshaw's last role as PCC secretary and we would like to give a token of thanks for all his hard work over the years. Stephen then thanked them for this kind gesture and stated that it had been a pleasure to serve all these years but that, with a second child on the way, his life was 'about to become even more interesting'.
- I. David Dobb then said that he would like to thank Tania for all her hard work as Churchwarden over the years. Tania replied she was glad to have done the role with its ups and downs but was now ready to pass on after 10 years of service.
- J. Derek Fletcher then asked if anyone had any question:
1. **Philip Dobson spoke on the Electoral Roll and how much each individual on the roll would need to give to church just so we can pay our parish share.**
Tania Cooked replied that, going forward, it is going very difficult with regards to the finances and we will need to start and look at ways to fund-raise and the PCC will continue to discuss this at meetings as we have not in previous years. But we are in for a very challenging time ahead.
 2. **Rosemary Cooney then suggested that we should have a way of allowing people to donate via the website.**
Tania said she thought that this was already on the website but would ask Esther to check and, if not, to re-advertise this.
Melanie Clay then informed the meeting that when this was done at the start of the Covid-19 situation only one person gave by this method.
 3. **Fiona Edwards asked about how the booking system was working and that it was costing church to use it and how she felt there were empty seats on Sundays. She then offered to manage this process going forward.**
Tania then said that it would be good to chat with Esther to pass this on as no-one has yet offered to do this part of her role.
 4. **Barry Cooney asked if the Area Dean had approved the risk assessment for communion to be served.**
Derek replied that it had been sent to her but he had not had a reply back as of yet but we will ask Esther to chase this up with Fiona.
 5. **Pauline Jackson asked when can we use the church hall for meetings?**
Derek informed the meeting that due to the Rule of Six they are unable to have meetings at present and that we are only allowed to hold meetings which support the running of the church and also worship.

Meeting finished with the Grace at 19:45

2. Election of Parochial Church Council Members 2021

Eight vacancies to be filled.

3. Election of Deanery Synod member

One vacancy to be filled

4. Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

5. Objectives and activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an

overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

6. Achievements and performance

a) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole Church. Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC.

The members of the PCC are as follows: Melanie Clay (Churchwarden), Derek Fletcher (Churchwarden), Tania Cook, Barbara Coleman, Phil Dobson, Eileen Exley, Stephen Henshaw, Brenda Hind, Dennis Pickworth, Peter Stanton, Anthony Kirby, Derek Burnett and Ian Wheeler.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two former stalwarts of the PCC who stepped down this year – Alan Boyden, who has relocated to Cornwall, and Wendy Taylor, social committee chair and a former PCC secretary of many years' service.

Thank you also to my predecessor as PCC secretary, Stephen Henshaw, and congratulations to him and Esther on the safe arrival of their new daughter. While Esther is on maternity leave Andrew Dobb is our administrator.

Finally, thank you to our vergers and caretaking team who keep everything running as smoothly as possible – even during a pandemic! – and, of course, to Barbara and Barry for their continuing ministry in these unprecedented times.

In a normal year the PCC would meet for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary meetings where necessary. During 2020 the majority of meetings took place via Zoom as a result of Lockdown. This is not an ideal way in which to conduct business but it is one which the whole world seems to have become very quickly accustomed to and, in the event, enabled the PCC to continue "business as usual".

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and Lockdown, last year's Annual Church Meeting was put back from the planned date of April 23rd until September 30th, when a brief lifting of Lockdown regulations meant it was able to go ahead in church.

Incidentally, although Annual Church Meetings have, traditionally, had to be held before the last day of April, that ruling has been changed within the last couple of years and meetings must now be held between January 1 and May 31.

In addition to spending the majority of 2020 in Lockdown, St Mary's has also been in interregnum, following the retirement of Dave Marvin in 2019 – something of a double whammy! The interregnum steering group has met regularly throughout the year to produce our Parish Profile and has been aided in no small measure by the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Venerable Phil Williams. With his patience, guidance and good humour we have reached the stage where the Profile has been approved and we can move forward to the next stage of the process and begin advertising for a new incumbent. Please see the Interregnum Group report later in this document.

Finally, they say that "Necessity is the mother of invention" and this past year has seen church members find new and innovative ways of keeping in touch with and supporting each other during these difficult times.

Back in April, as the first Lockdown began to tighten its grip and we all realised that we were in this for the long haul, a "Friends of St Mary's" Facebook group was set up. Within exactly a week of its formation we had linked up with, checked up on, and accounted for more than 92 members of our church family. Since then it has gone from strength to strength, with 55 members who share news, photographs, and pass on greetings from parishioners who don't "do" social media.

In addition, during the summer when we were still able to hold church services, but were unable to serve coffee afterwards in the church hall, a group of regulars met up for outdoor, socially-distanced, coffee at Beauvale Priory each Sunday.

People have also formed small groups who keep in touch via email; others regularly Facetime friends; and there are others who make it a point, during their daily walk, to call in on – when allowed – or simply wave enthusiastically through the window to church members who are, perhaps, living alone. There are, of course, countless other acts of kindness which have helped sustain us all throughout these difficult times.

People talk of the wartime spirit, but here we have "the Greasley spirit" and, with it, all bodes well for the future,

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

b) Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the Roll is 114, with six additions on last year and 12 removals (two deceased, four moved away from the area, six non-attendees).

Of those on the Roll, 74 are resident in the parish and 40 live outside. There are 77 females and 37 males on the Roll.

Electoral Roll Officer
Ian Wheeler

c) Financial Review

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

St Mary's Church Greasley's financial accounts are managed and monitored by the Treasurer. The accounts are processed by Mrs. Melanie Clay (Gift Aid Secretary). A concise copy of the accounts showing 3-month activity is provided to the PCC prior to the meeting for questions and discussion.

As usual, a full check of the accounts has been completed by Pells Chartered Accountants.

The regular giving scheme is the most important source of income that we have, as it gives us approximately 17% of our total income. This is down by 7% compared to 2019. At the end of December 2019, we had 63 regular givers (52 Gift Aid and 11 pledges) and at the end of December 2020 there were 51 regular givers (40 Gift Aid and 11 pledges). The plate donations were down by £2840 in 2020 – nearly 83% down on 2019. In 2020 the plate donations worked out on average at 36p per person.

The figures are reflective of the extremely difficult year 2020 has been.

Going forward, the Parish Share for 2021 is £44,206 including the deduction of the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance Support Fund 2021 total of £9,600.

I would like to record my thanks to Melanie Clay who has helped me in the past year as our regular accounts data processor and gift aid secretary and the PCC for their continued support.

I submit the accounts for 2020 and ask that they be accepted by the meeting.

