



Maelor Mission Area

Trustees' Annual Report 2023

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2023.

(Abbreviations used: DBF=Diocesan Board of Finance, HMRC=Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs, MA=Mission Area, MAC=Mission Area Conference, MAE=Mission Area Executive)

Structure, Governance and Management:

Following the closure of both St John's Church at Bettisfield and St Deiniol's Church at Worthenbury in January 2023, the Maelor Mission Area became a group of seven Church communities in the Wrexham area of north Wales, working together for a common purpose in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Four orphaned Churchyards are also included in the MA.

The MAC sets the strategic direction of the MA, which is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission, and also HMRC. It complies with Charity Law, the Constitution of the Church in Wales, and the Diocesan Decree.

The members of the MAC, who are bound by the Constitution, are Charity Trustees, holding the assets of the MA on trust for the MA. The MAC is composed of Ex-officio members as set out in the Church in Wales Constitution (includes clergy), Elected members as elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting following the recommendation of the Church Congregational meeting, and Co-opted members (invited on).

The MAE has day to day responsibility for the MA, under the leadership of the MA Leader, and is accountable to the MAC.

Activities and Objectives:

The Trustees are cognisant of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities of the MA provide a benefit to the public.

The MA focus is on planning mission together; mission to its own members, to its communities (including 6 Church Aided Schools, 2 LA Primary Schools and 1 Secondary School) and to the wider world, as it seeks to spread the Bible's message of Jesus, and develop people's knowledge and trust in Him. In so doing, the MA aims to become a more sustainable, resilient and vibrant Christian community.



A variety of activities are normally provided across the MA for both the benefit of Church members, and for the benefit of members of the public. Sunday services, clergy and lay led, are central to Church life and are open to the whole community. They are advertised by various means including the Mission Area Magazine, Facebook, and outside Church buildings. A mid-week Bible Study is offered and most Church buildings are normally open to the public each day. The MA seeks to respond to people's spiritual needs at times of great importance and change in their lives e.g. baptisms, weddings and funerals. These encounters provide good opportunity for building positive and long lasting relationships, and play an invaluable role in mission.

Much of the work of the MA is carried out by a large number of volunteers, in addition to the clergy.

Achievements and Performance:

Like other areas of the UK, regular attendance at Sunday services within the MA was impacted by many things including generational changes and busier schedules. Events in the Christian calendar were capitalised on, and coffee mornings and other social events were held in order to share the love of Christ and to serve and connect with local communities. In April 2023 the Diocese launched a Membership App, a tool to more accurately and consistently measure the people and activities taking place across the MA, and analysis of the data collected will help in the understanding of what initiatives and projects work.

MA Churches would be enriched, and their future more secure, if buildings were full of families. Relationships with Schools continued in 2023, being notched up a gear by a new member of the clergy team. Many children attended Church buildings over the Christmas period. It is recognised that prayerful thought and action is required to help families make the transition from being occasional visitors to becoming active members of the Church.

MA Churches must be welcoming and hospitable to all, and the MA treats Safeguarding very seriously and ensures that appropriate cover is in place.

In October 2023 an "Away Day" to contribute to planning the next 5 years in the MA's life was held at Gladstone Library, Hawarden. The day was led by the Archdeacon and attended by MA leaders. Restructuring of the MA was completed at the start of 2023 with the introduction of a new 2 Group Hub & Satellite Church Structure. This retreat was a good point to review progress and plan for the next five years.

The annual Share calculation used to be determined using average Sunday attendance figures. This resulted in successful Churches, where growth had been achieved, paying more and could be interpreted as effectively a tax on growth/attendance. This approach was contradictory to the MA's objective of 'Leading your Church into Growth' and a new formula was agreed in July 2023 for implementation in 2024. The main principle behind the new approach is that the Share calculation should reflect the cost of the provision of clergy. Additional costs include an overhead for Diocesan support services with a small proportion reflecting population and unrestricted funds held.

