

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Goudhurst
c/o The Church Office, Back Lane, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 1AN
Registered Charity No 1175082
Trustees' Annual Report**

St Mary's Goudhurst Book of Reports : May 2024 to April 2025

Introduction

Our last annual report was from May 2023-May 2024. This report covers May 2024-April 2025 and includes:

1. The life of the parish generally and the activities of the PCC - prepared by Revd Rachel Robertson
2. Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2024 prepared by Dave Lodge, approved by the PCC **by 6 April 2025**, and independently examined by Graham Langlay-Smith.
3. Fabric, goods and ornaments of the church prepared by Churchwardens Jo Alsop and Sam Davis.
4. Church Rooms report prepared by James Wickham.
5. Changes in the electoral roll since the last APCM - prepared by Kat Ogden and Revd Rachel Roberston.
6. Deanery Synod proceedings prepared by Ali Williams and Martin Loy.

With thanks to those noted for these reports, and for all here who serve God in many and varied ways, for His glory.

1.

**The life of the parish generally and the activities of the PCC
prepared by Revd Rachel Robertson**

Our calling is to love God and love our neighbour as we love ourselves, and our purpose is to give God the glory with all of our lives. As we walk along side one another it fills me with deep joy to see this in action in our lives.

(a) The life of the parish in worship, prayer, understanding the bible, discipleship, pastoral care and mission

We are first called to love God with heart, mind, soul and strength, and then love our neighbours as ourselves (Matthew 22: 37-40).

We continue to be blessed in our worship life together, aiming to give God glory, grow in understanding of who God is and our calling and identity. Equipped, we are then sent out to serve God in the world.

Our three main weekly services are the Thursday Morning 10am service, and Sunday services of said Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and the 10:45. Complementing these is our 9.15 Sunday morning service of Holy Communion at Christ Church.

Looking at 2024/25 we can be encouraged by numbers attending, especially on weeks when groups for children and young people are offered, and levels of engagement, including the range of gifts widely offered from those who serving up front or behind the scenes.

Prayer is to be the heart of church life. Whilst numbers participating in the monthly prayer meeting are currently low, engagement with the GK emergency prayer chain is high, with 72 people currently involved.

God reveals Himself to us through the bible. This year more of our congregation have started to take notes during the sermons. Weekly questions are prepared by Kat Ogden which are distributed by the small groups. Small groups, coordinated by Martin Loy continue to grow in terms of numbers belonging.

Pastoral care includes the quiet way our church loves and looks out for each other, as well as the Pastoral offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Defined pastoral care in the church includes the work of Sonja Drew as Anna Chaplain (focusing on pastoral support to those of older age), Meal Train (meals provided to those under particular pressure), Home Communion visits, Community Cupboard (a food bank serving the local community), Community Care Fund (providing temporary financial assistance to those in crisis or emergency need), Community Lunch, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Life Skills courses, Café Toddlers (weekly parent/carer and toddlers group), Crafty Mondays and Blend (weekly after-school pop-up café for children of years 7 to 10).

Many of these expressions of pastoral care would also be viewed as *mission*. The Anglican communion recognises Five Marks of Mission: to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; to teach, baptise and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; and to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Areas of our mission not already noted includes: Alpha, Lend With Care, the Weald Family Hub, our work supporting Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary School, the Goudhurst Fête and Dog Show, fairwear.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to work with several partners and value these relationships highly including: Lunch Club, Weald Deanery churches and their Vicars, Sacred Heart church, Goudhurst Parish Council, Goudhurst Pre-school, Goudhurst, Kilndown & Lamberhurst bellringers, the Goudhurst branch of the Royal British Legion, Goudhurst Scouts, the Old Parsonage Surgery, Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) and many others. Goodwill extended by Lindsay Roberts & staff at the school, the Quarry Centre, Ladysden, the Star & Eagle, Weeks Bakery, Burgess Stores and many other businesses and individuals is most humbling.

(b) The activities of the PCC

The PCC as governing body of the church and Charity Trustees, and met regularly throughout the year.

The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 defines the principal function of the PCC is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic,

social and ecumenical.” Our responsibilities include continuous improvement of safeguarding, employment, engagement with our partners, financial oversight, and keeping with charity law.

Safeguarding: 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). In line with Diocesan guidelines the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults is an agenda item at every PCC meeting, and PCC members undertake regular training.