Tania Cook (Hon. Treasurer)

St. Mary's Parish Church Greasley							
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020							
Receipts and Payments Account							
RECEIPTS		Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019	2018	
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total	Total	
		£	£	£	£	£	
	note						
Donations and gifts	1	24,285	0	24,285	31,522	57,051	
Trading Income	2	35,492	0	35,492	61,763	62,570	
Investment income	3	0	84,797	84,797	65,989	1,236	
Other income	4	1,577	0	1,577	2,279	1,852	
Grants received	5	0	0	0	0	5,000	
Missionary giving	6	0	0	0	198	175	
Total Receipts		61,354	84,797	146,151	161,751	127,884	
PAYMENTS							
Donations	8	0	208	208	290	246	
Church activities	9	112,565	0	112,565	150,977	125,601	
Total Payments		112,565	208	112,772	151,267	125,847	
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		-51,211	84,589	33,378	10,483	2,037	
Balances: B/F		13,185	4,302	17,487	7,004	4,967	
Funds transfers		84,797	-84,797	0	0	0	
Balances: C/F	11	46,771	4,095	50,866	17,487	7,004	

Expenses

St. Mary's Church Greasley									
Receipts and Payments Account									
Expenses December 2020									
				2020	2019	2018			
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total	Total			
	Funds	Funds							
	£	£							
Charitable payments									
Donations and grants									
Childrens Society		208		208	290	246			
	0	208		208	290	246			
Church activities									
Parish share and fees	67471			67471	60048	58092			
Clergy expenses	0			0	1063	767			
Administrator	9808			9808	10636	8593			
Caretaker	2820			2820	5460	3376			
Printing & stationery	1735			1735	2426	2380			
Light & heat	6195			6195	9901	8538			
Insurance	5350			5350	5460	4029			
Repairs and Refurbishment	0			0	2729	1183			
Professional fees	816			816	1111	1110			
Telephone	1088			1088	1518	1415			
Organist	1022			1022	2170	2100			
Other	953			953	3900	3639			
Licences	713			713	698	679			
Church House Expenses	3353			3353	1941	4372			
Hall Running Costs	415			415	1593	3527			
Social Committee	0			0	0	0			
Pastoral Care	0			0	5	51			
Alpha course	0			0	0	0			
Investments	0			0	8400	0			
Funeral expenses	8300			8300	13757	15662			
Visiting Preacher	1238			1238	1772	827			
Family Worker	0			0	12098	0			
Family Worker Expenses	0			0	272	0			
Wedding expenses	1289			1289	4019	5262			
	112565	0		112565	150977.48	125601.16			

Income

Greasley Parish Church								
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020								
Receipts and Payments Account								
Donations and gifts								
					2020	2019	2018	
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total	Total	
		Funds	Funds					
		£	£					
	Gift Aid	14430			14430	19252	18771	
	Pledges	3416			3416	3234	3340	
	Plate	568			568	3408	4288	
	Donations	1336			1336	790	4804	
	Bequest	977			977	0	21000	
	Tax credits	3558			3558	4837	4849	
		24285	0		24285	31522	57051	
Activities for generating funds								
	Hire of Hall	3410			3410	9814	8378	
	Church House Rent	211			211	0	3182	
	Funerals	30948			30948	36281	35036	
	Wedding fees	707			707	6030	8309	
	Victorian Market	36			36	4434	5475	
	Open Day	0			0	1956	0	
	Social Committee	0			0	2748	1850	
	Church Lights	180			180	500	340	
		35492	0		35492	61763	62570	
Investment income								
	Funds from CBF	0	83487		83487	64710	0	
	Bank interest	0	0		0	0	0	
	CBF Interest	0	1310		1310	1279	1236	
		0	84797		84797	65989	1236	
Other income								
	Insurance claims	0			0	0	0	
	Interregnum claim	1301			1301	1201	0	
	Other	276			276	1078	1852	
		1577	0		1577	2279	1852	
Grants received								
		0			0	0		
		0			0	0	0	
Missionary giving								
	Mission Covenants	0	0		0	0	0	
	Other Mission	0	0		0	198	175	
		0	0		0	198	175	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S GREASLEY											
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020											
				31/12/2020		30/09/2020	30/06/2020	31/03/2020	31/12/2019		
			Total	Restricted	Unrestricted						
31/12/2020		Current Account	8,608.93	579.94	8,028.99	10479.37	6173.96	8594.69	9,775.01		
31/12/2020		Fees Account	6484.70		6,484.70	8639.70	6607.70	6957.50	4,024.30		
31/12/2020		Petty Cash	172.99		172.99	215.47	-8.74	-8.74	78.52		
31/12/2020		Smith Bequest Fund	3,447.09	3,447.09		3299.15	3154.43	3,009.71	2,870.32		
31/12/2020		Hill Top Mission	31018.84		31,018.84	15833.84	71.84	15,833.84	1.84		
31/12/2020		Rolleston Mansell Charities	145.35	145.35		125.92	106.91	69.59	168.28		
31/12/2020		Social Committee	2,747.60	2,747.60		2747.60	2747.60	2,747.60	2,747.60		
31/12/2020	638020002D		336 26.63		26.63	26.61	26.58	26.55	26.51		
31/12/2020	638020003D		431 70.19		70.19	70.15	70.08	70.01	69.89		
31/12/2020	638020004D	Barber Fund			200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		
31/12/2020	638020005D	Lucy Lowe			215.46	215.34	215.12	214.91	214.55		
31/12/2020	638020009D	E Harwood			375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00		
31/12/2020	638020010D	J Hartshorn			150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		
31/12/2020	638020013D	M Hancock			3,064.62	3064.62	3064.62	3064.62	3,064.62		
31/12/2020	638020014D	Dorothy Elizabeth Wain			11.35	11.35	11.34	11.33	11.30		
31/12/2020	638057001D	Hill Top Mission Church	50,630.20	50630.20		77114.57	87539.03	108458.38	129,278.48		
31/12/2020	638020001J	R G Hanson			1,635.47		1498.27		1,483.68		
31/12/2020	638020002S	Church Expenses			368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638030003S	I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance		449.83	449.83		418.17	423.94	420.77		
31/12/2020	638020004S	Lindley Bequest Church Yard		327.15	327.15		304.12	308.32	306.02		
31/12/2020	638020005S	M Fryer Hill- Top Mission		286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78	267.76		
31/12/2020	638020007S	General Purpose J T Gilbert		286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78	267.76		
31/12/2020	638020008S	General Purpose Miss Pearson		531.61	531.61		494.20	501.02	497.28		
31/12/2020	638020009S	Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews		368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638020010S	Sunday School Fund		368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638020011S	Miss W A Leck Bequest		286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78	267.76		
31/12/2020	638020012S	Mrs Hilda Smith		368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638020013S	Mr S E Wagstaff		756.53	756.53		703.28	712.99	707.66		
31/12/2020	638020014S	Rowley Bequest		573.53	573.53		533.16	540.52	536.48		
31/12/2020	776624001S	Rolleston& Mansell Educational		2,698.96	2698.96		2508.99		2410.91		
31/12/2020	138001048S	SNDBF - Worrell		17,742.00	17,742.00		16,812.52	16,687.82	16,563.12		
31/12/2020	138001079S	SNDBF - Chancel Fund		4,293.81	4,293.81				4,016.46		
31/12/2020	138002044D	SNDBF - Chancel Fund		7,917.18	7,917.18				7,763.52		
		SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be distributed at Christmas)									
31/12/2020	138001013S		20,589.74	20,589.74					19,221.63		
			167,215.67	94,194.89	73,020.78	122,568.68	135,945.06	171,146.37	209,164.11		
FUNDS				Total	Restricted	Unrestricted					
		Pastoral Care Fund	313.17	313.17							
		Organ Fund	16.00	16.00							
		Roof Repair Fund	250.77	250.77							
		Social Committee Fund	2,747.60	2,747.60							
		Junior Church Fund	368.04	368.04							
		Mission	0.00	0.00							
		General Fund	73,020.78		73,020.78						
		Churchyard	776.98	776.98							
		Chancel Fund	12,210.99	12,210.99							
		Hill Top Mission Fund	50,630.20	50,630.20							
		Rolleston& Mansell Educational	2,844.31	2,844.31							
		Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	20,589.74	20,589.74							
		Smith Bequest Fund	3,447.09	3,447.09							
			167,215.67	94,194.89	73,020.78						
Property - Insurance Valuation											
		Church - Building and Contents	10,000,000.00								
		Church Hall - Building and Contents	612,931.00								
		Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	346,662.00								

