

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARK, PENNINGTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1173998

Details

Other names ST MARK'S PCC, PENNINGTON

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-07-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious and charitable activities in and around the Parish of Pennington.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, 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

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£76,424	£73,127	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,868	£85,286	-	-
2022-12-31	£70,246	£75,158	-	-
2021-12-31	£76,739	£64,960	-	-
2020-12-31	£71,518	£72,988	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Michael Edwin Burson-Thomas	Chair	2024-04-24
Anthony Kenneth Bellringer		2026-05-10
Dorothy May Davies		2024-05-12
Erika Rutter		2025-05-11
Ingrid Elizabeth Haller Bolhoven		2024-05-12
MRS EVE JOLLY		2026-05-10
Patricia Ann Butlin		2026-05-10
Rebecca-Jane Rickaby		2026-05-10
Shirley Ann Saunders		2026-05-10
Teresa Anne Nivison		2026-05-10

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OF

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2024



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Aim and Purposes

St Mark's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the minister in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC has responsibility for the Grade II listed St Mark's Church together with the churchyard and St Mark's Community Hall.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to be part of our parish community.

When planning our activities we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith through –

Worship and prayer

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Following the licensing of our new Priest in Charge The Rev'd Canon Michael Burson-Thomas in April we have continued with our usual pattern of services. Our thanks go to all the retired clergy who led services during the vacancy.

Our regular pattern of worship on Sundays is:

8am	BCP Communion
10am	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday - Family Communion
	2nd and 4th Sunday - Morning Praise, an informal family service

We continue to livestream our Sunday services to those who are unable to attend church in person and we are able to offer this service for weddings, baptisms and funerals upon request.



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The average weekly attendance at our Sunday services is 36 but the numbers increase at our Easter and Christmas services. As well as our regular services we have celebrated 8 baptisms and 1 wedding and held 19 funerals in church.

During 2024 we continued with the joint prayer initiative between St. Thomas' church in Lymington and St. Mark's in Pennington. We meet at 9am on Monday to Friday on Zoom and on Saturdays at 9am in St Thomas' in Lymington and follow the Morning Prayer from Common Worship: Daily Prayer. The numbers vary but all are welcome to join or put in prayer requests.

On a very sad note our Licensed Lay Minister in training, Jane Nicholson, passed away before her licensing service could take place at Winchester Cathedral. She is greatly missed by all the congregation at St Mark's.

At present there are 55 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of which 11 are not resident in the parish.

Community and Social Events

This year St Mark's hosted two drama productions at the Community Hall: 'Old Herbaceous' in March and 'Dracula' in the Autumn. We had a very good response to both productions. They are organised by Culture in Common, funded by the Arts Council, to bring professional performances at affordable prices to people living in rural areas. These performances also raise funds for St Mark's Church as we receive 20% of the box office takings as well as the proceeds from raffle ticket sales and donations given for refreshments. In March we also held our Spring Fair and in August our Summer Fair, both of which were held in the Community Hall. The weather was kind to us and we welcomed a lot of visitors. In July a local historian gave an illustrated talk in church on 'Lymington's Courts and Alleyways'. The talk followed a route along Lymington High Street looking at the buildings and alleyways you walk by without noticing and found out why they were there. Our thanks go to all those who help to make these events successful and to all those who attend.

Other community events include our monthly Friendship Teas which are held on the first Tuesday of the month, bar January and August, at St Mark's Community Hall from 2.30 in the afternoon. It is a friendly get-together when we can all have a good chin-wag over a cup of tea and cake. There is usually a quiz to get our brains working, which is shared among those on each table, and occasionally bingo is played. Sadly, numbers of attendees have dipped a little over the past year and are now generally between 15 and 20, so if you would like to come and join us, please contact Pat or Shirley – we would love to see you. A huge thank you must, of course, go to our band of helpers and home bakers – you are all stars! Our other activity at the hall is the Strictly Come Crafting group which is held twice a month on a Tuesday afternoon. We have 13 members who all enjoy various crafts, plenty of chat and cake and a drink. All are welcome to join us.



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A coffee morning also takes place weekly on a Wednesday morning. This takes place at Belmore Lodge Care Home, apart from the 4th Wednesday in the month when we hold our monthly draw at church. We are joined by residents of the home and our thanks go to Belmore Lodge for the lovely cakes and refreshments they provide for us.

The church choir visited Elmer's Court just before Christmas to give visitors to the hotel a performance of carols which they were able to join in with. A wonderful time was had by choir and hotel visitors and Elmer's Court generously gave a donation to the church

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.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Christians Together in Lymington and Pennington.

As mentioned previously we also have joint prayer initiative with St Thomas Church in Lymington.

Safeguarding

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community. It is therefore important that parishes such as the parish of St Mark in Pennington give due focus to this important area. We are committed to following legislation, guidance and recognized good practice.

We aim to ensure that all safeguarding training and DBS certificates are up to date for those who require it so to maintain our compliance with the Church of England regulations.

Any safeguarding incidences should be reported to our safeguarding officer, Eve Jolly, at safeguarding@penningtonchurch.uk.

Pastoral Care

Our parish visitor co-ordinator, Rebecca Rickaby, arranges visits to several parishioners and if you would like a visit please contact the church. We celebrate communion on a monthly basis with the residents of Belmore Lodge Care Home and if you are unable to attend church but would like to receive communion in your own home please let us know.

As noted above we run a monthly Friendship Tea and a crafting group as part of our work in the community.



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Mission and Evangelism

A Fare Share Larder is held every Thursday at St Mark's Community Hall where many volunteers, including from St Mark's, assist with sorting and packing food. Free tea and coffee are available and space for informal chats to connect people to any necessary services (Citizens' Advice Bureau, NHS Social Assistance, NFDC Housing, free clothes/toys swap) are available in the hall before the larder arrives. We normally have up to 30 families, sometimes more, attend the larder and the community spirit is seen as they gather in the hall over refreshments, ably managed by Dorothy. A recycling/repurposing area has been started once a fortnight and people can bring things for repair.

The PCC currently sponsor a child in Africa from whom we receive regular updates.

Our weekly newsletter is emailed or delivered to all those who have requested a copy as well as to those who attend our weekly services.

Schools

Following the licensing of our new Priest in Charge in April we have been able to re-establish our connection with Pennington Church of England Junior School where weekly worship is now being held. In July the school held their leavers' service in church where all those leaving the school were presented with a copy of St Mark's Gospel. We have also established a relationship with one of the pre-schools in the parish with the children coming along to the church.

Churchyard

St Mark's still has an open churchyard and work continues with a small team of dedicated volunteers. Along with the Community Payback Team we have managed to keep on top of the strimming and clearing around the churchyard. The Community Payback supervisor commented how much better the churchyard looked now they felt they had got on top of all the work, especially around the older graves. Work also continues keeping the ditches cleared of leaves and debris.

The rubbish found around the churchyard is regularly collected and where appropriate recycled. Headstones are checked on a regular basis and the families, if known, are informed if unsteady. Our thanks go to the small, dedicated team of volunteers who meet on the first Thursday morning each month. Along with the Community Payback team, the aim is to present a restful, eco-friendly churchyard.



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Financial Review

Total receipts for 2024 amounted to £76,424 compared to £75,868 for 2023. Planned Giving continues to decrease and in 2024 was £19,746, a decrease of £1,133 over the previous year. Please do join our regular giving schemes, either the weekly envelope scheme or the Parish Giving scheme, if you are able as this helps us to budget for forthcoming expenditure. Collections have increased to £3,663 from £2,759 in 2023 and include collections from several funerals for which we are very grateful. Donations for the year totalled £11,266 which included several generous donations including £3,473 from Pennington WI to fund a sound system at our Community Hall. We also received two legacies during the year amounting to £1,443. Thank you to all those who give so generously to enable our church to meet its outgoing commitments. Events and refreshments raised £2,317 in 2024 compared to £1,553 in 2023. Fees for the year have also increased to £9,749 from £5,374 in 2023. We also received a £300 grant from New Forest District Council and £884 in donations from Pennington Community Hub towards the hall costs for the Fare Share Larder. Our Community Hall continues to be popular with both regular and occasional hirers.

Total payments for 2024 were £73,127 compared to £85,286 for 2023. The Common Mission Fund contribution was £26,432 compared to £29,185 for 2023. A decrease of £2,753. Also, our utility costs in 2024 decreased by £1,564 over 2023. Repairs and Maintenance of £11,900 include £6,420 for church roof repairs. Purchase of Equipment includes the cost of the new sound system at the hall costing £3,473. Advertising in 2023 included the cost of advertising for our new Priest in Charge which amounted to £904.

The surplus for the year on unrestricted funds totalled £2,734 together with a surplus of £563 on restricted funds giving an overall surplus of £3,297 compared to a deficit of £9,418 in 2023. The movements on restricted funds during the year are shown in note 3 on page 12 and the balance on the funds at 31st December 2024 amounted to £1,590. The balance on unrestricted funds at 31st December 2024 amounted to £67,733.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash funds on 31st December 2024 amounted to £69,323 as opposed to £66,026 at 31st December 2023. Other monetary assets amounted to £3,254 and liabilities at the year-end amounted to £1,712.



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Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates up to approximately twelve months' unrestricted payments. This is also to cover emergency building work as the PCC is responsible for a Grade II listed church building together with St Mark's Community Hall. The balance at the year-end was sufficient to cover this. Any cash balances which are not required in the short-term are invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to keep our church running and for making it a place of welcome for everyone. Special thanks go to the PCC for their valuable contribution.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, or co-opted by the PCC during the year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met eight times during the year, with standing committee meeting in between times.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative Information

St Mark's Church is situated in Ramley Road, Pennington, SO41 8GQ. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 29 Ramley Road, Pennington, Lymington. The registered charity number is 1173998.

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mark's Parochial Church Council, Pennington

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 10 - 15, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention; and
- issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations .

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

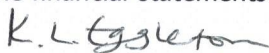
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations have not been met; or

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



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11th April 2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts -					
Planned Giving		18,546	1,200	19,746	20,879
Collections and Other Giving		3,663	-	3,663	2,759
Gift Aid Recovered		4,817	300	5,117	5,238
Other Voluntary Receipts	4a	9,068	6,000	15,068	20,489
		<u>36,094</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>43,594</u>	<u>49,365</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	4b	4,600	-	4,600	3,697
Receipts from Church Activities	4c	24,947	-	24,947	20,888
Investment Income	4d	3,210	73	3,283	1,918
		<u>68,851</u>	<u>7,573</u>	<u>76,424</u>	<u>75,868</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities -					
Common Mission Fund		26,432	-	26,432	29,185
Clergy and Staffing Costs	4f	2,752	1,500	4,252	4,053
Church Running Expenses	4g	23,802	4,326	28,128	19,200
Community Hall Running Expenses	5	11,514	1,184	12,698	13,333
Mission Giving and Donations	4h	274	-	274	274
		<u>64,774</u>	<u>7,010</u>	<u>71,784</u>	<u>66,045</u>
Costs of Generating Funds	4i	1,343	-	1,343	1,241
Major Works - Community Hall		-	-	-	18,000
		<u>66,117</u>	<u>7,010</u>	<u>73,127</u>	<u>85,286</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		2,734	563	3,297	(9,418)
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 1st January		64,999	1,027	66,026	75,444
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 31st December		<u>67,733</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>69,323</u>	<u>66,026</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		6,966	140	7,106	4,569
CBF Deposit Fund		60,737	1,449	62,186	61,426
Diocese of Winchester - CBF Deposit - Churchyard Fund		-	1	1	1
Cash in Hand		30	-	30	30
		<u>67,733</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>69,323</u>	<u>66,026</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
Community Hall Letting Income		482	-	482	432
Community Hall Donation		52	-	52	-
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		178	-	178	231
Income Tax Recoverable		537	25	562	445
CBF Deposit Fund Interest		740	17	757	815
Prepayments		989	-	989	-
Total Debtors		2,978	42	3,020	1,923
Stock of Items for Resale		234	-	234	250
		<u>3,212</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>3,254</u>	<u>2,173</u>
Assets Retained for the Church Use	2	<u>11,128</u>	<u>16,133</u>	<u>27,261</u>	<u>23,369</u>
LIABILITIES					
St Mark's Draw Club Income Received in Advance		565	-	565	502
Community Hall Letting Income Received in Advance		122	-	122	145
Community Hall Donation Received in Advance		-	-	-	261
Cost of Services		-	-	-	3
Gas and Electricity Costs - Church and Community Hall		731	-	731	840
Repairs and Maintenance		144	-	144	255
Church Administration		66	-	66	59
Advertising		28	-	28	30
Community Hall Expenses		56	-	56	588
		<u>1,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>2,683</u>

The attached notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 10th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by

PCC Vice Chair/Honorary Treasurer

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PCC Secretary

RJ Rickaby
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ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	2024	2023
	£	£
2) Fixed assets retained for Church use are as follows:		
Freehold property at the rear of the old Infant's School, South Street, Pennington consisting of the Community Hall and car park area purchased on 26th November 1963 at cost	250	250
Piano at cost	2,553	2,553
Church Equipment at cost	13,341	12,922
Churchyard Equipment at cost	1,887	1,887
Community Hall Furniture and Equipment	9,230	5,757
	<u>27,261</u>	<u>23,369</u>

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal

St Mark's Community Hall Furnishings

- 3) The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	1st January	Receipts	Payments	31st December
Building and Fabric Fund	403	22	-	425
Organ Fund	311	16	-	327
Churchyard Fund	314	232	(216)	330
Flower Fund	-	60	(60)	-
Community Hall Project Fund	350	3,491	(3,473)	368
Vegetable Garden Fund	40	-	-	40
Specific Items Fund	(391)	3,752	(3,261)	100
	<u>1,027</u>	<u>7,573</u>	<u>(7,010)</u>	<u>1,590</u>

All funds represent accumulated legacies, donations, grants, fundraising income and interest which can only be used for their respective purposes.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4) Receipts					
a) Other Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		5,650	5,616	11,266	17,518
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		1,720	-	1,720	463
New Forest District Council		-	300	300	950
Archbishops' Council		-	-	-	1,000
Legacies		1,443	-	1,443	-
Miscellaneous Income		230	-	230	399
Gift Aid Recovered		25	84	109	159
		<u>9,068</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>15,068</u>	<u>20,489</u>
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Events and Refreshments		2,317	-	2,317	1,553
St Mark's Draw Club	6	2,270	-	2,270	2,128
Traidcraft Sales		2	-	2	4
Sale of Goods		11	-	11	12
		<u>4,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>3,697</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees for Year		9,749	-	9,749	5,374
Community Hall Letting Income	5	14,388	-	14,388	14,608
Craft Group Income		479	-	479	486
Friendship Teas		331	-	331	420
		<u>24,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,947</u>	<u>20,888</u>
d) Investment Income					
CBF Deposit Interest		3,187	73	3,260	1,572
CAF Bank Interest		19	-	19	21
Hampshire Trust Bank		-	-	-	325
H M Revenue and Customs		4	-	4	-
		<u>3,210</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>3,283</u>	<u>1,918</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
4) Payments					
Church Activities -					
f) Clergy and Staffing					
Employee Salary	8	2,703	1,500	4,203	4,003
Assistant Clergy		49	-	49	-
Clergy Expenses		-	-	-	50
		<u>2,752</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>4,252</u>	<u>4,053</u>
g) Church Running Expenses					
Deanery Fees		53	-	53	58
Cost of Services		1,225	-	1,225	928
Heating, Lighting and Water		3,837	-	3,837	5,401
Insurance		2,499	-	2,499	2,392
Repairs and Maintenance		11,386	514	11,900	4,924
Upkeep of Churchyard		1,744	216	1,960	1,415
Flowers		15	60	75	110
Church Administration		1,655	63	1,718	1,259
Purchase of Equipment		419	3,473	3,892	-
Craft Group Expenses		-	-	-	-
Friendship Tea Expenses		76	-	76	90
Training Expenses		270	-	270	395
Advertising		278	-	278	1,195
Bank and Credit Card Charges		78	-	78	83
Trustee Expenses	7	241	-	241	626
Miscellaneous		26	-	26	324
		<u>23,802</u>	<u>4,326</u>	<u>28,128</u>	<u>19,200</u>
h) Mission Giving and Donations					
World Vision		274	-	274	274
		<u>274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>274</u>
i) Costs of Generating Funds					
Stewardship Expenses		64	-	64	59
Events and Refreshments		191	-	191	103
St Mark's Draw Club	6	1,088	-	1,088	1,079
		<u>1,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,241</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
5) Community Hall			
Receipts			
Lettings		14,388	14,608
Grant		300	950
Donations		<u>884</u>	<u>286</u>
		<u>15,572</u>	<u>15,844</u>
Payments			
Employee Salary	8	2,974	2,725
Internal and External Cleaning Costs		1,696	1,291
Utility Costs		4,075	6,255
Insurance		956	915
Repairs and Maintenance		1,859	949
Gardening		140	160
Broadband Costs		698	565
Licences and Sundry		<u>300</u>	<u>473</u>
		<u>12,698</u>	<u>13,333</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>2,874</u>	<u>2,511</u>
6) St Mark's Draw Club			
Receipts		2,270	2,128
Payments		<u>1,088</u>	<u>1,079</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>1,182</u>	<u>1,049</u>

7) Payments to PCC Members

The following payments were made to PCC members:

In respect of her training to become a Licensed Lay Minister the sum of £241 was paid to Ms J Sibley for her study books and travelling costs.

As noted above one PCC member received expenses of £241. No other payments were made to PCC members.

8) Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries		<u>7,177</u>	<u>6,728</u>
Average number of employees		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

During the year the PCC employed an organist and hall caretaker (both part-time). No social security costs were payable.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

OF

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 2023



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Aim and Purposes

St Mark's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the minister in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC has responsibility for the grade 2 listed St Mark's Church, for our churchyard and for St Mark's Community Hall.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to be part of our parish community.

When planning our activities we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith through –

Worship and prayer

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

As we were in vacancy during 2023 we continued with our usual pattern of services and our thanks go to all the retired clergy who have led services for us over this past year. Following the completion of our parish profile and subsequent advertising we are delighted that we will be joined in 2024 by The Rev'd Canon Michael Burson-Thomas, our new Priest in Charge. We look forward to welcoming Mike and his family to the parish.

Our regular pattern of worship on Sundays is:

8am	BCP Communion
10am	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday - Family Communion
	2nd and 4th Sunday - Morning Praise, an informal family service

We continue to livestream our Sunday services to those who are unable to attend church in person and we are able to offer this service for weddings, baptisms and funerals upon request.



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The average weekly attendance at our Sunday services is 36 but the numbers increase at our Easter and Christmas services. As well as our regular services we have celebrated 9 baptisms and 2 weddings and held 13 funerals in church.

During 2023 we continued with the joint prayer initiative between St. Thomas' church in Lymington and St. Mark's in Pennington. We meet at 9am on Monday to Friday on Zoom and on Saturdays at 9am in St Thomas' in Lymington and follow the Morning Prayer from Common Worship: Daily Prayer. The numbers vary but all are welcome to join or put in prayer requests.

The study group continues to meet on a Monday from 10am to 11am. Several books have been studied including the Rose Guide to the Gospels and the Rose Guide to the Epistles.

Jane Nicholson is continuing on her journey and training towards becoming a Licenced Lay Minister (LLM) and the good news is her licensing service will be taking place in Winchester Cathedral in October 2024. We look forward to joining her at this wonderful time.