Andrea Kirkby was thanked during the year for her outstanding work as our Safeguarding Officer. Merja Hart was appointed as parish Safeguarding Officer and we express thanks for her work in keeping the PCC and Church aware of our safeguarding responsibilities, and being a source of advice along with the Diocesan team. During the year we acknowledged the publication of the Makin report and lamented the life long impact of abuse on victims and survivors.

Employment: Becky Addis was employed as our Church Administrator for 9 years, finishing employment in April 2024. Karen Gillett was employed as our Youth & Children's Pastor from February to September 2024. Shona Griggs was appointed as our Operations Manager in October 2024. Louise Vickerman is employed as the Weald Family Hub Coordinator. Kat Ogden is not employed by the PCC but works closely with Rachel as an ordinand, someone training for the vocation of priesthood. Thank you Becky, Karen, Shona, Louise and Kat for your wonderful contributions.

The Standing Committee has delegated authority to help further PCC priorities between meetings and met regularly. The Standing Committee are Revd Rachel, Jo Alsop, Sam Davis, Wes Hinsley, Dave Lodge, Barney Mayhew, Kat Ogden, Ali Williams.

During the past year, the PCC has included the following members. My thanks to them for their service and commitment:

Rachel Robertson (Vicar)
Joanne Alsop (Church Warden)
Simon (Sam) Davis (Church Warden)
Martin Loy (Deanery Synod representative)
Ali Williams (Deanery Synod representative)
Emma-Louise (Huthrie) Copplestone (Secretary)
Claire Cooke
Wes Hinsley
Justin Hsuan
Catherine Lloyd
Dave Lodge
James (Barney) Mayhew
Kat Ogden (ordinand, co-opted from November 2024)
Richard Vinton
Gill Wallis-Hosken
James Wickham
Phil Wright

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Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2023
prepared by Dave Lodge, approved by the PCC on 6 April 2025,
independently examined by Graham Langlay-Smith

- see attached report.

3.

St Mary's Church Goudhurst – Property & Fabric Report for APCM April 2025

Fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
prepared by Churchwardens Jo Alsop and Sam Davis

Church Building

One of the various responsibilities of being a Church Warden is the care and maintenance of the church buildings, goods and ornaments. This report will focus mainly on the fabric of our buildings where there has been the majority of activity.

As many of you will be aware, we are required to appoint an architect authorised by the Diocese to carry out a review every five years (Quinquennial) to establish what repairs and maintenance are needed, typically split into urgent (within 1-2 years), less urgent (2-5 years) and nice-to-have (further out). We appointed Clague LLP as architects in 2023 and they conducted the Quinquennial Review (QR) in August 2023.

The QR's main conclusion was that St Mary's is generally in a very well-maintained condition compared to other churches not least because of the extensive repairs overseen by Ali Williams following the previous Quinquennial, generously partially funded by the Friends of St Mary's. The two main areas identified as needing attention were:

1. The interior kitchen wall where damp coming through from the outside had led to peeling paint. Clague's initial suggestion was trenching work externally to try to limit damp ingress;
2. The interior West-facing toilet wall where again damp ingress has resulted in flaking plaster. Clague's suggestion was that the Camellia tree planted just outside this section be cut back to minimize the risk of damp ingress prior to repair works being conducted. The pruning of the Camellia has been done, arranged by James Wickham.

In addition to the above, Clague identified a number of minor plastering, masonry and glazing repairs which, while not urgent, could logically be packaged with the two items above to create a meaningful workload to interest a contractor.

Sadly, the original architect on our account has subsequently been diagnosed with a terminal illness and has been replaced on the account by another Clague partner who visited St Mary's on 10th February to review the potential list of works with Jo Alsop and

Sam Davis. In relation to 1. above he suggested external trenching is unnecessary given the lie of the earth just outside the kitchen wall. He suggested instead stripping off the existing paint, letting the wall dry out as the weather warms and repainting with appropriate Earthborn paint. We await his recommended work package for 2. above and any other minor works.

