

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-04-18

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Activities

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

Activities: St Mary's is a church that is part of the Oxford Diocese in Berkshire. Regular services take place during the week and at weekends. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals also take place. St Mary's plays an active part in the local community and runs lunch clubs for elderly residents, a support group for those who have been bereaved as well as a number of activities for young people and families.

Classification

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

Geography

- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£78,048	£87,867	-	-
2024-12-31	£93,838	£97,131	-	-
2023-12-31	£84,167	£93,225	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,598	£86,866	-	-
2021-12-31	£139,042	£78,122	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Raymond Clive Obin	Chair	2021-10-21
BARBARA JANE BRADFORD		2017-04-28
David Willetts		2019-04-28
Dr Paul Sievers		2025-03-23
ELIZABETH MARY GOLDSACK		2015-04-17
Lesley Eleanor Almond		2023-03-26
MARY VERONICA DAWKINS		2017-04-28
Mary Rye		2026-03-22
Mike Stuart		2017-04-28
RACHEL HASLAM		2015-04-17
Rosamund Gillian Stuart		2023-03-26
Steven Richard Joplin		2022-05-08

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1172611



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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

The members present their annual report together with the financial statements of the PCC of St Mary's Church for the year ended 31st December 2025.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Mary's Church is situated on the northern edge of Newbury and serves the areas of Shaw, Donnington and Clay Hill as well as the more rural areas to the north. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to co-operate with the priest-in-charge, Revd. Raymond Obin, in ministering to the parish and achieving our aims as stated below. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the church building on Church Road, Shaw, including the adjoining Church Centre. The activities of the PCC are regulated by the Church of England, Diocese of Oxford.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary's Church aims to respond to God's love in Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love and Caring for People. We are a welcoming community who aim to reach out to all the people in the Parish as we worship together, tell people about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and care in spiritual and practical terms wherever we can in the community.

We strive to fulfil these objectives through:

- A secure and varied pattern of Worship, Prayer and Bible Study, in church, the church centre, care homes and schools.
- Provision of pastoral care through a committed pastoral team.
- A strong musical tradition and enjoyment of worshipping through music.
- Close working relationship with local schools, especially our church school (Shaw cum Donnington Primary School), the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and local organisations.
- A welcoming and interesting programme of social activities.
- Working co-operatively as members of Christians Together in the Newbury Area (CTNA) and the Newbury Deanery.
- To facilitate much of our work, we are committed to looking after the fabric of St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington and its Church Centre, which provides a well-regarded space for many community activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC strives to meet the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of our community by offering a varied pattern of worship, prayer and bible study throughout the week, using the church, the church centre, as well as in care homes and schools. In 2025 we had a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Sunday at 10am. Baptisms were held during the morning service or separately, depending on the circumstances. We held a weekly Meeting for Prayer in the Church using some of the liturgy from the Morning Prayer and a mid-week Communion service on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We held a week-day afternoon service for our Home Members before Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Our services are easy to follow, using a projector and screen for liturgy and lyrics, and we make available a printed order of service in large print for those who need it. We have a monthly prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. We held a Lent

course. We have an email 'Prayer Chain' and share requests for prayer with members of the congregation who have chosen to receive them.

Shaw cum Donnington Primary School come to the church four times a year for special services and Trinity School (secondary) use the church for their Christmas assemblies. COINS (Christian Opportunities in Newbury Schools) used the church for their prayer meetings and Christmas and Easter events which are attended by other local schools.

We have a particular focus on making sure all are made welcome at our services, and we deliver a Christmas Card to everyone in the parish with details of our Christmas Worship.

There are currently 61 people on the electoral roll, 43 are residents and 18 non-residents. A new roll was completed last year.

Our Sunday attendance decreased in 2025.

In 2025 we baptised 5 children. We conducted 3 weddings and the clergy conducted 15 funerals at St Mary's or the Crematorium and 1 interment of ashes. These services are essential to our commitment to spiritually support everyone in our parish as they enable our community to journey with God through life and to give thanks to Him at the milestones along their earthly pathway.

We have monthly Holy Communion services in the 5 care homes in the parish.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church and Church Centre

The church centre was maintained in order to make it a welcoming space for meetings. This includes the various church groups who meet in the church centre, a drama group and Bridge Church (a Newbury Free Church) who used our facilities to hold prayer meetings and run a holiday lunch event.

The inner south door was replaced and the handrails were fitted to the Lych gate.

A team of volunteers continued to work on the churchyard to tidy and to plant bulbs. The grass was cut at regular intervals by the Council contractors.

Pastoral Care

The Barnabas Group, supporting those in the community who have been bereaved, continued to meet weekly in the church centre.

The Myrtle Café project continues to provide a Monday meeting point and support for those who are isolated and lonely in the community.

The monthly Lunch Club for older members of the community continued to be popular and minibuss transport is provided as required.

Home Members (those older members of the community who can no longer attend Sunday worship) were invited to St Mary's for special events at Easter, Summer, Harvest and Christmas and joined together in a Communion Service followed by afternoon tea.

The 'Reminiscence' project continued in 2025 and the group meets in person to share memories on particular themes.

Members of the church keep in regular touch with older members of the community who are no longer able to attend services.

A church outing by coach to Exbury Gardens was arranged.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. At St Mary's, we demonstrate this by our Pastoral Care activities and support for charities at home and abroad. We pack shoeboxes of gifts as part of the 'Link To Hope' scheme. We are a collection point for the West Berkshire Foodbank and support Action Through Enterprise in Ghana with fundraising. We organise special collections for appeals run by Christian Aid. We hope to restart our Youth Work in the future but, until this happens, we are pleased to support the youth work run by the Jesus Disciples Community Church who meet at a local community centre, as one of our Christmas charities. We organised an 'Easter Kids' event for local children. We support the Bible Society and Bible Sunday was marked on 26th October. The local Boys' Brigade group moved to St Mary's in 2024 and run weekly activities in the church centre. The group is supported by Revd. Ed Yates as Brigade Chaplain and by a team of volunteers. The group have struggled to recruit new members but it is hoped that this will improve in 2026. The Boys' Brigade has a Girls' Association and welcomes both boys and girls to join.

The Parish Council organised a summer community fete and The Boys Brigade and St Mary's took part by providing games and craft activities for children.

Every home in the parish (now almost 7,000 approximately) received a Christmas Card with information about regular services and activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Christians Together in Newbury (CTNA) and has a strong history of working together with Christians of all denominations.

Other Activities

We would like to rebuild our work with families and children and look forward to seeing more children at our Sunday morning services in the future. Our weekly 'Meeting Point' group for parents and pre-school children has been running for many years with the support of dedicated volunteers and continued in 2025 with a small number of families attending.

Our fundraising activities included a Burns Night Supper, a slide show, a choral concert by a local choir and a coffee morning. Our 200 Club continued in 2025.

We held our APCM in March. In May we hosted a concert as part of the Newbury Spring Festival programme. In September we held our Harvest services, including Harvest Evensong followed by tea. In October we held our Annual Bereavement service and tea.

We take environmental issues very seriously and actively encourage and promote ways in which the congregation can get involved in protecting our environment at a local and national level. We include 'Green Tips' in our pew sheet and 'Remote Action' suggestions in our weekly email communications. We held an 'Environment' service and joined in the national Count on Nature. We are a Fairtrade Church and purchase fairtrade coffee and tea for use in our after-church café. We have achieved the Silver eco-Church award.

St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2025

The financial accounts for 2025 are set out in their required form on the following pages, and comprise the following documents:

- Receipts and Payments Account Summary

- Receipts and Payments Details

- Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31st December 2025.

- Independent Examiners Report which has been signed by David Cobbett following his review and comparison of the PCC's accounting records with the financial statements.

These reports were reviewed by the PCC on 20th January 2026.

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts

Voluntary Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £34,536. Restricted donations for charity (money collected for Christmas Charities, Cancer Care Calendars in 2024, ATE and West Berkshire Foodbank via the church account) of £392 were also received. Cash collected in 2025 and in previous years by the Barnabas Bereavement Support Group (£993) is now held in the church account and is managed as a restricted fund. Overall, voluntary donations decreased by £2,424 in 2025.

Activities for generating funds

The 200 Club raised £1,792 for general funds. Other fundraising events included a Burns Night Supper, a coffee morning at St Nicolas Church, Easter, Harvest and Christmas Teas organised by the Pastoral Team and a choral concert.

Income from investments

The income from the Jones Will Trust was £11,000. This is lower than in previous years as funds were put aside for a major roof repair due to take place in 2026.

The freehold house in Walton Way continues to be let and provided an income of £8,043 after management fees, annual boiler servicing and repairs arranged by the letting agency were taken into account.

Income from church activities

Service fee income has decreased due to fewer funerals taking place in 2025 compared to the previous year.

Other Income

Other income was £4,832. The main items were a VAT refund of £1,685 (south door), Parish Share refunds for 2023 and 2024 (£587), Lunch Club donations and tickets to Exbury Gardens for a church outing.

Total Income

Income for the year was £78,048. This has decreased since 2024 due to the reduction in all areas of income.

Payments

The Cost of Events in 2025 was £3,810 and included prizes for the 200 Club, Burns Night and Harvest Lunch expenses and the coach trip to Exbury Gardens. All of these activities generate income for the church or, in the case of the coach trip, were funded by the participants. The Lunch Club restricted fund has now been totally spent (due to the higher food and transport costs) and Lunch Club will be subsidised by general church funds in 2026.

Charitable Donations in 2025 were £678 and included money collected at Christmas Services in 2024, payments for Cancer Care Calendars purchased in early 2025, plus donations to CAP, Bible Society (church donation on Bible Sunday and from the coffee morning held at St Nicolas Church), West Berkshire Foodbank (from funds raised at the Christmas Tea in 2024 and the choral concert in March). Money raised at the Christmas services in 2025 were banked in 2026 so are not recorded here. Funds were also raised for special collections and events and these were paid to the charities directly so do not appear in the church accounts. The following amounts were donated: £20 to Fairtrade Foundation from the 'Big Brew' event. £151.00 to Christian Aid for the Myanmar earthquake appeal. £116 to Christian Aid from the cake and plant sale. £507 to Christian Aid from envelopes in church and community donations in Christian Aid Week, £100 to Bible Society, £77 to the Christian Aid Harvest collection.

£71,986 was spent from unrestricted funds, and a further £82 from restricted funds, on church running costs in 2025. The major item of expenditure was St Mary's Parish Share contribution to the Oxford Diocese of £25,454. This amount is approximately 56% of the Parish Share paid by similar parishes as Raymond is a self-supporting minister.

£10,267 was spent from the £50,000 legacy fund on a replacement for the inner south door. The other item of capital expenditure was the final payment for the lychgate handrails of £1,044. £6,620 remains in the legacy fund and there are no plans to spend this fund currently.

Net Result

Total payments for 2025 were £87,867 compared to receipts of £78,048 giving a deficit of £9,819. The planned expenditure on capital projects was the main reasons for the deficit. Funds held in General Reserve were used to cover the deficit. The PCC will continue to explore where savings can be made and extra income generated in order to ensure that St Mary's remains financially viable and is able to continue its commitments to the congregations and the community. St Mary's has an aspiration to return to paying the full Parish Share within the next few years in order to support a full-time member of the clergy in the future. It is noted that St Mary's hasn't paid the full Parish Share since 2020 when there was a full-time Incumbent.

Cash funds at the end of 2025 were £76,353 split between a business current account and three savings accounts. This includes the sum of £2,584 held in the Youth Work Restricted Reserve Fund, £1,496 in the Pastoral Team fund and £853 in the Barnabas fund. The total amount in the restricted reserve funds at the end of the year was £4,933. This represents money that was raised for a specific purpose and can only be spent on those items.

Reserves Policy – It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £30,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total amount in the unrestricted reserve fund at the end of 2025 was £64,584. I anticipate that the church reserves will remain stable in 2026.

Conclusion

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support St Mary's financially by their regular giving and support of special events. Thank you to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their close monitoring of the finances and church property.

I would like to thank Tony Bradford for maintaining the day-to-day financial records. Thank you to Steve Joplin for all his work in recording cash and envelope donations. Thank you to Heather White for acting as our Gift Aid Administrator. Thank you to David Cobbett for kindly acting as our Independent Examiner again this year.

Staff and Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who continuously work so hard to make our church a welcoming and lively community and further our mission and outreach work. A special 'Thank you!' must go to our Churchwardens, Mrs Ros Stuart and Mrs Lesley Almond, our Treasurer Mrs Rachel Haslam, our Assistant Treasurer Mr Tony Bradford, our Financial Team member Mr Steve Joplin, our Independent Examiner Mr David Cobbett, our Verger Mr Derek Harwood, our Administrator Maggie Wiseman, and our PCC and Committee members. We are also very grateful to Roger Snelling, Tony Dawkins, Nick Breach, Councillor Paul Bryant, Libby Goldsack, Barbara Bradford, Janet Sporton and others for all the many jobs they do to maintain the church and the church yard. The volunteers have given hundreds of hours of their time to make St. Mary's Church a loving, attractive and welcoming church that actively serves its community. We said goodbye to Maggie in October 2025 following her resignation from her job as Church Administrator due to health issues. Welcomed Christine Jago who joined as Church Administrator in December.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

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, the curate, the churchwardens, the church's elected deanery synod representatives and those elected as members of the PCC at the APCM, and the Verger, who is co-opted to the PCC. All regular members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Electoral Roll was reviewed in 2025 and all members were able to reapply if they wished to do so.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Deanery Synod representatives and Churchwardens are ex-officio. Other PCC members are elected at the APCM, or in the case of the Verger, co-opted.

The full PCC met 6 times during the year.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees are Ministry, Finance and General Purposes, World Partners and Pastoral. Fundraising activities are led by individual members of the congregation. All committees report back to the PCC regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed and voted as necessary.