The MA does not primarily measure its success by numbers, but in less tangible ways like the growth of individuals in their Christian faith, and the opportunities to share the Christian Gospel within our communities.

The MA is not despondent, but must demonstrate, confidently and joyfully, Christ's assurance to be courageous.



Financial Review:

The MA is incredibly grateful for all the donations received in 2023 from its congregations and other supporters. The receipts and payments for the year, and the assets and liabilities at the year end, are shown in the statements of account, which accompany this report. The numbers reflect the seven live Churches, one closed Church (Eyton), four stand-alone Churchyards, and the MA's Central Funds.

Overall, the net movement in Funds was a loss of £7k but if the cost of 'Exceptional expenditure' is ignored the net movement in Funds becomes a positive £54k at year end.

Total Receipts at £226k were down £40k on the previous year. If Legacy Gifts and 'Other Incoming Resources' are excluded the decrease on the previous year is £9k, accounted for across various headings.

Planned Giving was up £3k but Loose Collections was down £6k on the prior year. Money Raising at £48k portrayed some excellent effort and netted £44k after costs, which was very similar to 2022.

Parish Share, which enables the Diocese to fund the provision of clergy and support services, at £91k was the largest expense. The MA is grateful to the DBF for the financial relief given against clerical cost and in regard to the formal closure of St Deiniol's Church Worthenbury. As the MA paid its 2023 Share in full by 31 December, a pay-out from the Discount Scheme of 8% of the 2023 Share, equalling £7k, was received by the Mission Area in January 2024.

'Maintenance of Churches' expenditure of £56k includes utility costs, insurance premiums, repairs & maintenance, and grass cutting. 'Maintenance of other properties' of £2k was primarily Churchyard expenses not booked elsewhere.

'Exceptional expenditure' of £61k was bell restoration costs at St Chad's Hanmer and work to the pillars and floor at St Dunawd's, Bangor on Dee.

Total Funds Carried Forward as at 31 December 2023 were £732k. £364k of this sum is Unrestricted and considered sufficient to meet fluctuations in receipts, future needs, contingency and risk.

Church attendance is challenging and congregations are ageing. This, together with competition from other worthwhile charitable organisations makes the economic outlook of the MA demanding.

Administrative Information:

Maelor Mission Area's Charity Registration Number is 1175121.

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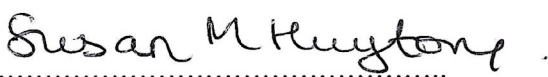
Trustees are appointed at the (annual) MA Vestry meeting. The Trustees who have served in the year are:-

Jane Ayee - MA Secretary to April 2023
Simon Ayee from April 2023
Charles Barnett
Vanessa Brodie
Fiona Churton
Rev Jeremy Dussek from April 2023
Elizabeth Hanmer - MA Warden
Paul Honick
Stuart Hunter - MA Treasurer
Rev Canon Sue Huyton - MA Leader
Dave Jones to April 2023

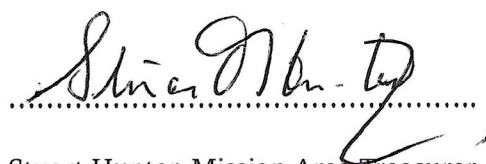
Huw Jones
Joanne Kember
Sharron King to April 2023
Sandra Manley
Elsbeth Nicholls
Liisa Richardson from April 2023
Stuart Richardson from April 2023
Jackie Smith to April 2023
Michael Vellacott
Edward Wardle to April 2023
Paul Whittaker - MA Warden/Lay Chair

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report on 24th April 2024. It is signed on their behalf by:-


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Susan Huyton, Mission Area Leader


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Stuart Hunter, Mission Area Treasurer



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Maelor Mission Area

Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2023

Prepared by MD Coxey & Co Ltd

Maelor Mission Area

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purpose, including when the Mission Area Conference agrees to set aside funds for a particular restricted purpose.