While major building repairs have not been necessary, we have, over the last year, completed the following significant upgrades:

1. In July specialist contractors completed repairs to the church yard wall, implementing a lowered design that will help prevent further damage. The works were completed in one week with minimal disruption to the village. The cost of the work was covered in full by an insurance payout;
2. The Culpepper Effigies – fundraising for and replacement of the glazing above the effigies with protective glass incorporating the beautiful new stained-glass design was led by the Friends of St Mary's with much involvement from Ali so we can claim no credit for this but it is worth celebrating here as a major achievement and extending thanks again. The preservation work on the effigies themselves is due to start later in the year, led by specialist conservationists;
3. Installation of five new larger and more powerful fan convectors to replace either outdated or faulty units, together with associated plumbing works relating both to the installation and to upgrading the header tank and related pipework feeding the single loop hot water system (combined cost £12,908). As of 3.3.25, an element of plumbing work to try to make the two new fan convectors on the South wall operate more effectively remains outstanding;
4. Upgrade of the electrical cabinet in the Community Cupboard storeroom given the old arrangement would have failed its 5-yearly NICEC report and to accommodate future potential growth in electricity demand including possible installation of a greener heating system (cost £11,130). This work also involved the installation of remote activation functionality via an app for the heating system.

Building maintenance

In addition to the work he does in relation to the Church Rooms (see separate section) and ensuring we remain supplied with heating oil, James Wickham kindly conducts regular inspection of gutters, hoppers and gulleys to ensure they are free of blockages, vegetation etc as well as to light fixtures. He has also been instrumental in oversight of the electrical cabinet upgrade and associated works and heavily involved in the heating system upgrade so we thank him for his time, diligence, energy and expertise.

Churchyard

As regards the Churchyard, this is maintained by the Goudhurst Parish Council (GPC), who, over recent years have been making efforts to encourage biodiversity through rewilding areas under their control and reduction of pesticides. Jo, Richard Vinton, James Wickham and Gill Wallis-Hosken have been working with Geoff Mason of GPC (with input from Caring For God's Acre) to come up with a mutually agreed plan on how to reflect this across our churchyards in a way that achieves a balance between respect for those wanting loved-ones' graves to be well tended and the pressing needs of the environment. We have now agreed to return the Church Graveyard to a fully mowed regime while allowing the Victorian Churchyard grass to grow longer while keeping the bushes and

trees within a managed programme to ensure that visitors can safely find and visit the graves.

Goods and ornaments

There are two main items to note regarding goods and ornaments:

1. The church silver and plate not used in regular services is held securely in a safe deposit box;
2. The Terrier detailing contents of the church and additions/deletions is held in the Church Office.

4.

Church Rooms report prepared by James Wickham

The Church Rooms have had a successful year providing the venue for the village based Pre-School nursery and for renting out for functions. A big thank you to Jo Galloway for not only running the nursery, but also for co-ordinating the bookings for the rooms. These bookings are from some organisations that have regular booking and others that just want a one-off booking; for example a children's birthday party.

Pre-School bookings continue to attract pupils from within the village and beyond. At present there are 43 pupils in total with 37 from Goudhurst and Kilndown. Thank you to Jo and her wonderful staff that make it such a welcoming Pre-school nursery.

Work has continued upgrading the fabric of the building with half a new roof of tiles, and further investment in the drains. This is all done to ensure that the building will last long into the future.

5.

Changes in the electoral roll since the last APCM prepared by Kat Ogden and Revd Rachel Robertson

The Electoral Roll should be revised annually and every sixth year the preparation of new Church Electoral Rolls takes place, which means that everyone must re-apply to be included on the Electoral Roll of their church. This occurred this year 2025 and St Mary's Electoral Roll stands at 154 (in 2024 the Electoral Roll was 208).

We give thanks for 19 new names in 2024, and have analysed the details of those who did not re-join the roll after the 6 year revision. This includes many who now would call Christ Church their main church. We note with sadness the death of David Nichol.

Thank you to Kat Ogden for preparing this year's Electoral Roll.

6.

**Deanery Synod proceedings
prepared by Ali Williams and Martin Loy**

St Mary's is part of the Canterbury Diocese in the Church of England. The Church of England has 42 Dioceses. The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin is the Bishop of Dover and the Bishop in Canterbury and was consecrated in 2019. The position of Archbishop of Canterbury is currently vacant.

Canterbury Diocese stretches from Maidstone southwards and includes the Weald, Romney Marsh, Ashford, Dover, Thanet, Faversham, Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey.

We are part of the Weald Deanery, and meet as Deanery Synod (clergy and lay representatives) throughout the year. Martin Loy and Ali Williams are our Deanery representatives and Revd Rachel also attends.