At present there are 76 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of which 12 are not resident in the parish.

Community and Social Events

During the year we welcomed the local community to a Spring Fair and a Summer Fair which were both held in the church grounds and an enjoyable time was had. Our thanks go to all those who help to make these events successful. We were also fortunate to have lovely weather.

Other community events include our monthly Friendship Teas which are open to all and allows people to come together in a friendly, social atmosphere for tea, cake and a chat. The tea is held in our Community Hall on normally the first Tuesday of the month. There is usually a quiz of some sort which gets everyone discussing the answers and bingo has also been played a couple of times. Sincere thanks go to all the helpers and those who bake the delicious cakes. Our other activity at the hall is the Strictly Come Crafting group which is still very popular having been running for over 12 years with a short break due to the Covid outbreak. 5 members have been with the group since the beginning. The main activities are knitting, card making and sewing and again is open to all.

A coffee morning also takes place weekly on a Wednesday morning. This did take place at the church but due to lack of volunteers our friends at Belmore Lodge Care Home offered to host this for us where we are now joined by residents of the home. Our thanks go to Belmore Lodge Home for the lovely cakes and refreshments they provide for us. We do hold one coffee morning a month at the church where our monthly draw club takes place.

In December St Mark's hosted a drama production 'A Christmas Carol' in St Mark's Community



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Hall. This was organised by Culture in Common, with funding from the Arts Council, to bring professional performances at affordable prices to people living in rural areas. The PCC received 20% of the box office takings as well as the proceeds from refreshments and a raffle. This production proved very popular with the local community and those from further afield and a further play has taken place in 2024. People are keen to have more of these events in the coming years to bring the community together.

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.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Christians Together in Lymington and Pennington.

As mentioned previously we also have joint prayer initiative with St Thomas Church in Lymington.

Safeguarding

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community. It is therefore important that parishes such as the parish of St Mark in Pennington give due focus to this important area. We are committed to following legislation, guidance and recognized good practice.

We continue to ensure that all safeguarding training and DBS certificates are up to date for those who require it so to maintain our compliance with the Church of England regulations.

The Diocese of Winchester Safeguarding Team continue to be a source of support to Eve Jolly our safeguarding officer. Any safeguarding incidences should be reported to our safeguarding officer, Eve Jolly, at safeguarding@penningtonchurch.uk.

Pastoral Care

Our parish visitor co-ordinator, Rebecca Rickaby, arranges visits to several parishioners and if you would like a visit please contact the church. We celebrate communion on a monthly basis with the residents of Belmore Lodge Care Home and if you are unable to attend church but would like to receive communion in your own home please let us know.

As noted above we run a monthly Friendship Tea and a crafting group as part of our work in the community.

Mission and Evangelism

A Fare Share Larder is held every Thursday at St Mark's Community Hall where many volunteers,



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including from St Mark's, assist with sorting and packing food. Free tea and coffee are available and space for informal chats to connect people to any necessary services such as Citizens' Advice Bureau, NFDC Housing etc. are available in the hall before the larder arrives.

The PCC currently sponsor a child in Africa from whom we receive regular updates.

Our weekly newsletter is emailed or delivered to all those who have requested a copy as well as to those who attend our weekly services.

Schools

As we were in vacancy for the whole of 2023 it has continued to be difficult to keep a connection going with the schools in the parish, particularly Pennington Church of England Junior School. Once our new priest in charge is licensed in 2024 we look forward to working with the schools once again.

Churchyard

St Mark's still has an open churchyard and work continues with a small team of volunteers plus the Community Payback Team when they are available. A lot of clearing has been done, some dips filled with soil and ditches kept cleared. We recently joined with Transition Lymington. The aim is to visit each other's churchyards to see where they could be enhanced for wildlife, with bird boxes, bug hotels, and mowing routines to enhance the local flora and fauna etc. So far, we have visited St Luke's in Sway, and we led a tour round St Mark's churchyard in early March. We will visit other churches over time and from this pool our resources to achieve the desired result and try to make the area more visitor friendly with signage for interest. We will aim to detail more fully, on the website and in the pew notices, the regular work we do. Many thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work.

Financial Review

Total receipts for 2023 amounted to £75,868 compared to £70,246 for 2022. Following on from the decrease of over £3,000 in Planned Giving from 2021 to 2022, this year has also seen a further decrease of £3,300 from 2022. Collections have also decreased by £569 over the previous year. As previously mentioned we would ask those who don't have a regular giving scheme with the church to please consider joining if you can, either using our envelope scheme or the Parish Giving Scheme, as we are facing large outgoings in the coming year including repairs to the church roof and works to be undertaken to dead and dying trees in the churchyard among other expenses. Our thanks go again to all those who do belong to one of our planned giving schemes and to those who are able to increase their giving in line with inflation. Donations totalled £17,518 in 2023 and included a very generous donation from Pennington WI of £15,000 towards resurfacing the Community Hall car



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park. Due to rising costs, especially gas and electricity, it was necessary to increase the hourly charge for hiring the hall and therefore hall letting receipts for 2023 amounted to £14,608 compared to £10,572 in 2022. We also received a £950 grant from New Forest District Council and a £286 donation from Pennington Community Hub towards the hall costs. A further grant of £1,000 was received from the Archbishops' Council towards the increased costs of gas and electricity. Income from Events amounted to £1,553 and St Mark's Draw Club income remained in line with the previous year. Fees received in the year amounted to £5,374. With increasing interest rates our CBF Deposit interest for 2023 increased significantly over 2022.

Total payments for 2023 were £85,286 compared to £75,158 for 2022 an increase of £10,128. The Common Mission Fund contribution was £29,185 compared to £30,347 for 2022. Salaries for the year, excluding the hall caretaker, reduced from £12,015 to £4,003 as we no longer employ a Vicar's PA/Support Worker. Utility costs in 2023 increased substantially and costs for 2023 were £5,401 compared to £2,024 for 2022. As mentioned previously we received a grant of £1,000 to help towards the increased costs. Repairs and Maintenance include £1,914 for the organ blower repair. Training Expenses of £395 were paid to the Diocese towards the cost of Jane's training as a Licensed Lay Minister. Advertising increased to £1,195 from £386 in 2022 as the cost of advertising for our new Priest in Charge was £904.

The deficit for the year on unrestricted funds totalled £6,207 together with a deficit of £3,211 on restricted funds giving an overall deficit £9,418. The movements on restricted funds during the year are shown in note 3 and the balance on the funds at 31st December 2023 amounted to £1,027. The balance on unrestricted funds at 31st December 2023 amounted to £64,999.

Cash funds at 31st December 2023 amounted to £66,026 as opposed to £75,444 at 31st December 2022. Other monetary assets amounted to £2,173 and liabilities at the year-end amounted to £2,683.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance at the year-end was sufficient to cover this. Any cash balances which are not required in the short-term are invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to keep our church running and for making it a place of welcome for everyone. Special thanks go to the PCC for their valuable contribution especially during this period of vacancy.



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Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, or co-opted by the PCC during the year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year, with standing committee meeting in between times.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative Information

St Mark's Church is situated in Ramley Road, Pennington, SO41 8GQ. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 29 Ramley Road, Pennington, Lymington. The registered charity number is 1173998.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest in Charge	In Vacancy
Churchwardens	Teresa Nivison Eveline Jolly
Honorary Officers	Rebecca Rickaby (Hon Secretary) Teresa Nivison (Hon Treasurer)
Deanery Synod	Rebecca Rickaby Shirley Saunders
Elected Members	Pamela Ansell (until 10th February 2023) Susan Beech (from 7th May 2023)



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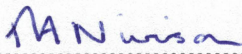
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Ingrid Bolhoven (until 14th May 2023)
Dorothy Davies (until 14th May 2023)
Sharon Lloyd
Jane Nicholson
Christine Scott (from 14th May 2023)
Paul Young (from 14th May 2023)

Co-Opted Members

Paul Young (until 14th May 2023)

Approved by the PCC on the 17th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by


..... (PCC Vice Chair)

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mark's Parochial Church Council, Pennington

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 - 15, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention; and
- issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations .

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

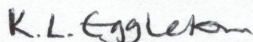
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations have not been met; or

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



Mrs K Eggleton, F.C.C.A.

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18th April 2024

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts -					
Planned Giving		19,679	1,200	20,879	24,187
Collections and Other Giving		2,759	-	2,759	3,328
Gift Aid Recovered		4,938	300	5,238	6,816
Other Voluntary Receipts	4a	2,908	17,581	20,489	13,828
		<u>30,284</u>	<u>19,081</u>	<u>49,365</u>	<u>48,159</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	4b	3,697	-	3,697	3,992
Receipts from Church Activities	4c	20,888	-	20,888	17,206
Investment Income	4d	1,853	65	1,918	539
Other Receipts	4e	-	-	-	350
		<u>56,722</u>	<u>19,146</u>	<u>75,868</u>	<u>70,246</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS					
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities -					
Common Mission Fund		29,185	-	29,185	30,347
Clergy and Staffing Costs	4f	2,553	1,500	4,053	12,391
Church Running Expenses	4g	17,367	1,833	19,200	16,903
Community Hall Running Expenses	5	12,097	1,236	13,333	9,408
Mission Giving and Donations	4h	274	-	274	4,894
		<u>61,476</u>	<u>4,569</u>	<u>66,045</u>	<u>73,943</u>
Costs of Generating Funds	4i	1,203	38	1,241	1,215
Major Works - Community Hall		250	17,750	18,000	-
		<u>62,929</u>	<u>22,357</u>	<u>85,286</u>	<u>75,158</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS					
Deficit of Receipts over Payments		(6,207)	(3,211)	(9,418)	(4,912)
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 1st January		71,206	4,238	75,444	80,356
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 31st December		<u>64,999</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>66,026</u>	<u>75,444</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		4,920	(351)	4,569	13,384
CBF Deposit Fund		60,049	1,377	61,426	35,501
Hampshire Trust Bank		-	-	-	26,528
Diocese of Winchester - CBF Deposit - Churchyard Fund		-	1	1	1
Cash in Hand		30	-	30	30
		<u>64,999</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>66,026</u>	<u>75,444</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
Community Hall Letting Income		432	-	432	338
Archbishops' Council - Energy Grant		-	-	-	1,000
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		231	-	231	463
Income Tax Recoverable		445	-	445	572
CBF Deposit Fund Interest		797	18	815	-
Total Debtors		1,905	18	1,923	2,373
Stock of Items for Resale		250	-	250	262
		<u>2,155</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2,173</u>	<u>2,635</u>
Assets Retained for the Church Use	2	<u>10,709</u>	<u>12,660</u>	<u>23,369</u>	<u>23,369</u>
LIABILITIES					
Fees Received in Advance		-	-	-	778
St Mark's Draw Club Income Received in Advance		502	-	502	527
Community Hall Letting Income Received in Advance		145	-	145	557
Community Hall Donation Received in Advance		-	261	261	-
Cost of Services		3	-	3	-
Gas and Electricity Costs - Church and Community Hall		840	-	840	1,686
Repairs and Maintenance		255	-	255	1,914
Church Administration		59	-	59	51
Advertising		30	-	30	32
Trustee Travelling Expenses		-	-	-	107
Community Hall Expenses		588	-	588	60
		<u>2,422</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>2,683</u>	<u>5,712</u>

The attached notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 17th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by

PCC Vice Chair/Honorary Treasurer

PCC Secretary

M. N. Wilson
D. J. Rickaby

ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

- 1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	2023 £	2022 £
2) Fixed assets retained for Church use are as follows:		
Freehold property at the rear of the old Infant's School, South Street, Pennington consisting of the Community Hall and car park area purchased on 26th November 1963 at cost	250	250
Piano at cost	2,553	2,553
Church Equipment at cost	12,922	12,922
Churchyard Equipment at cost	1,887	1,887
Community Hall Furniture and Equipment	5,757	5,757
	<u>23,369</u>	<u>23,369</u>

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal

St Mark's Community Hall Furnishings

- 3) The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	1st January	Receipts	Payments	31st December
Building and Fabric Fund	391	12	-	403
Organ Fund	301	10	-	311
Churchyard Fund	304	10		314
Flower Fund	-	40	(40)	-
Community Hall Project Fund	3,067	15,033	(17,750)	350
Vegetable Garden Fund	40	-	-	40
Specific Items Fund	135	4,041	(4,567)	(391)
	<u>4,238</u>	<u>19,146</u>	<u>(22,357)</u>	<u>1,027</u>

All funds represent accumulated legacies, donations, grants, fundraising income and interest which can only be used for their respective purposes. The Specific Items Fund deficit arises as there is a donation due at the year end towards the organ blower repair paid in 2023.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4) Receipts					
a) Other Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		2,006	15,512	17,518	2,956
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		463	-	463	301
New Forest District Council		-	950	950	200
Archbishops' Council		-	1,000	1,000	-
DWP Access to Work Support Worker		-	-	-	9,996
Miscellaneous Income		399	-	399	235
Gift Aid Recovered		40	119	159	140
		<u>2,908</u>	<u>17,581</u>	<u>20,489</u>	<u>13,828</u>
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Events and Refreshments		1,553	-	1,553	1,807
St Mark's Draw Club	6	2,128	-	2,128	2,137
Traidcraft Sales		4	-	4	8
Sale of Goods		12	-	12	40
		<u>3,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,697</u>	<u>3,992</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees for Year		5,374	-	5,374	5,123
Fees Received in Advance		-	-	-	778
Contributions for Use of Community Hall	5	14,608	-	14,608	10,572
Craft Group Income		486	-	486	294
Friendship Lunches and Teas		420	-	420	439
		<u>20,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,888</u>	<u>17,206</u>
d) Investment Income					
CBF Deposit Interest		1,507	65	1,572	138
CAF Bank Interest		21	-	21	78
Hampshire Trust Bank Interest		325	-	325	323
		<u>1,853</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>1,918</u>	<u>539</u>
e) Other Receipts					
Sale of Equipment		-	-	-	350

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4) Payments					
Church Activities -					
f) Clergy and Staffing					
Employees' Salaries	8	2,503	1,500	4,003	12,015
Pension Costs	8	-	-	-	90
PAYE Refund		-	-	-	(387)
Clergy Expenses		50	-	50	673
		<u>2,553</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>12,391</u>
g) Church Running Expenses					
Deanery Fees		58	-	58	61
Cost of Services		928	-	928	1,175
Heating, Lighting and Water		4,401	1,000	5,401	2,024
Insurance		2,392	-	2,392	2,236
Repairs and Maintenance		4,175	749	4,924	3,829
Upkeep of Churchyard		1,415	-	1,415	3,456
Flowers		70	40	110	85
Church Administration		1,259	-	1,259	1,721
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	339
Craft Group Expenses		-	-	-	6
Friendship Lunch and Tea Expenses		90	-	90	128
Training Expenses		395	-	395	690
Advertising		1,195	-	1,195	386
Bank and Credit Card Charges		83	-	83	113
Trustee Expenses	7	626	-	626	226
Miscellaneous		280	44	324	428
		<u>17,367</u>	<u>1,833</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>16,903</u>
h) Mission Giving and Donations					
World Vision		274	-	274	274
Pennington Community Hub		-	-	-	4,212
Pennington Junior School		-	-	-	258
New Forest for Ukraine		-	-	-	50
The Children's Society		-	-	-	50
Oakhaven Hospice		-	-	-	50
		<u>274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>4,894</u>
i) Costs of Generating Funds					
Stewardship Expenses		59	-	59	57
Events and Refreshments		65	38	103	113
St Mark's Draw Club	6	1,079	-	1,079	1,045
		<u>1,203</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>1,215</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
5) Community Hall			
Receipts			
Lettings		14,608	10,572
Grant		950	200
Donation		286	-
		<u>15,844</u>	<u>10,772</u>
Payments			
Employee Salary	8	2,725	2,595
Internal and External Cleaning Costs		1,291	1,010
Utility Costs		6,255	2,451
Insurance		915	856
Fire Alarm System		-	1,010
Repairs and Maintenance		949	446
Gardening		160	253
Broadband Costs		565	463
Licences and Sundry		473	324
		<u>13,333</u>	<u>9,408</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>2,511</u>	<u>1,364</u>

6) St Mark's Draw Club

Receipts		2,128	2,137
Payments		<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,092</u>

7) Payments to PCC Members

The following payments were made to PCC members:

In respect of her training to become a Licensed Lay Minister the sum of £626 was paid to Ms J Sibley for her study books and travelling costs.

As noted above one PCC member received expenses of £626. No other payments were made to PCC members

8) Staff Costs

Wages and Salaries		6,728	14,610
Pension Costs		-	90
		<u>6,728</u>	<u>14,700</u>
Average number of employees		<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

During the year the PCC employed an organist and hall caretaker (both part-time). No social security costs were payable.

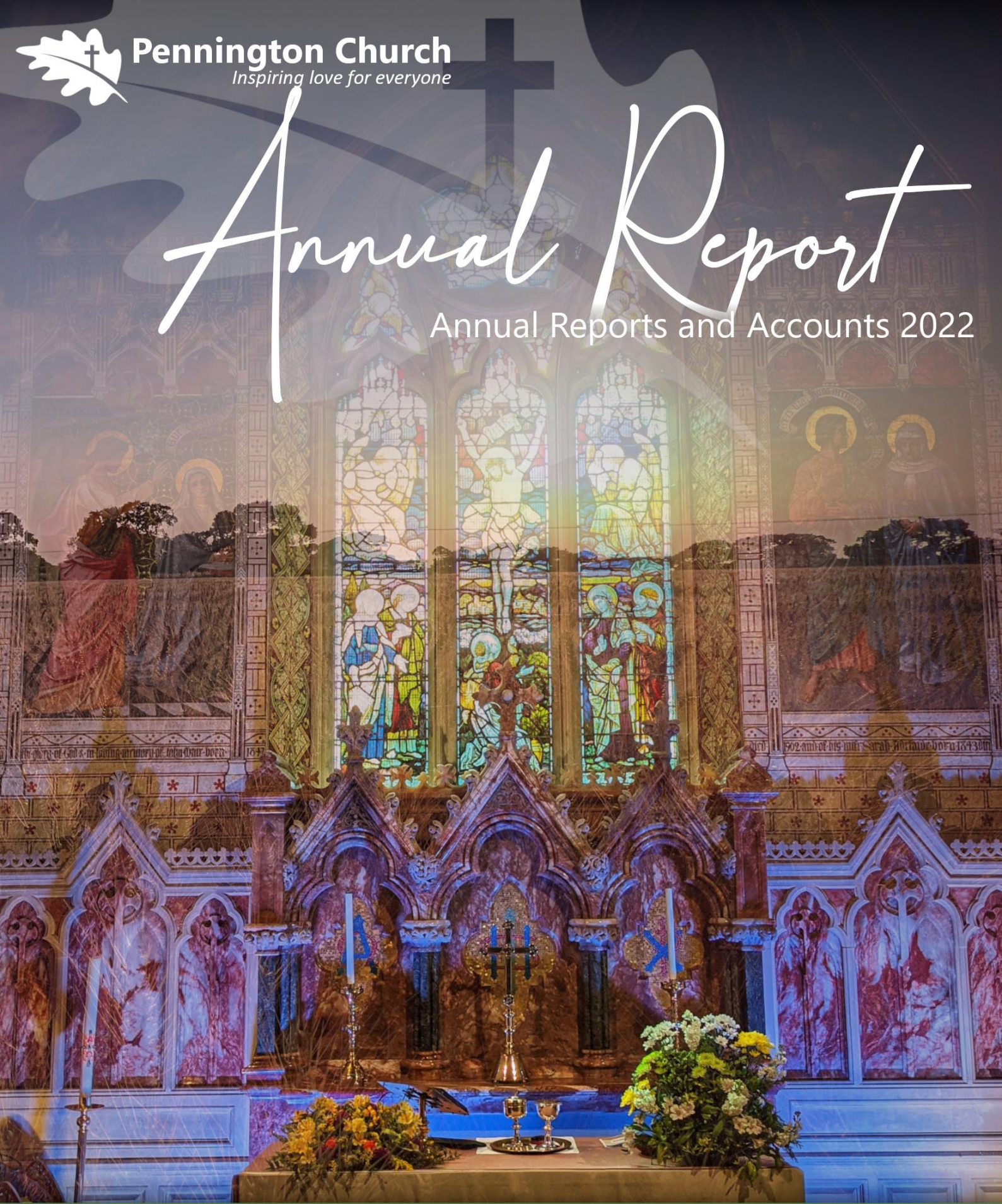
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Annual Report

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St Mark's Church, Pennington



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ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Administrative Information

St Mark's Church, Ramley Road, Pennington, SO41 8GQ

We are part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011).