Administrative Information

The ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's comprises the civic parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington as well as the Newbury Electoral Ward Clay Hill and other small areas of Newbury Town. It is part of the Newbury Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Church Road, Newbury, RG14 2DR. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Our Registered Charity Number is 1172611.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until 31 December 2025 are:

- Priest in Charge: Revd. Raymond Obin
- Assistant Curate: Revd. Ed Yates

Ex Officio members:

- Warden: Mrs Ros Stuart
- Warden: Mrs Lesley Almond
- Representatives to Deanery Synod: Mrs Libby Goldsack and Mr David Willetts

Co-opted members:

- Verger: Mr Derek Harwood

Elected members:

Mrs Mary Dawkins
Mr Mark Hutson
Mrs Rachel Haslam
Mr Mike Stuart
Mr Steve Joplin
Mrs Barbara Bradford

Electoral Roll Officer

Mr Derek Harwood

Other Officers in addition to PCC Members

Gift Aid Secretary

Mrs Heather White

Service Stewards:

Lesley Almond
Barbara Bradford
Sally Breach
George Cummins
Mary Dawkins
Karen Fenwick
Libby Goldsack
Rachel Haslam
Mark Hutson
Mary Hutson
Wendy Seamons
Ros Stuart
Mike Stuart
Janet Sturgess
Jane Yates

Receipts and Payments Account
St Mary's Shaw-cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the period from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Previous Year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	£34,536.01	£1,385.20		£35,921.21	£38,344.89
Fundraising	£4,788.31	£518.00		£5,306.31	£10,927.51
Income from investments	£20,155.61			£20,155.61	£22,152.42
Income from Church activities	£11,832.90			£11,832.90	£16,951.11
Other incoming resources	£3,889.29	£942.80		£4,832.09	£5,461.82
Assets & investment sales					
Total receipts	£75,202.12	£2,846.00		£78,048.12	£93,837.75
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	£2,303.68	£1,505.85		£3,809.53	£5,786.74
Donations to charities	£275.00	£403.17		£678.17	£803.84
Church running costs	£71,986.09	£81.74		£72,067.83	£68,491.10
Governance costs					
Major capital expenditure	£11,311.20			£11,311.20	£22,049.81
Assets & investment purchases					
Total payments	£85,875.97	£1,990.76		£87,866.73	£97,131.49
Excess of receipts over payments	-£10,673.85	£855.24		-£9,818.61	-£3,293.74
Cash funds previous year	£82,093.59	£4,077.80		£86,171.39	
Cash funds this year	£71,419.74	£4,933.04		£76,352.78	

Notes:

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis

Receipts and Payments Details - December 2025

St Mary's Shaw-cum-Donnington

Year to December 2025

INCOME				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Voluntary income				
Donations - Standing Orders	5,340.00		5,340.00	5,729.00
Donations - Envelope Schemes	2,060.00		2,060.00	2,025.00
Donations - Parish Giving Scheme	14,524.73		14,524.73	13,316.84
One off gifts (Gift Aided)	1,678.46		1,678.46	3,654.83
One off gifts (Not Gift Aided)	406.55		406.55	544.73
Cash collections at services	4,506.46		4,506.46	4,818.85
Cash collections at Weds/Baps	33.30		33.30	127.20
Collections for charities		392.17	392.17	412.00
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	5,986.51		5,986.51	7,716.44
Legacies	0.00		0.00	0.00
Barnabas		993.03	993.03	0.00
	34,536.01	1,385.20	35,921.21	38,344.89
Fundraising				
Fundraising events	4,788.31	518.00	5,306.31	8,127.51
Grants			0.00	2,800.00
	4,788.31	518.00	5,306.31	10,927.51
Income from investments				
Mrs F B Jones Will Trust income	11,000.00		11,000.00	12,500.00
Rent from 125 Walton Way	8,043.00		8,043.00	8,357.01
Bank interest	1,112.61		1,112.61	1,295.41
	20,155.61		20,155.61	22,152.42
Income from church activities				
Service fees	8,983.00		8,983.00	10,493.90
Hall hire	2,578.69		2,578.69	6,199.50
After service cafe	271.21		271.21	257.71
	11,832.90		11,832.90	16,951.11
Other incoming resources				
Other income	3,302.29	942.80	4,245.09	5,461.82
Refunds	587.00		587.00	
	3,889.29	942.80	4,832.09	5,461.82
Bank Error (Other income)	7,700.74			
Note - This figure has been excluded from the 'Other incoming resources' Sub Total and the 'Total Income' amount.				
Total Income	75,202.12	2,846.00	78,048.12	93,837.75

EXPENSES				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of Events	2,303.68	1,505.85	3,809.53	5,786.74
	2,303.68	1,505.85	3,809.53	5,786.74
Donations to Charities				
Charities outgoings	275.00	403.17	678.17	803.84
	275.00	403.17	678.17	803.84
Church Running Costs				
Parish contribution to diocese	25,453.89		25,453.89	23,788.71
Service fees	5,805.00		5,805.00	5,617.00
Salaries (net) Adm'r + Verger	12,020.50		12,020.50	10,157.48
PAYE + Nat Ins	2,404.10		2,404.10	1,132.59
Ministry Training	151.05		151.05	
Local Mission		81.74	81.74	322.00
Repairs & maintenance	3,293.08		3,293.08	2,563.57
Insurance	6,468.88		6,468.88	6,814.44
Electricity	3,759.24		3,759.24	4,349.70
Gas	2,974.00		2,974.00	2,891.00
Telephone + Internet	784.64		784.64	791.52
Office costs	1,191.79		1,191.79	2,115.12
Bank service charges			0.00	127.59
Photocopying	549.57		549.57	439.37
Printing	251.55		251.55	245.30
Housekeeping	349.75		349.75	834.50
Copyright Licence Fees	472.86		472.86	459.72
Church hall costs	205.48		205.48	251.76
Upkeep of service	50.71		50.71	95.28
Organist fees- normal services	4,910.00		4,910.00	4,700.00
Other costs	209.00		209.00	219.34
After service café	119.10		119.10	38.09
125 Walton Way minor expenses	561.90		561.90	537.02
	71,986.09	81.74	72,067.83	68,491.10
Bank Error (Other costs)				
Note - This figure has been excluded from the 'Church Running Costs' Sub Total and the 'Total Expenses' amount.	7,700.74			
Independent examiner fee				
Major capital expenditure				
Church Centre Lighting				2,303.81
CCTV Installation				3,396.00
Roof Repair				8,370.00
Church Windows				6,804.00
Lychgate Handrails	1,044.00		1,044.00	1,176.00
South Door	10,267.20		10,267.20	
Assets & investments purchases				
Purchases of assets				
Purchases of investments				
	11,311.20	0.00	11,311.20	22,049.81
Total expenses	85,875.97	1,990.76	87,866.73	97,131.49
Net receipts/payments	-10,673.85	855.24	-9,818.61	-3,293.74

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Monetary Assets					
Bank Current account	£6,661.32				£6,661.32
Bank General Reserve account	£40,173.94	£6,836.22	£4,763.03		£51,773.19
Bank Restricted Reserve account			£170.01		£170.01
Bank Nationwide Account	£17,748.26				£17,748.26
Total	£64,583.52	£6,836.22	£4,933.04		£76,352.78
Fixed assets					
125 Walton Way Shaw 1 bed freehold					
25% share in Mrs FB Jones Trust					
Liabilities					
None					
Debtors					
None					
Designated Funds					
Organ Maintenance		£216.04			
Legacy		£6,620.18			
Restricted Funds					
Charities			£0.00		
Youth Work			£2,583.89		
Lunch Club			£0.00		
Pastoral Team			£1,496.37		
Barnabas Group			£852.78		
Totals		£6,836.22	£4,933.04		

No values have been shown for the Fixed Assets because current values are not known.
To ascertain these would require professional valuations the cost of which is unjustified when the PCC
has no current intention to realise them. The purchase price of 125 Walton Way in September 2006 was £133,500

These financial statements were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council on the 20th January 2026

sgd
PCC Chairman

sgd
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF SHAW CUM DONNINGTON**

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172611

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Account, Receipts and Payments Details - December 2024, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025, St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2025

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:

12/02/2026

Name:

David Cobbett

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

Address:

5 Mountbatten Close, Shaw, Newbury, West Berkshire, RG14 2HT

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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.

N/A

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1172611



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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

The members present their annual report together with the financial statements of the PCC of St Mary's Church for the year ended 31st December 2024.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Mary's Church is situated on the northern edge of Newbury and serves the areas of Shaw, Donnington and Clay Hill as well as the more rural areas to the north. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to co-operate with the priest-in-charge, Revd. Raymond Obin, in ministering to the parish and achieving our aims as stated below. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the church building on Church Road, Shaw, including the adjoining Church Centre. The activities of the PCC are regulated by the Church of England, Diocese of Oxford.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary's Church aims to respond to God's love in Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love and Caring for People. We are a welcoming community who aim to reach out to all the people in the Parish as we worship together, tell people about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and care in spiritual and practical terms wherever we can in the community.

We strive to fulfil these objectives through:

- A secure and varied pattern of Worship, Prayer and Bible Study, in church, the church centre, care homes and schools.
- Provision of pastoral care through a committed pastoral team.
- A strong musical tradition and enjoyment of worshipping through music.
- Close working relationship with local schools, especially our church school (Shaw cum Donnington Primary School), the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and local organisations.
- A welcoming and interesting programme of social activities.
- Working co-operatively as members of Christians Together in the Newbury Area (CTNA) and the Newbury Deanery.
- To facilitate much of our work, we are committed to looking after the fabric of St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington and its Church Centre, which provides a well-regarded space for many community activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC strives to meet the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of our community by offering a varied pattern of worship, prayer and bible study throughout the week, using the church, the church centre, as well as in care homes and schools. In 2024 we had a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Sunday at 10am. Baptisms were held during the morning service or separately, depending on the circumstances. We held a weekly Meeting for Prayer in the Church using some of the liturgy from the Morning Prayer and a mid-week Communion service on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We held a week-day afternoon service for our Home Members before Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Our services are easy to follow, using a projector and screen for liturgy and lyrics, and we make available a printed order of service in large print for those who need it. We have a monthly prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. We held a Lent

course. We have an email 'Prayer Chain' and share requests for prayer with members of the congregation who have chosen to receive them.

Shaw cum Donnington Primary School come to the church four times a year for special services and Trinity School (secondary) use the church for their Christmas assemblies. COINS (Christian Opportunities in Newbury Schools) used the church for their Christmas and Easter events which are attended by other local schools.

We have a particular focus on making sure all are made welcome at our services, and we deliver a Christmas Card to everyone in the parish with details of our Christmas Worship.

There are currently 80 people on the electoral roll, 51 are residents and 29 non-residents.

Our Sunday attendance increased in 2024.

In 2024 we baptised 15 children. We conducted 3 weddings and the clergy conducted 18 funerals at St Mary's or the Crematorium and 3 internments of ashes. These services are essential to our commitment to spiritually support everyone in our parish as they enable our community to journey with God through life and to give thanks to Him at the milestones along their earthly pathway.

We have monthly Holy Communion services in the 5 care homes in the parish.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church and Church Centre

The church centre was maintained in order to make it a welcoming space for meetings. This includes the various church groups who meet in the church centre, a drama group and Bridge Church (a Newbury Free Church) who used our facilities to run a weekly parent and toddlers' group.

A quinquennial inspection in October 2023 highlighted a number of issues with the church and church centre. The issues were prioritised in order of urgency and repairs to the church roof were completed. The installation of a replacement CCTV system was completed. The lighting in the church centre was upgraded. 3 of the windows in the Church Centre were replaced.

The church office was decorated and reorganised in preparation for a new Church Administrator. The Youth Lounge was cleared and tidied and storage cupboards were reorganised.

A team of volunteers continued to work on the churchyard to tidy areas that had become overgrown and to plant bulbs. Overgrown trees were trimmed and the grass is now cut at regular intervals by the Council contractors.

Pastoral Care

The Barnabas Group, supporting those in the community who have been bereaved, continued to meet weekly in the church centre.

The Myrtle Café project continues to provide a Monday meeting point and support for those who are isolated and lonely in the community.

The monthly Lunch Club for older members of the community continued to be popular and minibus transport is provided as required.

Home Members (those older members of the community who can no longer attend Sunday worship) were invited to St Mary's for special events at Easter, Summer, Harvest and Christmas and joined together in a Communion Service followed by afternoon tea.

The 'Reminiscence' project continued in 2024 and the group meets in person to share memories on particular themes.

Members of the church keep in regular touch with older members of the community who are no longer able to attend services.

A church outing by coach to Waterperry Gardens was arranged.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. At St Mary's we demonstrate this by our Pastoral Care activities and support for charities at home and abroad. We sell calendars at Christmas to raise funds for Newbury Cancer Care Trust and pack shoeboxes of gifts as part of the 'Link To Hope' scheme. We are a collection point for the West Berkshire Foodbank and support Action Through Enterprise in Ghana with fundraising. We organise special collections for appeals run by Christian Aid. We hope to restart our Youth Work in the future but, until this happens, we are pleased to support the Next Gen Youth Café who meet at a local community centre, as one of our Christmas charities. We organised an 'Easter Kids' event for local children. We support the Bible Society and Bible Sunday was marked on 27th October. The local Boys' Brigade group moved to St Mary's in 2024 and ran weekly activities in the church centre. The children and parents were welcomed at a special commissioning service in October followed by lunch. The group is supported by Revd. Ed Yates as Brigade Chaplain and by a team of volunteers. The group have struggled to recruit new members following the change of venue and meeting day but it is hoped that this will improve in 2025. The Boys' Brigade now has a Girls' Association and welcomes both boys and girls to join.

The Parish Council organised a community fete and St Mary's took part by providing craft activities for children.

Every home in the parish (now almost 7,000 approximately) received a Christmas Card with information about regular services and activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Christians Together in Newbury (CTNA) and has a strong history of working together with Christians of all denominations.

Other Activities

We would like to rebuild our work with families and children and look forward to seeing more children at our Sunday morning services in the future. Our weekly 'Meeting Point' group for parents and pre-school children has been running for many years with the support of dedicated volunteers and continued in 2024 with a small number of families attending.