Meetings between May 2024 and April 2025 rotated between different churches, highlights from the year include:

- A Deanery Roadshow was held at St George's Benenden which included an address from Bishop Rose and four breakout workshops, and a space to share good news from across the Deanery.
 - An open synod meeting at St Mary's Goudhurst with a "CAP Life Skills" presentation by Ali Williams and a discussion afterwards about how the Deanery could partner with this. Diocesan 2025 Budget discussion for The Weald Deanery and a report from Goudhurst & Kilndown from Rev Rachel.
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Administrative information

Bankers:

CAF Bank
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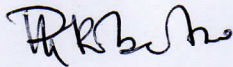
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Signed:



On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Name:

Rachel Robertson (Rend)

Dated:

13th April 2025

St Mary's Parochial Church Council, Goudhurst

Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2024

St Mary's Church PCC Goudhurst
Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2024

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		2024	2023
GENERAL FUND Income and Expenditure Account	Notes		
INCOME			
Incoming Resources From Donors			
Planned Giving		101,562	99,150
Collections and other giving		16,862	11,483
Card Machine - General Donations		303	446
Card Machine - Building Donations		603	583
Donation transferred from Projects Account		-	5,000
Income Tax recovered	1	<u>31,518</u>	<u>35,150</u>
		150,849	151,813
Other Voluntary Income			
Restricted Donations & Legacies	2	-	210
Unrestricted Donations & Legacies	3	<u>7,728</u>	<u>9,899</u>
		7,728	10,109
Income From Investments			
Income from CBF Deposits and Investment Funds	4	<u>3,591</u>	<u>2,173</u>
		3,591	2,173
Income from Operating Activities			
Sales of Parish Magazine		3,202	1,112
Magazine Advertisement Fees		3,961	4,146
Café Toddlers - donations / Wreath Making workshop etc.		-	690
Fees from Weddings and Funerals etc.		10,962	10,575
Fairware Clothing		561	279
Fund Raising	5	<u>3,351</u>	<u>5,473</u>
		22,037	22,276
TOTAL INCOME		<u>184,204</u>	<u>186,371</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Grants & Donations			
Contribution to Weald Family Hub		6,000	6,000
Local, UK and Overseas Mission Giving	6	<u>8,491</u>	<u>9,658</u>
		14,491	15,658
Activities relating to the Work of the Church			
Diocesan and Deanery Parish Share		79,221	76,300
Music including Organ and Organist		1,992	2,209
Service Consumables - printing, coffee, communion		2,837	3,489
Weddings & Funerals (including Diocesan share)		6,714	6,648
Clergy Expenses		967	609
Alpha, CAP, Marriage Course etc		1,239	1,236
Sunday Groups and Childrens/Youth work		839	1,615
Magazine Printing		<u>4,435</u>	<u>2,896</u>
		98,245	95,002
Church Running and Fabric Expenses			
Heating & Utilities		6,711	7,412
Insurance		8,810	8,779
Church Cleaning & Supplies		5,019	5,492
Repairs and Maintenance	7	6,816	3,698
QI Works to Electrical System (2023: Tower and Stonework)	8	9,275	456
Enhancements	9	<u>11,167</u>	<u>-</u>
		47,798	25,836
Church Management and Administration			
Church Office - Salaries, Printing Stationery, Telephone etc.		14,821	27,144
Safety Deposit Box at bank		750	637
IT and Social Media costs		<u>2,877</u>	<u>1,874</u>
		18,448	29,656
Costs of Operating Voluntary Income			
Fund Raising Events	5	<u>33</u>	<u>935</u>
		33	935
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>179,016</u>	<u>167,086</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		5,188	19,285
General Fund Balance at 1st January		<u>41,532</u>	<u>22,247</u>
General Fund Balance at 31st December		<u>46,720</u>	<u>41,532</u>

	2024	2023
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>	
INCOME		
Donations received	20,852	6,103
TOTAL INCOME	<u>20,852</u>	<u>6,103</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of produce purchased	6,862	9,259
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>6,862</u>	<u>9,259</u>
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	13,990	(3,156)
Community Cupboard Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>1,428</u>	<u>4,584</u>
Community Cupboard Fund Balance at 31st December	<u>15,417</u>	<u>1,428</u>

This fund is being ring-fenced for the Community Cupboard - there are a number of regular and one-off donors. The number of clients supported in 2024 continued to increase reflecting the general national trend. Costs of produce reduced from the previous year mainly as a result of increased donations in kind.