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1173998.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Priest in Charge	The Revd Rachel Noel (until 1 st October 2022) In Vacancy (from 2 nd October 2022)
Churchwardens	Teresa Nivison Eveline Jolly
Honorary Officers	Rebecca Rickaby (Hon Secretary) Teresa Nivison (Hon Treasurer)
Deanery Synod	Rebecca Rickaby (from 18 th July 2022) Shirley Saunders (from 18 th July 2022)
Elected Members	Pamela Ansell (until 10 th February 2023) Ingrid Bolhoven Dorothy Davies (from 18 th Sep 2022) Sharon Lloyd (from 18 th Sep 2022) Jane Nicholson Rebecca Rickaby (from 22 nd May 2022 to 18 th July 2022) Shirley Saunders (until 18 th July 2022) Paul Young (until 22 nd May 2022)
Co-Opted Members	Paul Young (from 13 th June 2022)

PCC and required reports

Achievements and Performance

During 2022 we continued working together with our friends, St Thomas in Lymington with joint daily prayers every morning. Wednesday Coffee has now been firmly re-established in St Mark's room.

We continue to stream our regular services on a Sunday and can offer this for weddings, baptisms and funerals upon request.

This year we are happy to report that the PCC voted unanimously to support Jane Nicholson on her journey and training towards becoming a Licenced Lay Minister (LLM). This training will be over 3 years and we wish Jane all the best and look forward to hearing how the training is going.

In 2022 we continued to be back in church with both our 8am and 10am services well attended, whilst also being lived streamed through our YouTube channel. Our thanks go to our amazing Church Wardens Eve and Teresa who have worked tirelessly and continue to do so to ensure that people feel safe. To that end we have continued with intincting the sacrament. Shortly after her long recovery from COVID Pneumonia and subsequent complications Rachel Noel applied and was accepted as Priest in Charge at St James' in Pokesdown. She had not taken the decision lightly but in view of the age of her daughter and the upheaval it would all entail Rachel felt that this was the best decision for her family at this time. Rachel has certainly put her mark on St Mark's and as a parting gift donated her painting of the Lord's Prayer which is now proudly displayed to the side of the main altar.

Her last service was followed by an afternoon tea held on 21st August and was well attended and we had beautiful weather so we were able to have tables outside in the churchyard for the afternoon.

The challenges we have faced over the past 2 years have not gone away but have evolved. With yet another period of Interregnum facing us we have been exceptionally lucky to have the support of Francis and Tina Cumberlege who have taken a large number of our services since October supported by other local clergy when they were unavailable. We are equally grateful to Paul and Jane for their regular leading of Morning Praise /non-communion services in the building. We would like to offer our sincere thanks for all the time and effort that everyone has put into supporting St Mark's. It has been enlightening to have so much different input from different ministers which has hopefully led to a deeper understanding of our faith on an individual level.

Financial challenges continue to increase for many in the community. This can be seen by the augmented numbers using the FareShare Larder in St Mark's Community Hall carpark on a Thursday where we continue to help families who are struggling.

Financial challenges also face St Mark's. Due to the current economic situation sadly but understandably, people are having to cut back on their charitable giving. However, if it is at all possible, please can we make an appeal that if you can give regularly, please sign up to the church giving scheme. This makes it so much easier for us to budget for repairs – currently the roof needs some work doing on it, the organ has had to be repaired and our heating costs this winter have tripled. The reserves that we hold are limited so if anyone has any fundraising ideas please talk to any member of the PCC to see how we can bring them to fruition.

We have had several community events this year, a successful Summer Fayre in August and Ingrid Bolhoven organised a fascinating talk on local birds in October which was well attended.

St Mark's Community Hall remains much in demand with the space at the WI Hall having gone. Again, Eve and Teresa did a fantastic job with risk assessments, organising cleaning and managing bookings. Our own community events such as the Friendship Teas and Strictly Come Crafting remain well attended.

We are extremely grateful to Pennington WI who have agreed to fund a major part of the re-surfacing of the car park at the Hall. This is a major job and needed to be done for Health & Safety reasons and without their help it would have been a real struggle to raise the money. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who contributed to the repair of the bells and also the replacement of the churchyard gates.

We continue to stream our own services on our YouTube channel to continue to connect with those in the wider community unable to come into the building and our thanks go to Paul Young for his continued technical support with the equipment and his training of those to take over running the online streaming when he is not available.

Christmas was all too soon upon us after Rachel had been installed at St James in Pokesdown in October. We are grateful for all the planning and effort put in by Francis and Tina and Paul for making our services run smoothly. Leigh took members of the choir to sing at the Mason's Christmas Dinner and we were also invited to sing at Elmer's Court again for their guests which was greatly appreciated and came with a nice donation.

Post Pandemic and post lock down we are still having to work things through a bit at a time. The PCC invited Bishop Debbie to come and meet with them and discuss the way forward in this time of Interregnum. It was a useful and reassuring discussion. Reassuring in that we were told that at this time there were certainly no plans to do away with the parish of St Mark's, rather it was hoped that St Mark's and St Thomas would eventually work together across parish boundaries to the benefit of both. This was the long-term plan which had been put to a joint meeting of both parishes earlier in the summer but she agreed that there was a lot of work to be done and the right people to be found to make this happen. In the interim, St Thomas have advertised and are about to interview prospective candidates in late April. In our discussion she agreed to investigate the possibility of a part time interim post on a house for duty basis.

We know that across our communities so many of us are still grieving in so many ways. Some still find it hard to live with so many uncertainties, and we are still having to work things out step by step as the world changes.

We have been fortunate to hold 5 Baptisms and 1 Confirmation this year and welcomed new members in to our church family. Sadly, also we have had to say goodbye to a few of our parish and our thoughts go out to their grieving families.

I am hoping this report is encouraging you about what has been achieved and what could be possible moving forward. We continue to work with St Thomas to create a greater sense of community. It is an exciting time going forward with many possibilities. However, there is much work to do.

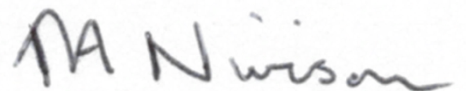
Thank you all for being a part of our church and our community. Thank you for your continued generosity. Our work, our ministry here is only possible through the continued generosity of so many, as we share financial support for the work here as well as our time, gifts, and resources to live out Jesus' call to us in this place.

As we continue to look ahead, I feel so encouraged at the amazing people that God has brought together in Pennington – that's you, as you read this! We are excited to hear what is on your heart, how the Spirit is prompting you, and what God is calling us to.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year, as together we face uncertainty but, knowing that God is always with us, that we can continue to connect.

To love, to serve, to give to all in Jesus' name

Teresa Nivison
Acting Chair PCC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TA Nivison". The letters are cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

Aim and Purposes

As St Mark's PCC, we have responsibility for the ecclesiastical parish of Pennington. To help us in our mission, we have responsibility for the grade 2 listed St Mark's Church building, for our churchyard and for St Mark's Community Hall.

The Parochial Church Council co-operates with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

Structure, governance, and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, or co-opted by the PCC during the year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC have held many meetings since our last APCM in the May last year, with standing committee meeting in between times.

Upon the appointment of an interim priest, we will be looking for members from the community to make up several sub committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life, including worship, buildings, events and finance. These sub-committees, would all be responsible to the PCC and would report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Anybody interested in driving our mission forward and stepping up to be part of these activities, please contact Rebecca Rickaby – PCC Secretary.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Electoral Roll

The number of people on this year's Electoral Roll is 79

This number is broken down thus:

64 Residents

15 Non-Residents

Rebecca Rickaby

Worship and Prayer

Our regular pattern of worship on Sundays is:

8am BCP Communion

10am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday - Family

Communion

2nd and 4th Sunday - Morning Praise, informal family service

Thank you to everyone that is involved in so many ways in leading and creating our services and making them happen.

Live streaming

Our live streaming continues and it is greatly appreciated by all those unable to attend the services. Those who are ill or in local care homes enjoy being able to continue being a part of our worship.

If you would like to help with our live streaming services - either meeting and greeting through YouTube as a friendly voice of St Mark's, or learning to drive the tech in church for a service, do let us know by contacting Paul Young in church to find out more!

Paul Young

Morning Prayer

This is a joint initiative between St. Thomas's church in Lymington and St. Mark's Pennington. We meet at 9am on Monday to Friday on Zoom and on Saturdays at 9.30am in St Thomas's in Lymington and follow the morning prayer from Daily Prayer. Our numbers vary but all are welcome to join us or put in prayer requests.

Jane Nicholson

Music at St Mark's

Despite only a small number of people in the choir, we have been able to learn some new hymns from the hymn book and perform them successfully

during communion. Our singing group performs during almost every communion service throughout the year.

Members of the singing group also entertained The Masons, Belmore Residents and guests at Elmers Court Country Club at Christmas.

The Roland Keyboard continues to be an asset and is used to accompany the choir during communion as well as being taken out to the Masons and Elmers. It was invaluable when the blower on the organ burnt out and needed to be repaired. Tony Bellringer was instrumental in ensuring the organ was back up and running in record time.

Straight Banana and West Gallery have a new programme with which they have been entertaining other groups. They are hoping to perform at St Marks soon and are awaiting a date. Hopefully a date and a group of people willing to organise the event will happen in the near future.

Leigh Jerwood

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Winchester Safeguarding Team continue to be a source of support. Eve Jolly has now been appointed as our safeguarding officer. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Jane Nicholson for initially setting it up before handing it over to Eve. We are very grateful for the people willing to serve our community in this way, and to help guide all of us to ensure we make our church and community as safe as possible for everyone.

We have completed our Safeguarding Audit to ensure that all those who need to have received training and DBS clearance to maintain our compliance with the Church of England regulations.

May we just ask everyone to be vigilant and report any incidences to Eve at safeguarding@penningtonchurch.uk .

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community. It's therefore important that parishes such as the parish of St Mark in Pennington give due focus to this important area. We are committed to following legislation, guidance and recognized good practice. (See also <https://www.stmarks-pennington.org.uk/safeguarding-policy/> for further details)

Attention to Safeguarding Good Practice has continued this past year, 2022.

Eve Jolly

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance at the year-end was sufficient to cover this. Any cash balances which are not required in the short-term are invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and a 1 Year Bond with Hampshire Trust Bank.

Teresa Nivison

Finance Review

Total receipts for 2022 amounted to £70,246 compared to £76,739 for 2021. The church was closed for the first three months of 2021 but despite the church being open for the whole of 2022 receipts have fallen by £6,493.

Planned giving has decreased by over £3,000 from the previous year and is set to drop even further in 2023. Collections have also slightly decreased. We would ask those who don't have a regular giving scheme with the church to please consider joining if you can, either our envelope scheme or the Parish Giving Scheme, as with vastly increased costs especially gas and electricity and declining income we are faced with increasing deficits in the coming years. Thank you to all those who do belong to one of our planned giving schemes and to those who are able to increase their giving in line with inflation at this difficult time. Donations totalled £2,956 for the year compared to £13,657 for 2021. We have received funds from Access to Work

to cover the salary costs of our Vicar's PA/Support Worker Jane who left St Mark's employment in October following the departure of Rachel, our Vicar. Lymington and Pennington Town Council who gave us a grant of £2,500 in 2021 towards the cost of a hall administrator have agreed that this grant can now be used towards the cost of tarmacking the hall car park which hopefully can be done in the near future. The Community Hall is one of our success stories and is used by many different organisations, charities and individuals during the course of a year. Hall letting receipts totalled £10,572 in 2022 an increase of £5,607 over the previous year. We also received a £200 grant from New Forest District Council towards the hall costs. Income from Events was £1,807 and St Mark's Draw Club income was £2,137 a decrease from 2021. Fee income also decreased over the previous year. The sale of equipment was the church printer which was returned due to a fault and a new printer was purchased in its place.

Total payments for 2022 were £75,158 compared to £64,960 for 2021 an increase of £10,198. The Diocesan Parish Contribution was £30,347 compared to £31,599 for 2021. Salaries for the year, excluding the hall caretaker, totalled £12,015 which included the salary paid to our Vicar's PA/Support Worker who ceased work in October 2022. The salary of the Vicar's PA has been totally covered by funds received from DWP Access to Work. Utility costs in 2022 increased substantially from 1st October and costs for 2022 were £2,024 compared to £1,338 for 2021. So far in 2023 we have already paid £1,186 for two month's supply of gas. Repairs and Maintenance includes £720 for repair to the bells and Upkeep of Churchyard includes the cost of a Tree Condition Report amounting to £630. Training Expenses were £340 for a first aid course for church stewards and vergers and £350 towards the cost of Jane's training as an LLM. Community Hall Expenses include £1,010 for a fire alarm system. The monies held by St Mark's PCC on behalf of Pennington Community Events totalling £4,212 have now been transferred to Pennington Community Hub.

The deficit for the year on unrestricted funds totalled £1,578 together with a deficit of £3,334 on restricted funds giving an overall deficit £4,912. The balance on restricted funds at 31st December 2022 amounted to £4,238. The balance on unrestricted funds at 31st December 2022 amounted to £71,206. Looking at the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022 cash funds amounted to £75,444 as opposed to £80,356 at 31st December 2021. Other monetary assets amounted to £2,635 and liabilities at the year-end amounted to £5,712.

Teresa Nivison

Buildings

The pointing works as highlighted in the 2019 quinquennial inspection have now been carried out. The bells have also been repaired during the year and the usual maintenance work has been done. We have some minor roofing works to be carried out as several slates have slipped and we are waiting for the roofing contractors to commence this work. Estimates are also being sought for repairs to the vestry flooring.

Teresa Nivison

Community Hall

The hall bookings have increased significantly in 2022 with bookings from organisations, charities, and individuals. The hall car park continues to host the weekly FareShare Larder and a successful Pennington Community Hub is now running at the same time in the main hall where various organisations offer advice and assistance to members of the community. The church is also running a monthly Friendship Tea led by Shirley and Pat and the Craft group was also restarted successfully this year by Dorothy and Shirley.

Teresa Nivison

Update on Activities, Events and Groups

Schools

With Rachel being ill followed by the parish going into Interregnum, it has been difficult to keep the connection with schools going in a way we would have wished. Pennington Junior School used the church for their Harvest service and the Head Teacher and several pupils attended the service at the War Memorial for Remembrance where they laid a wreath.

Friendship Tea

We have continued hosting Friendship Teas through the year. The idea is just to meet together again in a friendly, social atmosphere for tea, cake and chat along with a quiz, to maintain community and ease any anxiety. We meet in St. Mark's Community Hall on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month and it is proving to be well attended. There is no charge but any donations are always gratefully appreciated. Sincere thanks must go to our kitchen helpers and home bakers without whom we couldn't continue.

Pat Wright and Shirley Saunders

Coffee after Church

Coffee continues after the 10am service on Sunday and is invariably well attended.

This is an opportunity for us to connect with each other and get to know each other better outside of the service. We are grateful to Linden who has undertaken the task of organising a coffee rota to avoid it all falling on one person's shoulders. We are extremely grateful to her and her team.

If you would like to join the happy band of volunteers, do please let us know.

Rebecca Rickaby

Coffee Morning

On Wednesday mornings we hold coffee in St Mark's room for those who would like to join us. It has been much appreciated by the community and many of our participants enjoy the opportunity of being able to meet in person on a weekly basis.

Eve Jolly

Online Bible Study Group

Our study group continues to meet on a Monday from 10.30am to 11.30am study. We have completed study of several books based around the lives of Esther, Ruth, and Mary. We have also been following the book Failure during Lent which has been recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It is difficult to put into words what an impact this group has had as individuals have grown in different ways. However, for me it feels important to study scripture with others and pool our ideas to grow in our faith.

Jane Nicholson

Strictly Come Crafting

For many years Dorothy Davies and Shirley Saunders have led Strictly Come Crafting, a crafting group that meets twice a month in the Community Hall. It is a welcome chance to chat and to reconnect and catch up whilst we knit, sew, and make cards. We are delighted to report that we have had a few new members join us. Should you wish to join, even if it is only to sit and chat, please contact either Dorothy or Shirley.

Eve Jolly

Ecochurch

EcoChurch has continued collecting materials for recycling. We still aim to work towards our Silver EcoChurch award but currently this has been put on the back burner due to the Interregnum. It is our every intention to keep reviewing our work to develop this in St Mark's.

Eve Jolly

Book stall report

From April 2022 to March 2023 I have organised 8 book and puzzle stalls in Lymington Market in aid of St Marks Church. Jigsaw puzzles have certainly increased in popularity this year and have helped to boost the money raised which has reached a total of £454. My sincere thanks go to Dorothy Davies, Pat Wright, Tony Bellringer, Shirley Saunders and Christine Kellow-Webb for their help and support.

Pam Ansell.

Pennington Community Events

Summer Fayre

Our annual Fayre took place in the Summer of 2022. It was a glorious day and very well attended. Our sincere thanks go to Erika and her brother who transported tables and chairs from St Mark's Hall to the church so that all could bask in the lovely sunshine. It was a much needed event and everyone appreciated being able to catch up and meet and more importantly to connect as a community. As usual those who organised refreshments were very much appreciated and the whole morning was very successful and it was lovely to be outside again.

Rebecca Rickaby

CTLP - Christians Together Lymington and Pennington

We are part of the wider group of churches in the Lymington area, and although currently we do not have a representative, we are being kept informed of events and decisions as they arise. Should anyone be interested in taking up the task of attending monthly meetings please let one of the church wardens or a member of the PCC know.

Jane Nicholson

Pastoral

It is to the church community's credit that most pastoral support comes from looking out for each other and offering support where it is needed. St Mark's has been approached by people outside the parish concerned about elderly relatives living independently but with little outside contact.

Rebecca Rickaby continues to reach out to those in need of regular visits and at the current time we have two people, over 100 years old who she visits on a weekly basis. If anyone feels a calling to help in pastoral work in the parish and perhaps set up a more formal committee with volunteers please speak to Rebecca.

Rebecca Rickaby

FareShare Larder

The Food Larder continues to be based at St Mark's Hall. Various external organisations including the Citizens Advice Bureau attend in St Mark's Hall before the FareShare Larder set up. We provide tea/coffee and space for informal chats to connect people to any necessary services which might be available.