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number (if applicable):

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the following requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
 - to account for statutory fees correctly.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

7 April 2021

Name:

MR MARK BURNELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACA

Address:

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1 DERBY ROAD
EASTWOOD
NOTTINGHAM
NG16 3PA

d) Mothers Union Report

The new programme for 2020 was off to a flying start with a talk from Sheila Over on plants in January and, in February, a Pancake Day lunchtime meeting with home-made soups and freshly-baked rolls followed by pancakes liberally sprinkled with sugar and the citrus juice of choice. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Then Covid struck our shores and we were locked down and the Mothers Union has not been able to have a meeting since.

I have continually kept in touch with members either by email or telephone or in the case of Sue Pinkney, masked visits to take a lunch when she emerged from hospital, for which she seems to be very pleased.

The members chose to suspend their membership of MU as not only was head office still requiring membership money but had yet again increased the subscriptions.

An email was sent to the Diocesan Secretary outlining our members' wishes but no reply has been received to date.

Pauline Jackson
Branch Secretary

e) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

Who would have thought that a year on from writing the last report in very restricted times, I would be writing another in almost the same circumstances. All our usual activities have been curtailed but, nevertheless, we have been able to give limited support to Christian Aid due to generous individual donations and some profit from Traidcraft.

We were not able to carry out any of our usual activities in Christian Aid Week 2020 but, after receiving some generous individual donations, we were able to send £685 for Christian Aid's vital work.

When David Hedderly sadly died in October £1,558 was given for Christian Aid in his memory. Ever the practical man, he would have been so pleased that such a useful amount was given at such a lean time and very grateful for the generosity shown. Finally we were able to send £800 to the Christmas Appeal to help various projects aiding communities affected by climate change.

We have continued to sell Traidcraft in a limited way from my front door and this has been helpful, enabling us to contribute some profits. In the financial year August 2019 to July 2020 we sold £5,727.83 worth of Traidcraft goods.

Sadly we have lost three very faithful supporters in the last year. David was a founder member of this group and Treasurer for many years. He worked away almost to the end of his life, despite difficulties with his vision and computer ability. It was very fitting that this group attended his funeral and a Traidcraft Benediction was read by our Chair. We are very grateful to Adrian Jeffs for taking on the duties of Treasurer. When I came to Watnall 47 years ago Audrey Bee was already a House-to-House collector. She carried on this role as long as she was able and then continued to support Christian Aid in any way she could. Bernard Seed was another founder member of this committee together with his wife Kathleen. He collected for us for a considerable number of years and gave his support in many ways. We remember all three with affection and gratitude.

We would also like to express our thanks to Alan Boyden and wish him well in his new life in Cornwall. Year after year he collected for us going door-to-door in a very long road following a responsible day at work. He always had an adventure and the best stories! We shall miss him.

Christian Aid Week this year is continuing to support help with climate change and hopes to manage a house-to-house collection. We have decided that in the current situation and, mindful of the age of most of our collectors, we cannot responsibly support them in this way this year. People can, however, give online for Christian Aid Week by visiting www.christianaid.org.uk.

We shall send everything we have in our Account and most of Traidcraft profits. We would also be happy to send any cheques up to Christian Aid or furnish you with their address. Alternatively cheques made out to **Greasley Christian Aid Group** would be put into our account and go with our savings. If you need further information please phone me on **0115 9382762**.

2020 marked Christian Aid's 75th birthday and underlined the fact that its work is still so urgent after all these years. Set up by the churches to help refugees after the Second World War it remains as vital as ever. The last verse of the Traidcraft Benediction says:

"May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can
make a difference in this world, so that you are able,
with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done."

In changing circumstances we are totally committed to making a difference and are so grateful for your unwavering support that makes that difference possible. Thank you.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

f) Tower Captain Report

As with most other activities at St Mary's Greasley, bell ringing was put on hold in March 2020. The bells have not been rung for over a year, now.

During the first six months of the Covid-19 pandemic I was in New Zealand, unable to get flights back home. On returning in August, the lockdown had been lifted, and the steeple keeper and I were able to get access to the tower. We carried out a check and maintenance of the bells, bell chamber and the ringing chamber. We were relieved to find that everything was in good working order.

The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers, in conjunction with the Church of England and Public Health England, issued guidelines for the return to church bell ringing in August '20 and advised each tower to produce a Method Statement for the safe return to ringing. The method statement for Greasley St Mary's was passed to the church wardens in October, ready to be reviewed by the PCC. Unfortunately, a second lockdown meant that the PCC were not able to hold a meeting until January '21, by which time the country was entering a third lockdown. The Method Statement was approved, with one amendment, but we will not be able to consider ringing until lockdown restrictions have been sufficiently lifted to allow people to meet indoors. We

hope this might be towards the end of May.

The Greasley band of ringers have had weekly messages from our secretary, Alison, since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has kept us connected. Ringers have also kept in touch with phone and FaceTime calls. We are looking forward to getting back to practice nights and ringing for Sunday services and weddings very soon.

Emmi Checkley
Tower Captain

g) Choir Master's Report

*Psalm 96: 1-2:
O Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.*

The New Year saw us continuing to lead the music at the 10:15am service, including singing during communion.
Our practices were held twice monthly, or as required.
In January 2020 we were re-affiliated to the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music). We began an education programme for some of our newer members and a number of medals were achieved. We hope that this will continue and we will be including a programme for our junior members.
During lockdown I maintained regular contact with all of our choir members. I think we will always remember singing carols outside with everyone (in all weathers!) throughout the Advent and Christmas period (even on Christmas Day!).
We can only hope that, before long, we can all meet and sing together again. We have all missed singing together in church so much.

David Dobb.
Organist and Choirmaster

h) Social Committee Report

In normal times the social committee meets throughout the year to plan events which not only help raise money for our church but, chiefly, provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting.

The committee is currently made up of six core members, with extra ad hoc helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments.