This fund continues to support a number of local families with provision of basic food and household items. A loyal group of helpers collect, purchase and deliver on a weekly basis

	2024	2023
BEACON FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>	
INCOME		
Lay Family Worker Donations	2,872	7,952
	<u>2,872</u>	<u>7,952</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>2,872</u>	<u>7,952</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Lay Minister Costs (including expenses)	15,777	-
Less: Received from Canterbury Diocese	(13,222)	-
Other Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>2,555</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2,555</u>	<u>200</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	317	7,752
Beacon Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>34,044</u>	<u>26,292</u>
Beacon Fund Balance at 31st December	<u>34,361</u>	<u>34,044</u>

The Beacon Fund is a Restricted Fund. It was set up in 2017 to fund and support the appointment of a Lay Minister to develop work with local children and young people.

In 2024 Karen Gillett was employed as Youth & Childrens Pastor but resigned after the probationary period. This role is yet to be replaced

		2024	2023
WEALD FAMILY HUB (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>		
INCOME			
Donations received		38,836	23,473
Fete stall takings	5	-	496
Bank Interest received		107	97
St Mary's Goudhurst Contribution		6,000	6,000
		<u>44,944</u>	<u>30,066</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>44,944</u>	<u>30,066</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Spurgeons / Fegans Costs		37,340	22,991
Coordinator Salary and Expenses		10,962	10,658
Other Expenses		2,184	60
		<u>50,486</u>	<u>33,708</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>50,486</u>	<u>33,708</u>
(SHORTFALL) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		(5,542)	(3,642)
Weald Family Hub Fund Balance at 1st January		<u>57,727</u>	<u>61,369</u>
Weald Family Hub Fund Balance at 31st December	10	<u>52,185</u>	<u>57,727</u>

The Weald Family Hub was set up in 2018 to provide funding for Mental Health counselling in local schools and parent support, working through the Fegans charitable organisation (now part of Spurgeons). St Mary's employs the coordinator on a 2 days per week basis and acts as a centre for support in partnership with other churches in the Deanery and a number of local schools

	2024	2023
PROJECTS FUND (Designated Fund)	<u>Notes</u>	
INCOME		
Donations received	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Transfer to Care Fund	-	30,000
Donation released to General Funds	-	5,000
Costs re Wall Repairs Project	<u>24,516</u>	<u>2,093</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>24,516</u>	<u>- 37,093</u>
(SHORTFALL) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	(24,516)	(37,093)
Projects Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>24,887</u>	<u>61,980</u>
Projects Fund Balance at 31st December	<u>371</u>	<u>24,887</u>
Balance of funds at 31st December	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Wall Repairs Project (Retention to be paid in 2025)	<u>371</u>	<u>24,887</u>

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	2024	2023
CHURCH ROOM FUND (Designated Fund)	<u>Notes</u>	
INCOME		
Contributions to the use of Church Room	9,064	9,141
TOTAL INCOME	<u>9,064</u>	<u>9,141</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Repairs and Maintenance	4,171	4,456
Insurance	874	956
Utilities	2,264	2,723
Cleaning	1,096	1,310
	<u>8,404</u>	<u>9,444</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>8,404</u>	<u>9,444</u>
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	660	(303)
Church Room Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>37,807</u>	<u>38,110</u>
Church Room Fund Balance at 31st December	<u>38,466</u>	<u>37,807</u>

The Church Room Fund is a Designated Fund, held to ensure the ongoing maintainance and repair of the Church Rooms.

		2024	2023
CARE FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>		
INCOME			
Transferred from Projects Fund		-	30,000
Restricted Donations		<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
		500	30,000
TOTAL INCOME		<u>500</u>	<u>30,000</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Donations paid		7,041	3,234
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>7,041</u>	<u>3,234</u>
(SHORTFALL) / EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		(6,541)	26,766
Bank Balances at 1st January		<u>26,766</u>	<u>-</u>
Bank Balances at 31st December		<u>20,225</u>	<u>26,766</u>

The Care Fund was launched in 2023 to support local families with emergency support. This was funded by 2 significant donations received in 2022. During 2024 we paid out 17 donations ranging from new kitchen appliances and oil supplies to support for dentist costs

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND (Restricted Fund)		
INCOME		
Restricted Donations	-	13,750
TOTAL INCOME	<u>-</u>	<u>13,750</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Support Payments made	2,400	11,350
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2,400</u>	<u>11,350</u>
(SHORTFALL) / EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	(2,400)	2,400
Local Community Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>2,400</u>	<u>-</u>
Local Community Fund Balance at 31st December	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>

The transactions included in this account are where donations are received through the church account to support specific needs and love gifts. They are not part of our normal church outreach.