When we started in 2021 we had 15 customers which has increased over the time up to 40. We have been operating in Pennington and this has resulted in other larders opening across the Forest. Due to the current economic climate, we see more people turning up and I must take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our band of volunteers, including Pam Ansell, Janet Kemp and Eve Jolly who work so hard every week to continue this vital provision.

The scheme operates on a membership basis, run by FareShare. Customers pay a fee of £2.50 for a single person, £3.50 for a couple and £5 for a family. In return they receive an ambient box suitable for the size of the household and a box of whatever is available that week of fresh food.

This work has resulted in new members of our Church family as well as being a massive service to the community here in Pennington.

Eve Jolly

St Mark's Draw Club

The Draw Club which has been going for many years is very popular with members of the community and helps raise funds to benefit the church. Our thanks go to all who take part and all those who delivered leaflets around the village.

John Nivison

Online Outreach

The Covid-19 pandemic changed the way we worship and attend church services; With social distancing measures imposed between early 2020 to 2022, churches were forced to move their activities online - to continue providing spiritual guidance and support to their members. Although we are now back in our church building and able to worship together fully once more, the lessons learned through engaging more with online worship have allowed us to continue our outreach beyond the borders of our parish. The website, YouTube, and Facebook platforms have provided a means for the church to continue its spiritual guidance and support. The church's recent online branding update has created a more unified and consistent image, reinforcing its message and values. Overall, the church's online activities have been successful in reaching out to its members and creating a sense of community.

Website

The church's website continues to be the primary source of information for members and visitors. The website hosts weekly news content, which is updated regularly, and offers access to the church's online streamed services. The church has taken proactive steps to ensure that safeguarding policies are up to date and clear for visitors. This is crucial to maintaining trust and ensuring that members feel safe when participating in online activities.

YouTube

The church has been streaming its 8am and 10am weekly Sunday services on YouTube, and the response has been positive. In the past twelve months, the church's YouTube channel has received over six thousand views, and it currently has 330 subscribers. However, we note that 61% of those who watch the videos are not subscribed. Therefore, we encourage viewers to subscribe to our channel – which will help to extend our reach through YouTube. Indeed, if we can reach 1,000 subscribers, we would be able to start monetising our online streaming, to bring in additional revenue to St Marks.

Facebook

The church has an active Facebook page where they post local interest content as well as content from other Christian sources such as Winchester Diocese and the Church of England. This is an excellent way for the church to engage with its community and reach out to those who may not be regular attendees. The Facebook page also provides a platform for members to interact and share their thoughts and experiences.

Online Branding

The church has recently updated its online branding, providing a consistent look and feel across Facebook, YouTube, and its weekly emailer. The online branding also helps to clarify the liturgical colour for the season and shares imagery that relates to the upcoming Sunday service topic. This consistent branding creates a unified image for the church and reinforces its message and values.

Paul Young

Deanery Synod

Shirley Saunders and Rebecca Rickaby – our 2 Deanery Synod reps – have attended both the Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023 Deanery Synod meetings. These have proved to be useful and diverse in discussion. Both meetings to date have had a focus around the renewal and reorganisation of churches within the Diocese. We were informed that with the departure of Bishop Tim from Winchester there is a change in culture and it would seem that there is due consideration being given to the future shape of the Diocese and local issues are being dealt with and listened to in a more caring way.

At the Autumn Synod we had a talk from Gary Philbrick, similar in many ways to the presentation he gave to the joint PCC meeting between St Mark's and St Thomas's to discuss the way forward for our parishes. The Rev. Ali Beal also gave a presentation on the rebuilding of the church and congregation at St Wins which showed what can be achieved with hard work and the right people in situ.

Lyndhurst Deanery is represented on the Diocesan World Mission Forum which actively tries to encourage overseas mission links and facilitate interaction between different deaneries with a specific focus on Rwanda. At the Spring Synod we were updated with a visit that took place in February to renew contacts and interact with the Rwandan church.

We also had a presentation from Claire Lingard from Envoy – a Church Army Programme to resource and encourage us to share our faith. Greg Eland, Diocese of Winchester Mission and Ministry Trainer talked about Lay support and training in the Diocese of Winchester. Both talks were full of energy, inspiration, and hope. We also broke into small groups to discuss inclusion within our churches and to judge the support for same sex marriages which is ongoing within the Church of England itself. The Area Dean will report back from the Diocesan Synod where he will ask questions raised through these groups at the next meeting in June.

Rebecca Rickaby

Churchyard:

We continue with a small resolute team of volunteers one morning a month and we are very grateful for all their hard work. The Community Payback Team under the supervision of the Probation Service, have now returned to work in the church about once or twice a month depending on their other duties. The churchyard herbage has now been cut, ditches cleared and general maintenance carried out.

It is necessary for a full tree survey be carried out on the churchyard trees periodically. This was carried out by Westbeams Tree Care Ltd in 2022 and they are now in the process of providing us with a works schedule to ensure all trees are safe. Once this schedule has been received we will then obtain the necessary approval from the DAC for all work to be undertaken.

Hampshire County Council Highways wrote to us saying we were responsible for clearing the ditches on the Ramley Road side adjoining our churchyard hedge, with which we have complied with thanks to the Payback Team, and we have requested HCC that with their heavy machinery they could clear the culverts when next in the area.

To enable us to comply with the Winchester Diocese Churchyard Regulations we will be clearing in the near future unauthorised items from graves as mentioned in letters to the owners of such graves. Those removed will be marked in sacks and left by the shed for collection. Any items not collected will be disposed of after a reasonable time.

On a lighter note, the Spring flowers are now showing and bring much joy and cheerfulness on these cold days. We hope you find the churchyard in good order.

Ingrid Bolhoven

Generosity:

We thank you for your continued generosity for the work of our church here. Our churchwarden and treasurer, Teresa Nivison, currently leads this work mostly on her own, ably supported by her husband John. If you are not a member of our church giving scheme please consider this as a way to financially support our mission within the community and speak to Teresa. If you are gifted in organising fund raising events please also let Teresa or Eve know.

If you're interested in any of these areas, or if there's something else on your heart, that you would love to make happen here in Pennington, please do talk to any of our Standing Committee:

Teresa Nivison, Eve Jolly, Paul Young, Rebecca Rickaby.

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mark's Parochial Church Council, Pennington

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 27 - 32, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention; and

issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations .

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

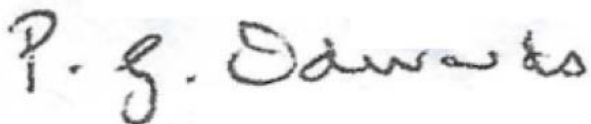
Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations have not been met; or

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



Mr P. G. Edwards, F.C.A.

Hope Jones

Suite 114, Lymington Town Hall

Lymington

Hampshire

24th April 2023

Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts -					
Planned Giving		22,987	1,200	24,187	27,471
Collections and Other Giving		3,328	-	3,328	3,463
Gift Aid Recovered		6,516	300	6,816	6,493
Other Voluntary Receipts	4a	2,736	11,092	13,828	22,861
		<u>35,567</u>	<u>12,592</u>	<u>48,159</u>	<u>60,288</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	4b	3,992	-	3,992	3,770
Receipts from Church Activities	4c	17,206	-	17,206	12,226
Investment Income	4d	500	39	539	455
Other Receipts	4e	-	350	350	-
		<u>57,265</u>	<u>12,981</u>	<u>70,246</u>	<u>76,739</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS					
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities -					
Diocesan Parish Contribution		30,347	-	30,347	31,599
Clergy and Staffing Costs	4f	2,594	9,797	12,391	9,010
Church Running Expenses	4g	15,378	1,525	16,903	15,334
Community Hall Running Expenses	6	8,885	523	9,408	6,098
Mission Giving and Donations	4h	424	4,470	4,894	374
		<u>57,628</u>	<u>16,315</u>	<u>73,943</u>	<u>62,415</u>
Costs of Generating Funds	4i	1,215	-	1,215	2,545
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>58,843</u>	<u>16,315</u>	<u>75,158</u>	<u>64,960</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts over Payments		(1,578)	(3,334)	(4,912)	11,779
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 1st January		72,784	7,572	80,356	68,577
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 31st December		<u>71,206</u>	<u>4,238</u>	<u>75,444</u>	<u>80,356</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		12,959	425	13,384	21,071
CBF Deposit Fund		31,689	3,812	35,501	2,664
Hampshire Trust Bank		26,528	-	26,528	46,348
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Saver and 60 Day Notice Account		-	-	-	10,242
Diocese of Winchester - CBF Deposit - Churchyard Fund		-	1	1	1
Cash in Hand		30	-	30	30
		<u>71,206</u>	<u>4,238</u>	<u>75,444</u>	<u>80,356</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
Community Hall Letting Income		338	-	338	344
Archbishops' Council - Energy Grant		-	1,000	1,000	-
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		463	-	463	-
DWP Access to Work Support Worker		-	-	-	1,764
Income Tax Recoverable		472	100	572	1,187
PAYE Recoverable		-	-	-	387
Total Debtors		1,273	1,100	2,373	3,682
Stock of Items for Resale		262	-	262	309
		<u>1,535</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,635</u>	<u>3,991</u>
Assets Retained for the Church Use	2	<u>10,709</u>	<u>12,660</u>	<u>23,369</u>	<u>23,380</u>
LIABILITIES					
Fees Received in Advance		778	-	778	468
St Mark's Draw Club Income Received in Advance		527	-	527	606
Community Hall Letting Income Received in Advance		557	-	557	206
Clergy Expenses		-	-	-	16
Gas and Electricity Costs - Church and Community Hall		1,686	-	1,686	364
Repairs and Maintenance		1,914	-	1,914	170
Church Administration		51	-	51	16
Advertising		32	-	32	31
Trustee Travelling Expenses		107	-	107	-
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	2
Community Hall Expenses		60	-	60	1,220
		<u>5,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,712</u>	<u>3,099</u>

The attached notes on pages 29 to 32 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 19th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by

PCC Vice Chair/Honorary Treasurer

TA Nivison
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RJ Rickaby
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PCC Secretary

Notes to the Accounts

- 1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	2022	2021
	£	£
2) Fixed assets retained for Church use are as follows:		
Freehold property at the rear of the old Infant's School, South Street, Pennington consisting of the Community Hall and car park area purchased on 26th November 1963 at cost	250	250
Piano at cost	2,553	2,553
Church Equipment at cost	12,922	12,933
Churchyard Equipment at cost	1,887	1,887
Community Hall Furniture and Equipment	5,757	5,757
	<u>23,369</u>	<u>23,380</u>

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal

St Mark's Community Hall Furnishings

- 3) The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	1st January	Transfers	Receipts	Payments	31st December
Building and Fabric Fund	386	-	5	-	391
Organ Fund	297	-	4	-	301
Churchyard Fund	300	-	357	(353)	304
Flower Fund	-	-	33	(33)	-
Community Hall Project Fund	541	2,500	26	-	3,067
Vegetable Garden Fund	40	-	-	-	40
Pennington Community Events	4,754	-	-	(4,754)	-
Specific Items Fund	<u>1,254</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>12,556</u>	<u>(11,175)</u>	<u>135</u>
	<u>7,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,981</u>	<u>(16,315)</u>	<u>4,238</u>

All funds represent accumulated legacies, donations, grants, fundraising income and interest which can only be used for their respective purposes. During 2022 Lymington and Pennington Town Council agreed that the grant of £2,500 which was given towards the cost of a hall administrator's salary could instead be used towards the cost of tarmacking the hall car park and therefore a transfer has been made from the Specific Items Fund to the Community Hall Project Fund. The monies held on behalf of Pennington Community Events were transferred in 2022 to Pennington Community Hub, a separate organisation not under the control of St Mark's PCC.

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
4) Receipts					
a) Other Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		2,073	883	2,956	13,657
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		301	-	301	228
Lymington and Pennington Town Council		-	-	-	4,500
New Forest District Council		-	200	200	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme		-	-	-	1,043
DWP Access to Work Support Worker		-	9,996	9,996	2,548
Miscellaneous Income		235	-	235	46
Gift Aid Recovered		127	13	140	839
		<u>2,736</u>	<u>11,092</u>	<u>13,828</u>	<u>22,861</u>
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Parish Magazine Advertising	5	-	-	-	(280)
Events and Refreshments		1,807	-	1,807	1,519
St Mark's Draw Club	7	2,137	-	2,137	2,466
Traidcraft Sales		8	-	8	16
Sale of Goods		40	-	40	49
		<u>3,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,992</u>	<u>3,770</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees for Year		5,123	-	5,123	6,690
Fees Received in Advance		778	-	778	468
Contributions for Use of Community Hall	6	10,572	-	10,572	4,965
Craft Group Income		294	-	294	-
Friendship Lunches and Teas		439	-	439	103
		<u>17,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,206</u>	<u>12,226</u>
d) Investment Income					
CBF Deposit Interest		99	39	138	9
CAF Bank		78	-	78	445
Hampshire Trust Bank		323	-	323	-
HMRC		-	-	-	1
		<u>500</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>455</u>
e) Other Receipts					
Sale of Equipment		-	350	350	-

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
4) Payments					
Church Activities -					
f) Clergy and Staffing					
Employees' Salaries	9	2,218	9,797	12,015	7,948
Pension Costs	9	90	-	90	49
PAYE (Under)/Overpayment		(387)	-	(387)	387
Clergy Expenses	8	673	-	673	569
Assistant Clergy		-	-	-	57
		<u>2,594</u>	<u>9,797</u>	<u>12,391</u>	<u>9,010</u>
g) Church Running Expenses					
Deanery Fees		61	-	61	43
Cost of Services		1,175	-	1,175	1,615
Heating, Lighting and Water		2,024	-	2,024	1,338
Insurance		2,236	-	2,236	2,154
Repairs and Maintenance		3,170	659	3,829	2,381
Upkeep of Churchyard		3,103	353	3,456	2,765
Flowers		52	33	85	66
Church Administration		1,580	141	1,721	1,444
Purchase of Equipment		-	339	339	2,499
Craft Group Expenses		6	-	6	-
Friendship Lunch and Tea Expenses		128	-	128	24
Training Expenses		690	-	690	30
Advertising		386	-	386	398
Bank and Credit Card Charges		113	-	113	122
Trustee Travelling Expenses		226	-	226	-
Miscellaneous		428	-	428	455
		<u>15,378</u>	<u>1,525</u>	<u>16,903</u>	<u>15,334</u>
h) Mission Giving and Donations					
World Vision		274	-	274	274
New Forest Basics Bank		-	-	-	100
Pennington Community Hub		-	4,212	4,212	-
Pennington Junior School		-	258	258	-
New Forest for Ukraine		50	-	50	-
The Children's Society		50	-	50	-
Oakhaven Hospice		50	-	50	-
		<u>424</u>	<u>4,470</u>	<u>4,894</u>	<u>374</u>
i) Costs of Generating Funds					
Stewardship Expenses		57	-	57	52
Events and Refreshments		113	-	113	1,382
St Mark's Draw Club	7	1,045	-	1,045	1,035
Goods for Resale		-	-	-	76
		<u>1,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,215</u>	<u>2,545</u>

	Note	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
5) Parish Magazine			
Receipts		-	(280)
Payments		-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>-</u>	<u>(280)</u>
6) Community Hall			
Receipts			
Lettings		10,572	4,965
Grant		200	-
		<u>10,772</u>	<u>4,965</u>
Payments			
Employee Salary	9	2,595	2,056
Internal and External Cleaning Costs		1,010	635
Utility Costs		2,451	1,322
Insurance		856	824
Fire Alarm System		1,010	-
Repairs and Maintenance		446	495
Gardening		253	323
Broadband Costs		463	302
Licences and Sundry		324	141
		<u>9,408</u>	<u>6,098</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		<u>1,364</u>	<u>(1,133)</u>
7) St Mark's Draw Club			
Receipts		2,137	2,466
Payments		<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,035</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>1,092</u>	<u>1,431</u>
8) Payments to PCC Members			
The following payments were made to PCC members:			
The Vicar's PA/support worker Ms J Sibley was paid a salary of £8,202 and £226 travelling expenses.			
Ms J Sibley's employment ceased in October 2022.			
The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. As noted above one PCC member received travelling expenses of £226. No other payments were made to PCC members.			
9) Staff Costs			
Wages and Salaries		14,610	10,004
Pension Costs		90	49
		<u>14,700</u>	<u>10,053</u>
Average number of employees		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

During the year the PCC employed an organist, hall caretaker and Vicar's PA/support worker (all part-time). No social security costs were payable. The Vicar's PA/support worker's salary is funded by DWP Access to Work.

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Annual Reports and Accounts 2021



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ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Administrative Information

St Mark's Church, Ramley Road, Pennington, SO41 8GQ

We are part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011).

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1173998.

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

Priest in Charge	The Revd Rachel Noel
Churchwardens	Teresa Nivison Eve Jolly
Honorary Officers	Rebecca Rickaby (Hon Secretary) Teresa Nivison (Hon Treasurer)
Deanery Synod	Sandy Negrescu,
Elected Members	Dorothy Davies (until 9 th May 2021) Rebecca Rickaby (until 9 th May 2021) Christine Scott (until 9 th May 2021) Paul Young Shirley Saunders Pamela Ansell (from 9 th May 2021) Ingrid Bolhoven (from 9 th May 2021) Jane Sibley (from 9 th May 2021)
Co-Opted Members	Rebecca Rickaby (from 9 th May 2021)

PCC and required reports

Achievements and Performance

During 2021 we continued working together with our friends, St Thomas in Lymington. Joint daily prayers every morning and a meditation meeting on Wednesday mornings. Coffee continues online on Wednesday's after the meditation meeting to keep people in touch.

Through our online services, we realised some barriers had been removed, and you no longer had to know you'd be well enough to be in a building at a certain time and day, to worship with us. People were able to join us from care homes, people who were shielding, those facing mental health challenges, pain and disabilities.

This year we added to our ministry with Eve Jolly (Creation Care), Rebecca Rickaby (Pastoral) and George Kidner (BPP - Bishops Commission to Preach) being commissioned by the Bishop Debbie and Bishop David in Winchester. Jane Nicholson is waiting to be Commissioned for Leading Worship. Our thanks and congratulations go to all of them for adding their gifts to our church.

In 2021 Easter restrictions were lessened and we were able to return to worshipping in church. Our thanks go to our amazing Church Wardens Eve and Teresa who worked tirelessly to put in place measures to ensure that people felt safe whilst in the building – social distancing in the pews, mask wearing, hand sanitising, tincting the sacrament. Easter was a wonderful time not only to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord but to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter for our church and community.

The challenges we have faced over the past 2 years have not gone away but have evolved. Anxiety over meeting with people is still a real issue for some. We all need to hold in our hearts that some people may not have been outside their own homes into public spaces such as shops for this period and life is still very challenging. Our local schools have had a tough time and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the children and their families in extremely challenging situations. The NHS staff, doctors and visitors are still on the front line and are carrying on for which all should be very grateful. Financial challenges are increasing for many in the community and through the FareShare Larder in St Mark's Community Hall carpark on a Thursday we are able to help families who are struggling.

This year community events have slowly been coming back. In August we held our first late Summer Fair outside the church. The weather was glorious and many people came to get cake, meet up over a cup of tea/coffee. Children were playing in the churchyard and prayers being written and added to our yew tree. It was a successful event and much needed.