Our fundraising activities included a concert by a professional string quartet, Tedesca, sponsored by a local resident. We held a Burns Night Supper, an organ recital and a slide show. Our 200 Club continued in 2024.

We organised a group meal at a local restaurant.

We held our APCM in March. In May we hosted a concert as part of the Newbury Spring Festival programme. In September we held our Harvest services, including Harvest Evensong followed by tea. In October we held our Annual Bereavement service and tea.

We take environmental issues very seriously and actively encourage and promote ways in which the congregation can get involved in protecting our environment at a local and national level. We include 'Green Tips' in our pew sheet and 'Remote Action' suggestions in our weekly email communications. We held an 'Environment' service and joined in the national Count on Nature. We are a Fairtrade Church and purchase fairtrade coffee and tea for use in our after-church café. We have achieved the Silver eco-Church award.

St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2024

The financial accounts for 2024 are set out in their required form on the following pages, and comprise the following documents:

- Receipts and Payments Account Summary

- Receipts and Payments Details

- Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31st December 2024.

- Independent Examiners Report which has been signed by David Cobbett following his review and comparison of the PCC's accounting records with the financial statements.

These reports were reviewed by the PCC on 25th February 2025.

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts

Voluntary Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £37,933. Restricted donations (money collected for Cancer Care Calendars and Link to Hope Shoeboxes) of £412 were also received. Voluntary donations have increased by almost £5,000 this year.

Activities for generating funds

The 200 Club raised £1,925 for general funds. Other fundraising events included a Burns Night Supper, Easter, Harvest and Christmas Teas organised by the Pastoral Team, a slide show, a classical concert and an organ recital. £2,068 was donated via The Good Exchange and a further £2,500 was received from Greenham Trust in 2024 towards the refit of the church kitchen. Total fundraising income was £10,928.

Income from investments

The income from the Jones Will Trust was £12,500.

The freehold house in Walton Way continues to be let and provided an income of £8,357 after management fees and repairs were taken into account.

Income from church activities

Service fee income has increased slightly due to more funerals taking place in 2024 compared to the previous year.

Other Income

Other income was £5,462. The main items were VAT refunds of £2,084 (church lighting, CCTV and kitchen refit), Lunch Club donations, Myrtle Café donations and tickets to Waterperry Gardens for a church outing.

Total Income

Income for the year was £93,838. This has increased since 2023 due to the increases in voluntary income, fundraising, investment income and income from church activities.

Payments

The Costs of Events in 2024 was £5,787 and included prizes for the 200 Club, Lunch Club and Burns Night expenses and the coach trip to Waterperry Gardens. It also includes the fee of £2,000 paid to the classical concert performers. This fee was funded by an individual sponsor.

Charitable Donations in 2024 were £804 and included money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes (£412) plus donations to CAP (£100), ECO Church (£125), Bible Society (£73.34), West Berkshire Foodbank (£77) and Next Gen Youth Café (£17). Funds were also raised for special collections and events and these were paid to the charities directly so do not appear in the accounts. These are Tearfund Big Quiz (£176), Christmas Collections for ATE and Jesus Disciple

Centre (£462), Christingle Collection for Jesus Disciple Centre (£82). Total Charitable donations were £1,614. Of the Christmas money donated to ATE, £152 was added to the 'Big Give' fund in order to receive matched funding. A further £90 was added to the 'Big Give' for ATE by individuals.

£68,107 was spent from unrestricted funds, and a further £384 from restricted funds, on church running costs in 2024. The major item of expenditure was St Mary's Parish Share contribution to the Oxford Diocese of £23,789. This amount is approximately 56% of the Parish Share paid by similar parishes as Raymond is a self-supporting minister.

£3,300 was spent from the £50,000 legacy fund on enhancements to the church and church centre. The items approved by PCC and then purchased were the CCTV and church centre lighting upgrades.

Other items of capital expenditure were the deposit for the lychgate handrails, repairs to the church roof and new windows for the church centre. As a result, the 'Building Maintenance' and 'Church Centre' restricted funds have now been totally spent.

Net Result

Total payments for 2024 were £97,131 compared to receipts of £93,838 giving a deficit of £3,293. The planned expenditure on capital projects was the main reasons for the deficit. The numbers of people attending services in 2024 continued to increase and it is hoped that this will result in an increase in voluntary income in 2025. In addition, the PCC will continue to explore where savings can be made in order to ensure that St Mary's remains financially viable and is able to continue its commitments to the congregations and the community. St Mary's has an aspiration to return to paying the full Parish Share within the next few years in order to support a full-time member of the clergy in the future.

It is planned to spend some of the remaining legacy funds on replacing the Internal South Doors. Other proposals for use of the legacy funds are still under discussion.

Cash funds at the end of 2024 were £86,171 split between a business current account and three savings accounts. This includes the sum of £2,666 held in the Youth Work Restricted Reserve Fund, £181 in the Lunch Club Fund and £1,231 in the Pastoral Team fund. The total amount in the restricted reserve funds at the end of the year was £4,078. This represents money that was raised for a specific purpose and can only be spent on those items.

Reserves Policy – It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £30,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total amount in the unrestricted reserve fund at the end of 2024 was £66,230.

Conclusion

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support St Mary's financially by their regular giving and support of special projects. Thank you to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their close monitoring of the finances and church property. I anticipate that the church reserves will further decrease in 2025 due to planned investment in the church fabric and repairs arising from the quinquennial inspection.

I would like to thank Tony Bradford for maintaining the day-to-day financial records. Thank you to Steve Joplin for all his work in recording cash and envelope donations. Thank you to Charles and Lesley Garner for acting as our Gift Aid Administrators for many years and to Heather White who has recently taken over this role. Thank you to David Cobbett for kindly acting as our Independent Examiner again this year.

Staff and Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who continuously work so hard to make our church a welcoming and lively community and further our mission and outreach work. A special 'Thank you!' must go to our Churchwarden, Mrs Ros Stuart, our Treasurer Mrs Rachel Haslam, our Assistant Treasurer Mr Tony Bradford, our Financial Team member Mr Steve Joplin, our Independent Examiner David Cobbett, our Verger Mr Derek Harwood, our Administrators Sally Breach and Maggie Wiseman, and our PCC and Committee members. We are also very grateful to Roger Snelling, Tony Dawkins, Nick Breach and to Councillor Paul Bryant for all the many jobs they do to maintain the church and the church yard. The volunteers have given hundreds of hours of their time to make St. Mary's Church a loving, attractive and welcoming church that actively serves its community. We said goodbye to Sally in 2024 who retired from her job as Church Administrator after over 30 years' service to St Mary's. Sally continued to support St Mary's as PCC ^[RH1]Secretary for the rest of the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

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, the curate, the churchwardens, the church's elected deanery synod representatives and those elected as members of the PCC at the APCM, and the Verger, who is co-opted to the PCC. All regular 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 decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Deanery Synod representatives and Churchwardens are ex-officio. Other PCC members are elected at the APCM, or in the case of the Verger, co-opted.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees are Ministry, Finance and General Purposes, World Partners and Pastoral. Fundraising activities are led by individual members of the congregation. All committees report back to the PCC regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed and voted as necessary.

Administrative Information

The ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's comprises the civic parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington as well as the Newbury Electoral Ward Clay Hill and other small areas of Newbury Town. It is part of the Newbury Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Church Road, Newbury, RG14 2DR. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Our Registered Charity Number is 1172611.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until 31 December 2024 are:

- Priest in Charge: Revd. Raymond Obin
- Assistant Curate: Revd. Ed Yates

Ex Officio members:

- Warden: Mrs Ros Stuart
- Representatives to Deanery Synod: Mrs Libby Goldsack and Mr David Willetts

Co-opted members:

- Verger: Mr Derek Harwood

Elected members:

Mrs Mary Dawkins
Mr Mark Hutson
Mrs Rachel Haslam
Mr Mike Stuart
Mr Steve Joplin
Mrs Gill Moore
Mrs Barbara Bradford
Mrs Sally Breach
Mrs Lesley Almond

Electoral Roll Officer

Mr Derek Harwood

Other Officers in addition to PCC Members

Gift Aid Secretary

Mr Charles Garner

Service Stewards:

Lesley Almond
Barbara Bradford
Sally Breach
George Cummins
Mary Dawkins
Karen Fenwick
Charles Garner
Libby Goldsack
Rachel Haslam
Mark Hutson
Mary Hutson
Wendy Seamons
Ros Stuart
Mike Stuart
Janet Sturgess
Jane Yates

Receipts and Payments Account
St Mary's Shaw-cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Previous Year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	£37,932.89	£412.00		£38,344.89	£33,353.40
Fundraising	£10,224.51	£703.00		£10,927.51	£5,662.93
Income from investments	£22,103.31	£49.11		£22,152.42	£21,975.43
Income from Church activities	£16,951.11			£16,951.11	£13,628.44
Other incoming resources	£4,452.82	£1,009.00		£5,461.82	£9,547.05
Assets & investment sales					
Total receipts	£91,664.64	£2,173.11		£93,837.75	£84,167.25
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	£4,427.35	£1,359.39		£5,786.74	£2,220.39
Donations to charities	£391.84	£412.00		£803.84	£788.70
Church running costs	£68,107.10	£384.00		£68,491.10	£78,168.14
Governance costs					
Major capital expenditure	£8,601.56	£13,448.25		£22,049.81	£12,048.00
Assets & investment purchases					
Total payments	£81,527.85	£15,603.64		£97,131.49	£93,225.23
Excess of receipts over payments				-£3,293.74	-£9,057.98
Cash funds previous year	£71,956.80	£17,508.33		£89,465.13	
Cash funds this year	£82,093.59	£4,077.80		£86,171.39	

Notes:

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis

Receipts and Payments Details - December 2024

St Mary's Shaw-cum-Donnington

Year to December 2024

INCOME				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Voluntary income				
Donations - Standing Orders	5,729.00		5,729.00	5,569.00
Donations - Envelope Schemes	2,025.00		2,025.00	3,030.00
Donations - Parish Giving Scheme	13,316.84		13,316.84	12,546.60
One off gifts (Gift Aided)	3,654.83		3,654.83	2,553.50
One off gifts (Not Gift Aided)	544.73		544.73	213.42
Cash collections at services	4,818.85		4,818.85	3,368.21
Cash collections at Weds/Baps	127.20		127.20	90.01
Collections for charities		412.00	412.00	522.70
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	7,716.44		7,716.44	5,459.96
Legacies			0.00	
	37,932.89	412.00	38,344.89	33,353.40
Fundraising				
Fundraising events	7,424.51	703.00	8,127.51	4,662.93
Grants	2,800.00		2,800.00	1,000.00
	10,224.51	703.00	10,927.51	5,662.93
Income from investments				
Mrs F B Jones Will Trust income	12,500.00		12,500.00	12,500.00
Rent from 125 Walton Way	8,357.01		8,357.01	8,516.40
Bank interest	1,246.30	49.11	1,295.41	959.03
	22,103.31	49.11	22,152.42	21,975.43
Income from church activities				
Service fees	10,493.90		10,493.90	9,102.00
Hall hire	6,199.50		6,199.50	4,367.40
After service cafe	257.71		257.71	159.04
	16,951.11		16,951.11	13,628.44
Other incoming resources				
Other income	4,452.82	1,009.00	5,461.82	9,277.09
Refunds				269.96
	4,452.82	1,009.00	5,461.82	9,547.05
Total Income	91,664.64	2,173.11	93,837.75	84,167.25

EXPENSES				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Costs of generating funds				
Stewardship costs (envs)				
Costs of Events	4,427.35	1,359.39	5,786.74	2,220.39
	4,427.35	1,359.39	5,786.74	2,220.39
Donations to Charities				
Charities outgoings	391.84	412.00	803.84	788.70
	391.84	412.00	803.84	788.70
Church Running Costs				
Parish contribution to diocese	23,788.71		23,788.71	23,117.49
Service fees	5,617.00		5,617.00	5,769.00
Salaries (net) Adm'r + Verger	10,157.48		10,157.48	13,872.76
PAYE + Nat Ins	1,132.59		1,132.59	877.80
Ministry Training				238.12
Local Mission		322.00	322.00	253.30
Repairs & maintenance	2,563.57		2,563.57	4,786.04
Insurance	6,814.44		6,814.44	5,876.89
Electricity	4,349.70		4,349.70	2,120.63
Gas	2,891.00		2,891.00	3,694.00
Telephone + Internet	791.52		791.52	752.12
Office costs	2,115.12		2,115.12	2,370.11
Bank service charges	127.59		127.59	229.99
Photocopying	439.37		439.37	587.14
Printing	245.30		245.30	220.19
Housekeeping	834.50		834.50	542.15
Copyright Licence Fees	459.72		459.72	438.30
Church hall costs	251.76		251.76	4,269.26
Upkeep of service	95.28		95.28	175.71
Organist fees- normal services	4,700.00		4,700.00	4,600.00
Other costs	157.34	62.00	219.34	2,420.49
After service café	38.09		38.09	109.85
125 Walton Way minor expenses	537.02		537.02	846.80
	68,107.10	384.00	68,491.10	78,168.14
Independent examiner fee				
Major capital expenditure				
Church Kitchen Refit				12,048.00
Lychgate Handrails	1,176.00		1,176.00	
Church Centre Lighting	2,303.81		2,303.81	
CCTV Installation	3,396.00		3,396.00	
Roof Repair	649.75	7,720.25	8,370.00	
Church Windows	1,076.00	5,728.00	6,804.00	
Assets & investments purchases				
Purchases of assets				
Purchases of investments				
	8,601.56	13,448.25	22,049.81	12,048.00
Total expenses	81,527.85	15,603.64	97,131.49	93,225.23
Net receipts/payments	10,136.79	-13,430.53	-3,293.74	-9,057.98

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Monetary Assets					
Bank Current account	12,592.54				12,592.54
Bank General Reserve account	34,534.68	15,863.82	4,077.80		54,476.30
Bank Restricted Reserve account	1,655.40				1,655.40
Bank Nationwide Account	17,447.15				17,447.15
Total	66,229.77	15,863.82	4,077.80		86,171.39
Fixed assets					
125 Walton Way Shaw 1 bed freehold					
25% share in Mrs FB Jones Trust					
Provision for Future Ministry	20,037				
Liabilities					
Oct to Dec 2024 Parochial Fees and Service Fees paid in January 2025	1,108				
Debtors					
Designated Funds					
Organ Maintenance		662.04			
Legacy		15,201.78			
Restricted Funds					
Chancel Roof/Building Maintenance			0.00		
Church Centre			0.00		
Charities			0.00		
Youth Work			2,665.63		
Lunch Club			180.83		
Pastoral Team			1,231.34		
Totals		15,863.82	4,077.80		

No values have been shown for the Fixed Assets because current values are not known.
To ascertain these would require professional valuations the cost of which is unjustified when the PCC
has no current intention to realise them. The purchase price of 125 Walton Way in September 2006 was £133,500

These financial statements were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council on the 25th February 2025

sgd
PCC Chairman

sgd
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1172611

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Account, Receipts and Payments Details - December 2024, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024, St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2024

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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:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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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:

01/03/2025

Name:

David Cobbett

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

N/A

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1172611



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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

The members present their annual report together with the financial statements of the PCC of St Mary's Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Mary's Church is situated on the northern edge of Newbury and serves the areas of Shaw, Donnington and Clay Hill as well as the more rural areas to the north. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to co-operate with the priest-in-charge, Revd. Raymond Obin, in ministering to the parish and achieving our aims as stated below. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the church building on Church Road, Shaw, including the adjoining Church Centre. The activities of the PCC are regulated by the Church of England, Diocese of Oxford.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary's Church aims to respond to God's love in Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love and Caring for People. We are a welcoming community who aim to reach out to all the people in the Parish as we worship together, tell people about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and care in spiritual and practical terms wherever we can in the community.