Maelor Mission Area

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Maelor Mission Area

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Maelor Mission Area (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Lorraine Hughes FMAAT
M D Coxey & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
25 Grosvenor Road
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Date: 04/03/24

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Annual Report
For the year ended 31st December 2023

			Unrestricted Funds	Res / End Funds	Total Funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts	<i>Donations and legacies</i>	Planned giving	49,966	12,261	62,227	58,989
		Loose collections	19,139	731	19,871	26,289
		Donations	15,760	4,989	20,749	21,857
		For mission	411	57	468	87
		Tax refunds - Gift Aid	10,669	3,303	13,972	18,877
		Tax refunds - GASDS	5,159	-	5,159	3,827
		Legacy gifts	-	-	-	21,027
		Grants	15,030	10,500	25,530	28,866
	<i>Charitable activities</i>	Fees	9,475	13,345	22,820	22,632
	<i>Other trading activities</i>	Money raising	21,131	26,953	48,084	50,259
	<i>Investments</i>	Investment income	4,966	1,595	6,561	3,793
	<i>Other income</i>	Other incoming resources	466	-	466	10,180
Total receipts			152,173	73,734	225,907	266,683
Payments	<i>Charitable expenses</i>	Parish share	90,602	-	90,602	93,168
		Parochial expenses of clerics	3,256	247	3,503	4,259
		Maintenance of services	7,235	-	7,235	6,038
		General parish expenses	2,550	3,488	6,038	4,075
		Maintenance of churches	33,031	22,887	55,918	77,522
		Maintenance of other properties	479	1,346	1,825	4,331
		Exceptional expenditure	61,214	-	61,214	43,547
		Mission: parish	1,318	2,559	3,877	2,713
		Mission: home/world	2,614	433	3,047	5,410
	<i>Raising funds</i>	Cost of money raising	3,600	20	3,620	5,213
Total payments			205,898	30,980	236,878	246,276
Net receipts / payments			(53,725)	42,754	(10,971)	20,407
Gross transfers between funds			(4,252)	4,252	-	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains and losses			(57,977)	47,006	(10,971)	20,407
Gains and losses on investments			4,434	(356)	4,078	(20,398)
Net movement in funds			(53,543)	46,650	(6,893)	9
Total funds brought forward			417,300	321,586	738,885	738,876
Total funds carried forward			363,757	368,236	731,992	738,885

Treasurers Name: Simon Hume

Treasurers Signature: [Signature]