St Mark's Community Hall, which had reopened in May 2021, is in much demand with the space at the WI Hall having gone. Again Eve and Teresa did a fantastic job with risk assessments, organising cleaning and we started up the Friendship Teas instead of lunches from November, once a month on a Tuesday afternoon.

As St Thomas opened up their church for services the shared online service was discontinued. However, we continued to stream our own services on our YouTube channel to continue to connect with those in the wider community unable to come in to the building.

In September we welcomed the Straight Banana group for our first concert in 2 years. It was fun and joyful as ever and very well attended with refreshments being served to the audience in the pews. Our thanks go to Leigh Jerwood all those who helped make this such an uplifting event.

Our Remembrance services were held in church and at the schools and it is shortly after this that Rachel caught COVID Pneumonia with added complications and was very poorly for the following 5 months and is only now beginning her way back to recovery.

Our thanks go to the clergy who lead services during this time and we are extremely grateful to Paul and Jane for their regular leading of Morning Praise / non-communion services in the building, to Sandy for leading the Christingle Service and to George who has worked hard on the orders of service and preached. Our thanks to Paul who has taken it upon himself to teach Jonathan, George and Teresa how to drive the "tech". It has been enlightening to have so much different input from different ministers which has hopefully led to a deeper understanding of our faith on an individual level.

Christmas came and once again Rachel, despite being poorly, was instrumental in the use of our hedge. Our thanks go to Allan Doe who cut over 100 wooden 1 metre high Christmas tree templates to be individually decorated and fixed to the hedge. Children, classes, families, groups and individuals all contributed their own unique style and it was a delightful and uplifting display. We had received a grant from the Council to reinstate the electric supply at the Lych Gate so we no longer had to rely on car batteries to power the lights for the hedge.

Christmas was joyfully subdued. It was the first year that families could meet together and celebrate in the usual way. Sandy led our Christingle

Service, we put together a Fun Carols service and the choir sang at Belmore Lodge -using our new electric piano, the Mason's Christmas Dinner and also Elmer's Court for their guests.

With Rachel is still in recovery, Easter services have been challenging. George, Paul and Jane have worked exceptionally hard drawing services together. George worked out how we could "perform" the Passion in Church and we had many people in the congregation playing parts. It was an uplifting service.

We know that across our communities so many of us are still grieving in so many ways. We have lost people that we have loved, it is taking a while to get used to being able to meet up and see each other and many of us are experiencing anxiety, as we're not quite sure what happens next. Some still find it hard to live with so many uncertainties, and we are all still having to work things out a bit at a time.

We have had to say goodbye to Mair and Rob Ellis who have moved to Spain, but still join us on the live streaming. There have been tragedies in our community and we hold in our hearts all those grieving for those who have died. It has also been joyous to be able to hold weddings and baptisms in church once again. Once the church reopened for services we had a flurry of baptisms – 3 in one day! – and we have held 2 weddings. We were finally able to join in the confirmation service at St Andrew's at Dibden Purlieu where 2 members of our congregation were confirmed.

I am hoping this report is encouraging you about what has been possible as we come out in to a new world. We continue to work with St Thomas and create a greater sense of community. The coming year will be challenging with Peter Salisbury retiring from St Thomas.

However, it also gives an opportunity for both communities to work together in an exciting way to use all our gifts to serve each other whilst maintaining our own unique profile. It is an exciting time going forward with many possibilities.

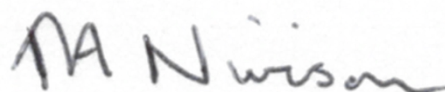
Thank you all for being a part of our churches and our community. Thank you for your continued generosity. Our work, our ministry here is only possible through the continued generosity of so many, as we share financial support for the work here as well as our time, gifts and resources to live out Jesus' call to us in this place.

As we continue look ahead, I feel so encouraged at the amazing people that God has brought together in Pennington – that's you, as you read this! I'm excited to hear what's on your heart, how the Spirit is prompting you, and what God is calling us to.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year, as together we face the uncertainty, knowing that God is always with us, that we can continue to connect,

inspiring love for everyone

Teresa Nivison
Vice-Chair PCC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Nivison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Aim and Purposes

Our strapline is:

Inspiring love for everyone

As St Mark's PCC, we have responsibility for the ecclesiastical parish of Pennington. To help us in our mission, we have responsibility for the grade 2 listed St Mark's Church building, for our churchyard and for St Mark's Community Hall.

The Parochial Church Council co-operates with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, or co-opted by the PCC during the year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC have held many meetings since our last APCM in the May last year, with standing committee meeting in between times.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC is looking for members from the community to make up a number of sub committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life, including worship, buildings, events and

finance. These sub-committees, are all responsible to the PCC and will report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Anybody interested in driving our mission forward and stepping up to be part of these activities, please contact Rebecca Rickaby – PCC Secretary.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Electoral Roll

The number of people on this year's Electoral Roll is 79

This number is broken down thus:

62 Residents

17 Non-Residents

Rebecca Rickaby

Worship and Prayer

Our regular pattern of worship on Sundays is:

8am Traditional Communion

10am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday - Family

Communion

2nd and 4th Sunday - Morning Praise, informal family service

In April 2021, we brought back an 8am Holy Communion Service, and we moved the morning service to 10am, which is also streamed online.

Thank you to everyone that is involved in so many different ways in leading and creating our services and making them happen.

Live streaming

Despite our church being open for services once again, we've taken the decision to continue live streaming our services. Although it's fair to say that the audience we reach is greatly reduced from the online specific services we'd started with St Thomas Church in lockdown, we continue to reach people through streaming that may not be able to visit us in church. Those who are ill or in local care homes have enjoyed being able to be a part of our worship, as well as those who have discovered us during lockdown and continued to engage with us online as we stream in building services. A recent experiment - live streaming from outside of the church for George Kidner's 'Stations of the Cross' service for Good Friday - worked well, demonstrating that we have potential to explore more dynamic ways of sharing our services outside of the walls of St Mark's.

Testament to how well live streaming can welcome new members to our church, we welcomed a new couple to our Good Friday service - who have

been watching our regular Sunday services online and decided to join us in person for Good Friday. We hope to see them in the building again soon, as well as other online friends who now come to our services directly, or visit us on occasion from further afield!

Within the last 365 days, our online live service streams have been viewed nearly nine-thousand times - proving what started as necessity during lockdown has become an important part of how we can help reach further with God's message. If you would like to help with our live streaming services - either meeting and greeting through YouTube as a friendly voice of St Mark's, or learning to drive the tech in church for a service, do let us know: email 'takepart@penningtonchurch.uk' or speak with Paul Young in church to find out more!

Paul Young

Morning Prayer

This is a joint initiative between St. Thomas's church in Lymington and St. Mark's Pennington. We meet at 9am on Monday to Friday on Zoom and follow the morning prayer from Daily Prayer. Our numbers vary from 7 to approximately 14 and all are welcome to join us or put in prayer requests. It would be lovely to see more of our church community here in Pennington joining us as many of the requests affect us all. It is also an opportunity to pray for each other throughout these challenging times.

Jane Nicholson

Music at St Mark's 2021-2022

It has been a difficult year keeping music alive at St Marks. Sadly many of the choir have decided not to rejoin and therefore it has become increasingly difficult to learn new songs and to perform during the services.

It has also been disappointing that an increasing number of funerals are choosing not to have live music.

Hopefully 2022-2023 will see an increase in more live music being requested

Leigh Jerwood

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Winchester Safeguarding Team continue to be a source of support through the additional challenges presented during lockdown. Jane Nicholson is our safeguarding officer. We are very grateful for the people willing to serve our community in this way, and to help guide all of us to ensure we make our church and community as safe as possible for everyone. She reports as follows :-

Whilst I have experience of safeguarding in other job roles, the role of safeguarding officer in the Church is new to me and I have therefore focussed on the main priorities of making sure that all PCC members have up to date DBS checks in place. In addition, it is vital that all church members involved in running activities for the Church are DBS checked and both have now been completed with one outstanding query.

My next focus is to complete a safeguarding audit before the end of May 2022 and ensure that all the correct notices and policies are displayed in the right places. I also have a new dashboard system to get to know and I am working with the Safeguarding Officer from St. Thomas's on this one so that we can support each other fully and share best practice. Safeguarding training is the next priority and I will be focussing on this now that the essential DBS checks are complete.

May I just ask everyone to be vigilant and report any incidences to me at safeguarding@penningtonchurch.uk . Even if it might not be an issue, it is worth reporting as we all know that things can escalate if not nipped in the bud.

Thank to everyone for your cooperation in getting this huge task completed and I am so delighted that at last we can see ourselves as compliant in the important area

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and

nurture of everyone within our church community. It's therefore important that parishes such as the parish of St Mark in Pennington give due focus to this important area. We are committed to following legislation, guidance and recognized good practice. (See also <https://www.stmarks-pennington.org.uk/safeguarding-policy/> for further details) Attention to Safeguarding Good Practice has continued this past year, 2021.

Jane Nicholson

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance at the year-end was sufficient to cover this. Any cash balances which are not required in the short-term are invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, a CAF 60 Day Notice Account and a 1 Year Bond and 45 day Notice Account with Hampshire Trust Bank.

Teresa Nivison

Finance Review

Total receipts for 2021 amounted to £76,739 compared to £71,518 for 2020. The church was closed for the first three months of the year but re-opened in time for the Easter services and remained open for the rest of the year hence the increase in receipts over the previous year when the church was closed for a longer period.

Planned giving has increased by over £3,000 from the previous year and collections have also increased by £2,093. Our thanks go to all those who started, continued, or increased their giving. We are also immensely grateful for all donations received in 2021 which totalled £13,657 including the special appeals we had for computer accessories for livestreaming purposes, a church printer and a digital piano. We have received grants under the HMRC Job Retention Scheme totalling £1,043 to assist in paying staff salaries for the first three months of the year together with funds from Access to Work to cover the salary costs of our Vicar's PA/Support Worker Jane. Lymington and Pennington Town Council have given us a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of a hall administrator which has been carried forward to 2022. As the local WI Hall was closed in 2021 use of the Community Hall continues to grow and receipts totalled £4,965 in 2021. At the end of 2020 £1,270 was due to magazine advertisers as only four magazines were printed that year instead of twelve. Letters were sent to advertisers and we were extremely grateful how

many advertisers donated the refund to the church and only £280 was repaid to advertisers. Income from Events was £1,519 and St Mark's Draw Club income increased to £2,466 in 2021 compared to £1,776 in the previous year. Fee income also increased over the previous year.

Total payments for 2021 were £64,960 compared to £72,988 for 2020 a decrease of £8,028. We committed to paying in 2021 the same Diocesan Parish Contribution as 2020 being £31,599. Salaries for the year, excluding the Hall cleaner, totalled £7,948 which included the salary paid to our Vicar's PA/Support Worker who commenced work in August 2021. The salary of the Vicar's PA will be totally covered by funds received from DWP Access to Work. Utility costs in 2021 were lower than 2020 as the church was closed for the first three months of the year in 2021 reducing our usage substantially. Equipment purchased during the year costing £2,499 was in respect of computer and accessories for the livestreaming of church services together with a digital piano and church printer.

It is pleasing to note that in spite of the ongoing coronavirus restrictions in 2021 that we had a surplus for the year on unrestricted funds of £9,697 together with a surplus of £2,082 on restricted funds giving an overall surplus of £11,779. The balance on restricted funds at 31st December 2021 amounted to £7,572. The balance on unrestricted funds at 31st December 2021 amounted to £72,784.

Looking at the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021 cash funds amounted to £80,356 as opposed to £68,577 at 31st December 2020. Other monetary assets amounted to £3,991 and liabilities at the year-end amounted to £3,099.

Teresa Nivison

Buildings

No major work has been done on the buildings this year although the usual maintenance work has been carried out. As highlighted by the quinquennial inspection in 2019 various pointing works to the church building are required and we await a date for the stonemason to begin

the work.

Teresa Nivison

Community Hall

The hall fully reopened in May 2021 and we welcomed back the majority of our existing hirers and have also welcomed several new regular hirers. It has also started to be popular once again for one – off party bookings. The Hall Car Park hosts the weekly FareShare Larder and in the Hall we are now running the monthly Church Friendship Teas.

Eve Jolly

Churchyard

We continue with a small, dedicated team of volunteers one morning a month. It is two years since we had help from the Probation Service Team but are in discussion about their involvement in the future, although they have offered two free sessions and have started clearing out the boundary ditch at the front of the church, which is welcome.

Bird boxes were erected over the winter by our local RSPB man, Graham Giddens, who will monitor these over the year. Swift boxes are also being discussed.

We have instigated a quarterly Community Tidy up day which have been reasonably well attended, and thanks to these and our team, the churchyard is in good order.

Ingrid Bolhoven

Update on Activities, Events and Groups

Schools

Pennington Church of England Junior School

It has been another challenging year for our local schools, with lockdowns and then continuing covid restrictions within the classroom. Rachel has continued to lead collective worship in the school, initially as recorded assemblies on YouTube that were shared in each class, then as whole school assemblies outside in the playground, and more recently back in the

school hall. Rachel, George and Sandy are our foundation governors, supporting the school in all its work, but particularly with regard to christian ethos. Rachel has worked with the headteacher and staff, as they develop their approach to spirituality across the school, helping to develop the confidence across the staff as they support students across the school. Year 6 students have been developing their confidence in leading class assemblies. The school is currently anticipating it's SIAMS inspection - which is an inspection for Church Schools. Given covid restrictions, we have had limited opportunities to safely gather the children together in the church. For Remembrance Day, the Junior School gathered in the church, and then our other local schools were able to gather with us too outside at the War Memorial to remember. We hope that through 2022, we will be able to continue to develop our work with schools. Due to Rachel's challenging health with covid this year, she has currently resigned as governor at Pennington Infant School.

Friendship Tea

As we were unable, for various reasons, to recommence our popular Friendship Lunches, we began hosting Friendship Teas in November 2021. The idea is just to meet together again in a friendly, social atmosphere for tea, cake and chat and to try and regain some kind of normality following the easing of covid restrictions. We meet in St. Mark's Community Hall on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month and to date have held five teas with an average of 20 people attending. There is no charge but any donations are always gratefully appreciated. Sincere thanks must go to our kitchen helpers and home bakers without whom we couldn't continue.

Pat Wright and Shirley Saunders

Online Coffee

On Wednesdays we have continued with Zoom coffee for people to meet and chat whilst not being able to meet in person. During lockdown Sunday morning coffee and chat was enjoyed online. Once services restarted in church it was difficult for people to join the online Sunday coffee morning and it was decided to discontinue it.

Coffee after Church

By the time you read this we will have started our coffee after the 10am service on Sunday.

This is an opportunity for us to connect with each other and get to know each other better outside of the service. In order for it to succeed and continue, we need a happy band of volunteers who are willing to serve coffee and wash up and clear away after the service. This should not be all down to one person as they too may wish to enjoy a natter.

If you would like to join the happy band of volunteers, do please let us know.

Jane Nicholson

Online Bible Study Group

Our study group continues to meet on a Monday from 10.30am to 11.30am study and coffee and discussion/prayers for those who wish to stay on to 12 noon.

We have completed several of the Pilgrim courses and are currently looking at a different Psalm each week using Lectio Divina.

It is difficult to put into words what an impact this group has had as individuals have grown in different ways. However, for me it feels important to study scripture with others and pool our ideas. There have been many "light bulb" moments over our time together and we are more than happy to welcome others to join us.

Whilst we have seen an interest in an evening study group formulating, we are keen to find someone to lead it to get it off the ground.

Jane Nicholson

Meditation Group

Take Time meditation takes place every week on Zoom and is led by Jane from St Mark's and Sarah and Rina from St. Thomas church. On average we have between 5 and 10 people joining us and it is an opportunity to take time to be still in God's presence and reflect on scripture in a meditative way. If you would like to join us, please do give it a go. The meditation is followed by a discussion of the encounter. Not everyone has to say something but it is good to share the experience with others.

Jane Nicholson

Strictly Come Crafting

For many years Dorothy Davies and Shirley Saunders have led Strictly Come Crafting, a crafting group that met twice a month in the Community Hall. The group did not manage to restart in 2021 but have recently commenced meeting again.

Eve Jolly

Book Stall Report

The period between April 2021 to March 2022 I organised 10 book and puzzle stalls at Lymington Market in aid of St Mark's Church which has contributed to our fundraising efforts. At this dreary time people need books and puzzles. It also raises the profile of our Church in Lymington High Street and it has provided fun and communication for the helpers. My sincere thanks go to Dorothy Davies, Pat Wright, Tony Bellringer, Christine Kellow-Webb, Shirley Saunders and Erika Rutter for their help and support.

Pam Ansell.

Summer Fayre

Due to easing lockdown restrictions community events are slowly coming back. Our only one in 2021 was the Summer Fayre in August. It was a glorious day and very well attended. Our sincere thanks go to Erika and her brother who transported tables and chairs from St Mark's Hall to the

church so that all could bask in the lovely sunshine. It was a much needed event and everyone appreciated being able to catch up and meet and more importantly to reconnect as a community. As usual those who organised refreshments were very much appreciated and the whole morning was very successful and it was wonderful to hear real laughter once again.

Rebecca Rickaby

Concert and outreach music

In September Straight Banana entertained people in the church and this was well received. Sadly the planned joint Straight Banana and West Gallery concert planned for Christmas had to be cancelled due to a number of people having Covid. A date for the new West Gallery and Straight Banana concert is proving difficult to arrange.

With the new Roland keyboard we were able to take this to Belmore Lodge and to Elmers Court Country Club at Christmas. The latter made a large donation to the church despite only a handful of singers being able to entertain them.

Leigh Jerwood

Ecochurch

EcoChurch has not been a key focus during the last year of lockdown and pandemic. Eve Jolly has recently taken BCM Creation Care, and we will be reviewing to work out how to develop this work in St Mark's.

Eve Jolly

CTLP - Christians Together Lymington and Pennington

We are part of the wider group of churches in the Lymington area, and Jane has stepped in to represent us during Rachel's absence at the Christians Together Lymington and Pennington meetings which have recently restarted.

Jane Nicholson

Pastoral – Phone Tree

Several of our parishioners are phoning round regularly and keeping in touch with those who are no longer able to participate physically in our community.

Rebecca Rickaby

FareShare Larder

The Food Larder commenced in January 2021 following an increased need for the provision of essential food in the community during lockdown. It is a joint provision with the Church working in partnership with Basics Bank and FareShare.

We started with 15 customers which has increased over the time we have been operating in Pennington and has resulted in other larders opening across the Forest. Last week we had 49 customers and I must take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our band of volunteers who work so hard every week to continue this vital provision.

Other organisations also join us and we see Citizen's Advice there most weeks to take referrals for other needs. We have also had work coaches and Southern Water there too which is very helpful.

The scheme operates on a membership basis, run by Fare Share. Customers pay a fee of £2.50 for a single person, £3.50 for a couple and £5 for a family. In return they receive an ambient box suitable for the size of the household and a box of whatever is available that week of fresh food.

This work has resulted in new members of our Church family as well as being a massive service to the community here in Pennington.

Jane Nicholson

St Mark's Draw Club

The Draw Club which has been going for many years is very popular with members of the community and helps raise funds to benefit the church. Our thanks go to all who take part and all those who delivered leaflets around the village.