We strive to fulfil these objectives through:

- A secure and varied pattern of Worship, Prayer and Bible Study, in church, the church centre, care homes and schools.
- Provision of pastoral care through a committed pastoral team.
- A strong musical tradition and enjoyment of worshipping through music.
- Close working relationship with local schools, especially our church school (Shaw cum Donnington Primary School), the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and local organisations.
- A welcoming and interesting programme of social activities.
- Working co-operatively as members of Christians Together in the Newbury Area (CTNA) and the Newbury Deanery.
- To facilitate much of our work, we are committed to looking after the fabric of St Mary's Church, Shaw cum Donnington and its Church Centre, which provides a well-regarded space for many community activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC strives to meet the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of our community by offering a varied pattern of worship, prayer and bible study throughout the week, using the church, the church centre, as well as in care homes and schools. In 2023 we had a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer every Sunday at 10am. Baptisms were held during the morning service or separately, depending on the circumstances. We held a weekly Meeting for Prayer in the Church using some of the liturgy from the Morning Prayer and a mid-week Communion service on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We held a week-day afternoon service for our Home Members before Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Our services are easy to follow, using a projector and screen for liturgy and lyrics, and we make available a printed order of service in large print for those who need it. We have a monthly prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. We held a Lent

course. We have an email 'Prayer Chain' and share requests for prayer with members of the congregation who have chosen to receive them.

Shaw cum Donnington Primary School come to the church four times a year for special services and Trinity School (secondary) use the church for their Christmas assemblies. COINS (Christian Opportunities in Newbury Schools) used the church for their Christmas and Easter events which are attended by other local schools.

We have a particular focus on making sure all are made welcome at our services, and we deliver a Christmas Card to everyone in the parish with details of our Christmas Worship.

There are currently 80 people on the electoral roll, 51 are residents and 29 non-residents.

Our Sunday attendance increased in 2023.

In 2023 we baptised 7 children. We conducted 4 weddings and the clergy conducted 19 funerals at St Mary's or the Crematorium. These services are essential to our commitment to spiritually support everyone in our parish as they enable our community to journey with God through life and to give thanks to Him at the milestones along their earthly pathway.

We had a church Away Day in October when we went to All Saints Church, Upper Bucklebury for a reflection and planning day on the theme of 'How Can I Help?' A number of ideas were generated from this and are being progressed.

The Church Purpose and Focus Statement was discussed and the new strap line was agreed as 'Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love, Caring for People.'

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church and Church Centre

The asbestos floor tiles were removed from the west porch and a replacement floor was laid.

The kitchen in the church centre was refitted in August and has provided a more workable space for the various groups that use the space. This includes the various church groups who meet in the church centre, a weekly Art Group who hire the space and Bridge Church (a Newbury Free Church) used our facilities to run a weekly parent and toddlers' group.

A quinquennial inspection in October 2023 highlighted a number of issues with the church and church centre. The issues have been prioritised in order of urgency and work will begin on repairs to the church roof in 2024.

The installation of a replacement CCTV system was started during the year, partially funded by a grant from the Thames Valley Police Community fund.

New, lighter chairs were purchased for the church centre.

A team of volunteers started work on the churchyard to tidy areas that had become overgrown and to plant bulbs. Communications with the local Parish Council and West Berkshire Council have started to ensure that the grass is cut at regular intervals by the Council contractors and that overgrown trees can be trimmed.

Pastoral Care

The Barnabas Group, supporting those in the community who have been bereaved, continued to meet weekly in the church centre.

The Myrtle Café project continues to provide a Monday meeting point and support for those who are isolated and lonely in the community.

The monthly Lunch Club for older members of the community continued to be popular and minibuss transport is provided as required.

Home Members (those older members of the community who can no longer attend Sunday worship) were invited to St Mary's for special events at Easter, Summer, Harvest and Christmas and joined together in a Communion Service followed by afternoon tea.

The 'Reminiscence' project continued in 2023 and the group meets in person to share memories on particular themes.

Members of the church keep in regular touch with older members of the community who are no longer able to attend services.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. At St Mary's we demonstrate this by our Pastoral Care activities and support for charities at home and abroad. We sell calendars at Christmas to raise funds for Newbury Cancer Care Trust and pack shoeboxes of gifts as part of the 'Link To Hope' scheme. We are a collection point for the West Berkshire Foodbank and support Action Through Enterprise in Ghana with fundraising. We organise special collections for appeals run by Christian Aid. We hope to restart our Youth Work in the future but, until this happens, we are pleased to support the Next Gen Youth Café who meet at a local community centre, as one of our Christmas charities. We support the Bible Society and Bible Sunday was marked on 29th October with a local speaker from the Bible Society.

Every home in the parish (now almost 7,000 approximately) received a Christmas Card with information about regular services and activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Christians Together in Newbury (CTNA) and has a strong history of working together with Christians of all denominations.

Other Activities

We would like to rebuild our work with families and children and look forward to seeing more children at our Sunday morning services in the future. Our weekly 'Meeting Point' group for parents and pre-school children has been running for many years with the support of dedicated volunteers and continued in 2023 with a small number of families attending.

We held our APCM in March. In May we hosted a concert as part of the Newbury Spring Festival programme. In June we travelled to Oxford to join the service of ordination for our curate, Revd. Ed Yates. In September we held our Harvest services, including Harvest Evensong followed by tea. In October we held our Annual Bereavement service and tea.

We take environmental issues very seriously and actively encourage and promote ways in which the congregation can get involved in protecting our environment at a local and national level. We include 'Green Tips' in our pew sheet and 'Remote Action' suggestions in our weekly email

communications. We held an 'Environment' service and joined in the national Count on Nature. We are a Fairtrade Church and purchase fairtrade coffee and tea for use in our after-church café. We are currently working towards our Silver eco-Church award.

Financial Review

Receipts

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £32,780. Restricted donations (money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes and West Berkshire Foodbank) of £574 were also received. Voluntary donations have increased slightly this year.

The 200 Club raised £1,757 for general funds. Other fundraising events included a Burns Night Supper and a coffee morning. A grant of £1,000 was received from West Berkshire Council to support the Myrtle Café 'Warm Spaces' project. £500 was donated via The Good Exchange in 2023 towards the refit of the church kitchen. Total fundraising income was £5,663 which is lower than in previous years due to fewer fundraising events taking place.

The income from the Jones Will Trust was £12,500. This has increased compared to 2022 due to the timing of the payments.

The freehold house in Walton Way continues to be let and provided an income of £8,516 after management fees were taken into account. This is an increase from 2022 and is due to a rent increase in May.

Service fee income has decreased slightly due to fewer weddings and funerals taking place in 2023 compared to the previous year.

Other income was £9,547. The main items were VAT refunds of £5,471 (church boiler, replacement lighting, kitchen refit and west porch floor), Lunch Club donations (including £320 transferred from the Lunch Club account previously held at Lloyds Bank), donations at events run by the Pastoral Team, Myrtle Café donations and coach tickets to Oxford for Ed's ordination. Income for the year was £84,167. This has increased since 2022 due to the increases in voluntary income, investment income and VAT refunds.

Payments

The Costs of Events in 2023 was £2,220 and included prizes for the 200 club, Lunch Club and Burns Night expenses and the coach trip to Oxford. It also included minibus hire (deducted from the 'Surviving to Thriving' fund) for events held at St Mary's.

Charitable Donations in 2023 were £789 and included money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes and West Berkshire Foodbank (£523) plus donations to ATE (£256) and Christian Aid (£10). Funds were also raised for special collections and these were paid to the charities directly so do not appear in the accounts. These were the DEC Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal (£155), Christian Aid Appeals (£990), ATE (£223) and Next Gen Youth Café (£341).

£77,653 was spent from unrestricted funds, and a further £515 from restricted funds, on church running costs in 2023. The major item of expenditure was St Mary's Parish Share contribution to the Oxford Diocese of £23,117. This amount is approximately 46% of the Parish Share paid by similar parishes as Raymond is a self-supporting minister.

£8,755 was spent from the £50,000 legacy fund on enhancements to the church and church centre. The items approved by PCC and then purchased were new chairs for the church centre and a contribution towards refitting the church kitchen.

£2,222 was spent from the 'Surviving to Thriving' fund. Items purchased included a large AV screen for the church centre, laptops for use by Myrtle Café attendees and minibus transport to events in the church centre. The fund has now been totally spent.

The Church Centre Kitchen refit was the main item of capital expenditure in 2023. The material and fitting costs were £12,048.

Net Result

Total payments for 2023 were £93,225 compared to receipts of £84,167 giving a deficit of £9,058. The planned expenditure from legacy funds, plus the kitchen refit, were the main reasons for the deficit. The numbers of people attending services in 2023 continued to increase and it is hoped that this will result in an increase in voluntary income in 2024. In addition, the PCC will continue to explore where savings can be made in order to ensure that St Mary's remains financially viable and is able to continue its commitments to the congregations and the community. St Mary's has an aspiration to return to paying the full Parish Share within the next few years in order to support a full-time member of the clergy in the future.

It is planned to spend the Church Centre restricted reserve fund in 2024 on further enhancements to the church centre by replacing the downstairs windows to reduce heat loss. It is planned to spend the remaining funds in the Building Maintenance fund on repairs that were identified as part of the recent quinquennial inspection. It is planned to spend the remaining legacy funds (£17,552) on projects that have already been approved by PCC (Church Centre Lighting, Internal South Doors and upgrading the CCTV system). Other proposals for use of any remaining legacy funds are still under discussion.

Cash funds at the end of 2023 were £89,465 split between a business current account and three savings accounts. This includes the sum of £5,679 held in the restricted reserve account (for church centre capital purchases and maintenance only). £7,720 remains in the Building Maintenance Restricted Reserve Fund, £2,988 in the Youth Work Restricted Reserve Fund, £608 in the Lunch Club Fund and £513 in the Pastoral Team fund. The total amount in the restricted reserve funds at the end of the year was £17,508. This represents money that was given for a specific purpose and can only be spent on those items.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £30,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total amount in the unrestricted reserve fund at the end of 2023 was £54,345.

Staff and Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who continuously work so hard to make our church a welcoming and lively community and further our mission and outreach work. A special 'Thank you!' must go to our previous Churchwardens, Mark Hutson and Mary Dawkins, our current Churchwarden, Mrs Ros Stuart, our Treasurer Mrs Rachel Haslam, our Assistant Treasurer Mr Tony Bradford, our Financial Team member Mr Steve Joplin, our Independent Examiner David Cobbett, our Community Outreach Officer Mr David Willetts, our Verger Mr Derek Harwood, our Administrator Sally Breach and our PCC and Committee members. We are also very grateful to Roger Snelling, Tony Dawkins, Nick Breach and to Councillor Paul Bryant for all the many jobs they do to maintain the church and the church yard. The volunteers have given hundreds of hours of

their time to make St. Mary's Church a loving, attractive and welcoming church that actively serves its community.

Structure, Governance and Management

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The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

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, the churchwardens and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All regular 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 decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Deanery Synod representatives and Churchwardens are ex-officio. Other PCC members are elected at the APCM, or in the case of the Verger, co-opted.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees are Finance and General Purposes, World Partners and Pastoral. The Stewardship and Fundraising Committee ceased during the year and its work is being continued by individual members of the congregation who lead fundraising events. The Church and Community Life Development Committee ceased during the year and was replaced by the Ministry Committee. This new committee plans activities for the major festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. All committees report back to the PCC regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed and voted as necessary. Sub committees are formed for key project i.e. the building work arising from the quinquennial inspection.