Any profit raised from our events is set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. In the past we have paid for the redecoration of the church hall; contributed towards church roof repairs and provided new tables and chairs for the church hall.

We met in January to plan our events for 2020 — which would have included our usual mix of quiz nights, themed nights and a coach trip to York. We also managed to book in a local Shadows tribute band, the Owd Shadduz, who would have kicked off our autumn "schedule".

Sadly, because of Covid-19 and Lockdown, none of these events were able

to take place and the committee has not met since. We are keeping a close eye on the situation, however, and hope that it won't too long before we can begin planning again.

Ian Wheeler
Social Committee Secretary

i) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

With the advent of Covid-19, the Open Door magazine has suffered with regard to its physical distribution. GDPR had already reduced our contact with the parish, from around 450 copies to 250 copies delivered. I have added some colour, which we could not afford in print, to brighten up each issue but sadly that does not guarantee readers. I have recently been asked for a PDF copy which can be read on computer, iPhone or iPad, which can be requested by contacting opendoor.greasley@ntlworld.com

Ian Kiddie
Editor

j) Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, these being Barbara Coleman, Eileen Exley and Dennis Pickworth. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

k) Safeguarding Report

All the required paperwork under the Code of Safer Working Practice has been completed. Safeguarding training for persons holding some responsibility is up to date. DBS requirements have been followed. No safeguarding issues have been reported.

Barbara Coleman
Safeguarding Co-Ordinator & DBS Officer

l) Interregnum Report

The Interregnum Steering Group consisting of PCC members Ian Wheeler, Melanie Clay, Phil Dobson, and Derek Fletcher (replacing Alan Boyden) with Pat Higham being the representative for the wider congregation, has continued to meet throughout the year when necessary, using Zoom and – when permitted—meeting in person. The majority of that time has been spent writing and fine-tuning the Parish Profile. The Profile is a key part of the process of attracting a new priest to our church. It is the document – essentially a brochure – on which any prospective applicants will base their decision to take their application further. In order to attract the right person then it needs to be an appealing and attractive document – and we hope ours is. We have striven to paint as complete a picture of St Mary's as possible, being honest about our strengths and weaknesses and providing a sense of vision about who and what we are looking for.

The Parish Profile, having already been approved by the PCC, finally received approval from Southwell in early January 2021, allowing us to advertise for a new vicar. Ian and Pat will be our representatives on any interviewing panel for a new incumbent (alongside the Archdeacon, Area Dean and Lay Chairman) and, crucially, will have power of veto, should that be necessary.

Ian Wheeler

7. Worship and Prayer

The year started well until the church was forced into a lockdown in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since then the church has opened and closed according to government and Church of England guidelines. When open, the church has had limited numbers due to the distancing rules. Many of our church family have chosen to stay away for health and safety reasons.

We are still in an interregnum and so are grateful for the ministry provided by Barry Cooney and the visiting clergy who have presided at the Holy Communion Services which have been allowed in church. Many members of the congregation have Zoomed into church services elsewhere in the country.

The Remembrance Sunday, Crib Service and Midnight Mass were cancelled with a Holy Communion Service being held on Christmas Morning.

Many of our Church Family have kept in touch with others by the various means available. Unfortunately, indoor parish visiting has not been allowed although some people have managed to chat at a safe distance outside.

The future of the church and its ministry may see some changes due to the Covid virus. But we pray that whatever the future holds we may soon have a new incumbent to lead us on the journey.

Barbara Coleman
Reader

8. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that -- wherever possible -- reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

9. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures, safeguarding vulnerable adults.

St Mary's has three paid members of staff. PAYE payroll and a workplace pension scheme are also in place.

10. GDPR and Privacy Notice

In 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect, governing how we handle personal data. St Mary's has followed guidance from Southwell and the Church of England to ensure we comply with GDPR. We have created a privacy notice which explains the commitment and process we use at St Mary's which is on display in church and available to view on our website.

11. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

12. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Current members of the PCC, as of the last Annual Church Meeting on September 30th, 2020, are:

Mr Derek Fletcher (Churchwarden & Chair)

Mrs Melanie Clay (Churchwarden & Giving Secretary)

Mr Ian Wheeler (PCC Secretary)

Mrs Eileen Exley (Deanery Synod rep)

Mr Dennis Pickworth (Deanery Synod rep)

Mrs Barbara Coleman (Reader, Deanery Synod rep & Safeguarding Officer)

Mr Philip Dobson

Mr Stephen Henshaw

Mrs Brenda Hind

Mr Peter Stanton

Mr Anthony Kirby

Mr Derek Burnett

Names of advisors:

1.Architect: Allan Joyce Architects

2.Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1.Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF

2.Barclays Bank Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RB

3.CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

4.CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) 2021

Approved by the PCC on 13.4.2021

and signed on its behalf by Mr Derek Fletcher (PCC Chair)

Mr D. Fletcher..... (Senior Churchwarden)



Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Greasley, May 4th, 2021

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1. Minutes of 2020

Present:	Chair Mrs. T Cook (Churchwarden/Treasurer)		
	Derek Fletcher (Church Warden)	Mr. S Henshaw (Secretary/Electoral Roll officer)	
	25 members of the congregation <i>One of the members is a clerk in Holy Orders so unable to vote.</i>		
Apologies:	Chris Johnston	Dennis Pickworth	Emmi Checkley Given at end of meeting by Alison Loydall

A. Welcome and Prayer:
Barry Cooney led us in Prayer. Meeting Chaired by Tania Cook

B. Meeting of the parishioners: -
Tania Cook asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the last report. None were raised.
Tania Cook then asked if these were a true account and for a proposal:

Philip Dobson proposed that the 2019 minutes were a true account, this was seconded by Fiona Edwards

Election of churchwardens
We have 2 people standing:
Derek Fletcher: Proposed by Eileen Exley, seconded by Melanie Clay
Melanie Clay: Proposed by Susan Fletcher, seconded by Eileen Exley
Who were both duly elected to the position of churchwarden.

Tania Cook then gave way for Derek Fletcher to chair the meeting.

C. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting:
Derek Fletcher asked if these were a true account and for a proposal:

Philip Dobson proposed that the 2019 APCM minutes were a true account
Seconded by Eileen Exley.

Election of Deanery Synod members
Derek Fletcher informed the meeting that there were three people standing for the Deanery election and three spaces. He then read out the nominations: -

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Elected
Barbara Coleman	Tania Cook	Stephen Henshaw	Duly elected
Eileen Exley	Melanie Clay	Brenda Hind	Duly elected
Dennis Pickworth	Barbara Coleman	Philip Dobson	Duly Elected

Deanery Members now can only stand for two consecutive terms of three years (from the new 2020 Church Representative rule Book)

Election of PCC members
Derek Fletcher informed the meeting that there were five people standing for the PCC election and five spaces. Derek Fletcher then read out the nominations: -

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Elected
Ian Wheeler	Janet Davies	Fiona Edwards	Duly elected
Derek Burnett	Brenda Hind	John Hind	Duly elected
Anthony Kirby	Melanie Clay	Susan Fletcher	Duly Elected

Peter Stanton	Derek Burnett	Dennis Pickworth	Duly elected
Tania Cook	Stephen Henshaw	Derek Fletcher	Duly elected

Derek Fletcher then stated that as there were only five nominations that they are all duly elected to the PCC.