One donation for £2,400 was received in the final week of December 2023 and was paid out in early January 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
SUMMARY OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE			
General Fund		5,188	19,285
Community Cupboard		13,990	(3,156)
Beacon Fund		317	7,752
Weald Family Hub	10	(5,542)	(3,642)
Projects Fund		(24,516)	(37,093)
Church Room Fund		660	(303)
Care Fund		(6,541)	26,766
Local Community Fund		(2,400)	2,400
		<u>(18,845)</u>	<u>12,009</u>
BALANCE SHEET - SUMMARY OF BALANCES			
General Fund		46,720	41,532
Church Room Fund (Designated)		38,466	37,807
Projects Fund (Designated)		371	24,887
Community Cupboard (Restricted)		15,417	1,428
Beacon Fund (Restricted)		34,361	34,044
Weald Family Hub (Restricted)	10	52,185	57,727
Care Fund (Restricted)		20,225	26,766
Local Community Fund (Restricted)		-	2,400
		<u>207,745</u>	<u>226,591</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Bank Balances - NatWest		33,869	55,263
Bank Balances - CAF Bank		92,712	89,620
Bank Balances - Shawbrook		10,417	10,344
Bank Balances - MetroBank		6,113	6,863
CCLA Deposit Account		65,713	62,401
CCLA Investment Account - cost	11	1,679	1,597
		<u>210,503</u>	<u>226,089</u>
Debtors and Prepayments		13,562	2,947
Creditors and Accruals		<u>(16,320)</u>	<u>(2,445)</u>
		<u>207,745</u>	<u>226,591</u>

Reconciliation of Accounts

The basis of accounts was amended in 2024 from a Receipts and Payments basis to an Income and Expenditure (Accruals) basis, as total income exceeds £250,000 for the year

The comparative 2023 results have also been amended to an Accruals basis

The following tables show reconciliations of both 2024 and 2023 between the original Receipts and Payments basis to the revised Income and Expenditure (Accruals) basis

2024 - Income & Expenditure Account					
Per Receipts and Payments basis	Debtors and Prepayments - 1st Jan 2024	Creditors and Accruals - 1st Jan 2024	Debtors and Prepayments - 31st Dec 2024	Creditors and Accruals - 31st Dec 2024	Revised - Income & Expenditure Basis
3,509	(2,947)	2,358	8,809	(6,541)	5,188
14,094	-	-		(104)	13,990
(4,437)	-	-	4,753	-	317
1,242	-	-	-	(6,784)	(5,542)
(24,516)	-	-	-	-	(24,516)
3,463	-	87	-	(2,891)	660
(6,541)	-	-	-	-	(6,541)
(2,400)	-	-	-	-	(2,400)
(15,586)	(2,947)	2,445	13,562	(16,320)	(18,845)

2023 - Income & Expenditure Account					
Per Receipts and Payments basis	Debtors and Prepayments - 1st Jan 2023	Creditors and Accruals - 1st Jan 2023	Debtors and Prepayments - 31st Dec 2023	Creditors and Accruals - 31st Dec 2023	Revised - Income & Expenditure Basis
21,981	(3,859)	574	2,947	(2,358)	19,285
(3,156)	-	-	-	-	(3,156)
7,752	-	-	-	-	7,752
(8,538)	-	4,896	-	-	(3,642)
(37,093)	-	-	-	-	(37,093)
(312)	-	96	-	(87)	(303)
26,766	-	-	-	-	26,766
2,400	-	-	-	-	2,400
9,799	(3,859)	5,566	2,947	(2,445)	12,009

2023 Balances Carried Forward			
Per Receipts and Payments basis	Debtors and Prepayments - 31st Dec 2023	Creditors and Accruals - 31st Dec 2023	Revised - Income & Expenditure Basis
40,943	2,947	(2,358)	41,532
1,428	-	-	1,428
34,044	-	-	34,044
57,727	-	-	57,727
24,887	-	-	24,887
37,894	-	(87)	37,807
26,766	-	-	26,766
2,400	-	-	2,400
226,089	2,947	(2,445)	226,591