Administrative Information

The ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's comprises the civic parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington as well as the Newbury Electoral Ward Clay Hill and other small areas of Newbury Town. It is part of the Newbury Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Church Road, Newbury, RG14 2DR. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Our Registered Charity Number is 1172611.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until 31 December 2023 are:

- Priest in Charge: Revd. Raymond Obin
- Assistant Curate: Revd. Ed Yates

Ex Officio members:

- Warden: Mrs Ros Stuart
- Representatives to Deanery Synod: Mrs Libby Goldsack and Mr David Willetts

Co-opted members:

- Verger: Mr Derek Harwood

Elected members:

Mrs Mary Dawkins

Mr Mark Hutson

Mrs Rachel Haslam

Mr Mike Stuart

Mr Steve Joplin

Mrs Gill Moore

Mrs Barbara Bradford

Mrs Sally Breach

Mrs Lesley Almond

Gift Aid Secretary

Mr Charles Garner

Electoral Roll Officer

Mr Derek Harwood

Service Stewards:

Rachel Haslam

Mark Hutson

Mary Hutson

Sally Breach

Mary Dawkins

Libby Goldsack

Charles Garner

Barbara Bradford

Wendy Seamons

Karen Fenwick

Ros Stuart

Mike Stuart

Jane Yates

Receipts and Payments Account
St Mary's Shaw-cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the period from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Previous Year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	32,779.70	573.70		33,353.40	31,254.42
Fundraising	5,544.71	118.22		5,662.93	12,612.17
Income from investments	21,917.99	57.44		21,975.43	19,081.86
Income from Church activities	13,628.44			13,628.44	13,507.99
Other incoming resources	7,803.38	1,743.67		9,547.05	3,141.64
 Assets & investment sales					
Total receipts	81,674.22	2,493.03		84,167.25	79,598.08
 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	1,328.46	891.93		2,220.39	2,947.10
Donations to charities	266.00	522.70		788.70	1,157.17
Church running costs	77,653.46	514.68		78,168.14	82,761.92
Governance costs					
Major capital expenditure	12,048.00			12,048.00	
Assets & investment purchases					
Total payments	91,295.92	1,929.31		93,225.23	86,866.19
 Excess of receipts over payments	-9,621.70	563.72		-9,057.98	-7,268.11
 Cash funds previous year	81,578.50	16,944.61		98,523.11	
Cash funds this year	71,956.80	17,508.33		89,465.13	

Notes:

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis

Receipts and Payments Details - December 2023

St Mary's Shaw-cum-Donnington

Year to December 2023

INCOME				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Voluntary income				
Donations - Standing Orders	5,569.00		5,569.00	5,349.00
Donations - Envelope Schemes	3,030.00		3,030.00	3,458.00
Donations - Parish Giving Scheme	12,546.60		12,546.60	10,947.57
One off gifts (Gift Aided)	2,502.50	51.00	2,553.50	1,719.80
One off gifts (Not Gift Aided)	213.42		213.42	380.89
Cash collections at services	3,368.21		3,368.21	2,313.04
Cash collections at Weds/Baps	90.01		90.01	384.65
Collections for charities		522.70	522.70	760.00
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	5,459.96		5,459.96	5,941.47
Legacies				
	32,779.70	573.70	33,353.40	31,254.42
Fundraising				
Fundraising events	4,544.71	118.22	4,662.93	7,749.17
Organ Maintenance Fund				40.00
Grants	1,000.00		1,000.00	4,823.00
	5,544.71	118.22	5,662.93	12,612.17
Income from investments				
Mrs F B Jones Will Trust income	12,500.00		12,500.00	10,501.00
Rent from 125 Walton Way	8,516.40		8,516.40	8,225.20
Bank interest	901.59	57.44	959.03	355.66
	21,917.99	57.44	21,975.43	19,081.86
Income from church activities				
Service fees	9,102.00		9,102.00	9,922.00
Hall hire	4,367.40		4,367.40	3,477.00
After service cafe	159.04		159.04	108.99
	13,628.44		13,628.44	13,507.99
Other incoming resources				
Other income	7,533.42	1,743.67	9,277.09	3,141.64
Refunds	269.96		269.96	
	7,803.38	1,743.67	9,547.05	3,141.64
Total Income	81,674.22	2,493.03	84,167.25	79,598.08

EXPENSES				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Costs of generating funds				
Stewardship costs (envs)				
Costs of Events	1,328.46	891.93	2,220.39	2,947.10
	1,328.46	891.93	2,220.39	2,947.10
Donations to Charities				
Charities outgoings	266.00	522.70	788.70	1,157.17
	266.00	522.70	788.70	1,157.17
Church Running Costs				
Parish contribution to diocese	23,117.49		23,117.49	13,363.02
Service fees	5,769.00		5,769.00	4,829.00
Salaries (net) Adm'r + Verger	13,872.76		13,872.76	12,122.96
PAYE + Nat Ins	877.80		877.80	877.80
Ministry Training	238.12		238.12	135.00
Local Mission	24.30	229.00	253.30	
Repairs & maintenance	4,786.04		4,786.04	18,467.17
Insurance	5,876.89		5,876.89	5,330.47
Electricity	2,120.63		2,120.63	2,335.54
Gas	3,694.00		3,694.00	1,786.00
Telephone + Internet	752.12		752.12	853.86
Office costs	2,370.11		2,370.11	1,654.56
Bank service charges	229.99		229.99	228.78
Photocopying	587.14		587.14	355.62
Printing	220.19		220.19	185.48
Housekeeping	542.15		542.15	399.17
Copyright Licence Fees	438.30		438.30	444.89
Church hall costs	3,983.58	285.68	4,269.26	5,780.25
Upkeep of service	175.71		175.71	91.45
Organist fees- normal services	4,600.00		4,600.00	4,600.00
Other costs	2,420.49		2,420.49	8,557.89
After service café	109.85		109.85	62.90
125 Walton Way minor expenses	846.80		846.80	300.11
	77,653.46	514.68	78,168.14	82,761.92
Independent examiner fee				
Major capital expenditure				
Church Kitchen Refit	12,048.00		12,048.00	
Assets & investments purchases				
Purchases of assets				
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	12,048.00		12,048.00	
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St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Monetary Assets					
Bank Current account	10,377.69				10,377.69
Bank General Reserve account	26,926.53	17,611.62	11,829.44		56,367.59
Bank Restricted Reserve account			5,678.89		5,678.89
Bank Nationwide Account	17,040.96				17,040.96
Total	54,345.18	17,611.62	17,508.33		89,465.13
Fixed assets					
125 Walton Way Shaw 1 bed freehold					
25% share in Mrs FB Jones Trust					
Provision for Future Ministry	20,037				
Liabilities					
Oct to Dec 2023 Parochial Fees and Service Fees paid in January 2024	1,029				
Debtors					
Designated Funds					
Organ Maintenance		60.00			
Legacy		17,551.62			
Surviving to Thriving Project		0.00			
Restricted Funds					
Chancel Roof/Building Maintenance			7,720.25		
Church Centre			5,678.89		
Charities			0.00		
Youth Work			2,987.63		
Lunch Club			608.22		
Pastoral Team			513.34		
Totals		17,611.62	17,508.33		

No values have been shown for the Fixed Assets because current values are not known.
To ascertain these would require professional valuations the cost of which is unjustified when the PCC
has no current intention to realise them. The purchase price of 125 Walton Way in September 2006 was £133,500

These financial statements were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council on the 7th February 2023

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PCC Chairman

sgd
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF SHAW CUM DONNINGTON**

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1172611

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Account, Receipts and Payments Details - December 2023, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023, St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2023

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Signed:

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08/02/2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

The members present their annual report together with the financial statements of the PCC of St Mary's Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Mary's Church is situated on the northern edge of Newbury and serves the areas of Shaw, Donnington and Turnpike as well as the more rural areas, including Long Lane, to the north of the parish. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent in ministering to the parish and achieving our aims as stated below. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the church building on Church Road, Shaw, including the adjoining Church Centre. The activities of the PCC are regulated by the Church of England, Diocese of Oxford.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary's Church aims to bring the Good News of God's love to everyone in the Parish and to promote Christian fellowship, service and teaching throughout, including all the schools and residential homes.

We strive to fulfil these objectives through:

- A varied and inclusive pattern of Worship, Prayer and Bible Study, in church, the church centre, and schools.
- Provision of pastoral care through a committed pastoral team.
- A strong musical tradition and enjoyment of worshipping through music.
- Youth and Family work.
- Close working relationship with local schools, especially our church school (Shaw cum Donnington Primary School), the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and local organisations.
- A welcoming and interesting programme of social activities.
- Working co-operatively as members of Christians Together in the Newbury Area (CTNA) and the Newbury Deanery.
- To facilitate much of our work, we are committed to looking after the fabric of St Mary's Church Shaw cum Donnington and its Church Centre Complex, which provides a well-regarded space for many community activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC strives to meet the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of our community by offering a varied, accessible and inclusive pattern of worship, prayer and bible study throughout the week, which takes place in church, the church centre, the Rectory and primary school. Examples in 2022 included Choral Evensong services, Common Worship Family Communion, Morning Prayer Services, and Pastoral Team Services aimed at those with mobility issues. We enjoy worshipping through music and are proud of our strong musical tradition and our adult choir led by our musical director Steve Bowey. All our services are easy to follow as they use a projector and screen for liturgy and lyrics, or accessible printed service orders, which are also available in large print.

We also welcome Shaw cum Donnington Primary School for services on special occasions, as well as Trinity School, Winchcombe School and Speenhamland School for annual Christmas Services, and

many more schools to the twice-yearly events organised by the charity COINS (Christian Opportunities in Newbury Schools).

All are welcome to attend our services, and in order to fulfil our objective 'to bring the Good News of God's love to everyone in the Parish', the Minister and members of the congregation strive to visit every house in the parish before Christmas with a Christmas Card inviting everyone to our Services.

There are currently 76 people on the electoral roll, 46 are residents and 30 non-residents.

There is a strong uptake of our outreach services. Our Sunday attendance is slightly improved since 2021.

In 2022 we baptised 16 children and 1 adult. We conducted 4 weddings and 13 funerals. These services are essential to our commitment to spiritually supporting everyone in our parish as they enable our community to journey with God through life and to give thanks to Him at the milestones along their earthly pathway.

Particular Activities throughout the year

Sunday Worship continued in church each week, and we also held some events. We also held Compline evening services on Zoom weekly for those people still nervous about coming out, and for some who just enjoyed it. In January we held the CTNA leaders' lunch, (they also came to us periodically throughout the year for their prayer breakfasts), and a Burns Night Supper. We held a World Day of Prayer service in early February, and a Lent course (via Zoom) in the run up to Easter. Easter services were very well attended and a flower team surpassed themselves with their efforts to decorate the church as usual. Bishop Steven came to us in March for a service and lunch with Chapter. We had a church Away Day in April when we went to All Saints Church, Upper Bucklebury for a reflection and planning day with Parish Development Officer Rhodri Bowen. Bridge Church (a Newbury Free Church) used our facilities to run a weekly parent and toddlers' group. Parish schools came periodically to learn about the church. We held our APCM in May, and also hosted a concert as part of the Newbury Spring Festival programme. In July we were joined by Revd Ed Yates as part of our team. The National Citizenship service course for school leavers (run by the local council) used our facilities during the week for most of August. In September we took part in the Heritage Open Day, kept the church open for visitors and provided a display of documents relating to local people of the past. We also had our Harvest service and a Harvest Revue. In October we held our Annual Bereavement service and tea. We also began discussing using St Mary's Church Centre as a Warm Space to help with the Cost-of-Living Crisis, and the Myrtle Café was born. From early December 2022 we opened the café on Mondays to provide parishioners with hot drinks, light lunches, free Wi-Fi and use of computers, and a new large screen TV. It was lovely to see all the schools back after Covid restrictions for their Christmas services in the run up to the end of term.

We held concerts and other events for social and fundraising purposes and these included a piano recital by Nathan Reeves, the Tedesca string quartet, the Cantemus Choir, and the Harmony Choir.

Our new website and use of SharePoint has greatly improved the sharing of information between church members.

The 'Reministry' project continued in 2022 and is now called 'Reminiscence'. This began in lockdown as a way of keeping in touch with the housebound members of our congregation and now meets in person to share memories on particular themes. We were supported in this and other pastoral activities by a funding grant from Greenham Trust as part of their 'Surviving to Thriving' initiative.

We very much enjoyed a busy year with so much happening again after the long break under Covid restrictions.

Summary of PCC Reports

Fabric

All the regular maintenance to the Church has been carried out during 2022. A new church boiler was installed. Both boilers have also been serviced. Handrails were installed at the West Door steps.

Finance and General Purposes

The remit of the F&GP committee covers a wide range of issues including all matters financial, health and safety questions, maintenance and upkeep of the Church and Church centre, employment and salaries and the management of the Church-owned house in Walton Way. The members of the committee in 2022 were: Mike Stuart (Chair), Raymond Obin (Rector), Mark Hutson (Church Warden), Mary Dawkins (Church Warden), Rachel Haslam (Treasurer) and Nick Breach. Steve Joplin stood down from the committee in August and he was thanked for his many years of service. Sally normally acts as Clerk to the committee and takes the minutes for which we are extremely grateful. Nick Breach has the role of Health and Safety Officer. Tony Bradford is Assistant Treasurer and Charles and Lesley Garner have acted as joint Gift Aid secretary, making regular claims for the church. David Cobbett again acted as Independent Examiner of our Accounts for 2022.

Church and Community Life

The committee met 5 times during 2022. Personnel consist of Ros Stuart (chair) Rachel Haslam (clerk), Rev. Raymond Obin, David Willetts, Libby Goldsack, Mary Rye, Mark Hutson, (Warden), Mary Dawkins (Warden) and Barbara Bradford.

Rev. Ed Yates joined us from our July meeting following his Ordination as Deacon and appointment as Curate.

The committee has the remit on connecting Church life with life in the community and the meetings discuss a wide range of topics.

Stewardship and Fundraising

The St Mary's Stewardship and Fundraising Group met 3 times during 2022.

The Supporting St Mary's leaflet was updated to inform the congregation and wider community of our financial position and needs.

Eight fundraising events were organised: Concerts in the church were performed by Cantemus Choir, Harmony Choir, The Tedesca String Quartet and Nathan Reeves.

The Burns Night Supper, the Paul Sievers slide show of his experiences in the Himalayas and the Harvest Revue and Supper were much enjoyed by all who participated. We held a fundraising

coffee morning at St Nic's and donated 50% of receipts on the day to our nominated charity ATE Ghana.