John Nivison

Website:

Our website continues to host weekly news articles and embedded live stream services - but our most popular engagement online tends to be through social media, via our Facebook page. Posts - sharing local news and events from other groups in our community, advertising our services and events or sharing third party articles of faith - typically reach over a thousand individuals each month.

Due to the lack of magazine editor we have been unable to restart the parish magazine. Please contact us if you are interested in taking over as editor.

Paul Young

Where do we go from here?

As a church, we are so encouraged to be serving God in this place, aware of the amazing gifts of people and community. The last year has brought many questions into focus for people, and as a community we have to work together, to discern God's spirit moving in this place, and to work out how we take part in that.

We recognise that we are a small church, but that God is working through our mission and ministry in this place. We can't do everything, and we need to care for everyone who is contributing to this work, as well as to those we are working within the wider community.

There are many ways for you to get involved in this. Please think and pray, and chat with us if there are ways that you would like to take part. There are some key areas that we'd love to grow our teams or develop:

Deanery Synod: We currently only have one deanery synod rep, who hasn't been able to attend Deanery Synod this year, and Rachel has been unwell. If you would like to be Deanery Synod rep, to ensure Pennington's voice is represented within future Deanery conversations, please let us know.

Churchyard: there is currently a small team carrying the work of caring for our churchyard, to ensure a place of peace and comfort for the whole community. Is this something that you would like to be involved with, or would like to help lead? We'd love to find ways to develop our use of this space, to encourage people to encounter God through the beauty of this place.

Help with maintaining and updating website

Our website is currently and probably constantly in need of review and updating to reflect who we are as a Church and what people see when they look for information about the Church here in Pennington. Huge thanks go to Paul and Rachel for leading this. There will be a cull of out of date information and new items appearing as we navigate our way through this season. If you would like to be part of a team that leads this, do please let us know.

Pastoral: The last year has been a challenging year for everyone, and we are aware there is likely to be a surge in mental health challenges facing many of us. Our phone tree is working well, and we would like to continue developing how we care for each other, how we stay in touch and encourage one another. If you have a heart for people, if you like to listen, if you want to be part of a team caring and encouraging those connected with our church, please let us know.

Social / Events: Now we have started planning events ideas, help and support are needed for these to be successful. Are you that person who would like to be involved to make it possible for people to start connecting with each other again, to help us to socialise, to have fun together, to reconnect. Are you that person? If so please do get in touch.

Generosity: We thank you for your continued generosity for the work of our church here. Our churchwarden and treasurer, Teresa Nivison, currently leads this work mostly on her own, ably supported by her husband John. If you are not a member of our church giving scheme please consider this as a way to financially support our mission within the community and speak to Teresa, our church warden and Treasurer. If you are gifted in organising fund raising events please also let Teresa know.

If you're interested in any of these areas, or if there's something else on your heart, that you would love to make happen here in Pennington, please do talk to any of our Standing Committee:

Rev Rachel Noël, Teresa Nivison, Eve Jolly, Paul Young, Rebecca Rickaby.

St Mark's Church, Pennington

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2021

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mark's Parochial Church Council, Pennington

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 30 - 35, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention; and

issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

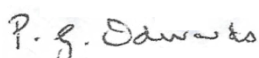
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations have not been met; or

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



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12th May 2022

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts -					
Planned Giving		26,271	1,200	27,471	24,334
Collections and Other Giving		3,463	-	3,463	1,370
Gift Aid Recovered		6,193	300	6,493	5,952
Other Voluntary Receipts	4a	11,246	11,615	22,861	25,040
		<u>47,173</u>	<u>13,115</u>	<u>60,288</u>	<u>56,696</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	4b	3,770	-	3,770	4,287
Receipts from Church Activities	4c	12,226	-	12,226	9,975
Investment Income	4d	454	1	455	560
		<u>63,623</u>	<u>13,116</u>	<u>76,739</u>	<u>71,518</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities -					
Diocesan Parish Contribution		31,599	-	31,599	31,599
Clergy and Staffing Costs	4e	2,523	6,487	9,010	10,580
Church Running Expenses	4f	12,626	2,708	15,334	18,457
Community Hall Running Expenses	6	5,494	604	6,098	6,499
Mission Giving and Donations	4g	274	100	374	274
		<u>52,516</u>	<u>9,899</u>	<u>62,415</u>	<u>67,409</u>
Costs of Generating Funds	4h	1,410	1,135	2,545	3,109
Major Works - Church		-	-	-	2,470
		<u>53,926</u>	<u>11,034</u>	<u>64,960</u>	<u>72,988</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		9,697	2,082	11,779	(1,470)
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 1st January		63,087	5,490	68,577	70,047
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 31st December		<u>72,784</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>80,356</u>	<u>68,577</u>

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		15,023	6,048	21,071	10,031
CBF Deposit Fund		1,141	1,523	2,664	22,370
Hampshire Trust Bank		46,348	-	46,348	-
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Saver and 60 Day Notice Account		10,242	-	10,242	36,145
Diocese of Winchester - CBF Deposit - Churchyard Fund		-	1	1	1
Cash in Hand		30	-	30	30
		<u>72,784</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>80,356</u>	<u>68,577</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
Community Hall Letting Income		344	-	344	27
DWP Access to Work Support Worker		-	1,764	1,764	-
CAF Donation		-	-	-	500
Income Tax Recoverable		1,174	13	1,187	538
PAYE Recoverable		387	-	387	-
Total Debtors		1,905	1,777	3,682	1,065
Stock of Items for Resale		309	-	309	280
		<u>2,214</u>	<u>1,777</u>	<u>3,991</u>	<u>1,345</u>
Assets Retained for the Church Use	2	<u>10,709</u>	<u>12,671</u>	<u>23,380</u>	<u>20,881</u>
LIABILITIES					
Fees Received in Advance		468	-	468	136
Parish Magazine Advertising Received in Advance		-	-	-	1,270
St Mark's Draw Club Income Received in Advance		606	-	606	431
Community Hall Letting Income Received in Advance		206	-	206	-
Clergy Expenses		16	-	16	-
Cost of Services		-	-	-	158
Gas and Electricity Costs - Church and Community Hall		364	-	364	283
Repairs and Maintenance		170	-	170	160
Church Administration		16	-	16	-
Advertising		31	-	31	52
Miscellaneous		2	-	2	77
Community Hall Expenses		1,220	-	1,220	255
		<u>3,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,099</u>	<u>2,822</u>

The attached notes on pages 32 to 35 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 11th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by

PCC Vice-Chair/Hon. Treasurer

TA Nivison

PCC Secretary

RJ Rickaby

ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	2021	2020
	£	£
2) Fixed assets retained for Church use are as follows:		
Freehold property at the rear of the old Infant's School, South Street, Pennington consisting of the Community Hall and car park area purchased on 26th November 1963 at cost	250	250
Piano at cost	2,553	2,553
Church Equipment at cost	12,933	10,434
Churchyard Equipment at cost	1,887	1,887
Community Hall Furniture and Equipment	5,757	5,757
	<u>23,380</u>	<u>20,881</u>

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal

St Mark's Community Hall Furnishings

- 3) The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	1st January	Receipts	Payments	31st December
Building and Fabric Fund	385	1	-	386
Organ Fund	297	-	-	297
Churchyard Fund	300	-	-	300
Flower Fund	-	51	51	-
Community Hall Project Fund	540	1	-	541
Vegetable Garden Fund	116	24	100	40
Pennington Community Events	3,852	2,037	1,135	4,754
Specific Items Fund	-	11,002	9,748	1,254
	<u>5,490</u>	<u>13,116</u>	<u>11,034</u>	<u>7,572</u>

All funds represent accumulated legacies, donations, grants, fundraising income and interest which can only be used for their respective purposes.

ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
4) Receipts					
a) Other Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		10,682	2,975	13,657	15,069
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		228	-	228	997
Lymington and Pennington Town Council		-	4,500	4,500	1,295
Hampshire County Council		-	-	-	1,000
New Forest District Council		-	-	-	200
Archbishops' Council		-	-	-	1,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme		-	1,043	1,043	4,647
DWP Access to Work Support Worker		-	2,548	2,548	-
Miscellaneous Income		46	-	46	176
Gift Aid Recovered		290	549	839	656
		<u>11,246</u>	<u>11,615</u>	<u>22,861</u>	<u>25,040</u>
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Parish Magazine Advertising	5	(280)	-	(280)	1,894
Events and Refreshments		1,519	-	1,519	215
St Mark's Draw Club	7	2,466	-	2,466	1,776
Traidcraft Sales		16	-	16	382
Sale of Goods		49	-	49	20
		<u>3,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,770</u>	<u>4,287</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees for Year		6,690	-	6,690	5,427
Fees Received in Advance		468	-	468	69
Contributions for Use of Community Hall	6	4,965	-	4,965	2,768
Parish Magazine Sales	5	-	-	-	1,150
Craft Group Income		-	-	-	105
Messy Church Income		-	-	-	21
Friendship Lunches and Teas		103	-	103	435
		<u>12,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,226</u>	<u>9,975</u>
d) Investment Income					
CBF Deposit Interest		8	1	9	37
Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account Interest		-	-	-	109
CAF Bank		445	-	445	414
HMRC		1	-	1	-
		<u>454</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>560</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
4) Payments					
Church Activities -					
e) Clergy and Staffing					
Employees' Salaries	9	1,461	6,487	7,948	9,200
Pension Costs	9	49	-	49	-
PAYE Overpayment		387	-	387	-
Redundancy Pay	9	-	-	-	853
Clergy Expenses	8	569	-	569	527
Assistant Clergy		57	-	57	-
		<u>2,523</u>	<u>6,487</u>	<u>9,010</u>	<u>10,580</u>
f) Church Running Expenses					
Deanery Fees		43	-	43	118
Cost of Services		1,507	108	1,615	769
Heating, Lighting and Water		1,338	-	1,338	1,794
Insurance		2,154	-	2,154	2,140
Printing Magazine	5	-	-	-	999
Repairs and Maintenance		2,331	50	2,381	4,191
Upkeep of Churchyard		2,765	-	2,765	1,886
War Memorial Tablet		-	-	-	1,620
Flowers		15	51	66	38
Church Administration		1,444	-	1,444	1,133
Purchase of Equipment		-	2,499	2,499	2,208
Messy Church Expenses		-	-	-	41
Friendship Lunch and Tea Expenses		24	-	24	202
Training Expenses		30	-	30	340
Advertising		398	-	398	384
Bank and Credit Card Charges		122	-	122	52
Miscellaneous		455	-	455	542
		<u>12,626</u>	<u>2,708</u>	<u>15,334</u>	<u>18,457</u>
g) Mission Giving and Donations					
World Vision		274	-	274	274
New Forest Basics Bank		-	100	100	-
		<u>274</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>274</u>
h) Costs of Generating Funds					
Stewardship Expenses		52	-	52	51
Events and Refreshments		247	1,135	1,382	1,782
St Mark's Draw Club	7	1,035	-	1,035	1,045
Traidcraft Costs		-	-	-	231
Goods for Resale		76	-	76	-
		<u>1,410</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>2,545</u>	<u>3,109</u>

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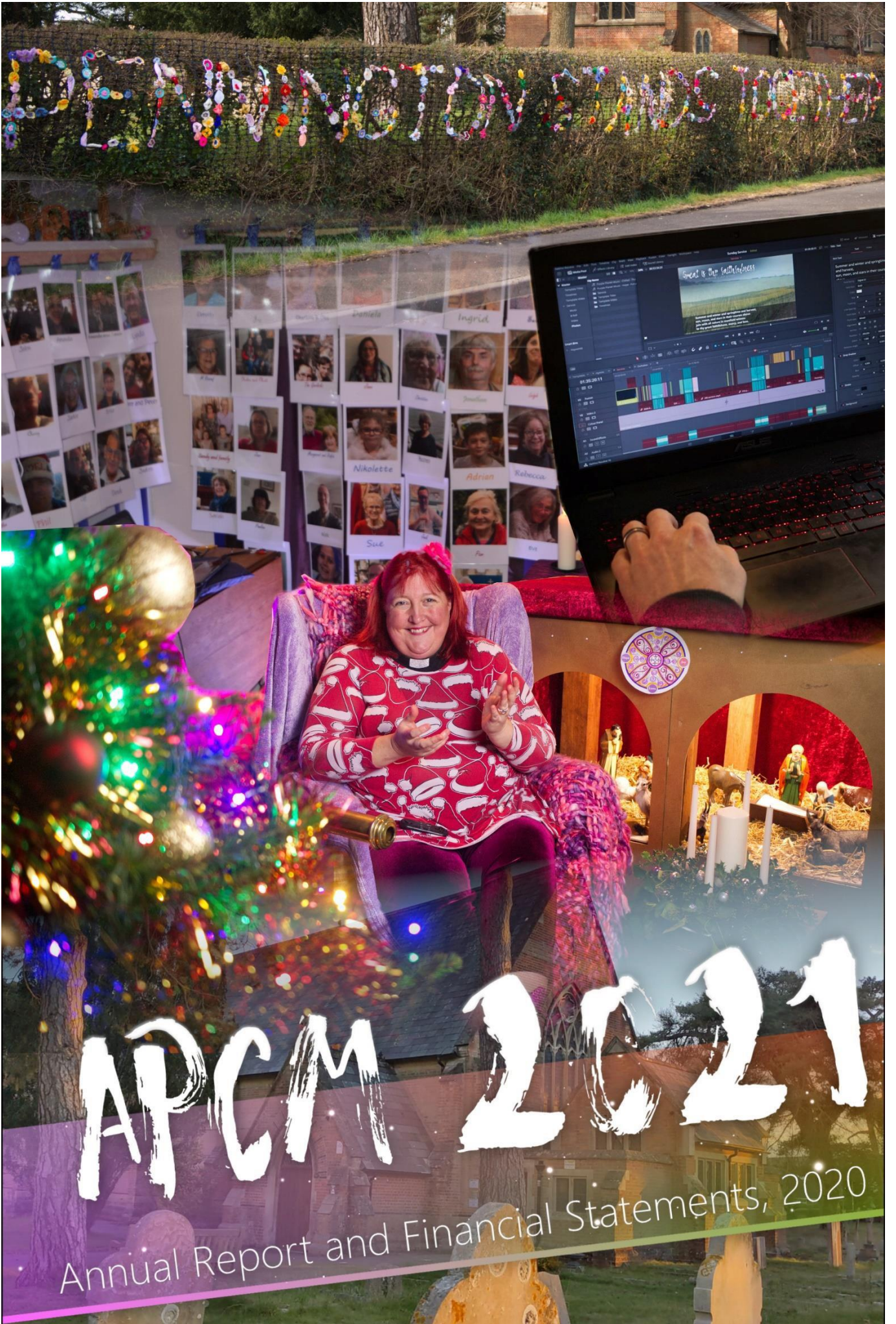
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
5) Parish Magazine			
Receipts		(280)	3,044
Payments		-	999
(Deficit)/ Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>(280)</u>	<u>2,045</u>
6) Community Hall			
Receipts			
Lettings		4,965	2,768
Grant		-	948
		<u>4,965</u>	<u>3,716</u>
Payments			
Employee Salary	9	2,056	1,848
Internal and External Cleaning Costs		635	859
Utility Costs		1,322	1,114
Insurance		824	819
Repairs and Maintenance		495	1,329
Gardening		323	289
Broadband Costs		302	-
Licences and Sundry		141	241
		<u>6,098</u>	<u>6,499</u>
Deficit of Receipts over Payments		<u>(1,133)</u>	<u>(2,783)</u>
7) St Mark's Draw Club			
Receipts		2,466	1,776
Payments		1,035	1,045
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>1,431</u>	<u>731</u>
8) Payments to PCC Members			
The following payments were made to PCC members:			
Ms J Sibley, as the Vicar's PA/support worker, was paid £4,296			
The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.			
9) Staff Costs			
Wages and Salaries		10,004	11,048
Pension Costs		49	-
Redundancy Pay		-	853
		<u>10,053</u>	<u>11,901</u>
Average number of employees		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

During the year the PCC employed an organist, hall caretaker and Vicar's PA/support worker (all part-time). No social security costs were payable. The Vicar's PA/support worker's salary is funded by DWP Access to Work.

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ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Church Officers

St Mark's Church, Ramley Road, Pennington, SO41 8GQ

We are part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011).

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registered Charity number 1173998.

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

Priest in Charge	The Revd Rachel Noel
Associate Priest	The Revd Anne Elliott (Until 12th January 2020)
Licensed Lay Minister	Phillip Attwood (Until 12 th October 2020)
Churchwardens	Teresa Nivison Eve Jolly
Honorary Officers	Rebecca Rickaby (Hon Secretary) Teresa Nivison (Hon Treasurer)
Deanery Synod	Maureen Barnard (until 12 th October 2020), Sandy Negrescu, Shirley Saunders (until 12 th October 2020)
Elected Members	Dorothy Davies Rebecca Rickaby Christine Scott Pat Wright (Until 18th February 2020) Paul Young Shirley Saunders (from 12 th October 2020)
Co-Opted Members	None

PCC and required reports

Chair's Report

We started 2020 at St Mark's Church, Pennington, much like everyone else, looking forward to the new year. We were just preparing to say farewell to Rev Anne Elliott, as she was about to embark on her new ministry in Tiptoe; and we took part in Holocaust Memorial Day in their national commemoration on the theme Pennington Stands Together, and the artwork that we created with the Junior School was part of the national exhibition. Our director of music, Leigh Jerwood wrote a new piece for the occasion, and we shared this in our Christians together service.

After the success of our Remembrance yarnbomb in 2019, the community had started knitting and crocheting flowers, crosses and Easter eggs to go on our hedge and we were talking with our neighbours St Thomas in Lymington, about plans to celebrate Holy Week together, and to welcome Bishop Debbie to come and visit us. Little did we know what was about to happen next...

On Saturday 14th March 2020, Paul Young and I spent the afternoon in St Mark's, and invited a few friends, including Rev Peter Salisbury, who might have useful things and cables, to have a play and see if livestreaming might be possible from our church. That night I worked with others online and prepared a booklet of prayers to give out in church the next day, in case people might have to isolate at home. Sunday 15th March was our first time livestreaming a service from St Mark's, and George Kidner's first time preaching...

Then on Monday, our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson announced a national lockdown, expected to be for around 12 weeks.

And this is what happened next. The first Sunday of lockdown, I led a service from church which we livestreamed, whilst BBC South Today came into the church and filmed a piece about churches and lockdown. We also connected them with CAB, the Junior School and the Basics Bank to highlight the needs of our community, and the great organisations working here to make a difference.

As we were due to work with our neighbours in Lymington for Holy Week anyway, we invited them to join us and work together for our online service. After the first week, the guidance changed, and this all had to take place from home, with recording studios rapidly set up in vicarages with anything begged and borrowed that could record, and our amazing musicians worked out how to record and edit together, and Paul embarked on a rapid learning curve of video editing and special effects. Many of you started to learn how to record readings and elements of the service from home, and over the coming weeks, all this happened. Many joined us online for the services, and I had your photos with me at home, to help me as I continued to pray for you, and imagine you were with me as I led the services from our spare bedroom.