Concern was raised that people had not been made aware that there were so many vacancies on the PCC and also that the Deanery was up. It was answered that the meeting advertisements had been displayed for April and also September with the same numbers of spaces on the principal door into church. It was suggested to look at this for next year and possible email out this information.

D. Electoral Roll Report:

Report was read out by Stephen Henshaw as Electoral Roll Officer.

*Philip Dobson asked how many on the list were active church worshippers Stephen spoke on this saying that 80 – 90% at a guess were regular attenders but what do we class as regular as some people only attend for Christian festivals? He also explained how we remove people from the list and also the six-year cycle process by which the entire Roll has to be completely revised. He also informed the meeting that wedding couples are on here due to their connection for marriage but not all remain, however last time we had a few couples re-apply to be on the roll. Phil then went onto talk about how much each person would need to give. **(see questions 1 section H below for this.)***

E. Treasurers Report:

1. T Cook informed the PCC that there had been a decrease in giving and an increase in the Parish Share.
2. T Cook also informed that church hall bookings have been increasing which has slightly helped to meet the difference.
3. T Cook said that we will need to look at more options for funding going forward.
4. She also informed the meeting that finances are going to become difficult going forward and that fundraising would be a key element of discussion for the PCC.

Questions asked: - NONE

5. Tania then thanked Melanie Clay for all the hard work she has done with her role as Giving Secretary and data inputting into the spreadsheet.

Derek Fletcher then asked if a proposal could be made to accept the accounts:

A proposal was made by Pauline Jackson that we accept the accounts for 2019. This was seconded by Brenda Hind.

- F.** Safeguarding report from Barbara Coleman: No safeguarding issues had been reported this year. Barbara informed the meeting that we will need to look at PCC members and their level of safeguarding training this year.

- G.** Interregnum report from Ian Wheeler: Ian informed the meeting that the draft profile had been sent to Southwell back in February but, despite several emails, it had still not been approved. Pat Higham then spoke on this and explained the frustration that she and the team have felt over this process.

Fiona Edwards then thanked the team for all the hard work and effort that has been put into the Parish Profile

- H. Tania Cook then informed the meeting that this would be Stephen Henshaw's last role as PCC secretary and we would like to give a token of thanks for all his hard work over the years. Stephen then thanked them for this kind gesture and stated that it had been a pleasure to serve all these years but that, with a second child on the way, his life was 'about to become even more interesting'.
- I. David Dobb then said that he would like to thank Tania for all her hard work as Churchwarden over the years. Tania replied she was glad to have done the role with its ups and downs but was now ready to pass on after 10 years of service.
- J. Derek Fletcher then asked if anyone had any question:
1. **Philip Dobson spoke on the Electoral Roll and how much each individual on the roll would need to give to church just so we can pay our parish share.**
Tania Cooked replied that, going forward, it is going very difficult with regards to the finances and we will need to start and look at ways to fund-raise and the PCC will continue to discuss this at meetings as we have not in previous years. But we are in for a very challenging time ahead.
 2. **Rosemary Cooney then suggested that we should have a way of allowing people to donate via the website.**
Tania said she thought that this was already on the website but would ask Esther to check and, if not, to re-advertise this.
Melanie Clay then informed the meeting that when this was done at the start of the Covid-19 situation only one person gave by this method.
 3. **Fiona Edwards asked about how the booking system was working and that it was costing church to use it and how she felt there were empty seats on Sundays. She then offered to manage this process going forward.**
Tania then said that it would be good to chat with Esther to pass this on as no-one has yet offered to do this part of her role.
 4. **Barry Cooney asked if the Area Dean had approved the risk assessment for communion to be served.**
Derek replied that it had been sent to her but he had not had a reply back as of yet but we will ask Esther to chase this up with Fiona.
 5. **Pauline Jackson asked when can we use the church hall for meetings?**
Derek informed the meeting that due to the Rule of Six they are unable to have meetings at present and that we are only allowed to hold meetings which support the running of the church and also worship.

Meeting finished with the Grace at 19:45

2. Election of Parochial Church Council Members 2021

Eight vacancies to be filled.

3. Election of Deanery Synod member

One vacancy to be filled

4. Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

5. Objectives and activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an

overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

6. Achievements and performance

a) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole Church. Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC.

The members of the PCC are as follows: Melanie Clay (Churchwarden), Derek Fletcher (Churchwarden), Tania Cook, Barbara Coleman, Phil Dobson, Eileen Exley, Stephen Henshaw, Brenda Hind, Dennis Pickworth, Peter Stanton, Anthony Kirby, Derek Burnett and Ian Wheeler.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two former stalwarts of the PCC who stepped down this year – Alan Boyden, who has relocated to Cornwall, and Wendy Taylor, social committee chair and a former PCC secretary of many years' service.

Thank you also to my predecessor as PCC secretary, Stephen Henshaw, and congratulations to him and Esther on the safe arrival of their new daughter. While Esther is on maternity leave Andrew Dobb is our administrator.

Finally, thank you to our vergers and caretaking team who keep everything running as smoothly as possible – even during a pandemic! – and, of course, to Barbara and Barry for their continuing ministry in these unprecedented times.

In a normal year the PCC would meet for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary meetings where necessary. During 2020 the majority of meetings took place via Zoom as a result of Lockdown. This is not an ideal way in which to conduct business but it is one which the whole world seems to have become very quickly accustomed to and, in the event, enabled the PCC to continue "business as usual".

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and Lockdown, last year's Annual Church Meeting was put back from the planned date of April 23rd until September 30th, when a brief lifting of Lockdown regulations meant it was able to go ahead in church.

Incidentally, although Annual Church Meetings have, traditionally, had to be held before the last day of April, that ruling has been changed within the last couple of years and meetings must now be held between January 1 and May 31.

In addition to spending the majority of 2020 in Lockdown, St Mary's has also been in interregnum, following the retirement of Dave Marvin in 2019 – something of a double whammy! The interregnum steering group has met regularly throughout the year to produce our Parish Profile and has been aided in no small measure by the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Venerable Phil Williams. With his patience, guidance and good humour we have reached the stage where the Profile has been approved and we can move forward to the next stage of the process and begin advertising for a new incumbent. Please see the Interregnum Group report later in this document.

Finally, they say that "Necessity is the mother of invention" and this past year has seen church members find new and innovative ways of keeping in touch with and supporting each other during these difficult times.

Back in April, as the first Lockdown began to tighten its grip and we all realised that we were in this for the long haul, a "Friends of St Mary's" Facebook group was set up. Within exactly a week of its formation we had linked up with, checked up on, and accounted for more than 92 members of our church family. Since then it has gone from strength to strength, with 55 members who share news, photographs, and pass on greetings from parishioners who don't "do" social media.