Thank you to all the performers who donated their time and talents and to everyone who organised these events.

We are very grateful for the matched funding we received from the Vodafone Foundation which significantly enhanced our fundraising income from events in 2022. Group members in 2022 were Heather White, Rachel Haslam, Mary Dawkins, Mark Hutson, Ros Stuart and Charles Garner

Thank you to everyone who has supported the work of this group by responding to stewardship needs, donating to fundraising appeals, participating in the 200 Club and helping with or attending fundraising events.

World Partners

The members of the committee for 2022 were Mark Hutson, Barbara Bradford, Ros Stuart, Gill Moore and Mary Dawkins. As a church we support chosen local and world charities by raising money and awareness, and by prayer. We usually act as catalysts rather than making direct donations from church funds, with retiring collections, fundraising, speakers, joining in local events, volunteering, collecting goods etc. Our main chosen charities for 2022 were Christian Aid, Action Through Enterprise (in Ghana) and The Bible Society. We have also supported Newbury CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt assistance project. Volunteers have assisted local homeless charities and we collected bottle tops for Air Ambulance, stamps for RNIB and postcards for the Leprosy Mission as well as patronising their catalogue. We supported the West Berks Food Bank and Women's Refuge. We hosted one of the COINS Christmas events.

Safeguarding

One of the main focuses for 2022 was to continue our training and the up-to-date details of courses completed and outstanding can be found on the Safeguarding log which is in the PCC section on SharePoint.

Pastoral Care

In 2022 the members were Chris, Mark, Judith, Wendy and Mary who were supported the Ministerial Team. Pastoral needs are not only identified but are met with the best comprehensive support available to us.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod usually meets three times a year supported by a small standing committee comprising the Area Dean, David Macleod (St Mary's Greenham), a Lay Chair, Bruce Laurie (St Michael's Lambourne), Deanery Secretary Mark Knight (St Nic's), Treasurer Philip Read (St George's), Rev Wayne Lautenbach (Hermitage), Rev Miri Keane (West Downland), and David Willetts (St Mary's Shaw).

Each Parish/benefice chooses deanery synod representatives according to the size of the benefice. Currently Libby Goldsack and David Willetts serve as representatives for St Mary's.

Mission and Evangelism

Local evangelism is led by the Church and Community Life Development Committee (CCLD), Every home in the parish (now almost 7,000 approximately) received a Christmas Card with information about regular services and activities. 3 local residents became regular members of the congregation in 2022 as a result of receiving the card, or as members attending the Myrtle Café.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Christians Together in Newbury (CTNA) and has a strong history of working together with Christians of all denominations. In 2022 the usual CTNA activities were resumed after Covid.

Staff and Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who continuously work so hard to make our church a welcoming and lively community and further our mission and outreach work.

A special 'Thank you!' must go to our Churchwardens, Mrs Mary Dawkins and Mr Mark Hutson, our Treasurer Mrs Rachel Haslam, our Assistant Treasurer Mr Tony Bradford, our Financial Team member Mr Steve Joplin, our Independent Examiner David Cobbett, our Community Outreach Officer Mr David Willetts, our Verger Mr Derek Harwood, our Administrator Sally Breach and our PCC and Committee members. We are also very grateful to Roger Snelling, Tony Dawkins, Nick Breach and to Councillor Paul Bryant for all the many jobs they do to maintain the church and the church yard. The volunteers have given hundreds of hours of their time to make St. Mary's Church a loving, attractive and welcoming church that actively serves its community.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Members of the PCC are ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by decisions of the PCC.

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, the churchwardens and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All regular 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 decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year face to face.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees are Stewardship and Fundraising, World Partners, Finance and General Purposes, Pastoral, and Church and Community Life Development. All committees report back to the PCC regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed and voted as necessary.

Sub Committees are formed for specific events, for example the 'Easter in Shaw' event in March 2022.

Administrative Information

The ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's comprises the civic parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington as well as the Newbury Electoral Ward Clay Hill and other small areas of Newbury Town. It is part of the Newbury Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Church Road, Newbury, RG14 2DR. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC

Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Our Registered Charity Number is 1172611.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until 31 December 2022 are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Raymond Obin
- Curate: Revd. Ed Yates
- Warden, Vice Chair: Mr Mark Hutson
- Warden: Mrs Mary Dawkins
- Verger: Mr Derek Harwood
- Representatives to Deanery Synod: Mrs Libby Goldsack and Mr David Willetts
- Covenant Secretary: Mr Charles Garner
- Administrator and PCC Secretary: Mrs Sally Breach

Elected members:

Mrs R Haslam
Mrs M Hutson
Mr M Stuart
Mrs C Willetts
Mr S Joplin
Mrs R Stuart
Mrs G Moore
Mrs S Breach
Mrs B Bradford

Service Stewards:

Rachel Haslam
Mark Hutson
Mary Hutson
Sally Breach
Mary Dawkins
Libby Goldsack
Christine Willetts
Charles Garner
Barbara Bradford
Wendy Seamons
Karen Fenwick
Ros Stuart
Mike Stuart
Steven Joplin

St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2022

The financial accounts for 2022 are set out in their required form on the following pages, and comprise the following documents:

- Receipts and Payments Account Summary
- Receipts and Payments Details
- Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31st December 2022.
- Independent Examiners Report which has been signed by David Cobbett following his review and comparison of the PCC's accounting records with the financial statements.

These reports were reviewed by the PCC on 7th February 2023.

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts

Voluntary Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £30,494. Restricted donations (money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes, West Berkshire Foodbank and ATE) of £760 were also received. Voluntary donations have remained constant this year after a few years of declining income.

Activities for generating funds

The 'Surviving to Thriving' Project raised a further £1,200 in donations. The 200 Club raised £1,827 for general funds. Other fundraising events included a Burns Night Supper, a Slide Show, 5 concerts and a coffee morning. Grants included a donation by Thames Valley Police towards a new CCTV system and the Oxford Diocese towards winter heating costs.

Income from investments

The income from the Jones Will Trust was £10,501. This has decreased compared to 2021 due to the timing of the payments. The Trustees started managing the properties in September 2022 which will reduce the amount paid in fees to the Managing Agents and Accountants going forward. It is anticipated that the Trust will generate an annual income of approximately £12,000 per year for St Mary's, minus any building repairs that are required.

The freehold house in Walton Way continues to be let and provided an income of £8,225 after management fees were taken into account. This is an increase from 2021 and is due to a tenant being in place for the whole year.

Income from church activities

Service fee income has decreased due to fewer weddings and funerals taking place in 2022 compared to the previous year.

Other Income

Other income was £2,530. The main items were donations to Pat's leaving gift, a donation towards the Tedesca concert expenses and a VAT refund for the new handrails. A further £300 was transferred into the church account from the Pastoral Team Funds and £311 from Lunch Club donations (September onwards). These last two items have been recorded as restricted funds. It was agreed that the Lunch Club account at Lloyds bank should be closed and a payment of £320 has been transferred into the church account in January 2023.

Total Income

Income for the year was £79,598. This has decreased since 2021, mainly due to the legacy received in that year.

Payments.

The Costs of Events in 2022 was £2,499 and included prizes for the 200 club and concert expenditure. It also included the £2,216 spent from the 'Surviving to Thriving Fund on a visit to Milestones Museum, minibus hire and other transport, hall hire and administration costs. A further £448 was spent from restricted reserves on supplies for the monthly lunch club.

Charitable Donations in 2022 were £1,157 and included money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes, West Berkshire Foodbank plus donations to ATE and Christian Aid.

£79,778 was spent from unrestricted funds, and a further £2,984 from restricted funds, on church running costs in 2022. This includes £27,074 that was spent from the £50,000 legacy fund on enhancements to the church and church centre. The items approved by PCC and then purchased were 2 new laptops, pew bibles, AV equipment, a new gas boiler, pew cushions, a fridge freezer, replacement lighting for the church centre and a deposit on new chairs for the church centre. £13,363 was paid as St Mary's contribution to the diocesan parish share that supports the work of the Church of England and provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The Parish Share contribution reflects that we do not have a full-time stipendiary Rector and was therefore lower than in previous years.

Net Result

Total payments for 2022 were £86,866 compared to receipts of £79,598 giving a deficit of £7,268. The legacy expenditure, offset by the lower Parish Share, were the main reasons for the deficit. The PCC committees will continue to explore how additional funds can be raised and where savings can be made in order to ensure that St Mary's remains financially viable and is able to continue its commitments to the congregations and the community. St Mary's has an aspiration to return to paying the full Parish within the next few years in order to support a full-time Incumbent in the future.

It is planned to spend some of the restricted reserve funds in 2023 on further enhancements to the church centre by replacing the downstairs windows to reduce heat loss. It is planned to spend some of the remaining legacy funds on projects that have already been approved by PCC (Church Centre Chairs and upgrading the CCTV system). Other proposals for use of the legacy funds are still under discussion.

Cash funds at the end of 2022 were £98,523 split between a business current account and three savings accounts. This includes the sum of £5,907 held in the restricted reserve account (for church centre capital purchases and maintenance only). £7,720 remains in the Building Maintenance Restricted Reserve Fund, £3,154 in the Youth Work Restricted Reserve Fund and £300 in the Pastoral Team fund. The remaining money in the Sanctuary Fund was spent on new bibles and new handrails were fitted at the West Door using the remaining money in the Handrails fund. The total amount in the

restricted reserve funds at the end of the year was £16,944. This represents money that was given for a specific purpose and can only be spent on those items.

Reserves Policy – It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £30,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total amount in the unrestricted reserve fund at the end of 2022 was £81,579.

Conclusion

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support St Mary's financially by their regular giving and support of special projects. Thank you to the hard-working Stewardship and Fundraising Team and to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their close monitoring of the finances and church property.

I anticipate that the church reserves will decrease in 2023 due to planned investment in the church fabric and the increased Parish Share.

I would like to thank Tony Bradford for maintaining the day-to-day financial records. Thank you to Sally Breach and Steve Joplin for all their work that ensures the smooth running of the church finances. Thank you to David Cobbett for kindly acting as our Independent Examiner again this year.

Rachel Haslam - February 2023

Receipts and Payments Account
St Mary's Shaw-cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the period from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Previous Year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	30,494.42	760.00		31,254.42	81,234.91
Fundraising	12,612.17			12,612.17	13,985.37
Income from investments	19,055.86	26.00		19,081.86	16,390.72
Income from Church activities	13,507.99			13,507.99	15,757.99
Other incoming resources	2,530.44	611.20		3,141.64	11,672.71
	78,200.88	1,397.20		79,598.08	139,041.70
Assets & investment sales					
Total receipts	78,200.88	1,397.20		79,598.08	139,041.70
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	2,499.00	448.10		2,947.10	1,909.14
Donations to charities	397.17	760.00		1,157.17	1,218.53
Church running costs	79,777.62	2,984.30		82,761.92	70,027.69
Governance costs	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Major capital expenditure	0.00	0.00		0.00	4,966.45
	82,673.79	4,192.40		86,866.19	78,121.81
Assets & investment purchases					
Total payments	82,673.79	4,192.40		86,866.19	78,121.81
Excess of receipts over payments	-4,472.91	-2,795.20		-7,268.11	60,919.89
Cash funds previous year	86,051.41	19,739.81		105,791.22	
Cash funds this year	81,578.50	16,944.61		98,523.11	

Notes:

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis

Receipts and Payments Details - December 2022

St Mary's Shaw-cum-Donnington

Year to December 2022

INCOME				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Voluntary income				
Donations - Standing Orders	5,349.00		5,349.00	5,809.00
Donations - Envelope Schemes	3,458.00		3,458.00	3,831.00
Donations - Parish Giving Scheme	10,947.57		10,947.57	9,196.02
One off gifts (Gift Aided)	1,719.80		1,719.80	3,721.85
One off gifts (not gift-aided)	380.89		380.89	343.09
Cash collections at services	2,313.04		2,313.04	1,308.04
Cash collections at Weds/Baps	384.65		384.65	394.30
Collections for charities		760.00	760.00	657.00
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	5,941.47		5,941.47	5,974.61
Legacies				50,000.00
	30,494.42	760.00	31,254.42	81,234.91
Fundraising				
Fundraising events	7,749.17		7,749.17	10,105.37
Organ Maintenance Fund	40.00		40.00	
Grants	4,823.00		4,823.00	3,880.00
	12,612.17	0.00	12,612.17	13,985.37
Income from investments				
Mrs F B Jones Will Trust income	10,501.00		10,501.00	12,000.00
Rent from 125 Walton Way	8,225.20		8,225.20	4,307.80
Bank interest	329.66	26.00	355.66	82.92
	19,055.86	26.00	19,081.86	16,390.72
Income from church activities				
Service fees	9,922.00		9,922.00	11,627.30
Hall hire	3,477.00		3,477.00	4,090.00
Parish magazine				12.00
After service cafe	108.99		108.99	28.69
	13,507.99	0.00	13,507.99	15,757.99
Other incoming resources				
Other income	2,530.44	611.20	3,141.64	11,362.70
Refunds				310.01
	2,530.44	611.20	3,141.64	11,672.71
Total Income	78,200.88	1,397.20	79,598.08	139,041.70