Date: 01/03/2024

Maelor Mission Area
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	115,051	1,084	31,841	-	147,976	179,819
Income from charitable activities	9,475	-	13,345	-	22,820	22,632
Other trading activities	21,131	-	26,953	-	48,084	50,259
Investments	4,966	-	1,595	-	6,561	3,793
Other income	466	-	-	-	466	10,180
Total income	151,089	1,084	73,734	-	225,907	266,683
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3,600	-	20	-	3,620	5,213
Expenditure on charitable activities	143,643	58,655	30,960	-	233,258	241,063
Total expenditure	147,243	58,655	30,980	-	236,878	246,276
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	7,252	11,504	1,000	19,756	1,529
Gross transfers between funds - out	(11,504)	-	(8,252)	-	(19,756)	(1,529)
Gains / losses on investment assets	4,434	-	798	(1,154)	4,078	(20,398)
Net movement in funds	(3,224)	(50,319)	46,804	(154)	(6,893)	9
Total funds brought forward	365,231	52,068	284,894	36,692	738,885	738,876
Total funds carried forward	362,007	1,749	331,698	36,538	731,992	738,885
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	362,007				362,007	365,231
Designated						
Bells	-	35			35	-
Friends of St Dunawd's	-	1,675			1,675	1,880
Rector's Discretionary	-	-			-	188
Reserve Fund	-	-			-	50,000
Warm Space	-	39			39	-
Restricted						
Administrator			7,309		7,309	-
Alter Textile	-		-		-	589
Bettisfield Churchyard			8,252		8,252	-
Church Fabric	-		-		-	500
Church Building Fund	-		991		991	971
Church Yard	-		35,705		35,705	34,622
Churchyard Maintenance Fund	-		38,518		38,518	38,144
Eyton Closure			649		649	-
Friends of St Mary's fund	-		106,368		106,368	98,441
Graveyard Maintenance	-		-		-	6,484
Graveyard and other restricted account	-		-		-	1
Hanmer Project Work	-		37,768		37,768	22,161
Magazine Fund	-		3,967		3,967	4,742
Myra Jenkins Fabric Fund	-		17,090		17,090	8,412
Quinquennial Repair Fund	-		1,648		1,648	1,648
Revaluation reserves	-		(39)		(39)	(39)
Share Rebate			7,453		7,453	-
Stonework / Tower Repairs	-		3,441		3,441	3,441
Tallarn Green	-		11,890		11,890	11,890
Toilet and Kitchen Project	-		20,710		20,710	20,710
Worthenbury Building	-		21,233		21,233	23,036
Worthenbury Churchyard	-		8,744		8,744	9,141
Endowment						
Eden Tree Endowment Fund	-		-		-	36,692
Bettisfield Churchyard Endowment Fund			-	36,538	36,538	-

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Balance sheet
As at: 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023 £	As at 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets		
Investments	102,202	65,477
	<u>102,202</u>	<u>65,477</u>
Current assets		
Stocks and work in progress	500	300
Debtors	2,240	1,982
Investments	36,657	68,303
Cash at bank and in hand	593,399	606,958
	<u>632,796</u>	<u>677,542</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	3,005	4,134
	<u>3,005</u>	<u>4,134</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>629,790</u>	<u>673,408</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>731,992</u>	<u>738,885</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	362,008	365,232
Designated		
Designated - Rector's Discretionary	-	188
Designated - Friends of St Dunawd's	1,674	1,880
Designated - Reserve Fund	-	50,000
Designated - Bells	35	-
Designated - Warm Space	39	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Alter Textile		589
Restricted - Administrator	7,309	-
Restricted - Bettisfield Churchyard	8,252	-
Restricted - Hanmer Project Work	37,768	22,161
Restricted - Magazine Fund	3,967	4,742
Restricted - Churchyard maintenance fund	9,360	8,639
Restricted - Toilet and Kitchen Project	20,710	20,710
Restricted - Tallarn Green	11,890	11,890
Restricted - Worthenbury Building	21,233	23,036
Restricted - Worthenbury Churchyard	8,744	9,141
Restricted - Churchyard	6,198	6,928
Restricted - Revaluation reserves	(39)	(39)
Restricted - Church Building Fund	991	971
Restricted - churchyard	11,490	10,835
Restricted - NS&I bells		-
Restricted - church yard	18,017	16,859
Restricted - Stonework / Tower Repairs	3,441	3,441
Restricted - Myra Jenkins Fabric Fund	17,090	8,412
Restricted - Quinquennial Repair Fund	1,648	1,648
Restricted - Cleaning		-
Restricted - Churchyard Maintenance Fund	28,278	28,625
Restricted - Churchyard Maintenance Fund	880	880
Restricted - Eyton Closure	649	-
Restricted - Church Fabric	-	500
Restricted - Friends of St Mary's fund	106,368	98,442
Restricted - Graveyard Maintenance	-	6,484
Restricted - Graveyard and other restricted account	-	1
Restricted - Share Rebate	7,453	-
Endowment		
Endowment - Bettisfield Churchyard Endowment Fund	36,538	
Endowment - Eden Tree Endowment Fund	-	36,692
	<u>36,538</u>	<u>36,692</u>
Funds of the church	<u>731,992</u>	<u>738,885</u>