The accounts are prepared on an Income and Expenditure basis

Note

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| 1 | Income Tax recovered | Income Tax is recovered on a monthly basis direct from HMRC |
| 2 | Restricted Donations & Legacies | These were mainly specific donations to be paid onto third party charities |
| 3 | Unrestricted Donations & Legacies | One donation of over £1,000 was received during the year; this did not contain any restrictions on use |
| 4 | Income from CBF Deposits and Investment Funds | Income represents deposit account interest and dividend income received during the year |
| 5 | Fund Raising | The Goudhurst Fete is run by 4 local groups: St Mary's Church, Scouts, Parish Hall and Primary School who take it in turn to lead - in 2023 it was St Mary's turn. This means that we dealt with all of the finances, paid the costs, and then divided the profit between the other parties. In 2024 the accounts show our share of income from church stalls and a share of group income subsequently received from the 2024 lead organisation. |

The full details for 2023 are as follows:

	Income	Costs	Net
Shared fete takings and Advert revenue	6,136	1,598	4,538
Paid to the other groups			(3,403)
Balance: quarter share for St Mary's			1,134
St Mary's stalls (including BBQ)	4,302	935	
Fairware stall	301		
Weald Family Hub Stall	496		
Total St Mary's stalls	5,099	935	
<i>General Fund Reconciliation:</i>			
St Mary's stalls (including BBQ)	4,302	935	
St Mary's Quarter Share	1,134		
Other fund raising	37		
Per General Fund	5,473	935	4,538

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| 6 | Local, UK and Overseas Mission Giving | The list of charities supported during the year is as follows: |
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	2024	2023
Lisell Mukola Community School - Rose's Project	-	100
Porchlight	1,200	1,200
Goudhurst Scouts	1,200	1,200
Lend With Care	1,200	1,200
Maidstone Samaritans	1,200	1,200
TearFund	1,200	1,200
Kent Kindness	1,200	1,700
Bibles for GK Primary School & Preschool leavers	833	482
Lunch Club - Hire of Parish Hall	452	512
Earthquake Appeals	-	859
Other	6	5
Total Payments	8,491	9,658

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
7	Repairs and Maintenance		
	Heating System Repairs & Servicing	1,648	403
	Plumbing Repairs	1,662	-
	Electrical Maintenance and Repairs	3,384	1,732
	Fire Safety Maintenance	449	446
	Lightning Conductor Maintenance	114	114
	Roof Repairs	300	-
	Window Repairs	313	-
	Audio Visual System	-	518
	Other	(1,054)	485
	Less: VAT reclaims under Government Scheme	-	-
		<u>6,816</u>	<u>3,698</u>
8	Quinquennial Report		
	The latest inspection was carried out in 2022 with the report issued in 2023. A major item was the upgrade of the full electrical systems which was carried out in 2024.		
	Electrical works	11,130	-
	Architects Fees re Tower Project	-	991
	Less: VAT reclaims under Government Scheme	(1,855)	(535)
		<u>9,275</u>	<u>456</u>
9	Enhancements		
	Church heating upgrade	12,374	-
	Less: VAT reclaims under Government Scheme	(1,874)	-
	Office upgrade	668	-
		<u>11,167</u>	<u>-</u>
10	Weald Family Hub Fund		
	The Weald Family Hub (WFH) was set up in 2018 to provide support for young people and their families who are struggling with issues of mental health across the Wealden villages, working with the Fegans charitable organisation. St Mary's employs the coordinator on a 2 days per week basis and acts as a centre for support in partnership with other churches in the Deanery and local Primary schools. There are a number of regular donors to the Fund, together with donations from local fund raising events and charitable trusts. St Mary's has committed to continue financial support for this project		
11	CCLA Investment Account		
	The market value of the CBF Investment Fund was as follows:	31-Dec	31-Dec
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Number of shares held	133.30	129.76
	Value per share (pence)	2,312.27	2,260.53
	Market Value	£3,082.36	£2,933.21
	Original Cost of Shares plus dividend reinvestments	£1,679.00	£1,596.74
12	Physical Assets		
	The PCC is responsible for certain physical assets in St Mary's Church both fixed and movable which are not detailed in the financial statements, but are covered by insurance		

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