EXPENSES				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Costs of generating funds				
Stewardship costs (envs)				
Costs of Events	2,499.00	448.10	2947.10	1,909.14
	2,499.00	448.10	2947.10	1,909.14
Donations to Charities				
Charities outgoings	397.17	760.00	1157.17	1,218.53
	397.17	760.00	1157.17	1,218.53
Church Running Costs				
Parish contribution to diocese	13,363.02		13363.02	26,000.00
Service fees	4,829.00		4829.00	7,198.90
Salaries (net) Adm'r + Verger	12,122.96		12122.96	12,491.99
PAYE + Nat Ins	877.80		877.80	954.22
Ministry Training	135.00		135.00	0.00
Children's Church				69.11
Repairs & maintenance	18,467.17		18467.17	8,918.99
Insurance	5,330.47		5330.47	5,486.15
Electricity	2,335.54		2335.54	1,693.76
Gas	1,786.00		1786.00	1,464.00
Telephone + Internet	853.86		853.86	629.67
Office costs	1,654.56		1654.56	1,401.00
Bank service charges	228.78		228.78	224.81
Photocopying	355.62		355.62	194.34
Printing	185.48		185.48	151.22
Housekeeping	399.17		399.17	274.61
Copyright Licence Fees	444.89		444.89	370.66
Church hall costs	5,465.05	315.20	5780.25	330.00
Upkeep of service	91.45		91.45	17.66
Organist fees- normal services	4,600.00		4600.00	1,240.00
Other costs	5,888.79	2,669.10	8557.89	308.56
After service café	62.90		62.90	20.05
125 Walton Way minor expenses	300.11		300.11	587.99
	79,777.62	2,984.30	82761.92	70,027.69
Independent examiner fee	0.00		0.00	
	0.00		0.00	
Major capital expenditure				
125 Walton Way major works	0.00		0.00	4,966.45
Assets & investments purchases				
Purchases of assets	0.00		0.00	
Purchases of investments	0.00		0.00	
	0.00		0.00	4,966.45
Total expenses	82,673.79	4,192.40	86,866.19	78,121.81
Net receipts/payments	-4,472.91	-2,795.20	-7,268.11	60,919.89

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Monetary Assets					
Bank Current account	8,061.02				8,061.02
Bank General Reserve account	31,526.42	25,208.14	11,037.48		67,772.04
Bank Restricted Reserve account			5,907.13		5,907.13
Bank Nationwide Account	16,782.92				16,782.92
	<u>56,370.36</u>	<u>25,208.14</u>	<u>16,944.61</u>		<u>98,523.11</u>
Fixed assets					
125 Walton Way Shaw 1 bed freehold					
25% share in Mrs FB Jones Trust					
Provision for Future Ministry	20,037				
Liabilities					
Oct to Dec 2022 Parochial Fees	909				
Debtors					
Lunch Club Funds Transferred from Lloyds Account in Jan 2023	320				
Designated Funds					
Organ Maintenance		60.00			
Legacy		22,925.72			
Surviving to Thriving Project		2,222.42			
Restricted Funds					
Chancel Roof/Building Maintenance			7,720.25		
Church Centre			5,907.13		
Sanctuary			0.00		
Charities			0.00		
Youth Work			3,154.13		
Handrails			0.00		
Lunch Club			-136.90		
Pastoral Team			300.00		
		<u>25,208.14</u>	<u>16,944.61</u>		

No values have been shown for the Fixed Assets because current values are not known.
To ascertain these would require professional valuations the cost of which is unjustified when the PCC
has no current intention to realise them. The purchase price of 125 Walton Way in September 2006 was £133,500

These financial statements were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council on the 7th February 2023

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PCC Chairman

sgd
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2022

Charity no
(if any)

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Receipts and Payments Account, Receipts and Payments Details - December 2022, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022, St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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: David Cobbett

Date: 23/02/2023

Name: David Cobbett

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

Address: 5 Mountbatten Close, Shaw, Newbury, West Berkshire, RG14 2HT

Section B

Disclosure

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.

N/A

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHAW CUM DONNINGTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1172611



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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2021

The members present their annual report together with the financial statements of the PCC of St Mary's Church for the year ended 31st December 2021.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St Mary's Church is situated on the northern edge of Newbury and serves the areas of Shaw, Donnington and Turnpike as well as the more rural areas, including Long Lane, to the north of the parish. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent in ministering to the parish and achieving our aims as stated below. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the church building on Church Road, Shaw, including the adjoining Church Centre. The activities of the PCC are regulated by the Church of England, Diocese of Oxford.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary's Church aims to bring the Good News of God's love to everyone in the Parish and to promote Christian fellowship, service and teaching throughout, including all the schools and residential homes.

We strive to fulfil these objectives through:

- A varied and inclusive pattern of Worship, Prayer and Bible Study, in church, the church centre, in people's homes and in residential care homes and schools.
- Provision of pastoral care through a committed pastoral team.
- A strong musical tradition and enjoyment of worshipping through music.
- Youth and Family work.
- Close working relationship with local schools, especially our church school (Shaw cum Donnington Primary School), the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and local organisations.
- A welcoming and interesting programme of social activities.
- Working co-operatively as members of Christians Together in the Newbury Area (CTNA) and the Newbury Deanery.
- To facilitate much of our work, we are committed to looking after the fabric of St Mary's Church Shaw cum Donnington and its Church Centre Complex, which provides a well-regarded space for many community activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC strives to meet the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of our community by offering a varied, accessible and inclusive pattern of worship, prayer and bible study throughout the week, which takes place in church, the church centre, schools and people's homes. Examples in 2021 included traditional Book of Common Prayer Communion, Choral Evensong services, Common Worship Family Communion and Morning Prayer Services, Pastoral Team Services aimed at those with mobility issues. We enjoy worshipping through music and are proud of our strong musical tradition and our adult choir led by our musical director Steve Bowey. All our services are easy to follow as they use a projector and screen for liturgy and lyrics, or accessible printed service orders, which are also available in large print.

We also welcome Shaw cum Donnington Primary School for services on special occasions, as well as Trinity School, Winchcombe School and Speenhamland School for annual Christmas Services, and many more schools to the twice-yearly events organised by the charity COINS (Christian Opportunities in Newbury Schools).

All are welcome to attend our services, and in order to fulfil our objective 'to bring the Good News of God's love to everyone in the Parish', the Minister and members of the congregation strive to visit every house in the parish before Christmas with a Christmas Card inviting everyone to our Christmas Services.

There are currently 73 people on the electoral roll, 44 are residents and 29 non-residents.

There is a strong uptake of our outreach services. Sadly, we continue to struggle with our average Sunday attendance.

In 2021 we baptised 12 children. We conducted 2 weddings and 21 funerals. These services are essential to our commitment to spiritually supporting everyone in our parish as they enable our community to journey with God through life and to give thanks to Him at the milestones along their earthly pathway.

Particular Activities throughout the year

2021 was a very different year for St Mary's due to the impact of the COVID pandemic.

Sunday Worship continued in church each week supported by visiting Ministers but other activities remained as virtual events. Lockdown continued post-Christmas 2021 so we shared a Zoom Burns' Night Quiz, and continued Zooming during Lent as we studied "Learning To Thrive" through Mark's gospel. With no large gathering planned locally, St Mary's held a Service for Women's World Day of Prayer in March to celebrate with the Women in Vanuatu. From Palm Sunday through to Easter Day we displayed a Holy Week Tableau from the Lych Gate to the South Doors and encouraged visitors to take and read the accompanying leaflet. With refurbishments to our house in Walton Way successfully completed a new tenancy began in July. During September we hosted Ride and Stride, a Heritage Day and celebrated Harvest Festival. In October we were once again able to access the Church South Door entrance. In November we began meeting to pray on Wednesday Mornings at the church.

We held concerts and other events for social and fundraising purposes as soon as it was possible to do so.

The church website was refreshed and a new SharePoint site set up for sharing information between church members.

The new 'Reministry' project continued in 2021. This began in lockdown as a way of keeping in touch with the housebound members of our congregation and developed in 2021 into face-to-face meetings to share memories on particular themes. We were supported in this and other pastoral activities by a funding grant from Greenham Trust as part of their 'Surviving to Thriving' initiative.

Reverends Janice McDonald, Pat Willis and Raymond Obin continued to support us during the interregnum, leading Sunday worship, as Mark and Mary (Churchwardens) liaised with the Archdeacon and Area Dean and created a new Parish Profile. We finally celebrated with great joy

and grateful thanks in October, as Raymond was installed as our new Minister at a service lead by Bishop Olivia. A blessed answer to many prayers.

Health and Safety procedures were followed to ensure a COVID safe environment i.e., attendees were encouraged to use the 'Track and Trace' app to log their attendance or record their details in the visitors' book, pews were regularly sanitised and sharing of communion wine was suspended. The after-church café continued as a Zoom Café each Sunday morning and then again in Church from August.

All committee meetings took place on Zoom instead of face to face.

Home Group, Flower Club, Meeting Point and Prayer Breakfast took place on Zoom.

Christmas Services (Midnight Mass and Christmas Day) took place in church and we were able to hold our normal Christingle Service once again.

The Prayer Chain continued and particular prayer requests were circulated.

The Harvest Festival took place in church and a large collection of tinned and packaged goods were donated to the local Foodbank.

Summary of PCC Reports

Fabric

All the regular maintenance to the Church has been carried out during 2021 and the boilers have also been serviced.

Finance and General Purposes

We continued to face financial challenges in 2021 with our reserves being depleted so much so that we failed to pay our full Parish share (a shortfall of £20,000). Raymond's arrival and the consequent reduction in our Parish share for 2022 leads us to hope that the improving situation will allow us in the future to use some reserves to support other churches if necessary.

No major church building repairs were necessary during 2021. Main items were the repair and repainting of church downpipes, boiler repairs and the long-awaited fitting of a smart new south door (cost covered by insurance).

The Lych gate benches were damaged (carving of initials and burning), and replacements were kindly supplied by Councillor Bill Graham. A new church-mounted CCTV camera is planned to monitor the area.

To make the steps to the west doors of the church safer, we are adding handrails both sides. These were approved and commissioned in 2021.

A new three-year electricity contract was taken out with Total Power and Gas through Parish Buying, and they fitted a new smart meter in September.

Our existing tenant left the church-owned property 125 Walton Way in May and we were unable to recover the outstanding rent of £5,800. While the property was empty it was fully refurbished with the help of volunteers. It has been completely redecorated, a new shower installed, and new carpets and kitchen flooring fitted. The porch was repaired, and the garden tidied up, fences painted, and the shed repaired and cleared. Total expenditure was approximately £5,500.

With the change in how the Jones bequest is being administered (the legal interest has been transferred to us), Rachel Haslam has taken on the role of Trustee, for which the committee is very grateful.

Church and Community Life

The group focused on organising individual events such as the Easter Tableau. Members of the committee represented St Mary's as part of the Community Parish Steering Group who are liaising

with the Parish Council on all issues connected to the new housing development. In collaboration with the Council, 3 cherry trees were planted in the Churchyard to commemorate VE Day, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and a Covid memorial.

Stewardship and Fundraising

The committee continued to review the stewardship income in order to understand the ongoing financial needs and to maximise the opportunities for thoughtful giving.

The 'Supporting St Mary's' leaflet was updated to inform the congregation and wider community of our financial position and needs.

Fundraising plans were adjusted in the light of changing restrictions, but some planned activities continued, and new fundraising opportunities were developed.

The St Mary's 200 Club had 26 subscriptions in 2021 generating income of £2,149 to church funds. Four well attended and successful concerts took place in the church. In July, Steve Bowey gave an organ recital supported by the Newbury Organist's Association. The Tedesca Quartet gave 2 concerts in August and November and the Barfield Handbell Ringers performed in December. Together they raised approximately £4,000.

We held a coffee morning at St Nicolas, Newbury in December which raised £209. 50% of this was donated to our World Partner charity ATE.

We are very grateful for the matched funding we received from the Vodafone Foundation which significantly enhanced our fundraising income from events in 2021.

Grants of £3,880 were received from Greenham Trust and Sovereign Housing to support St Mary's activities under the 'Surviving to Thriving' initiative.

Including some smaller donations, Easy Fundraising receipts and match funding the total fundraising and grant income for 2021 was £13,985. This represents 16% of total St Mary's income for the year (excluding legacies). Full details can be seen in the accounts as presented by the Treasurer.

World Partners

Our main chosen charities for 2021 were Christian Aid, Action Through Enterprise (in Ghana) and The Bible Society. We have also supported Pat Willis's work as a Waterways Chaplain and Newbury CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt assistance project. Volunteers have assisted local homeless charities and we collected bottle tops for Air Ambulance, stamps for RNIB and postcards for the Leprosy Mission as well as patronising their catalogue. We support the West Berks Food Bank.

We were able to support the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal in the autumn in the regular manner. 39 shoeboxes plus a large quantity of loose items were collected. Some people also did online boxes.

Environmental Update - We took part in Churches Count on Nature 5 to 13 June (counting wildlife in the churchyard as a part of national scheme) leading up to Environment Sunday which we held on 13 June. We had a mini-Count on Nature on 19 September as part of the national Great Big Green Week. We started looking at how we could raise our Bronze Eco Church Award to Silver. On 19 September at morning service, World Partners made a public declaration on behalf of the PCC as follows on the Climate Emergency. This was part of our participation in Eco Church, the Climate Sunday movement and the Climate Emergency Toolkit. This declaration was published in NWN and attracted some attention from local churches and the Deanery.

Safeguarding

There have not been any safeguarding concerns shared with Parish Safeguarding Officer. The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has been implemented as a tool to help us focus on policies and procedures. Safeguarding Training for all Trustees was promoted and will be completed in 2022.

Pastoral Care

The team delivered 35 Easter Cream Tea boxes, celebrated Harvest Tea in the church centre and organised a Christmas service and tea for our Home Members.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Mission and Evangelism

Local evangelism is led by the Church and Community Life Development Committee (CCLD), Every home in the parish (5000 approximately) received a Christmas Card with information about regular services and activities. 3 local residents became regular members of the congregation in 2021 as a result of receiving the card.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Mary's is a member of Christians Together in Newbury (CTNA) and has a strong history of working together with Christians of all denominations. In 2021 the usual CTNA activities were suspended.

Staff and Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who continuously work so hard to make our church a welcoming and lively community and further our mission and outreach work.

A special 'Thank you!' must go to our Church Wardens, Mrs Mary Dawkins and Mr Mark Hutson, our Treasurer Mrs Rachel Haslam, our Assistant Treasurer Mr Tony Bradford, our Financial Team member Mr Steve Joplin, our Independent Examiner David Cobbett, our Community Outreach Officer Mr David Willetts, our Verger Mr Derek Harwood, our Administrator Sally Breach and our PCC and Committee members. We are also very grateful to Roger Snelling, Tony Dawkins, Nick Breach and to Councillor Paul Bryant for all the many jobs they do to maintain the church and the church yard. The volunteers have given hundreds of hours of their time to make St. Mary's Church a loving, attractive and welcoming church that actively serves its community.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Members of the PCC are ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by decisions of the PCC.