Alongside this, I suspect we may have been the only church in the country that also had about 1500 knitted and crocheted items ready to create a yarn bomb... we weren't able to have our planned group to assemble it, but people worked and made this happen on our hedge. We wrote Pennington Stands Together, following on from Holocaust Memorial day... and then obviously the guidance tightened – and we weren't meant to be standing anywhere near each other. We had just enough flowers to add 'Even when we're apart', and our 2 crocheted figures and a ruler

behind the bus stop – and we told the Easter story, all the way through to Ascension Day and Pentecost on the hedge.

People from across the community worked together to mark VE day, and local war veteran Bill's 95th birthday.

We continued working together with our new friends, St Thomas in Lymington, and so many across our communities got involved in recording services... including Pawstor Reggie (the Lymington Vicarage cat), and we'd started to get to know people that were joining us online for the first time.

Through our online services, we realised some barriers had been removed, and you no longer had to know you'd be well enough to be in a building at a certain time and day, to worship with us. People were able to join us from care homes, people who were shielding, those facing mental health challenges, pain and disabilities.

Jane and George worked hard taking our small groups online, people joining us, deepening in their faith. Paul continued in the enormous work each week editing together our online services. We shared Thy Kingdom Come together online together, and with a diocesan quiet day... out of which our new Lord's Prayer painting emerged. (If you want to purchase your own copy of this, it's not too late... follow our link to Red Bubble)

We know that it was also a really hard time for many through last year. So many questions. Keyworkers having to work so hard, feeling so vulnerable, funerals taking place outside, with so few people allowed to be there. Realising the importance of making church work even within such a different world, continuing to make it accessible for so many people (although recognising that technology also excluded others.) Working online made it possible for people to join us for funerals, for

weddings within such limited guidance... you were so generous and fundraised for our camera.

Many people having to shield, anxiety increasing. Many furloughed, financial challenges across our community. Our schools working out how to lead schools online, and connect with children and families, without being able to meet with them.

Over the summer, as guidance eased, we started to work out what might be possible, especially once I no longer had to shield. Our churchwardens Teresa and Eve have worked so hard, with risk assessments ever evolving, as guidance has changed, to work out what is possible, and how to keep our church building and our hall safe and usable by people.

We continued with our shared online service, and we also started a service in St Mark's again... New things appeared in church... 2m markings outside and in the church, to help us stay socially distant from each other. Services now taking place with face masks, distributing communion outside.

The community worked together to mark Remembrance, just as lockdown started again. And plans to add the missing names to our War Memorial, supported by the Musketeer, local councillors and church members finally came to fruition. We had a bit of a Remembrance and Christmas mash up, as we tried to squeeze in recording before lockdown... I think 2020 may be the only year that I'll ever be holding a remembrance wreath and a Christmas tree at the same time!

Working with St Thomas, Sarah Salisbury and Jane Nicholson started leading daily morning prayer on zoom, and many of you have been

joining us – all are welcome, we're still going! The meditation group continued online.

We learned more about HeartEdge, and we piloted the new Being With course, recognising the depth of Jesus love for us, of the Spirit's presence with us, and working in each other.

Through December, as Christmas wasn't going to be possible in our usual ways, we invited our local school bubbles and community leaders to work with us on a whole community advent calendar and stories every day, and our knitters and crocheters worked so hard across the community, through online coffee and creative times with zoom coffee happening after services on Sunday, and coffee and chat taking place in front gardens, connecting so many people, our local shops, pharmacy and pub... and our giant woolly Christmas tree and knitivity developed on our hedge. This went far and wide, and BBC Breakfast came to visit.

One year on, and we've been through another lockdown. W2're delighted to still be working with our friends, St Thomas... our online services have now been viewed over 41,000 times. Peter and I have got better at recording things (well sometimes... we're creating a fare set of bloopers too!)

Rob and Mair Ellis, who've joined us during lockdown, led a survey to help us get to know more about how you've been finding our services and churches online.

In the new year, Jane and other volunteers here have worked together with Basics Bank and Fareshare Larder, to start making affordable food available for local families every week. Something like 40 families each

week are now buying food each week here, helping to tackle the deep challenges that have faced so many in the last year.

We know that across our communities so many of us are grieving in so many ways. We've lost people that we've loved, we've not been able to meet up and see each other in some of the ways we were used to, some of our groups haven't been able to happen, many are missing hugs... and many of us are experiencing anxiety, as we're not quite sure what happens next, we're finding it hard to live with so many uncertainties, and we're all having to work things out a bit at a time.

We've had to say goodbye to Philip and Frances Attwood as they moved to Bournemouth, and we bid farewell to Jackie our administrator and Peter our pianist who we had to make redundant as our financial challenges and uncertainty continued.

At the start of lockdown last year, I'm glad we didn't know that a year later we would be working out how to lead another Holy Week online. I am so grateful that you've worked with us as we've continued to explore and develop, as we streamed live from zoom too. Many of you gathered with us and took part in leading live.

This week, as we saw the Queen, sitting on her own, at her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral, it captured something that so many have experienced this year. We've commemorated this event in our usual Pennington way on our hedge!

And our crochet figures are now in step 2, as the pubs are open, they've got their pints of beer.

I'm hoping this report is encouraging you about all that has happened, and what has been possible as we've worked together across St Mark's and St Thomas this year.

As I write this report, we are also making this into a video for our patronal festival this week, of St Mark, I'm reminded of our message on our hedge – Pennington Stands Together – even when we're not quite so far apart. Through the last year, through youtube and facebook, through letters and lent bags, through conversations and prayer, my hope is that alongside some of the isolation, there have also been glimpses of connection with God, connection with each other, connection with ourselves and with creation.

Thank you all for being a part of our churches and our community. Thank you for your continued generosity. Our work, our ministry here is only possible through the continued generosity of so many, as we share financial support for the work here as well as our time, gifts and resources to live out Jesus' call to us in this place.

As we continue look ahead, I feel so encouraged at the amazing people that God has brought together in Pennington – that's you, as you read this! I'm excited to hear what's on your heart, how the Spirit is prompting you, and what God is calling us to.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year, as together we face the uncertainty, knowing that God is always with us, that we can continue to connect,

inspiring love for everyone

Rev Rachel Noël



Aim and Purposes

Our strapline is:

Inspiring love for everyone

As St Mark's PCC, we have responsibility for the ecclesiastical parish of Pennington. To help us in our mission, we have responsibility for the grade 2 listed St Mark's Church building, for our churchyard and for St Mark's Community Hall.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, or co-opted by the PCC during the year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met three times since our late APCM in the autumn last year, with standing committee meeting in between times. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of sub committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These sub committees, which include worship, buildings and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Electoral Roll

The number of people on this year's Electoral Roll is 75.

This number is broken down thus:

59 Residents

16 non-Residents

Sadly 2 residents have moved from the parish and 1 has died, however 1 person has been added.

Rebecca Rickaby

Worship and Prayer

Our regular pattern of worship before lockdown, at the start of 2020 was:
Sundays:

8am Traditional Communion

9:30am 1st & 3rd Sunday - Family Communion,
2nd Sunday Iona or Celtic Communion

4th Sunday - Morning Praise, informal family service

6:00pm 1st & 3rd Sunday - Evensong

5th Sunday - launching Evening Praise

Midweek

Wednesday, weekly 11:30am Communion

Monday, once a month 2:30pm Meditation Group

During the first lockdown we initially held an online service at 9:30am each Sunday. As we approached opening the building, we changed our service time and had an online service at 10am and a service in St Mark's at 9am from September 2020.

In subsequent lockdowns, the 9am was suspended again.

In April 2021, we have now brought back an 8am Holy Communion Service, and currently we retain a 9am service (that is sometimes Holy Communion, and sometimes Morning Praise), and a 10am Online service.

At the start of 2020, we took part in the national Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration. With Pennington Junior School our community art project was selected for the national exhibition, and Rev Rachel Noël represented us at the national ceremony.

However, once lockdown started, many of our usual events were not able to happen, with fairs, social events, concerts all cancelled.

Online we created some special community events, notably:

- March / April 2020 – Yarnbomb on the hedge for Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost.
- May 2020 – Online VE Day 75th anniversary community celebration
- November 2020 – Online community Remembrance event, involving all the local schools, councillors and war veterans
- December 2020
- Community Advent Calendar, using boards decorated by all the local school bubbles, and accompanied by daily videos featuring local community leaders reading Christmas stories.
- Community Christmas yarnbomb, creating a 25ft knitted & crocheted Christmas tree, alongside almost lifesize crochet nativity on the hedge.

- A few Christmas services took place in St Mark's Church, but the absence of congregational singing meant that we made our Just Carols event a live, interactive online service.

We are fortunate to have a rich and diverse group of people leading worship, benefitting from the gifts of our Priest-in-Charge, Rachel Noël, and our BCMs, Sandy Negrescu and Paul Young. We also have several new people training for BCMS:

Sandy Negrescu – BCM Children and Families

Eve Jolly – BCM Creation Care

Rebecca Rickaby – BCM Pastoral Care

Jane Nicholson – BCM Worship

George Kidner – Bishop's Permission to Preach

Thank you to everyone that is involved in so many different ways in leading and creating our services and making them happen.

Prior to lockdown, we offered baptisms at our 9:30am Morning Praise service and once a month at 11am. Throughout 2020, the guidance continually updated about what was possible. The earliest funerals in 2020 were restricted to graveside only with very limited numbers. At the time of writing, we can now have up to 30 people attend a funeral in the church building or churchyard, and we will soon be starting weddings and baptisms again.

In 2020 we baptised 2 children. We weren't able to conduct any weddings, although the couples that were planning to marry will hopefully be married in St Mark's Church this year. We conducted 16 funerals or interment of ashes.

Safeguarding

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community. It's therefore important that parishes such as the parish of St Mark in Pennington give due focus to this important area. We are committed to following legislation, guidance and recognized good practice. (See also <https://www.stmarks-pennington.org.uk/safeguarding-policy/> for further details)

Attention to Safeguarding Good Practice has continued this past year, 2020.

The Diocese of Winchester Safeguarding Team continue to be a source of support through the additional challenges presented during lockdown. Phillip Attwood our previous safeguarding officer has now moved to a new parish. Jane Nicholson has agreed to take on this role and is currently training. I am very grateful for the people willing to serve our community in this way, and to help guide all of us to ensure we make our church and community as safe as possible for everyone.

Revd Rachel Noël

Finance Review

Total receipts for 2020 amounted to £71,518 which was £33,127 lower than the amount of £104,645 received for 2019. This was due to a number of factors including one off receipts of £3,000 from a legacy and £2,760 for an insurance claim received in 2019. In addition grants of £17,000 were received in 2019 to assist with the costs of the hall improvements. The balance of the decrease in receipts for the current year over 2019 was mainly due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

During an extremely difficult 2020 with the church being closed at various times due to the pandemic it is very pleasing to note that planned giving

income has been maintained in line with 2019 giving and underlines the importance of promoting planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme and other giving schemes such as weekly envelopes. Looking at collections and other giving this has reduced to £1,370 from £5,781 in 2019 and further illustrates how valuable planned giving is. Our thanks go to all those who have been able to continue with their giving at this time to enable the work of the church to continue and we also appreciate the fact that due to financial constraints some people will have been unable to continue giving their usual sums to the church. We are also immensely grateful for all donations received in 2020 which totalled £15,069. We have received grants under the HMRC Job Retention Scheme totalling £4,647 to assist in paying staff salaries and grants from Lymington and Pennington Town Council towards the cost of making the Community Hall COVID-secure and also towards the new War Memorial tablet. £1,000 was also received from the Archbishops' Council towards the organ restoration. Due to COVID-19 we have been unable to run our usual events and for part of the year groups have also been unable to use the Community Hall which has seen the hall letting income fall from £6,690 in 2019 to £2,768 in 2020.

Total payments for 2020 were £72,988 compared to £113,864 for 2019. Our Diocesan Parish Contribution for 2020 was £31,599 a decrease of £3,707 over the previous year. Salaries for the year, excluding the Hall cleaner, totalled £9,200, down from £9,743 in 2019 as unfortunately it was necessary to make Jackie, our Parish Administrator, and Peter, our evensong pianist, redundant. Redundancy costs amounted to £853. Due to the church being closed for part of the year several of our costs have been reduced including utility, administration and service costs. We have also only printed 4 magazines this year and therefore whilst our printing costs are substantially reduced, £1,270 is due at the year end to the magazine advertisers for 8 months advertising. The balance due for the

organ restoration totalling £2,470 was paid in 2020. Equipment purchased during the year costing £2,208 was in respect of the new camera and accessories for the livestreaming of church services.

The deficit for the year on unrestricted funds amounted to £1,140 together with a deficit of £330 on restricted funds giving an overall deficit of £1,470. The balance on restricted funds at 31st December 2020 amounted to £5,490 and the balance on unrestricted funds amounted to £63,087.

Looking at the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020 cash funds amounted to £68,577 as opposed to £70,047 at 31st December 2019. Other monetary assets amounted to £1,345 and liabilities at the year end amounted to £2,822 including the £1,270 due to the magazine advertisers as previously mentioned.

Teresa Nivison

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance at the year-end was sufficient to cover this. Any cash balances which are not required in the short-term are invested in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. At the year-end we also had funds in a CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Saver and a 60 Day Notice Account.

Teresa Nivison

Buildings

No major work has been done on the buildings this year although the usual maintenance work has been carried out. As highlighted by the

quinquennial inspection in 2019 various pointing works to the church building are required and we await a date for the stonemason to begin the work.

Teresa Nivison

Community Hall

Due to the pandemic the hall has had to be closed at various times during the year resulting in a considerable loss of income. We are grateful to all our hirers for their commitment to the hall in restarting their classes when able to do so and we have also been fortunate in welcoming new hirers. Our thanks go also to Lymington and Pennington Town Council who gave us a grant towards making the hall Covid-secure.

If you would like to book the hall for an event or group, please enquire! Sue, our cleaner, has been furloughed at various points throughout the year. Eve Jolly and Teresa Nivison have continued to care for the hall, and after no longer being able to afford to keep a parish administrator, Teresa has taken on managing hall bookings too. Many in the community enjoy the opportunities to gather for various activities in the hall.

We are currently working on having broadband installed at the hall, to make it possible for activities using the hall to continue to connect with those who are no longer able to gather for physical meetings. (Thank you to Teresa, John and Eve for your patience with Open Reach in actually getting the phone line installed to make this possible... I think we're nearly there... it's been a saga!)

Teresa Nivison / Rachel Noël

Churchyard

Following restrictions over the past year we have kept the churchyard up together in the best way possible. We have just started up our first Thursday in the month working party meetings.

All members have seen the Risk Assessment and Government guidelines to follow during the pandemic. We now have six members in our group. We are without monthly help from the Community Payback Group who would normally have their own equipment, fuel for their strimmers etc. As we have been without their help for over a year now, a bigger burden has fallen on our older members of the churchyard working party. However, we are having two of the church's strimmers serviced for us to use. Luckily, at present, we have some men who can do this. We have some of the safety clothing but may have to buy gloves etc, all extra expense. We endeavour to keep wreathes and artificial flowers etc, out of the compost heap, but feel more notice needs to be drawn to people's attention about being responsible for taking their own wreathes, paraphernalia and dead flowers home.

The bulbs in the front border are now over and will be replaced with summer bedding when the time is right. A kind donor has offered to have new gates made to replace the old ones which were broken some time ago.

Without outside help, we will endeavour to fill sunken graves with the soil/gravel deposited in the churchyard, but this may take some time and labour. Tackle encroaching brambles etc and generally keep two and a half acres of graveyard in check.

We will follow our grass cutting guidelines avoiding mowing during the flowering period, and only cut pathways and other areas we consider need doing.

I am incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and skills in keeping 'God's Acre' in a proper state. It is our wish to see this consecrated ground kept as a good, pleasing and peaceful place for everyone to enjoy while they come to attend to family graves or just sit or wander around and enjoy.

Ingrid Bolhoven

Update on Activities, Events and Groups

Lockdown has meant many activities have had to pause during 2020. As a church we were already having to face challenging decisions, as our number of volunteers and people willing to lead activities and groups has been decreasing over recent years. The pandemic has exaggerated this, with many individuals and families facing challenging seasons, changes in health and finance, and re-evaluating what is happening in their lives. It is too early to know what will happen as we go forward. For any activity or group to restart, we will need to establish teams that are willing to lead the activity and we will need to review together safeguarding and health and safety, as well as praying and connecting the activities with our vision, to discern what is possible for our church to do in our community.

Activities that have had to pause

Meditation Group

The group that used to meet at St Mark's Church, was led by Rev Anne Elliott and Frances Attwood, who have both moved to other churches and ministries, and Mary Johnson one of the founder members died early in 2020.

We are now working together with St Thomas with an online meditation group meeting on Tuesdays at 11am. Jane Nicholson from Pennington is one of the leaders, and all are welcome to join this group.

TraidCraft

The stall was well stocked by Pat Wright who ordered in consumables (tea, coffee, biscuits, Easter Eggs) for a few people who supported the charity regularly even though it was well publicised in the newsletter. The

church itself bought paper towels and rolls and consumables to replenish St Mark's Room kitchen and our Community Hall supplies. During lockdown with the church being closed most of the time the stall had stock which was getting close to its sell by date. Most of this was sold off fortunately. There isn't currently anyone that wants to lead this stall, so we are anticipating selling off remaining stock, and then running occasional fare trade events if anyone wants to organise.

Evensong

All of our in building services had to pause for much of 2020. In this current season, congregational singing is not permitted, and there are additional cleaning requirements if we want to re-use pews within 48 hours. At the time of writing, this service remains paused.

Parish Magazine

At the start of 2020, we distributed a much loved monthly magazine in our community. As the country locked down, we found that our contributors no longer had content to share, as their groups and activities were no longer running. Paul who was editing the magazine has led the online recording and editing for the last year along with our social media and email contacts, alongside working full time. I'm sure you will understand why he cannot also edit the parish magazine. At the time of writing this report, we do not currently have a magazine editor.

Strictly Come Crafting

For many years Dorothy Davies and Shirley Saunders have led Strictly Come Crafting, a crafting group that met twice a month in the Community Hall. Many members of the group have contributed to the yarn bombs on our churchyard hedge. As restrictions ease, we will review what is possible.

Messy Church

With children having spent many lockdown days participating in online schooling, an online worship provision had not been considered. However children in school are now receiving collective worship and we provided families with Christingle Bags. Local children joined in with the online Advent countdown. As restrictions ease, we will review what is possible, and will need to re-establish a team to lead this work.

Children's Church Club

As we have not been meeting in the church building, our Sunday gathering with a small number of children has not been able to continue. Our most recent members are in Sandy and Rachel's families, and so worship and story telling has continued in our homes. As restrictions ease, we will be discussing with the children and young people, to work out what they would like to happen and how they would like to be involved in church.

Friendship Lunch

Gathering together in large numbers to eat has clearly not been possible throughout the pandemic. Some of our previous team, and Revd Anne Elliott who was one of the co-ordinators are no longer able to support this meeting. As restrictions ease, if we want to restart this group in some form, we will need to establish a team again that are willing to plan and organise this event.

Holiday at Home

As with Friendship Lunch, as social gatherings were not permitted, in 2020 it was not possible to gather people together for afternoon teas or trips out. As restrictions ease, we will review what is possible.

Pennington Community Events

In recent years we have coordinated large scale community events in Pennington for Christmas and the Summer Fayre. These have not taken place during 2020, with activities on the hedge being one of our key ways of connecting with the community. As restrictions ease, we are reviewing, and hope to be able to offer some Christmas event later this year.