In addition, during the summer when we were still able to hold church services, but were unable to serve coffee afterwards in the church hall, a group of regulars met up for outdoor, socially-distanced, coffee at Beauvale Priory each Sunday.

People have also formed small groups who keep in touch via email; others regularly Facetime friends; and there are others who make it a point, during their daily walk, to call in on – when allowed – or simply wave enthusiastically through the window to church members who are, perhaps, living alone. There are, of course, countless other acts of kindness which have helped sustain us all throughout these difficult times.

People talk of the wartime spirit, but here we have "the Greasley spirit" and, with it, all bodes well for the future,

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

b) Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the Roll is 114, with six additions on last year and 12 removals (two deceased, four moved away from the area, six non-attendees).

Of those on the Roll, 74 are resident in the parish and 40 live outside. There are 77 females and 37 males on the Roll.

Electoral Roll Officer
Ian Wheeler

c) Financial Review

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

St Mary's Church Greasley's financial accounts are managed and monitored by the Treasurer. The accounts are processed by Mrs. Melanie Clay (Gift Aid Secretary). A concise copy of the accounts showing 3-month activity is provided to the PCC prior to the meeting for questions and discussion.

As usual, a full check of the accounts has been completed by Pells Chartered Accountants.

The regular giving scheme is the most important source of income that we have, as it gives us approximately 17% of our total income. This is down by 7% compared to 2019. At the end of December 2019, we had 63 regular givers (52 Gift Aid and 11 pledges) and at the end of December 2020 there were 51 regular givers (40 Gift Aid and 11 pledges). The plate donations were down by £2840 in 2020 – nearly 83% down on 2019. In 2020 the plate donations worked out on average at 36p per person.

The figures are reflective of the extremely difficult year 2020 has been.

Going forward, the Parish Share for 2021 is £44,206 including the deduction of the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance Support Fund 2021 total of £9,600.

I would like to record my thanks to Melanie Clay who has helped me in the past year as our regular accounts data processor and gift aid secretary and the PCC for their continued support.

I submit the accounts for 2020 and ask that they be accepted by the meeting.

Tania Cook (Hon. Treasurer)

St. Mary's Parish Church Greasley							
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020							
Receipts and Payments Account							
RECEIPTS		Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019	2018	
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total	Total	
		£	£	£	£	£	
	note						
Donations and gifts	1	24,285	0	24,285	31,522	57,051	
Trading Income	2	35,492	0	35,492	61,763	62,570	
Investment income	3	0	84,797	84,797	65,989	1,236	
Other income	4	1,577	0	1,577	2,279	1,852	
Grants received	5	0	0	0	0	5,000	
Missionary giving	6	0	0	0	198	175	
Total Receipts		61,354	84,797	146,151	161,751	127,884	
PAYMENTS							
Donations	8	0	208	208	290	246	
Church activities	9	112,565	0	112,565	150,977	125,601	
Total Payments		112,565	208	112,772	151,267	125,847	
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		-51,211	84,589	33,378	10,483	2,037	
Balances: B/F		13,185	4,302	17,487	7,004	4,967	
Funds transfers		84,797	-84,797	0	0	0	
Balances: C/F	11	46,771	4,095	50,866	17,487	7,004	

Expenses

St. Mary's Church Greasley									
Receipts and Payments Account									
Expenses December 2020									
				2020	2019	2018			
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total	Total			
	Funds	Funds							
	£	£							
Charitable payments									
Donations and grants									
Childrens Society		208		208	290	246			
	0	208		208	290	246			
Church activities									
Parish share and fees	67471			67471	60048	58092			
Clergy expenses	0			0	1063	767			
Administrator	9808			9808	10636	8593			
Caretaker	2820			2820	5460	3376			
Printing & stationery	1735			1735	2426	2380			
Light & heat	6195			6195	9901	8538			
Insurance	5350			5350	5460	4029			
Repairs and Refurbishment	0			0	2729	1183			
Professional fees	816			816	1111	1110			
Telephone	1088			1088	1518	1415			
Organist	1022			1022	2170	2100			
Other	953			953	3900	3639			
Licences	713			713	698	679			
Church House Expenses	3353			3353	1941	4372			
Hall Running Costs	415			415	1593	3527			
Social Committee	0			0	0	0			
Pastoral Care	0			0	5	51			
Alpha course	0			0	0	0			
Investments	0			0	8400	0			
Funeral expenses	8300			8300	13757	15662			
Visiting Preacher	1238			1238	1772	827			
Family Worker	0			0	12098	0			
Family Worker Expenses	0			0	272	0			
Wedding expenses	1289			1289	4019	5262			
	112565	0		112565	150977.48	125601.16			