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, the churchwardens and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All regular 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 decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year on Zoom.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees are Stewardship and Fundraising, World Partners, Finance and General Purposes, Pastoral, Church and Community Life Development and Safeguarding. All committees report back to the PCC regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed and voted as necessary.

Sub Committees are formed for specific events, for example the 'Easter in Shaw' event in March 2021.

Administrative Information

The ecclesiastical parish of St Mary's comprises the civic parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington as well as the Newbury Electoral Ward Clay Hill and other small areas of Newbury Town. It is part of the Newbury Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Church Road, Newbury, RG14 2DR. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Our Registered Charity Number is 1172611.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until 31 December 2021 are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Raymond Obin
- Warden, Vice Chair and PCC Secretary: Mr Mark Hutson,
- Warden: Mrs Mary Dawkins
- Verger: Mr Derek Harwood
- Representatives to Deanery Synod: Mrs Libby Goldsack and Mr David Willetts
- Covenant Secretary: Mr Charles Garner
- Administrator: Sally Breach

Elected members:

- Mrs Rachel Haslam, Treasurer
- Mrs Mary Hutson
- Mrs Barbara Bradford
- Mrs Chris Willetts
- Mr David Willetts
- Mr Mike Stuart
- Mrs Ros Stuart
- Mr Steve Joplin
- Mrs Gill Moore

Sidespeople:

- Mrs Rachel Haslam
- Mr Mark Hutson
- Mrs Mary Hutson
- Mrs Sally Breach
- Mrs Mary Dawkins

St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2021

The financial accounts for 2021 are set out in their required form on the following pages, and comprise the following documents:

- Receipts and Payments Account Summary
- Receipts and Payments Details
- Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31st December 2021.
- Independent Examiners Report which has been signed by David Cobbett following his review and comparison of the PCC's accounting records with the financial statements. These reports were reviewed by the PCC on 8th March 2022.

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts

Voluntary Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £81,235 of which £80,578 was unrestricted voluntary donations. Restricted donations (money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes, the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund and ATE) of £657 were also received. A unrestricted legacy of £50,000 was received in November 2021. Voluntary donations have continued to decline this year mainly due to lower congregation numbers and a few people moving away from the area.

Activities for generating funds

A successful application to The Good Exchange enabled St Mary's to raise £3,937.50 to fund our 2 year 'Surviving to Thriving' Project of which £699 was spent in 2021 on minibus hire, hall hire and administration costs. The application to The Good Exchange submitted in 2020 to fund new handrails raised a further £1,883.50, of which £441 was spent on Architects fees in 2021. The 200 Club raised £2,149 for general funds. Other fundraising events included 4 concerts and a coffee morning.

Income from investments

The income from the Jones Will Trust was £12,000. This has increased compared to 2020 due to the change of Trustees. Gardener Leader are no longer managing the Trust on behalf of St Mary's and so released the £7,500 that was in their client account. It is anticipated that the Trust will generate an annual income of approximately £12,000 per year for St Mary's, minus any building repairs that are required.

The freehold house in Walton Way continues to be let and provided an income of £4,308 after management fees were taken into account. This is an increase from 2020 and is due to a new tenant arriving in July 2021.

Income from church activities

Service fee income has increased due to more weddings and funerals taking place in 2021.

Other Income

Other income was £11,673. The main items were income from HMRC (furlough payments received in 2021) of £3,893 and an insurance payment of £6,694 to repair the South Door.

Total Income

Income for the year was £139,042. This is an increase since 2020 and is due to the legacy received and other reasons stated above.

Payments.

The Cost of Generating Funds in 2021 was £1,909 and included prizes for the 200 club and concert expenditure.

Charitable Donations in 2021 were £1,219 and included money collected for Cancer Care Calendars, Link to Hope Shoeboxes, the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund and ATE, plus donations to COINS and CTNA.

£62,430 was spent from unrestricted funds, and a further £7,598 from restricted funds, on church running costs in 2021. 37% of this amount (£26,000) is St Mary's contribution to the diocesan parish share that supports the work of the Church of England and provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

£4,966 was spent on the refurbishment of 125 Walton Way, including decorating, fitting a new shower and carpets and rebuilding the porch. This investment resulted in the property agents advising that the rent charged could be increased by £70 per month and this was subsequently agreed with the new tenant.

Net Result

Total payments for 2021 were £78,122 compared to receipts of £139,042 giving a surplus of £60,920. The legacy of £50,000 and the lower Parish Share were the main reasons for the surplus. Discussions on expenditure to make best use of the legacy are ongoing and it is anticipated that the majority will be spent in 2022, or put into a designated fund for specific projects. The outstanding Parish Share of £20,037 has been recorded as 'Provision for Future Ministry' on the Balance Sheet. St Mary's expressed an aspiration to pay this at a future date but the Oxford Diocese have advised us to focus on growing our Ministry and rebuilding our reserve funds that will enable us to support a full-time Incumbent in the future. The PCC committees will continue to explore how additional funds can be raised and where savings can be made in order to ensure that St Mary's remains financially viable and is able to continue its commitments to the congregations and the community. Cash funds at the end of 2021 were £105,791 split between a business current account and three savings accounts. This includes the sum of £6,196 held in the restricted reserve account (for church centre capital purchases and maintenance only). £8,177 remains in the Building Maintenance Restricted Reserve Fund, £557 in the Sanctuary Restricted Reserve Fund, £3,154 in the Youth Work Restricted Reserve Fund and £1,655 in the Handrail Restricted Reserve Fund. The total amount in the restricted reserve funds at the end of the year was £19,740. This represents money that was given for a specific purpose and can only be spent on those items.

Reserves Policy – It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £30,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total amount in the unrestricted reserve fund at the end of 2021 was £86,051.

Conclusion

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support St Mary's financially by their regular giving and support of special projects. Thank you to the hard-working Stewardship and Fundraising Team and to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their close monitoring of the finances and church property.

I anticipate that the church reserves will start to increase in 2022 due to the reduced Parish Share. The Stewardship and Fundraising Committee will continue to encourage giving from the congregation and supporters and to investigate sources of external funding.

I would like to thank Tony Bradford for maintaining the day-to-day financial records. Thank you to Sally Breach and Steve Joplin for all their work that ensures the smooth running of the church finances. Thank you to David Cobbett for kindly acting as our Independent Examiner again this year.

Receipts and Payments Account
St Mary's Shaw-cum Donnington Parochial Church Council
Accounts for the period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Previous Year
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	80,577.91	657.00		81,234.91	37,942.20
Fundraising	12,101.87	1,883.50		13,985.37	8,699.33
Income from investments	16,369.03	21.69		16,390.72	8,400.46
Income from Church activities	15,757.99			15,757.99	8,684.97
Other incoming resources	4,979.03	6,693.68		11,672.71	12,952.37
	<u>129,785.83</u>	<u>9,255.87</u>		<u>139,041.70</u>	<u>76,679.33</u>
 Assets & investment sales					
Total receipts	<u>129,785.83</u>	<u>9,255.87</u>		<u>139,041.70</u>	<u>76,679.33</u>
 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	1,909.14			1,909.14	534.14
Donations to charities	568.53	650.00		1,218.53	949.79
Church running costs	62,429.98	7,597.71		70,027.69	93,276.35
Governance costs					
Major capital expenditure	4,966.45			4,966.45	
	<u>69,874.10</u>	<u>8,247.71</u>		<u>78,121.81</u>	<u>94,760.28</u>
 Assets & investment purchases					
Total payments	<u>69,874.10</u>	<u>8,247.71</u>		<u>78,121.81</u>	<u>94,760.28</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>59,911.73</u>	<u>1,008.16</u>		<u>60,919.89</u>	<u>-18,080.95</u>
 Cash funds previous year	26,139.68	18,731.65		44,871.33	
Cash funds this year	86,051.41	19,739.81		105,791.22	

Notes:

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis

Receipts and Payments Details - December 2021

St Mary's Shaw-cum-Donnington

Year to December 2021

INCOME				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Voluntary income				
Donations - Standing Orders	5,809.00		5,809.00	6,809.00
Donations - Envelope Schemes	3,831.00		3,831.00	5,189.90
Donations - Parish Giving Scheme	9,196.02		9,196.02	9,181.65
One off gifts (Gift Aided)	3,721.85		3,721.85	5,543.50
One off gifts (not gift-aided)	343.09		343.09	1,886.24
Cash collections at services	1,308.04		1,308.04	1,817.92
Cash collections at Weds/Baps	394.30		394.30	68.05
Collections for charities		657.00	657.00	323.00
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	5,974.61		5,974.61	6,620.92
Legacies	50,000.00		50,000.00	500.00
Barnabas				2.02
	80,577.91	657.00	81,234.91	37,942.20
Fundraising				
Fundraising events	8,221.87	1,883.50	10,105.37	4,752.66
Youth Work				3,053.67
Grants	3,880.00		3,880.00	893.00
	12,101.87	1,883.50	13,985.37	8,699.33
Income from investments				
Mrs F B Jones Will Trust income	12,000.00		12,000.00	5,472.71
Rent from 125 Walton Way	4,307.80		4,307.80	2,645.60
Bank interest	61.23	21.69	82.92	282.15
	16,369.03	21.69	16,390.72	8,400.46
Income from church activities				
Service fees	11,627.30		11,627.30	4,630.77
Hall hire	4,090.00		4,090.00	3,927.10
Parish magazine	12.00		12.00	91.00
After service cafe	28.69		28.69	36.10
	15,757.99		15,757.99	8,684.97
Other incoming resources				
Other income	4,669.02	6,693.68	11,362.70	12,022.33
Refunds	310.01		310.01	930.04
	4,979.03	6,693.68	11,672.71	12,952.37
Total Income	129,785.83	9,255.87	139,041.70	76,679.33

EXPENSES				
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Costs of generating funds				
Stewardship costs (envs)				58.46
Costs of Events	1909.14		1,909.14	475.68
	1909.14		1,909.14	534.14
Donations to Charities				
Charities outgoings	568.53	650.00	1,218.53	949.79
	568.53	650.00	1,218.53	949.79
Church Running Costs				
Parish contribution to diocese	26,000.00		26,000.00	46,036.98
Service fees	7,198.90		7,198.90	1,445.50
Salaries (net) Adm'r + Verger	12,491.99		12,491.99	16,926.63
PAYE + Nat Ins	954.22		954.22	1,404.46
Messy Church				84.20
Youth work salaries + expenses				1,000.00
Children's Church		69.11	69.11	
Children's Choir				405.00
Repairs & maintenance	1,720.39	7,198.60	8,918.99	7,960.80
Insurance	5,486.15		5,486.15	5,504.88
Electricity	1,693.76		1,693.76	2,066.32
Gas	1,464.00		1,464.00	1,039.00
Telephone + Internet	629.67		629.67	922.89
Office costs	1,401.00		1,401.00	1,852.66
Bank service charges	224.81		224.81	211.33
Photocopying	194.34		194.34	320.14
Printing	151.22		151.22	107.95
Housekeeping	274.61		274.61	237.32
Copyright Licence Fees	370.66		370.66	395.05
Church hall costs		330.00	330.00	381.49
Upkeep of service	17.66		17.66	99.24
Organist fees- normal services	1,240.00		1,240.00	2,868.75
Other costs	308.56		308.56	1,414.06
After service café	20.05		20.05	17.40
125 Walton Way minor expenses	587.99		587.99	574.30
	62,429.98	7,597.71	70,027.69	93,276.35
Independent examiner fee				
Major capital expenditure				
125 Walton Way major works	4,966.45		4,966.45	
Assets & investments purchases				
Purchases of assets				
Purchases of investments				
Other expenditure				
Lighting Replacement				
Chancel Roof Repairs				
	4,966.45		4,966.45	
Total expenses	69,874.10	8,247.71	78,121.81	94,760.28
Net receipts/payments	59,911.73	1,008.16	60,919.89	-18,080.95

St Mary's Shaw cum Donnington Parochial Church Council

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Monetary Assets					
Bank Current account	10,369.59				10,369.59
Bank General Reserve account	5,671.54	53,258.50	13,543.48		72,473.52
Bank Restricted Reserve account			6,196.33		6,196.33
Bank Nationwide Account	16,751.78				16,751.78
	<u>32,792.91</u>	<u>53,258.50</u>	<u>19,739.81</u>		<u>105,791.22</u>
Fixed assets					
125 Walton Way Shaw 1 bed freehold					
25% share in Mrs FB Jones Trust					
Provision for Future Ministry	20,037				
Liabilities					
Oct to Dec 2021 Parochial Fees	314				
Donation to ATE	104				
Debtors					
Funeral Fees November 2021	372				
SIV Fees Sept and Oct 2021	164				
Designated Funds					
Organ Maintenance		20.00			
Legacy		50,000.00			
Surviving to Thriving Project		3,238.50			
Restricted Funds					
Chancel Roof/Building Maintenance			8,177.25		
Church Centre			6,196.33		
Sanctuary			557.10		
Charities			0.00		
Youth Work			3,154.13		
Handrails			1,655.00		
		<u>53,258.50</u>	<u>19,739.81</u>		

No values have been shown for the Fixed Assets because current values are not known.

To ascertain these would require professional valuations the cost of which is unjustified when the PCC

has no current intention to realise them. The purchase price of 125 Walton Way in September 2006 was £133,500

These financial statements were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council on the 8th of March 2022

sgd
PCC Chairman

sgd
Trustee

Independent Examiners' Report



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF SHAW CUM DONNINGTON**

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1172611

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Account, Receipts and Payments Details - December 2021, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2021, St Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington Financial Review 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

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:

1/03/2022

Name:

David Cobbett

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

Address:

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