Ecochurch

EcoChurch has not been a key focus during the last year of lockdown and pandemic. Eve Jolly has recently taken BCM Creation Care, and we will be reviewing to work out how to develop this work in St Mark's.

CTLP - Christians Together Lymington and Pennington

We are part of the wider group of churches in the Lymington area, and Rachel represents us at the Christians Together Lymington and Pennington meetings, and in January 2020 we lead the joint service across the churches together. Throughout lockdown this group has not managed to meet, and we don't yet know if/ when this group may continue.

Activities that have continued in different ways

Schools

Rachel Noël, Sandy Negrescu and George Kidner continue to serve as Foundation Governors at Pennington Junior School, and have supported the headteacher Kirstie Richards and staff through the many iterations of government guidance, keyworker children, and online schooling. Early in 2020, the Junior School also went through Ofsted, and more recently have had a further Ofsted monitoring visit.

Rachel is also a governor of Pennington Infant School, and they have recruited a new headteacher, Bev Seed who has joined the staff in January 2021.

In Autumn 2020, Rachel started leading online assemblies with children at the schools, shared through YouTube, and in December the schools worked together to create the advent calendar videos. At the time of writing, we are working on plans to resume collective worship in the schools.

Pastoral – Phone Tree

During lockdown it was decided to contact parishioners to see if they would welcome occasional telephone calls to keep them in touch with St. Mark's. Nearly everyone said that they would. I rang a few members of the old parish visiting team who all agreed to ring half a dozen or more and off we went. I never anticipated how successful it would be and am very grateful for all the time people gave.

Christine Scott

Community Hub

Last year we reported our hopes to start creating a community hub for Pennington. Planning work continues on this, and the group is seeking to establish a Community Interest Company, to be able to lead this work in the community. Rachel is involved in this work with others in the wider community.

Small groups

Jane Nicholson and George Kidner have made the transition to zoom and managed to lead our small groups in the new world of online church. We have welcomed new people into our church and into these groups.

In Autumn 2020, we were honoured to be invited to pilot the St Martin in the Fields 'Being With' course, and several participants have really enjoyed the opportunity to engage in these conversations. If you would like to join in one of our discussion groups, please let us know. We are currently meeting on Monday mornings, but hope to reconvene an evening group again too.

Coffee Morning

Our usual coffee morning in St Mark's room has obviously not been possible during lockdown. Creativity has emerged, with Christine Speechley hosting outdoor coffee and conversations when this has been possible, along with knitting and crochet. There has also been a zoom coffee morning on Wednesdays, and a Sunday morning online coffee and chat after the service. Many have appreciated the opportunities to stay connected with others during this season which has brought isolation to many. As restrictions ease, we will be working out what is possible.

St Mark's Draw Club

Many in the community take part in our monthly draw club. This has moved to zoom during the last year. It raises funds to support the work of the church.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod has moved onto zoom for the last year. The summer Synod in June 2020 was mainly focussed on the impact of Covid on our worshipping communities.

There was plenty of discussion about how different parishes were managing and what has been introduced. We then broke into groups to discuss what has changed that we want to keep, or stop and what we miss that we look forward to getting back. An interesting discussion with a mixed bag of views. One person was adamant her church must not revert to people taking pets to the service!

The Autumn Synod in October included a presentation by a John, a member of synod from Dibden, on God in the Workplace which introduced a course about the same. There was also a lot of information in the treasurer's report about the impact of covid on the financial position of the parishes within the deanery and the diocese.

The Spring Synod in March would normally include discussions about the Deanery Mission Action Plan but this was currently on hold. There has been plenty of talk, discussions and presentations regarding Lighthouse Ministry which is led by former Winchester Diocese Youth and Families worker Andy who is now consulting with Deanery Synod and local PCCs on youth and Family work.

Sandy Negrescu

Activities that have started during pandemic

Morning Prayer on Zoom

During Thy Kingdom Come in May 2020, we held online evening prayer. As lockdown started in November 2020, Sarah Salisbury from St Thomas Lymington and Jane Nicholson from St Mark's, worked together to host morning prayer on zoom at 9am Monday to Saturday. All are welcome to join every day, or occasionally, to gather with others to pray together.

Meditation Group

A new meditation group has developed online, TakeTime, following Ignatian reflections. This group meets on Tuesdays at 11am, lead by Sarah Salisbury, Jane Nicholson and Rina Miles. New members are always welcome.

Fareshare Larder

Across our community, pandemic has led to increasing financial challenges for many, with jobs being lost, with reduced incomes. Fareshare Larder, together with Basics Bank and volunteers from the church have started a FareShare Larder, operating out of St Mark's Community Hall. Every Thursday, between 1 & 2:30pm, anyone is able to go to the larder, to subscribe and to be able to buy a week's bag of food for £2.50. Around 40 families a week are accessing the larder, showing the importance of making it possible for many locally to know that they will be able to access affordable food every week. If you would like to support this project, please talk with Jane Nicholson or Eve Jolly.

Where do we go from here?

As a church, we are so encouraged to be serving God in this place, aware of the amazing gifts of people and community. The last year has brought many questions into focus for people, and as a community we have to work together, to discern God's spirit moving in this place, and to work out how we take part in that.

We recognise that we are a small church, but that God is working through our mission and ministry in this place. We can't do everything, and we need to care for everyone who is contributing to this work, as well as to those we are working with in the wider community.

There are many ways for you to get involved in this. Please think and pray, and chat with us if there are ways that you would like to take part. There are some key areas that we'd love to grow our teams or develop:

Churchyard: there is currently a team of 6 people carrying the work of caring for our churchyard, to ensure a place of peace and comfort for the whole community. Is this something that you would like to be involved with, or would like to help lead? We'd love to find ways to develop our use of this space, to encourage people to encounter God through the beauty of this place.

Magazine: Our parish magazine was widely read in the community. If you love talking to people, finding out what's going on, encouraging people to write articles and enjoy editing, and would like to lead making this magazine happen, or to work together with our neighbouring parish St Thomas to create a joint magazine, do get in touch.

Pastoral: The last year has been a challenging year for everyone, and we are aware there is likely to be a surge in mental health challenges facing many of us. We have started developing a phone tree, and would like to continue developing how we care for each other, how we stay in touch and encourage one another. If you have a heart for people, if you like to listen, if you want to be part of a team caring and encouraging those connected with our church, please let us know.

Social / Events: Over the last year, so many of the ways that we connect with each other have had to pause. Would you like to organise events or create opportunities, that fit within current guidance, that will make it possible for people to start connecting with each other again, to help us to socialise, to have fun together, to get to know each other again.

Generosity: We thank you for your continued generosity for the work of our church here. Our churchwarden and treasurer, Teresa Nivison, currently leads this work mostly on her own. If you are able to support with administration, with collection, or if you'd like to organise any fundraising events, please do let us know.

Prayer: We meet daily for prayer with St Thomas Church at 9am on zoom. It's possible to phone in too. All of our work here is underpinned in prayer, all that we do flows from this prayer. We'd love to see more of you joining us to pray for each other, to encourage each other, to pray for our work in the church and wider community.

If you're interested in any of these areas, or if there's something else on your heart, that you would love to make happen here in Pennington, please do talk to any of our Standing Committee:

Rev Rachel Noël, Teresa Nivison, Eve Jolly, Paul Young, Rebecca Rickaby.

Publicity

Our last APCM look-back over the prior twelve months talked about our online presence. Indeed, St Mark's have been proud to have grown an online presence for some years now and have recognised the importance of online. However, as in March 2020 the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic hit our lives through lockdown, online became our primary route for outreach.

In the past year, we've maintained a Sunday service for our congregation - with a specific online service, broadcast over Facebook and YouTube. Initially viewed as a way with St Thomas' we could bridge the perceived temporary gap from in-building services, we quickly discovered that we weren't just reaching our congregation in Pennington. Rather, we were picking up viewers from across the world - with viewers in Portsmouth, Scotland, Spain and even Japan regularly engaging with us through our online services.

Our Sunday services online have grown and grown and reached more and more people; in the past year, our Sunday services on YouTube have been viewed over 41 thousand times! We've also been the focus of local and national BBC news, through the creative work of our church family - helping to cement Pennington on the map.

Our website is maintaining a central source of information, but with services only now slowly coming back, it's Facebook that is our primary route for publicity. Advertising and supporting our community as well as putting a friendly face on our faith, some of our Facebook posts have reached far further than we may ever have imagined: in some cases, having been viewed and shared by over 10 thousand individuals.

Paul Young

HeartEdge

Initiated by the congregation at St Martin-in-the-Fields in 2017, HeartEdge is a movement for renewal, fuelled by people and churches sharing their assets, experience, resource and need.



An ecumenical network, HeartEdge brings together people to share ideas and experience, do theology and develop their church and community. We are developing in the UK, US, the Netherlands and elsewhere.

HeartEdge is about churches developing four Cs:

Commerce: Generating finance via enterprise, creatively extending mission.

Culture: Art, music, performance re-imagining the Christian narrative for the present.

Congregation: Inclusive liturgy, worship and common life.

Compassion: Empowering congregations to address social need.

We support churches in reimagining themselves and society. This is about churches engaging in commerce, culture, compassion or congregational life – our 4 Cs – investing in two, three or all four at the same time. We work with churches moving beyond conventional notions of church, being open to partnership and collaboration with others in the wider world.

We joined HeartEdge early in 2020, to help us connect with others and develop a sustainable way of leading St Mark's Church into the future. Throughout 2020 Rachel has taken part in regular HeartEdge practitioners meetings, and has been invited to participate in various webinars.

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mark's Church PCC, Pennington

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 34 - 40, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees do not consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention; and
- issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations .

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

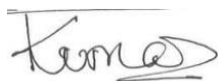
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations have not been met; or

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



Mr T. Kumar, F.C.C.A.

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St Mark's Church, Pennington

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts -					
Planned Giving		23,934	400	24,334	24,253
Collections and Other Giving		1,370	-	1,370	5,781
Gift Aid Recovered		5,852	100	5,952	6,942
Other Voluntary Receipts	4a	12,990	12,050	25,040	33,249
		<u>44,146</u>	<u>12,550</u>	<u>56,696</u>	<u>70,225</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	4b	4,287	-	4,287	13,193
Receipts from Church Activities	4c	9,975	-	9,975	17,657
Investment Income	4d	555	5	560	725
Other Receipts	4e	-	-	-	2,845
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>58,963</u>	<u>12,555</u>	<u>71,518</u>	<u>104,645</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities -					
Diocesan Parish Contribution		31,599	-	31,599	35,306
Clergy and Staffing Costs	4f	6,011	4,569	10,580	12,473
Church Running Expenses	4g	14,407	4,050	18,457	24,062
Community Hall Running Expenses	6	4,973	1,526	6,499	7,952
Mission Giving and Donations	4h	274	-	274	964
		<u>57,264</u>	<u>10,145</u>	<u>67,409</u>	<u>80,757</u>
Costs of Generating Funds	4j	1,369	1,740	3,109	10,549
Major Works - Church		1,470	1,000	2,470	1,729
Major Works - Hall		-	-	-	20,829
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>60,103</u>	<u>12,885</u>	<u>72,988</u>	<u>113,864</u>
Deficit of Receipts over Payments		(1,140)	(330)	(1,470)	(9,219)
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 1st January		64,227	5,820	70,047	79,266
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts and Cash at 31st December		<u>63,087</u>	<u>5,490</u>	<u>68,577</u>	<u>70,047</u>

ST MARK'S CHURCH, PENNINGTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		5,779	4,252	10,031	6,185
CBF Deposit Fund		21,133	1,237	22,370	2,338
Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account		-	-	-	25,763
CAF 12 Month Fixed Rate Saver and 60 Day Notice Account		36,145	-	36,145	35,730
Diocese of Winchester - CBF Deposit - Churchyard Fund		-	1	1	1
Cash in Hand		30	-	30	30
		<u>63,087</u>	<u>5,490</u>	<u>68,577</u>	<u>70,047</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
Community Hall Letting Income		27	-	27	205
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		-	-	-	658
Church Buildings Council - Organ Grant		-	-	-	1,000
Pennington Community Events Donation		-	-	-	1,620
CAF Donation		500	-	500	-
Income Tax Recoverable		538	-	538	929
Total Debtors		<u>1,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,065</u>	<u>4,412</u>
Stock of Items for Resale		280	-	280	425
		<u>1,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>4,837</u>
Assets Retained for the Church Use	2	<u>10,709</u>	<u>10,172</u>	<u>20,881</u>	<u>18,673</u>
LIABILITIES					
Fees Received in Advance		136	-	136	67
Parish Magazine Advertising Received in Advance		1,270	-	1,270	-
St Mark's Draw Club Income Received in Advance		431	-	431	527
Community Hall Letting Income Received in Advance		-	-	-	24
Clergy Expenses		-	-	-	90
Cost of Services		158	-	158	-
Gas and Electricity Costs - Church and Community Hall		283	-	283	449
Repairs and Maintenance		160	-	160	57
Flowers		-	-	-	38
Messy Church Expenses		-	-	-	12
Advertising		52	-	52	23
Miscellaneous		77	-	77	-
Community Hall Expenses		255	-	255	343
Pennington Community Events Expenses		-	-	-	1,738
Event Expenses and Refreshments		-	-	-	4
Balance of Organ Restoration		-	-	-	2,470
		<u>2,822</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>5,842</u>

The attached notes on pages 37 to 40 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 22-April-21 and signed on their behalf by
PCC Chair

PCC Honorary Treasurer

TA Wilson

[Signature]

ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	2020	2019
	£	£
2) Fixed assets retained for Church use are as follows:		
Freehold property at the rear of the old Infant's School, South Street, Pennington consisting of the Community Hall and car park area purchased on 26th November 1963 at cost	250	250
Piano at cost	2,553	2,553
Church Equipment at cost	10,434	8,226
Churchyard Equipment at cost	1,887	1,887
Community Hall Furniture and Equipment	5,757	5,757
	<u>20,881</u>	<u>18,673</u>

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal

St Mark's Community Hall Furnishings

- 3) The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	1st January	Receipts	Payments	31st December
Building and Fabric Fund	384	1	-	385
Organ Fund	296	1,001	1,000	297
Churchyard Fund	299	38	37	300
Flower Fund	-	27	27	-
Hall Project Fund	539	1	-	540
Vegetable Garden Fund	109	7	-	116
Pennington Community Events	2,922	2,670	1,740	3,852
Specific Items Fund	1,271	8,810	10,081	-
	<u>5,820</u>	<u>12,555</u>	<u>12,885</u>	<u>5,490</u>

All funds represent accumulated legacies, donations, grants, fundraising income and interest which can only be used for their respective purposes.

ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
4) Receipts					
a) Other Voluntary Receipts					
Legacies		-	-	-	3,000
Donations		11,401	3,668	15,069	6,928
Grants - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme		997	-	997	1,056
Lymington and Pennington Town Council		-	1,295	1,295	13,000
Hampshire County Council		-	1,000	1,000	1,000
New Forest District Council		-	200	200	600
Archbishops' Council		-	1,000	1,000	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme		-	4,647	4,647	-
Groundwork UK		-	-	-	1,000
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation		-	-	-	6,000
Miscellaneous Income		126	50	176	373
Gift Aid Recovered		466	190	656	292
		<u>12,990</u>	<u>12,050</u>	<u>25,040</u>	<u>33,249</u>
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Parish Magazine Advertising	5	1,894	-	1,894	2,127
Events and Refreshments		215	-	215	7,892
St Mark's Draw Club	7	1,776	-	1,776	2,123
Traidcraft Sales		382	-	382	957
Sale of Goods		20	-	20	94
		<u>4,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,287</u>	<u>13,193</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees for Year		5,427	-	5,427	7,540
Fees Received in Advance		69	-	69	67
Contributions for Use of Community Hall	6	2,768	-	2,768	6,690
Parish Magazine Sales	5	1,150	-	1,150	1,371
Craft Group Income		105	-	105	417
Messy Church Income		21	-	21	25
Friendship Lunches		435	-	435	1,547
		<u>9,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,975</u>	<u>17,657</u>
d) Investment Income					
CBF Deposit Interest		32	5	37	89
Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account Interest		109	-	109	227
CAF Bank		414	-	414	409
		<u>555</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>725</u>
e) Other Receipts					
Sale of Furniture and Equipment		-	-	-	85
Insurance Claim		-	-	-	2,760
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,845</u>

ST MARK'S CHURCH PENNINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
4) Payments					
Church Activities -					
f) Clergy and Staffing					
Employees' Salaries	9	4,631	4,569	9,200	9,743
Redundancy Pay	9	853	-	853	-
Clergy Expenses	8	527	-	527	2,614
Assistant Clergy		-	-	-	116
		<u>6,011</u>	<u>4,569</u>	<u>10,580</u>	<u>12,473</u>
g) Church Running Expenses					
Deanery Fees		118	-	118	-
Cost of Services		769	-	769	1,426
Heating, Lighting and Water		1,669	125	1,794	2,607
Insurance		2,140	-	2,140	2,097
Printing Magazine	5	999	-	999	2,917
Repairs and Maintenance		3,803	388	4,191	5,751
Upkeep of Churchyard		1,849	37	1,886	4,893
War Memorial Tablet		-	1,620	1,620	-
Vegetable Garden Expenses		-	-	-	6
Flowers		11	27	38	243
Church Administration		1,133	-	1,133	2,170
Purchase of Equipment		404	1,804	2,208	-
Messy Church Expenses		37	4	41	55
Friendship Lunch Expenses		202	-	202	765
Training Expenses		340	-	340	117
Advertising		384	-	384	269
Bank and Credit Card Charges		52	-	52	-
Miscellaneous		497	45	542	746
		<u>14,407</u>	<u>4,050</u>	<u>18,457</u>	<u>24,062</u>
h) Mission Giving and Donations					
World Vision		274	-	274	274
Pennington Junior School		-	-	-	565
WDBF		-	-	-	125
		<u>274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>964</u>
j) Costs of Generating Funds					
Stewardship Expenses		51	-	51	50
Events and Refreshments		42	1,740	1,782	8,663
St Mark's Draw Club	7	1,045	-	1,045	1,030
Traidcraft Costs		231	-	231	806
		<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>10,549</u>

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 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
5) Parish Magazine			
Receipts		3,044	3,498
Payments		<u>999</u>	<u>2,917</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>2,045</u>	<u>581</u>
6) Community Hall			
Receipts			
Lettings		2,768	6,690
Grant		<u>948</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>3,716</u>	<u>6,690</u>
Payments			
Employee Salary	9	1,848	1,358
Internal and External Cleaning Costs		859	1,308
Utility Costs		1,114	1,403
Insurance		819	732
Furniture and Equipment		-	324
Repairs and Maintenance		1,329	2,350
Gardening		289	210
Licences and Sundry		<u>241</u>	<u>267</u>
		<u>6,499</u>	<u>7,952</u>
Deficit of Receipts over Payments		<u>(2,783)</u>	<u>(1,262)</u>
7) St Mark's Draw Club			
Receipts		1,776	2,123
Payments		<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,030</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		<u>731</u>	<u>1,093</u>
8) Payments to PCCMembers			
The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.			
9) Staff Costs			
Wages and Salaries		11,048	11,101
Redundancy Pay		<u>853</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>11,901</u>	<u>11,101</u>
Average number of employees		<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

During the year the PCC employed an organist, parish administrator, hall cleaner and pianist (all part-time) but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.