Income

Greasley Parish Church								
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020								
Receipts and Payments Account								
Donations and gifts								
					2020	2019	2018	
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total	Total	
		Funds	Funds					
		£	£					
	Gift Aid	14430			14430	19252	18771	
	Pledges	3416			3416	3234	3340	
	Plate	568			568	3408	4288	
	Donations	1336			1336	790	4804	
	Bequest	977			977	0	21000	
	Tax credits	3558			3558	4837	4849	
		24285	0		24285	31522	57051	
Activities for generating funds								
	Hire of Hall	3410			3410	9814	8378	
	Church House Rent	211			211	0	3182	
	Funerals	30948			30948	36281	35036	
	Wedding fees	707			707	6030	8309	
	Victorian Market	36			36	4434	5475	
	Open Day	0			0	1956	0	
	Social Committee	0			0	2748	1850	
	Church Lights	180			180	500	340	
		35492	0		35492	61763	62570	
Investment income								
	Funds from CBF	0	83487		83487	64710	0	
	Bank interest	0	0		0	0	0	
	CBF Interest	0	1310		1310	1279	1236	
		0	84797		84797	65989	1236	
Other income								
	Insurance claims	0			0	0	0	
	Interregnum claim	1301			1301	1201	0	
	Other	276			276	1078	1852	
		1577	0		1577	2279	1852	
Grants received								
		0			0	0		
		0			0	0	0	
Missionary giving								
	Mission Covenants	0	0		0	0	0	
	Other Mission	0	0		0	198	175	
		0	0		0	198	175	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S GREASLEY											
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020											
			31/12/2020			30/09/2020	30/06/2020	31/03/2020	31/12/2019		
			Total	Restricted	Unrestricted						
31/12/2020		Current Account	8,608.93	579.94	8,028.99	10479.37	6173.96	8594.69	9,775.01		
31/12/2020		Fees Account	6484.70		6,484.70	8639.70	6607.70	6957.50	4,024.30		
31/12/2020		Petty Cash	172.99		172.99	215.47	-8.74	-8.74	78.52		
31/12/2020		Smith Bequest Fund	3,447.09	3,447.09		3299.15	3154.43	3,009.71	2,870.32		
31/12/2020		Hill Top Mission	31018.84		31,018.84	15833.84	71.84	15,833.84	1.84		
31/12/2020		Rolleston Mansell Charities	145.35	145.35		125.92	106.91	69.59	168.28		
31/12/2020		Social Committee	2,747.60	2,747.60		2747.60	2747.60	2,747.60	2,747.60		
31/12/2020	638020002D		336 26.63		26.63	26.61	26.58	26.55	26.51		
31/12/2020	638020003D		431 70.19		70.19	70.15	70.08	70.01	69.89		
31/12/2020	638020004D	Barber Fund			200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		
31/12/2020	638020005D	Lucy Lowe			215.46	215.34	215.12	214.91	214.55		
31/12/2020	638020009D	E Harwood			375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00		
31/12/2020	638020010D	J Hartshorn			150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		
31/12/2020	638020013D	M Hancock			3,064.62	3064.62	3064.62	3064.62	3,064.62		
31/12/2020	638020014D	Dorothy Elizabeth Wain			11.35	11.34	11.33	11.32	11.30		
31/12/2020	638057001D	Hill Top Mission Church	50,630.20	50630.20		77114.57	87539.03	108458.38	129,278.48		
31/12/2020	638020001J	R G Hanson			1,635.47		1498.27		1,483.68		
31/12/2020	638020002S	Church Expenses			368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638030003S	I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance		449.83	449.83		418.17	423.94	420.77		
31/12/2020	638020004S	Lindley Bequest Church Yard		327.15	327.15		304.12	308.32	306.02		
31/12/2020	638020005S	M Fryer Hill- Top Mission		286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78	267.76		
31/12/2020	638020007S	General Purpose J T Gilbert		286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78	267.76		
31/12/2020	638020008S	General Purpose Miss Pearson		531.61	531.61		494.20	501.02	497.28		
31/12/2020	638020009S	Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews		368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638020010S	Sunday School Fund		368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638020011S	Miss W A Leck Bequest		286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78	267.76		
31/12/2020	638020012S	Mrs Hilda Smith		368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86	344.27		
31/12/2020	638020013S	Mr S E Wagstaff		756.53	756.53		703.28	712.99	707.66		
31/12/2020	638020014S	Rowley Bequest		573.53	573.53		533.16	540.52	536.48		
31/12/2020	776624001S	Rolleston& Mansell Educational		2,698.96	2698.96		2508.99		2410.91		
31/12/2020	138001048S	SNDBF - Worrell		17,742.00	17,742.00		16,812.52	16,687.82	16,563.12		
31/12/2020	138001079S	SNDBF - Chancel Fund		4,293.81	4,293.81				4,016.46		
31/12/2020	138002044D	SNDBF - Chancel Fund		7,917.18	7,917.18				7,763.52		
		SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be distributed at Christmas)									
31/12/2020	138001013S		20,589.74	20,589.74					19,221.63		
			167,215.67	94,194.89	73,020.78	122,568.68	135,945.06	171,146.37	209,164.11		
FUNDS			Total	Restricted	Unrestricted						
		Pastoral Care Fund	313.17	313.17							
		Organ Fund	16.00	16.00							
		Roof Repair Fund	250.77	250.77							
		Social Committee Fund	2,747.60	2,747.60							
		Junior Church Fund	368.04	368.04							
		Mission	0.00	0.00							
		General Fund	73,020.78		73,020.78						
		Churchyard	776.98	776.98							
		Chancel Fund	12,210.99	12,210.99							
		Hill Top Mission Fund	50,630.20	50,630.20							
		Rolleston& Mansell Educational	2,844.31	2,844.31							
		Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	20,589.74	20,589.74							
		Smith Bequest Fund	3,447.09	3,447.09							
			167,215.67	94,194.89	73,020.78						
Property - Insurance Valuation											
		Church - Building and Contents	10,000,000.00								
		Church Hall - Building and Contents	612,931.00								
		Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	346,662.00								

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number (if applicable):

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the following requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
 - to account for statutory fees correctly.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

7 April 2021

Name:

MR MARK BURNELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACA

Address:

PELLS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
1 DERBY ROAD
EASTWOOD
NOTTINGHAM
NG16 3PA

d) Mothers Union Report

The new programme for 2020 was off to a flying start with a talk from Sheila Over on plants in January and, in February, a Pancake Day lunchtime meeting with home-made soups and freshly-baked rolls followed by pancakes liberally sprinkled with sugar and the citrus juice of choice. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Then Covid struck our shores and we were locked down and the Mothers Union has not been able to have a meeting since.

I have continually kept in touch with members either by email or telephone or in the case of Sue Pinkney, masked visits to take a lunch when she emerged from hospital, for which she seems to be very pleased.

The members chose to suspend their membership of MU as not only was head office still requiring membership money but had yet again increased the subscriptions.

An email was sent to the Diocesan Secretary outlining our members' wishes but no reply has been received to date.

Pauline Jackson
Branch Secretary

e) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

Who would have thought that a year on from writing the last report in very restricted times, I would be writing another in almost the same circumstances. All our usual activities have been curtailed but, nevertheless, we have been able to give limited support to Christian Aid due to generous individual donations and some profit from Traidcraft.

We were not able to carry out any of our usual activities in Christian Aid Week 2020 but, after receiving some generous individual donations, we were able to send £685 for Christian Aid's vital work.

When David Hedderly sadly died in October £1,558 was given for Christian Aid in his memory. Ever the practical man, he would have been so pleased that such a useful amount was given at such a lean time and very grateful for the generosity shown. Finally we were able to send £800 to the Christmas Appeal to help various projects aiding communities affected by climate change.

We have continued to sell Traidcraft in a limited way from my front door and this has been helpful, enabling us to contribute some profits. In the financial year August 2019 to July 2020 we sold £5,727.83 worth of Traidcraft goods.

Sadly we have lost three very faithful supporters in the last year. David was a founder member of this group and Treasurer for many years. He worked away almost to the end of his life, despite difficulties with his vision and computer ability. It was very fitting that this group attended his funeral and a Traidcraft Benediction was read by our Chair. We are very grateful to Adrian Jeffs for taking on the duties of Treasurer. When I came to Watnall 47 years ago Audrey Bee was already a House-to-House collector. She carried on this role as long as she was able and then continued to support Christian Aid in any way she could. Bernard Seed was another founder member of this committee together with his wife Kathleen. He collected for us for a considerable number of years and gave his support in many ways. We remember all three with affection and gratitude.

We would also like to express our thanks to Alan Boyden and wish him well in his new life in Cornwall. Year after year he collected for us going door-to-door in a very long road following a responsible day at work. He always had an adventure and the best stories! We shall miss him.

Christian Aid Week this year is continuing to support help with climate change and hopes to manage a house-to-house collection. We have decided that in the current situation and, mindful of the age of most of our collectors, we cannot responsibly support them in this way this year. People can, however, give online for Christian Aid Week by visiting www.christianaid.org.uk.

We shall send everything we have in our Account and most of Traidcraft profits. We would also be happy to send any cheques up to Christian Aid or furnish you with their address. Alternatively cheques made out to **Greasley Christian Aid Group** would be put into our account and go with our savings. If you need further information please phone me on **0115 9382762**.

2020 marked Christian Aid's 75th birthday and underlined the fact that its work is still so urgent after all these years. Set up by the churches to help refugees after the Second World War it remains as vital as ever. The last verse of the Traidcraft Benediction says:

"May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can
make a difference in this world, so that you are able,
with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done."

In changing circumstances we are totally committed to making a difference and are so grateful for your unwavering support that makes that difference possible. Thank you.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

f) Tower Captain Report

As with most other activities at St Mary's Greasley, bell ringing was put on hold in March 2020. The bells have not been rung for over a year, now.

During the first six months of the Covid-19 pandemic I was in New Zealand, unable to get flights back home. On returning in August, the lockdown had been lifted, and the steeple keeper and I were able to get access to the tower. We carried out a check and maintenance of the bells, bell chamber and the ringing chamber. We were relieved to find that everything was in good working order.

The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers, in conjunction with the Church of England and Public Health England, issued guidelines for the return to church bell ringing in August '20 and advised each tower to produce a Method Statement for the safe return to ringing. The method statement for Greasley St Mary's was passed to the church wardens in October, ready to be reviewed by the PCC. Unfortunately, a second lockdown meant that the PCC were not able to hold a meeting until January '21, by which time the country was entering a third lockdown. The Method Statement was approved, with one amendment, but we will not be able to consider ringing until lockdown restrictions have been sufficiently lifted to allow people to meet indoors. We

hope this might be towards the end of May.

The Greasley band of ringers have had weekly messages from our secretary, Alison, since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has kept us connected. Ringers have also kept in touch with phone and FaceTime calls. We are looking forward to getting back to practice nights and ringing for Sunday services and weddings very soon.

Emmi Checkley
Tower Captain

g) Choir Master's Report

*Psalm 96: 1-2:
O Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.*

The New Year saw us continuing to lead the music at the 10:15am service, including singing during communion.
Our practices were held twice monthly, or as required.
In January 2020 we were re-affiliated to the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music). We began an education programme for some of our newer members and a number of medals were achieved. We hope that this will continue and we will be including a programme for our junior members.
During lockdown I maintained regular contact with all of our choir members. I think we will always remember singing carols outside with everyone (in all weathers!) throughout the Advent and Christmas period (even on Christmas Day!).
We can only hope that, before long, we can all meet and sing together again. We have all missed singing together in church so much.

David Dobb.
Organist and Choirmaster

h) Social Committee Report

In normal times the social committee meets throughout the year to plan events which not only help raise money for our church but, chiefly, provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting.

The committee is currently made up of six core members, with extra ad hoc helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments.

Any profit raised from our events is set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. In the past we have paid for the redecoration of the church hall; contributed towards church roof repairs and provided new tables and chairs for the church hall.

We met in January to plan our events for 2020 — which would have included our usual mix of quiz nights, themed nights and a coach trip to York. We also managed to book in a local Shadows tribute band, the Owd Shadduz, who would have kicked off our autumn "schedule".

Sadly, because of Covid-19 and Lockdown, none of these events were able

to take place and the committee has not met since. We are keeping a close eye on the situation, however, and hope that it won't too long before we can begin planning again.

Ian Wheeler
Social Committee Secretary

i) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

With the advent of Covid-19, the Open Door magazine has suffered with regard to its physical distribution. GDPR had already reduced our contact with the parish, from around 450 copies to 250 copies delivered. I have added some colour, which we could not afford in print, to brighten up each issue but sadly that does not guarantee readers. I have recently been asked for a PDF copy which can be read on computer, iPhone or iPad, which can be requested by contacting opendoor.greasley@ntlworld.com

Ian Kiddie
Editor

j) Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, these being Barbara Coleman, Eileen Exley and Dennis Pickworth. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

k) Safeguarding Report

All the required paperwork under the Code of Safer Working Practice has been completed. Safeguarding training for persons holding some responsibility is up to date. DBS requirements have been followed. No safeguarding issues have been reported.

Barbara Coleman
Safeguarding Co-Ordinator & DBS Officer

l) Interregnum Report

The Interregnum Steering Group consisting of PCC members Ian Wheeler, Melanie Clay, Phil Dobson, and Derek Fletcher (replacing Alan Boyden) with Pat Higham being the representative for the wider congregation, has continued to meet throughout the year when necessary, using Zoom and – when permitted—meeting in person. The majority of that time has been spent writing and fine-tuning the Parish Profile. The Profile is a key part of the process of attracting a new priest to our church. It is the document – essentially a brochure – on which any prospective applicants will base their decision to take their application further. In order to attract the right person then it needs to be an appealing and attractive document – and we hope ours is. We have striven to paint as complete a picture of St Mary's as possible, being honest about our strengths and weaknesses and providing a sense of vision about who and what we are looking for.

The Parish Profile, having already been approved by the PCC, finally received approval from Southwell in early January 2021, allowing us to advertise for a new vicar. Ian and Pat will be our representatives on any interviewing panel for a new incumbent (alongside the Archdeacon, Area Dean and Lay Chairman) and, crucially, will have power of veto, should that be necessary.

Ian Wheeler

7. Worship and Prayer

The year started well until the church was forced into a lockdown in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since then the church has opened and closed according to government and Church of England guidelines. When open, the church has had limited numbers due to the distancing rules. Many of our church family have chosen to stay away for health and safety reasons.

We are still in an interregnum and so are grateful for the ministry provided by Barry Cooney and the visiting clergy who have presided at the Holy Communion Services which have been allowed in church. Many members of the congregation have Zoomed into church services elsewhere in the country.

The Remembrance Sunday, Crib Service and Midnight Mass were cancelled with a Holy Communion Service being held on Christmas Morning.

Many of our Church Family have kept in touch with others by the various means available. Unfortunately, indoor parish visiting has not been allowed although some people have managed to chat at a safe distance outside.

The future of the church and its ministry may see some changes due to the Covid virus. But we pray that whatever the future holds we may soon have a new incumbent to lead us on the journey.

Barbara Coleman
Reader

8. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that -- wherever possible -- reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

9. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures, safeguarding vulnerable adults.

St Mary's has three paid members of staff. PAYE payroll and a workplace pension scheme are also in place.

10. GDPR and Privacy Notice

In 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect, governing how we handle personal data. St Mary's has followed guidance from Southwell and the Church of England to ensure we comply with GDPR. We have created a privacy notice which explains the commitment and process we use at St Mary's which is on display in church and available to view on our website.

11. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

12. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Current members of the PCC, as of the last Annual Church Meeting on September 30th, 2020, are:

Mr Derek Fletcher (Churchwarden & Chair)

Mrs Melanie Clay (Churchwarden & Giving Secretary)

Mr Ian Wheeler (PCC Secretary)

Mrs Eileen Exley (Deanery Synod rep)

Mr Dennis Pickworth (Deanery Synod rep)

Mrs Barbara Coleman (Reader, Deanery Synod rep & Safeguarding Officer)

Mr Philip Dobson

Mr Stephen Henshaw

Mrs Brenda Hind

Mr Peter Stanton

Mr Anthony Kirby

Mr Derek Burnett

Names of advisors:

1.Architect: Allan Joyce Architects

2.Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1.Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF

2.Barclays Bank Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RB

3.CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

4.CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH