

MOLD MISSION AREA

England & Wales · Charity number 1176095

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-12-05

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Provision of regular public worship, sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting sick and bereaved persons. Teaching Christianity through sermons/small groups, taking assemblies in local Schools. Promoting the mission of Church in Wales to aid community cohesion through events, services, distribution of literature, groups to support the elderly/young

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Denbighshire
- Flintshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£307,704	£368,504	-	-
2024-12-31	£425,176	£356,481	-	-
2023-12-31	£385,408	£427,459	-	-
2022-12-31	£283,563	£317,130	-	-
2021-12-31	£415,780	£371,294	-	-
2020-12-31	£281,077	£295,586	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kevin Weston	Chair	2020-11-19
Adrian Maguire		2022-04-07
Anne Jones		2022-04-07
Carol Ann Owen		2025-04-10
Christine Ann Langton		2026-04-23
DARYL ANNE AUSTIN		2024-04-04
DAVID DOUGLAS WRIGHT		2024-04-04
DAWN MARIE WOLSTENHOLME		2022-07-12
David Meurig Walker		2025-04-10
Dr WENDY ELIZABETH SHILLITO		2017-04-27
Esther Joanna Andrews		2022-06-11
JOSEPH KENNETH BICKERTON		2023-03-30
Jeanette Mary Wilkes		2023-07-20
Jill Batchelor		2025-04-10
KENNETH MASSEY		2017-04-27
Kelvin Peter Redmile		2026-04-23
LINDSAY CATHERINE WILDING		2024-04-04
MICHAEL JOHN MARK CORDINER		2024-04-04
Matthew Alexander Taylor		2023-03-29
PETER JOHN DAVIES		2024-04-04
Rev Emma Dale		2025-07-02
Rev KATHRYN SUSAN STEWART		2017-04-27
Rev Martin John Batchelor		2021-11-28
SUSAN ELIZABETH HELLEN		2024-04-04
SUSAN ELIZABETH SAWYER		2022-04-07
Susan Maguire		2023-03-29
Zenon Alexander Hoppe		2024-04-04

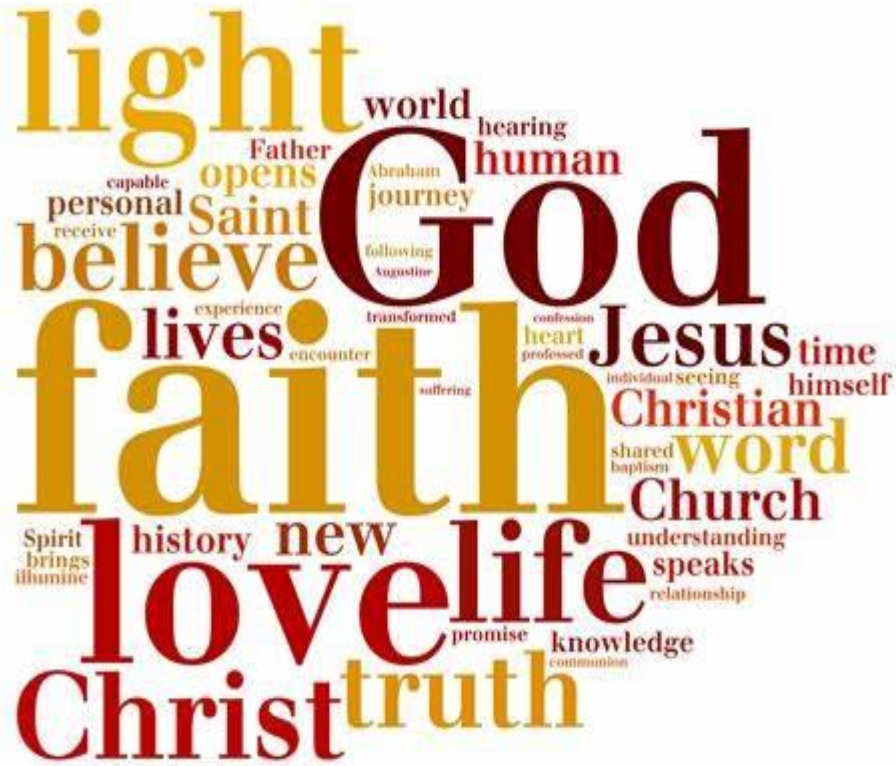
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Accounts

Mold Mission Area

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 2025



Mission Area Vision

To proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Christian faith, to maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all persons a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness of their duties to God and their fellow human beings. We pledge our lives to Christ and covenant with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of these churches and our communities. We will work together across all churches within the Mission Area to develop a collaborative approach to mission and worship which supports the wider community.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MOLD MISSION AREA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

CHARITY NAME: Mold MISSION AREA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1176095

REGISTERED: 5th December 2017

MOLD MISSION AREA is situated in: The Archdeaconry of Wrexham within the Diocese of St Asaph

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: 4 Pen y Coed, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RS

Mold Mission Area is made up of the following 11 Churches:

- St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain
- Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield
- St Berres, Llanferres
- St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch
- St John the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn
- Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop
- St Mary's, Nercwys
- St Mary's Treuddyn
- Christ Church, Pontblyddyn
- St Mary the Virgin, Mold
- St James,' New Brighton

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE (MAC)

The **MAC Trustees for 2025/26** were as follows:

Lay Mission Area Leader: Mr Kevin Weston

Clergy:

- Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader, Vicar of Mold & Northop
- Rev'd Jeanette Wilkes, Vicar of Treuddyn, Pontblyddyn & New Brighton
- Rev'd Kathy Stewart, Vicar of Nercwys
- Rev'd Emma Dale, Mission Hub Curate (appointed July 2025)
- Rev'd Daniel Stroud, Rector of the Bro Famau Group of Churches (left 31 Aug 2025)

Mission Area Wardens: Mrs Susan Helen & Mrs Lindsey Wilding

Licenced Readers: Dr Wendy Shillito, Miss Dawn Wolstenholme

Pastoral Chaplain: Mr Ken Massey
Mission Hub Youth Worker: Mrs Esther Andrews

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES AS AT THE MISSION AREA VESTRY ON 10TH APRIL 2025

Representing Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield – Mr Peter Davies

Representing St Berres, Llanferres – Mrs Daryl Austin and Mr Michael Cordiner

Representing St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch – Mrs Lindsey Wilding and Mr David Wright

Representing St John, the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn – Mr Zen Hoppe

Representing St Mary's, Nercwys – Mr Ken Bickerton and Sue Sawyer

Representing Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – Mrs Anne Jones

Representing St Mary's Treuddyn – Mrs Susan Hellen and Mr Matthew Taylor

Representing St Mary's Mold – Mrs Jill Batchelor

Representing St James,' New Brighton – Mr Adrian Maguire & Mrs Susan Maguire

Representing Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop – Mrs Carol Owen and Mr David Walker

Representing St Mary's, Cilcain – None

MA officers

Mission Area Administrator & Treasurer: Mrs Geraldine Sanders

Mission Area Gift Aid Officer: Mrs Susan Hellen

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Constitution provides that the members of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the MISSION AREA, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public

benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MISSION AREA Conference's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed hereunder. The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. It is the responsibility of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE and the Incumbents to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance to the MISSION AREA for the promotion of the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the MISSION AREA. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is responsible, inter-alia, for the MISSION AREA budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric and of the Churchyards, and for any action or other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution and is the normal channel of communication between the people of the MISSION AREA and the Diocesan Bishop.

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC BY:

- a) The provision of regular public worship
- b) The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- c) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- d) Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups
- e) Taking of Assemblies in local schools
- f) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services, and distribution of literature
- g) The provision of a youth club with Christian ethos
- h) Promoting the whole mission of the Church in Wales in aiding community cohesion through provision of activities for older people, mothers and toddlers and other specific groups

The Structure of the Mission Area (MAC)

The Trustee Board (MAC) are responsible for all matters concerning the running of the Mission Area and meet on a quarterly basis. Any matter requiring action between meetings is done via email, as are matters relating to the following Sub-committees: -

The Property Sub-committee has delegated powers to oversee property matters including strategic planning for property, faculties, and Quinquennial inspections, and is made up of the clergy and at least one other representative from each church. This committee is led by the Mission Area Leader (MAL), aided by the Mission Area Administrator (MAA), and meet on a quarterly basis to share best practice and report to the MAC.

The Finance Sub-committee is made up of the clergy and church treasurers and has delegated powers to oversee finance matters including strategic financial planning, MA share allocation, investments, grant applications and shared MA expenses. This committee is led by the Mission Area Treasurer (MAT), aided by the MAL and meets on a quarterly basis to share best practice and report to the MAC.

The Shared Ministry Team (SMT) is made up of the clergy, MA wardens, licenced readers, pastoral chaplain, and mission hub youth worker, and has delegated powers to oversee ministry matters including provision of church services, fresh expressions, chaplaincy, youth

and children's ministry, pastoral and bereavement care etc. The SMT meet on a monthly basis and is led by the MAL (aided by the MAA/MAT) and report to the MAC.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Mission Area Leader and Mission Area Wardens Report

A Last Beatitude

And blessed are the ones we overlook;
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to "do the flowers",
The quiet ones who organise the fête,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
Placing each flower so, for a year's mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

M Guite

In November 2022; Archdeacon Andy asked if I would consider being a lay Mission Area Leader. The role is one of a facilitator.

So I looked it up: "someone who helps to bring about an outcome (such as learning, productivity, or communication) by providing indirect or unobtrusive assistance, guidance, or supervision."

I agreed and hope that I haven't facilitated too badly for you since 2023!

Looking back over the last few years it is very clear that "Being a Mission Area" involves us all in the journey. We began as very separate churches, who felt called to work together. At first that was described as churches only coming together to do the things they couldn't do on their own. Which was a good description and a good place to start but we have reached a time where the churches do as much as possible together and only do the things we cannot do together on their own. Over the past years I can see many instances where the Mission Area came together to work for the good of all. Not least in the way services are provided across all our Churches.

Becoming a united group of churches where decisions are made collaboratively between clergy and lay and shared with the whole group has taken time. However, I do believe that we are on the right track. The sub committees (Finance, Buildings and Fundraising meet four times per annum) which together support the Mission Area Conference, work really well, with humour, reflection, and a

sense of collegiality. It is however essential that all Churches have representation on these sub committees and Trustees on the Mission Area Conference. They each involve four meetings per annum.

The Shared Ministry Team of priests, lay readers, MA Treasurer, MA Wardens, and MA Leader meet monthly to organise worship, Mission, an overview of safeguarding and the general wellbeing of the Mission Area and try and keep me on track!

On a stormy weekend in November 2021, we were fortunate to gather in “Top Church” with Bishop Gregory and see the formation of the Mold Hub. Thanks to the geography of our Mission Area, the Hub is indeed the centre of the wheel formed by our eleven Churches.

The Hub encompasses all ages, our usual services, youth work, small groups, new services, Emergence etc., community support, outreach to Mold Schools, holiday clubs and Alpha courses.

We continue to maintain regular worship in all our Churches, and most are open every day for personal prayer and reflection. Special services such as Crib and Carol Services at Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Remembrance and All Souls Services in November are well attended and indicate a general need within society to link our secular world with an Omnipotent Being. Pastoral Care is provided across the Mission Area by clergy and pastoral assistants.

Within the Shared Ministry Team, the Rev’d Daniel Stroud became an army chaplain, and our deacon Rev David Dobbs left for new pastures, and we wish them well. In July we welcomed back Rev Emma Dale to the Mold Hub. Our new ordinand, Sharon Dean commenced her training in Mold.

Our Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants continue to increase in numbers and there will be further courses.

In 2025 the pulpit swops have continued. Perhaps in 2026 we could have a choral and organist swop.

A sincere thank you to Martin, Emma, Daniel, Jeanette, Kathy, David, Dawn, Esther, Wendy, and Ken.

Our church treasurers pay as many bills as possible from the centre. This includes The Mission Area Share, Insurance, Parsonage Water rates, Church Music Licences, and the Salary for the Mission Area Administrator and Treasurer; this works really well.

Geraldine (Ged) Sanders is our Mission Area Administrator and Treasurer. Our thanks to Ged for her support and guidance given to our Mission Area.

Children and young families continue to be catered for in several different ways. The two church schools in our Mission Area federated in 2019 and now operate under the guidance of one executive head teacher, Mrs Andrea Taylor. We are fortunate to have people within our Churches willing to give time to work as School Governors, and we are grateful to them.

Our thanks to the Messy Church Team and Open the Book team for their wonderful contribution on behalf of our youngsters.

All our churches have been working to become Dementia friendly and eco aware.

There is a lot of discussion about the future of our Churches; the bottom line is it is up to us! Legacies and reserves are not historical, they are there for the future! 66% of the income for the RNLI comes from legacies; this is how they will be able to rescue two out of three folk tomorrow!

The vision for the churches in our Mission Area is to work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, moving away from being inward looking to serving the wider community with faith, hope, and love.

As always, we would like to convey our thanks to every member of our MA for all they do.

Sincerely

Kevin Weston, Mission Area Leader.

Lindsay Wilding & Susan Hellen, Mission Area Wardens

Church reports

St Marys' Church Hub Mold

St Marys continued its work as a Hub Church throughout 2025, seeing some growth as well as developing new initiatives.

At the beginning of the year it ran its first Bereavement Journey course which was well attended and feedback suggested that everyone who attended it had found it beneficial. Some of that group, went on to be part of the Alpha Course ran later that year. It is hoped the Bereavement Journey will be a regular part of what we do as a church.

At the start of the year we had a small influx of young adults attending church and some of them went on to take part in the Youth Alpha which we ran.

Sunday worship continued and this year we held the Mission Area Service of Light. Easter Day was particularly mazing with the largest congregation on Easter Day for a number of years. Special services were held for Holy Week, All Souls, Civic Remembrance Sunday Service, Harvest, Advent, and Christmas. We also continued regular services at Bryn yr Haul Nursing Home. We also head prayers for mission every morning between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

Between April and October we were able to have the church open twice a week, staffed by volunteers. During this time, we had a large number of visitors from Mold, UK and across the world!

In July we were joined by a new ordained colleague, Rev Emma Dale. As she settled in, she started a weekly Bible Study and a craft group, both of which are going very well.

We also welcomed back Riding Lights in November for their production, 'Christmas Inn Trouble' and at Easter pneumata performed their production 'Marys Song'.

St. Mary's have had an eventful year when it comes to children's and youth work! Once again, we have hosted Prayer Space events in Ysgol Bryn Gwalia and Ysgol Alun (the largest high school in Flintshire). We have welcomed in many children and families to our craft mornings, holiday clubs

and Easter Egg Hunt. In particular we enjoyed Hallowe'en, when children were invited to place their hands inside pumpkins to feel the hidden objects inside! Hundreds of Y7 students from Ysgol Alun have visited St. Mary's – as part of their humanities curriculum – to hear how our faith and heritage have shaped Mold over the years. Martin has regularly visited Ysgol Bryn Gwalia and Ysgol Bryn Coch to lead assemblies, and Scruff the puppet has continued to delight children there.

At Christmas, every Y7 pupil in the Alun made Christingles in class. We took over their RVE lessons, speaking about Jesus as the light of the world and how we can reflect this light. Earlier in the year, we taught lessons on prayer and followed them up with Prayer Spaces in the school hall. This is always an extraordinary sensory experience where pupils can engage with different ways of talking to God. Seeing the effect on young people after spending time with God – in a secular high school – is profound. We also did this in Bryn Gwalia on the theme of 'transition.'

Esther regularly goes into the Alun to lead a lunchtime wellbeing club, one-to-one counselling sessions and group sessions for anxiety support. Developing relationships with young people in schools has led directly to the growth of our youth ministry.

Esther and Dawn lead twice-monthly youth nights on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. We eat together (usually pizza, chips, or noodles) play games – they love Hide and Seek! – and talk about God. This takes different forms – it may be a fun Bible quiz, short testimony or Bible story told in a fresh, interactive way. The young people expect and engage well with this. Currently we have around 10-15 young people attending on an average night, aged between 11 and 18.

As part of our youth provision last year, we took our young people ice skating and to a Spavens pottery painting party. We plan to do some trips in the coming year too; we want young people to associate church with fun and new accessible experiences. We would appreciate your prayers for all our young people; that they grow in faith and confidence. We have so much admiration for their creativity, commitment, and sense of fun!

2026 will bring some changes as the funding for the Hub is reviewed. However we look forward with faith and prayer to see where God is leading us next.

Rev Canon Martin Batchelor

St Eurgain and St Peters Church, Northop

As always Northop has been an active church particularly so this year.

Worship has continued every Sunday, led by Rev Martin, Rev Emma, Dawn Wolstenholm, and Ken Massey. We have regularly had congregations over 30 and we have seen further growth. We have held special services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. This year on Palm Sunday our procession was led by a donkey and during Holy week a Tenebrae service was introduced. During Ascensiontide we held prayer for mission every evening leading up to Pentecost and as always services for Harvest, All Souls Day and Remembrance were held as well as our Christmas services. We continued to develop our link with Northop Young Farmers, with them holding their Harvest Festival with us, and then at Christmas the County Young Farmers held their carol service at Northop. We saw the tower clock working again, and we continued to look at developing the old Grammer School.

Fund raising included monthly Friday Concerts which proved a great success, along with the fairs, coffee mornings and other events.

Links with the 3 schools continue to grow as clergy take regular assemblies, and schools visits and hold Christmas services at the Church. We look forward to developing those links in 2026 through tier 1 funding.

2026 also saw a large number of baptisms and weddings take place in the church.

Many thanks to the Wardens, church committee and all involved in the running of Northop Church

Rev Canon Martin Batchelor

St Mary's Church Treuddyn 2025

Worship in St Mary's Treuddyn has established a regular pattern of worship over the year. There are two Eucharists, one morning prayer which was led by the Worship Leaders who were trained and commissioned in the year. There is also an all-age informal morning worship which is suitable for families. There are more contributions from the young people who attend, and invitations are made to the local community to come along.

The church is open daily from 10am to 3pm, and from comments in the visitors book we can see that people regularly visit the church. The importance of an open church is seen from comments in the visitors' book.

We have provided Baptism, Wedding and Funeral services throughout the year, and continuing contact with families has been offered through pastoral visits. Contact with the local English medium primary school Ysgol Parc y Llan has been ongoing and as the vicar I continue to be a governor. The school held their Christmas performances in the church. It is going to be part of an Open the Book group visiting the school. These relationships will hopefully be built on in the future. a relationship with the Welsh medium school will be developed in the future.

The building has been well maintained. The church has involved the community in a wide variety of events held in church, band concerts, summer fayres, raffles, and hymns and Pimm's. They are all well supported by the community to raise essential funds.

As Vicar I would like to thank Susan and Eddie who have been wardens over the past year and everybody in the congregation who has volunteered to help either with leading or taking part in the services and with fund raising.

The Church continues to have an historic debt to be repaid.

The church offers a friendly and caring environment.

Rev Jeanette Wilkes

St James' Church New Brighton

Worship in St James' has established a regular pattern over the year with 2 eucharists 1 Café Church and a morning worship service led by Worship leaders, all of the services have seen an increase in numbers throughout the year.

The church is very much a centre for the community in the local area who are very supportive. We have held many Fund-raising events throughout the year, usually a coffee morning, or an afternoon tea, cheese & wine evening with music, hot pot supper, St David's Day Welsh evening. The events have been very well attended by Church members, and people from the village. The church hall is well used for community events. a local choir has started using the church and hall to rehearse. We have good links with the local primary School. They have performed in the Church, and we had a full church with parents and grandparents attending.

The Mothers' Union hold their monthly meetings there and the MU Diocese board of trustees hold their meetings once every quarter.

The Church and hall are regularly used for the Mission Area Messy Church, because it is a very flexible space.

We have achieved faculty approval for the replacement of the Kitchen and will move forward with the faculty for the replacement of the heating when the kitchen is completed.

The discovery group prayer and Bible study have continued to go from strength to strength, with an increase in numbers average attending each week.

Rev Jeanette Wilkes

Christ Church Pontblyddyn

The service rota has continued in the pattern of 2 Communion services per month, one Morning Prayer which is lay led, and one informal all age worship. Fundraising continued this year with another very successful Duck Race held at the Cricket club which we held in partnership with St Mary Treuddyn, and our monthly coffee mornings have taken place. We held several 'special' services during the year, we held a very successful Hymns and Pimm's evening and, a Crib Service on Christmas Eve which was well attended. We have planned some more joint services throughout the year with St Mary, Treuddyn and St James New Brighton.

Christ Church is a re-ordered church, and the space is very flexible with chairs instead of pews. We have held several sessions of the Mold MA Messy Church, and the space is also great for meetings and courses. Going forward we are still expecting to hire out our space. We have had 2 new families join us this year. Fundraising has been very successful this year, enabling us to pay back our debt to the Mission Area and stay on top of our Mission Area Share for the year. As Vicar I would like to thank all congregation members who have made contributions to leading and helping take services and their help with fundraising, it has taken a lot of hard work, but we have done it, well done!

The congregation has seen a significant fall in numbers each week and financially is now experiencing difficulties. There are ongoing discussions about recouping the money expected for the year through increasing events and communications with the community. We have had 2 new families join us this year, this is very encouraging.

There are a number of large funerals which have been held in the church. There have been baptisms held throughout the year.

Rev Jeanette Wilkes

St Mary's Church Nercwys.

Although a small church serving in a village community, we have dedicated members who seek to promote the ongoing work in terms of mission, pastoral, involvement in the local church school. The quinquennial report from 2024 has been a focus to maintain and restore parts of the building and the grounds that need essential work. Grants have been obtained which have been essential to continue to maintain the church and churchyard.

Our finances are currently stable with fundraising taking place throughout the year.

Services have been taking place with 2 Holy Communions a month and 2 Morning prayers. A family service takes place once a month which draws families from around the area and Mission Area.

On Tuesday mornings we hold an informal service with coffee and chat after.

We work with the Mission Area and attend joint services throughout the year.

Rev Kathy Stewart

Bro Famau Group of Churches

Our sincere thanks to Rev Daniel who guided our Christian journey from 2017.

It was wonderful to wish him, Lara, Charlie and Henry an emotional farewell last August.

We pray for him as he takes up his new role as a padre in the Army.

Our thanks to the church committees, Wardens, worship leaders and Treasurers who look after our five beautiful churches.

During the interregnum we are grateful to Kathy Stewart for coordinating services with our Shared Ministry Team and the retired clergy.

My thanks to Wendy Shillito who leads services in all our churches each month. Kathy and Wendy are also first point contacts for weddings and baptisms.

Our new priest for Bro Famau is out there, waiting to start, they just need to find us to receive a warm welcome!

Daniel provided a comprehensive scenario of what they will find:

Cilcain: St. Mary's Church Cilcain is a medieval church with a stunning angel hammerbeam roof dating from 1535, it has been listed as one of the 100 best churches in Wales. It sits in a beautiful and active community in the heart of an AONB on the side of Moel Famau. The church and the village chapel enjoy warm and collegial relations, and the marquee event for the village for the year is the Cilcain Show, a rural village show put on by the church, an event which involves the whole community and brings thousands for the August Bank Holiday.

Rhydymwyn: St. John the Evangelist is a small but growing, active and engaged church located along the banks of the Alyn River in a small village outside of Mold. With the rear of the church having undergone very sympathetic reordering, the church has managed to maintain its character while becoming an active community hub (more than 60 meetings or events happened in the church in the last year). It has a new and thriving baby/toddler playgroup, concerts, food bank collections, afternoon cafes for villagers, and more.

Nannerch: St. Michael & All Angels is a Victorian church of Medieval foundation, Nannerch Church holds a significant role in the life of a close-knit, welcoming, and exceptionally active village. Supporting a CinW Church School in the village, Nannerch church supports our local food bank, engages regularly and constructively with the school, engages with the community with "Church on the Street," and looks out for the pastoral needs of the community. Likewise, the community returns the support for the church.

Llanferres: St. Berres' Church is a church of medieval foundation, rebuilt in 1650 with a bequest from John Davies of Mallwyd, translator of the Welsh Bible (who was born and raised in Llanferres). In the Clwydian AONB, St. Berres Church is a picturesque church serving a small but engaging village. This stable church supports the food bank, engages with the village school through a fortnightly "Open the Book" program, hosts regular concerts and social occasions for the village, and works to develop the spiritual life of the village.

Gwernaffield: Holy Trinity Church is a 19th century establishment serving the villages of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. Currently in the midst of a re-ordering project at the rear of the church to enable better accessibility and to provide a more welcoming space for families and meetings, Holy Trinity maintains a busy schedule of events in the village calendar. These events include speakers, concerts, social occasions, and spiritual opportunities. The church also covers assemblies in the school fortnightly. This growing and thriving church is at the heart of the village both physically and otherwise.

Interregnums are a temporary pause; Jesus has not stopped calling to us all, and in a world crying out for mercy and grace we must both encourage others to hear that call and help them respond to it once it is heard. We must recommit ourselves as we once did to finding ways to engage with those around us. We must find ways to share our story. We must find ways to preach the good news not because it will help our Church but because Jesus commands us to go forth and make disciples of all nations! The world may be falling apart, but that only means that the need for the good news of Christ is even more pressing, and that the harvest sits ripe in the field. So in this coming year let us commit ourselves to re-engaging with our communities, to sharing the faith that is in us, to introducing people to Christ so that He might work in their lives, and to trusting in God's power and sovereignty rather than our own fears and anxieties. Holy Week and Easter loom ever larger and are fast approaching. There is no more perfect reminder to us that when things look to be at their most grim and dire; joy, hope, and victory lie close at hand. So let us live as people who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sincerely

Kevin Weston, Mold Mission Area Leader



This year we have continued to offer a messy church session during every school holiday. We have rotated around Gwernaffield, New Brighton and Pontblyddyn churches.

In February we celebrated Candlemass, in April it was Easter, in June we learnt about the Great Escape with so many plagues, in August we got dressed up in our new T shirts and had a stall at the Cilcain Show to advertise our next messy church session all about Joseph. In October we held a light party. The Christmas session will be held in January 2026 on new beginnings with Noah.

We are a group of people from the churches in the Mission Area who are passionate about exploring and presenting the good news of God's love. There are some amazing ideas for crafts generated, we choose a theme, a story, a song and always the food.

A short video was made to highlight our work and can be viewed on the diocesan website.

There're always opportunities to become a helper.

Revd Kathy Stewart

Financial Review

The receipts and payments for the year, and the assets and liabilities at the year-end are shown in the statements of accounts which accompany this report.

Reserves Policy

The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital, and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to 9 months payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed below is in line with this policy.

APPROVED by the MISSION AREA Conference on (Date):

23.04.26

and signed on its behalf by

Mr Kevin Weston MISSION AREA LEADER

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	162,541	654	15,813	-	179,008	225,135
Income from charitable activities	22,788	-	9,961	-	32,749	28,756
Other trading activities	64,839	105	4,465	-	69,410	70,530
Investments	2,913	10,788	6,996	-	20,697	17,524
Other income	100	1,250	4,490	-	5,840	83,231
Total income	253,182	12,798	41,725	-	307,704	425,176
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Raising funds	5,675	-	-	-	5,675	3,092
Expenditure on charitable activities	282,588	3,822	76,419	-	362,830	350,516
Other expenditure				-	-	2,874
Total expenditure	288,263	3,822	76,419	-	368,504	356,481
Gains / losses on investment assets	5,830	1,091	2,714	-	9,635	27,439
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(29,251)	10,067	(31,981)	-	(51,165)	96,133
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	46,271	44,090	32,905	-	123,266	363,324
Gross transfers between funds - out	(66,725)	(41,158)	(15,383)	-	(123,266)	(363,324)
Net movement in funds	(49,705)	12,999	(14,459)	-	(51,165)	96,133
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	288,152	283,115	253,033	-	824,301	728,168
Total funds carried forward	238,448	296,114	238,574	-	773,135	824,300

Represented by

Unrestricted

General fund	238,448	-	-	-	238,448	288,152
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Designated

Cilcain Show Account	-	7,208	-	-	7,208	5,538
Youth funds	-	250	-	-	250	250
Messy Church etc	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Mold Bro Famau Group	-	(201)	-	-	(201)	(297)
Mold Fabric Fund	-	227,269	-	-	227,269	193,390
Mold Work with Children	-	275	-	-	275	328
Nercwys Investment	-	12,729	-	-	12,729	11,638
New Brighton new boiler & heating system	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	7,437
New Brighton kitchen replacement	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	193
Northop Fabric Fund	-	11,036	-	-	11,036	33,827
Pontblyddyn Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,710
St Berres Fabric Fund	-	29,047	-	-	29,047	28,101

Restricted

Cilcain Fabric Fund	-	-	91,038	-	91,038	87,329
Gwernaffield Churchyard restricted	-	-	(1,669)	-	(1,669)	660
Gwernaffield Flower Guild	-	-	657	-	657	355
Gwernaffield Reordering	-	-	5,065	-	5,065	6,891
Mold Youth	-	-	69	-	69	257
Mold Examination Fee	-	-	-	-	-	(22)
Mold CCLI	-	-	-	-	-	(27)
Mold Clergy Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	(85)
Mold Hub	-	-	18,390	-	18,390	18,598
Mold Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	(315)
Mold Parsonage Water	-	-	-	-	-	(19)
Mold MA Share	-	-	-	-	-	(9,115)
Mold Salary and Expenses	-	-	81	-	81	10,210
Messy Church etc	-	-	352	-	352	583
Mold Open the Book	-	-	60	-	60	80
Nannerch Churchyard	-	-	3,366	-	3,366	4,495
Nercwys Chancel Repair	-	-	3,951	-	3,951	3,579
Nercwys Churchyard	-	-	(1,378)	-	(1,378)	1,627
Nercwys War Stock	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Northop Churchyard Fund	-	-	65,344	-	65,344	65,272
Northop Clock Fund	-	-	-	-	-	7,873
Northop Grammar School Fund	-	-	11,600	-	11,600	11,771
Northop New Kitchen Fund	-	-	155	-	155	-
Pontblyddyn Charitable Church Purposes	-	-	9,727	-	9,727	9,007
Pontblyddyn Churchyard Maintenance Fund	-	-	2,161	-	2,161	(239)
Rhydymwyn Churchyard Fund	-	-	1,009	-	1,009	1,059
Rhydymwyn Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-	5,252
Rhydymwyn Toddlers	-	-	701	-	701	747
St Berres Church Flowers	-	-	60	-	60	46
St Berres Churchyard Fund	-	-	(1,982)	-	(1,982)	(2,877)
St Mary's Mold Chancel Repair	-	-	1,859	-	1,859	1,684
St Mary's Mold Vicarage Garden	-	-	720	-	720	-
St Mary's Mold Childrens Mission	-	-	650	-	650	600
St Mary's Mold Community Café	-	-	-	-	-	400
St Mary's Mold Community Outreach	-	-	3,615	-	3,615	3,450
St Mary's Mold Fabric Fund	-	-	6,335	-	6,335	6,075
Treuddyn Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	10,005	-	10,005	10,257
Treuddyn Churchyard Account	-	-	4,633	-	4,633	5,575

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6431: Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	6,944	6,430
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6431:E Taylor Trust	9,727	9,007
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6431:Chancel repair fund	10,005	10,257
St Marys Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	3,951	3,579
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6434: Long term investment	7,789	6,807
St Marys Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	14,729	13,638
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	65,452	60,604
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434:Chancel repair fund	1,859	1,684
Total Fixed assets		120,457	112,005
Current assets			
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6501: Current Account	1,663	7,524
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6501: Current Account	3,999	10,100
Mold Mission Area	6501: Current Account	30,266	36,831
Saint Berres	6501: Current Account	16,514	10,429
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6501: Current Account	7,462	56,426
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6501: Northop/Northop Hall current a/c 3791	6,623	7,462
St James' Church	6501: Current Account	9,480	7,364
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6501: Rhydymwyn Current Account	3,995	16,635
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6501: Current Account	12,189	11,706
St Mary's Cilcain	6501: Current Account	573	1,162
St Marys Nercwys	6501: Current Account	19,676	22,058
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6501: Current Account	13,466	50,966
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6502: Churchyard current a/c 5417	3,708	1,443
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6502: Treuddyn Churchyard account	4,633	5,575
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6503: Deposit Account	12,016	-
St Mary's Cilcain	6504: Cilcain Show (Barclays)	4,794	5,538
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6505: Deposit Account	5,571	5,390
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6505: Northop Deposit a/c COIF04C	236	226
St James' Church	6505: Deposit Account	8,752	7,134
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6505: NS&I Deposit Account	-	242
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6505: Deposit Account	30,483	38
St Mary's Cilcain	6506:95 Day Business Notice Account	95,989	92,324
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6506: Churchyard Deposit a/c COIF03C	53,828	56,517
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6506: NS&I Churchyard Account	-	1,035
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6506: NS&I Investment	1,270	1,257
Saint Berres	6506: Savings Account	29,047	28,101
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6507: 49 Club	5,342	3,862
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6507: Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	11,036	35,073
Saint Berres	6507:Savings Account	10,665	10,411
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6508: Grammar School Deposit a/c COIF01C	11,600	12,987
St Mary's Cilcain	6521: Gift Aid Receivable	-	476
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6531: CCLA - COIF 1806	227,269	193,390
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6532: CCLA - COIF 1807	6,335	6,075
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6534: NS&I Account	699	680
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6590: cash in hand (flower guild)	457	155
Saint Berres	6590: Cash in hand	60	46
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6590: Cash in hand	-	288
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6590: Cash in hand	156	295
St Mary's Cilcain	6590: Cash in hand	2,826	5,072
Total Current assets		652,678	712,295
Net Asset surplus		773,135	824,300

Reserves

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(5,862)	3,586
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Excess / (deficit) to date	(5,598)	(4,634)
Mold Mission Area	Excess / (deficit) to date	(6,565)	(31,093)
Saint Berres	Excess / (deficit) to date	7,300	10,974
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Excess / (deficit) to date	(13,633)	63,606
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Excess / (deficit) to date	(26,677)	(5,511)
St James' Church	Excess / (deficit) to date	3,734	3,871
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,041)	478
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(1,642)	3,620
St Mary's Cilcain	Excess / (deficit) to date	(390)	4,765
St Marys Nercwys	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,382)	6,021
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Excess / (deficit) to date	(7,042)	13,012
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z01: Starting balances	16,531	12,478
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Z01: Starting balances	16,325	20,959
Mold Mission Area	Z01: Starting balances	36,553	67,646
Saint Berres	Z01: Starting balances	48,986	38,013
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z01: Starting balances	322,328	234,408
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z01: Starting balances	120,139	125,316
St James' Church	Z01: Starting balances	14,498	10,627
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z01: Starting balances	18,208	17,730
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z01: Starting balances	27,539	23,165
St Mary's Cilcain	Z01: Starting balances	104,572	99,807
St Marys Nercwys	Z01: Starting balances	39,276	32,283
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z01: Starting balances	59,069	45,459
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	5,023	24,314
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	514	333
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	720	468
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	932	754
St Marys Nercwys	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,463	971
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	982	597
Mold Mission Area	Z10: Adjustment re Bro Famau	278	278
Total Reserves		773,135	824,300

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	238,448	288,152
Designated	296,114	283,115
Restricted	238,574	253,033
Endowment	-	-
	773,135	824,300

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at: 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets						
6431 : Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	-	-	6,944	-	6,944	6,430
6431: E Taylor Trust	-	-	9,727	-	9,727	9,007
6431: Chancel Repair	-	-	10,005	-	10,005	10,257
6434 : Long Term Investment	7,789	-	3,951	-	11,740	10,386
6435 : Other Investments	-	12,729	2,000	-	14,729	13,638
6437 : Other Investments	65,452	-	-	-	65,452	60,604
6438 : Other Investments	-	-	1,859	-	1,859	1,684
Total	73,241	12,729	34,487	-	120,457	112,005
Current assets						
6501 : Current Account	99,027	1,324	25,555	-	125,906	238,665
6502 : Churchyard current a/c 5417	-	-	3,708	-	3,708	1,443
6502 : Treuddyn	-	-	4,633	-	4,633	5,575
6503 : Deposit Account	12,016	-	-	-	12,016	-
6503 : Donald Beckett	-	-	-	-	-	-
6504 : Cilcain Show	-	4,794	-	-	4,794	5,538
6505 : Deposit Account	36,780	7,500	761	-	45,042	13,030
6506 : Savings Account	-	29,047	-	-	29,047	28,101
6506 : Churchyard	-	-	53,828	-	53,828	56,517
6506 : 95 day notice	-	-	95,989	-	95,989	92,324
6506 : NS&I Churchyard Account	-	-	-	-	-	1,035
6506 : NS&I Investment	-	-	1,270	-	1,270	1,257
6507 : 49 Club	5,342	-	-	-	5,342	3,862
6507 : 35 day notice	10,665	-	-	-	10,665	10,411
6507 : Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	-	11,036	-	-	11,036	35,073
6508 : Grammar School	-	-	11,600	-	11,600	12,987
6531: CCLA	-	227,269	-	-	227,269	193,390
6532: CCLA	-	-	6,335	-	6,335	6,075
6534: NS&I	699	-	-	-	699	680
6521: Gift aid receivable	-	-	-	-	-	476
6590 : Cash in hand	678	2,414	50	-	3,042	5,700
6590 : Cash in hand (flower guild)	-	-	457	-	457	155
Total	165,206	283,384	204,088	-	652,678	712,295
Liabilities						
Z04 : Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net total assets	238,448	296,113	238,575	-	773,135	824,300

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

Mold Mission Area

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of examiner

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 Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Signed)

(Name) ----- (Date)-----

(Qualification, if any) -----

(Address) -----

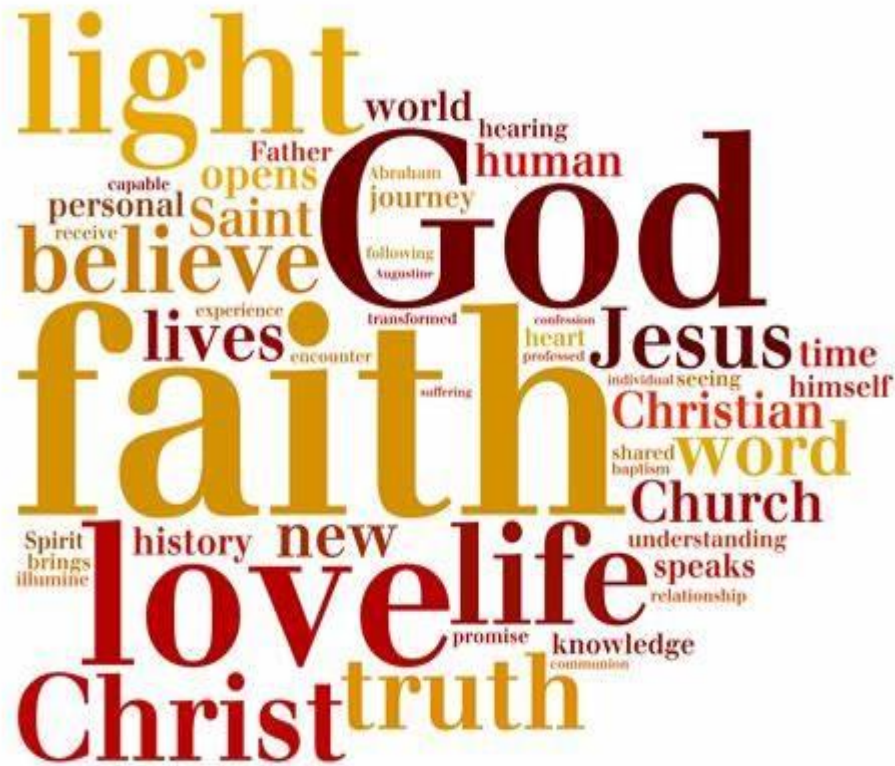
MOLD MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1176095

Accounts

Mold Mission Area

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 2024



Mission Area Vision

To proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Christian faith, to maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all persons a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness of their duties to God and their fellow human beings. We pledge our lives to Christ and covenant with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of these churches and our communities. We will work together across all churches within the Mission Area to develop a collaborative approach to mission and worship which supports the wider community.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MOLD MISSION AREA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NAME: Mold MISSION AREA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1176095

REGISTERED: 5th December 2017

MOLD MISSION AREA is situated in: The Archdeaconry of Wrexham within the Diocese of St Asaph

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: 4 Pen y Coed, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RS

Mold Mission Area is made up of the following 11 Churches:

- St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain
- Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield
- St Berres, Llanferres
- St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch
- St John the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn
- Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop
- St Mary's, Nercwys
- St Mary's Treuddyn
- Christ Church, Pontblyddyn
- St Mary the Virgin, Mold
- St James,' New Brighton

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE (MAC)

The **MAC Trustees for 2023/24** were as follows:

Lay Mission Area Leader: Mr Kevin Weston

Clergy:

- Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader, Vicar of Mold & Northop
- Rev'd Daniel Stroud, Rector of the Bro Famau Group of Churches
- Rev'd Jeanette Wilkes, Vicar of Treuddyn, Pontblyddyn & New Brighton
- Rev'd Kathy Stewart, Vicar of Nercwys
- Rev'd Dan Morgan, Mission Hub Curate (moved to Denbigh MA October 2024)

Mission Area Wardens: Mrs Susan Helen & Mrs Lindsey Wilding

Licenced Readers: Dr Wendy Shillito, Miss Dawn Wolstenholme

Pastoral Chaplain: Mr Ken Massey
Mission Hub Youth Worker: Mrs Esther Andrews
Ordinand: David Dobbs

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES AS AT THE MISSION AREA VESTRY ON 4TH APRIL 2024

Representing Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield – Mr Peter Davies

Representing St Berres, Llanferres – Mrs Daryl Austin and Mr Michael Cordiner

Representing St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch – Mrs Lindsey Wilding and Mr David Wright

Representing St John, the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn – Mrs Elizabeth Thomas and Mr Zen Hoppe

Representing St Mary's, Nercwys – Mr Ken Bickerton and Sue Sawyer

Representing Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – Mrs Anne Jones

Representing St Mary's Treuddyn – Mrs Susan Hellen and Mr Matthew Taylor

Representing St James,' New Brighton – Mr Adrian Maguire & Mrs Susan Maguire

Representing Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop – Mrs Delyth Roberts

Representing St Mary, the Virgin, Mold – None

Representing St Mary's, Cilcain – None

Mission Area Administrator & Treasurer: Mrs Geraldine Sanders

Mission Area Gift Aid Officer: Mrs Susan Hellen

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Constitution provides that the members of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the MISSION AREA, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MISSION AREA Conference's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed hereunder. The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. It is the responsibility of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE and the Incumbents to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance to the MISSION AREA for the promotion of the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the MISSION AREA. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is responsible, inter-alia, for the MISSION AREA budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric and of the Churchyards, and for any action or other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution and is the normal channel of communication between the people of the MISSION AREA and the Diocesan Bishop.

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC BY:

- a) The provision of regular public worship
- b) The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- c) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- d) Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups
- e) Taking of Assemblies in local schools
- f) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services, and distribution of literature
- g) The provision of a youth club with Christian ethos
- h) Promoting the whole mission of the Church in Wales in aiding community cohesion through provision of activities for older people, mothers and toddlers and other specific groups

The Structure of the Mission Area (MAC)

The Trustee Board (MAC) are responsible for all matters concerning the running of the Mission Area and meet on a quarterly basis. Any matter requiring action between meetings is done via email, as are matters relating to the following Sub-committees: -

The Property Sub-committee has delegated powers to oversee property matters including strategic planning for property, faculties, and Quinquennial inspections, and is made up of the clergy and at least one other representative from each church. This committee is led by the Mission Area Leader (MAL), aided by the Mission Area Administrator (MAA), and meet on a quarterly basis to share best practice and report to the MAC.

The Finance Sub-committee is made up of the clergy and church treasurers and has delegated powers to oversee finance matters including strategic financial planning, MA share allocation, investments, grant applications and shared MA expenses. This committee is led by the Mission Area Treasurer (MAT), aided by the MAL and meets on a quarterly basis to share best practice and report to the MAC.

The Shared Ministry Team (SMT) is made up of the clergy, MA wardens, licenced readers, pastoral chaplain, and mission hub youth worker, and has delegated powers to oversee ministry matters including provision of church services, fresh expressions, chaplaincy, youth and children's ministry, pastoral and bereavement care etc. The SMT meet on a monthly basis and is led by the MAL (aided by the MAA/MAT) and report to the MAC.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Acting Mission Area Leader and Mission Area Wardens Report

The MA has continued to develop its identity throughout 2024 to encompass a sense of working together as a parish for the benefit of all.

The Mold Hub, based in St Marys Church Mold, has continued to reach out to the community through work in schools, fun days, more informal services, Alpha courses, and more home-based study and prayer groups.

The Mission Area has continued to offer pulpit swaps every 6 months which allows us all to move around and develop that shared identity. We also have joint Mission Area services throughout the year which have been increasingly well attended.

All churches were able to offer Holy Communion at their main Easter Day services which our congregations appreciated.

Each of our churches have their own services rotas and are covered by members of the clergy, lay readers, and worship leaders each week. There is regular communication within the SMT to ensure that there are leaders for each service.

There have been new pastoral and worship leaders trained during the year with a joint service to celebrate and welcome them.

The Mission Area has offered increasing visits to local schools with Open the Book (OTB) lead by Dr Wendy Shillito, supported by a team of volunteers including members from other churches in Mold. Messy Church is well attended with more regular attendees as we travel around several churches.

The Finance & Building sub-committees work well together to share advice and offer support. The majority of our churches are listed, and several are becoming increasingly aged, both of which increase the amount and cost of repairs and maintenance work required, which in turn, increasing the amount of work required to finance this work, through fund raising and grant applications.

I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our MAL Kevin Weston, who has unfortunately been off-sick since January 2025, for his continued hard work in keeping the churches and team heading in the right direction over the year. We pray that his period of recovery will be short and God willing, he will return to serve soon.

I would also like to express our thanks to the clergy, Revd Martin, Revd Jeanette, Revd Daniel, Lay Readers - Wendy Shillito and Dawn Wolstenholme, Youth worker - Esther Andrews, Pastor Ken Massey and David Dobbs who will be completing his ordinand training in June 2025.

Thank you also to Susan Hellen and Lindsay Wilding as MA wardens for stepping into this role over the year and contributing to our teams, to Cath Yearly as Safeguarding officer who has played an essential role in ensuring any issues are dealt with correctly, and of course, last but not least, to Geraldine Sanders our MA Administrator and Treasurer for the work she does to support us all.

Revd Kathy Stewart - Acting MAL.

Susan Helen & Lindsey Wilding – MA Wardens

Church reports

St Mary the Virgin, Mold (Hub Church)

Thanks to my colleagues, the churchwardens, church committee and all involved in the life of St Marys' who enable the church to keep working during the year.

Worship at St Marys continued with our 8am and 11am Sunday services, together with the Wednesday midweek service. The contemporary service began last year at 5pm each Sunday continues to grow, which has been very exciting. Sadly, this year saw Rev Dan Morgan leave to become priest in charge in Denbigh. This has meant a change in our worship pattern so that twice a month we have Morning Prayer at our 11am service.

Special services for Holy Week were held, as well as for Harvest, All Souls, the Civic Remembrance Sunday service and services for Advent and Christmas. We hosted some Mission Area services this year as well. This Summer over 3 days we also hosted the Extreme Tour, during which the team did outreach into Mold ending with an outdoor concert, attended by over 100 people.

In 2024 we officiated at

Baptisms	9
Weddings	6
Funerals	26

Children/ Youth work was further developed, with a number of activity mornings held on a Saturday and a Film morning, as well as a Holiday Club during Easter. We continued to build on our links with local primary schools, with regular assemblies in school and services in church. Mold Alun School continues to involve us where possible in their curriculum including lessons and Year 7 being involved in Prayer Spaces.

We ran 2 alpha courses during the year, both hosted by The Gathering. From these 2 new small groups were formed, meeting weekly for Bible Study and fellowship.

A variety of social events were held during the year, including a strawberry tea, coffee mornings and concerts.

The Church continues to be involved in Parkfields Community Centre, through Cytun, the Mission Area and the wider community.

Rev Canon Martin Batchelor

St Eurgain and St Peters Church, Northop

Thank you to the churchwardens, church committee and all involved in the life of the church who enable the church to keep working during the year.

It continues to be a good year for Northop Church, and it is wonderful to see how everyone works for the benefit of the church. We sadly said goodbye to Rev Dan Morgan this year as he left to go to Denbigh Mission Area.

Ministry and worship continued to be led by Martin, Ken, and Dawn, especially after Dan left and we had to include another Morning worship to the worship pattern.

During the year, the church had its quinquennial, and although nothing serious was picked up the church committee developed a plan of action covering the main points. The faculty for the clock repair was granted and work on that will begin in 2025. Thank you to everyone involved in fund raising.

The church continued to develop a good relationship with Northop Historical society, which included working with them on a feasibility study on the old Grammar School. A building we hope eventually to bring back into use.

We continued to hold several children activity mornings which have been well attended. The Young farmers held their harvest service in the autumn, we held a variety of specials services, fairs, coffee mornings and concerts during the year which were well attended. Northop and Sychdyn school continue to use the church for special services.

Rev Canon Martin Batchelor

St Mary's Church Treuddyn 2024

St Mary's Treuddyn has established a regular pattern of worship over the year. There are two Eucharists and one morning prayer led by Worship Leaders who were trained and commissioned in the year. There is also an all-age informal morning worship which is suitable for families. There are more contributions from the young people who attend, and invitations are made to the local community to come along.

The church is open daily from 10am to 3pm, and from comments in the visitors book we can see that people regularly visit the church. There was a short period after a burglary and criminal damage that the church was closed. The importance of an open church is seen from comments in the visitors' book.

We have provided Baptism, Wedding and Funeral services throughout the year, and continuing contact with families has been offered through pastoral visits.

Contact with the local primary school Ysgol Parc y Llan has been ongoing and as the vicar I am now a governor.

Services for Christmas and other events has been taken up. It had been hoped to be part of an Open the Book group visiting the school, but this is still under discussion. These relationships will

hopefully be built on in the future. A relationship with the Welsh medium school will also be developed in the future.

The building has been well maintained and offers a friendly and caring environment.

The Church continues to have an historic debt to be repaid and has involved the community in a wide variety of events held in church, band concerts, summer fayres, raffles and Hymns & Pimm's, which have all been well supported by the community to raise essential funds.

St James' Church New Brighton

Worship in St James' has established a regular pattern over the year with 2 eucharists, 1 Café Church and a morning worship service led by a Worship leader. All of the services have seen an increase in numbers throughout the year. We have held 2 Baptisms at the church this year.

The church is very much a centre for the community in the local area who are very supportive. They have held many fund-raising events throughout the year, usually a coffee morning, or an afternoon tea, cheese & wine evening with music, hot pot supper, St David's Day Welsh evening. The events have been very well attended by Church members and people from the village.

The church hall is well used for community events, including a local choir who have started using the church and hall to rehearse. We have good links with the local primary school. They have visited to sing to the group. The Mothers' Union hold their monthly meetings there and the MU Diocese board of trustees hold their meetings once every quarter. The Church and hall are regularly used for the Mission Area Messy Church, because it is a very flexible space.

There are a number of planned improvements to the Church awaiting faculty including new kitchen units. Meetings have been held with the Diocesan church inspector, Ryan Marsh, to discuss the heating needs of the Church. Recommendations have been made, but this action has yet to be completed and requires grant funding. The discovery group prayer and Bible study continue to go from strength to strength, with an increase in the numbers attending each week.

Christ Church Pontblyddyn

The service rota has continued in the pattern of 2 Communion services per month, one Morning Prayer which is lay led and one informal all age worship.

Fundraising continued this year with another very successful Duck Race held at the Cricket club which we held in partnership with St Mary Treuddyn, and our monthly coffee mornings have taken place. We also hosted a very successful Hymns and Pimm's evening.

We held several 'special' services during the year, including a Crib Service on Christmas Eve which was well attended. We also held more joint services throughout the year with St Mary's Treuddyn and St James' New Brighton.

Christ Church is a re-ordered church, and the space is very flexible with chairs instead of pews. The space is also suitable for meetings and courses. We have held several Messy Church sessions and going forward we are still expecting to hire out our space.

A number of large funerals have been held in the church throughout the year, as well as a number of baptisms.

The congregation has seen a significant fall in numbers during the year and the church is experiencing some finance difficulties, which have recently been further compounded due a number of storms resulting in fallen trees, which also damaged parts of the churchyard wall. Several actions are being taken to address this issue, including increasing fundraising and communications with the community.

St Mary's Church Nercwys.

Much has been achieved during the past year.

The Family Half Hour Service continues to be held on the first Sunday of each month at 10.00 am followed by a Service of Communion at 11.00 am. The Family Harvest Service, Remembrance Sunday Service and the Joint Bi-lingual Carol Service with Soar Chapel remain well attended community events in our church calendar as does the Crib Service (4.15 pm) and Christmas Holy Communion Service (11.15pm) held on Christmas Eve.

All food donated at the Family Harvest Service and the collection taken at the Joint Carol Service (£147) was in aid of the Flintshire Food Bank. The Remembrance Sunday Service collection raised £197 towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The church building had been opened every day from Monday, 1 May to Saturday, 28 October to provide a quiet space for private prayer / contemplation. Opening the building has attracted additional people into the church, however, the exact number is difficult to quantify as not all of them sign the Visitors' Book.

The Church Committee have worked together to address building work which needs to be carried out. However, the work has not yet started due to delays in gaining faculty permission. The Quinquennial Report was received with a number of tasks to complete, for which we hope to be able to apply for grants.

Our finances have been relatively stable thanks to regular giving.

The regular pattern of worship continues and is supported by Sue our Worship Leader for usually one Morning Prayer service a month.

As a Mission Area we are being encouraged to work together and share resources. It has been joyful to attend joint services a few times a year and to take part in pulpit swaps.

Developing the Family Services and being invited into schools has been important. It is important that we are able to invite people into church to be part of the community and to work with our neighbours and other Christians within the Mold area.

Rev'd Kathy Stewart (NSM)

Bro Famau Group of Churches

Dear Friends,

While 2020 and 2021 were weird years marked by covid changes and 2022 and 2023 were years of finding footing after the radical disruption of the pandemic, 2024 was the year in which it seemed as if we had a true return to normalcy (however one may define that!) Given the chance to demonstrate our resilience in the face of challenge, I believe this group has risen to the occasion.

Across the group there has been much to celebrate. A new schedule of services has helped us to regularise service times so that each church has its principal Sunday worship at the same time each week. It is a well-documented reality that having a set service time (rather than a variable one) is important for both welcoming newcomers and keeping current parishioners engaged. This new rota has been largely successful. Thanks for that is due to the work and leadership of everyone who helps lead services across the group, and to The Rev'd Kathy Stewart and the Rev'd Lara Stroud who have assisted in the taking of a service each month in order that we may have services at 9:30 or 11:00.

We have also seen the completion (or near completion) and the fruits of reordering projects in Rhydymwyn and Gwernaffield to help make our buildings more fit for purpose, and in doing so to make them more accessible to the community. The Cilcain Show has had its best ever show in terms of both fundraising, attendance, and community engagement, and has laid out a promising agenda for the coming year. We have also seen increasing engagement with the schools, particularly in Nannerch and Llanferres.

While there have been successes, there are, of course, areas in which we could grow. In the coming year we can (and should!) focus on evangelism and invitation. We have spent the last few years laying the groundwork of connection and engagement with our communities. We have done the challenging work of making sure we are not seen as a small, insular, and exclusive group. Now is the time for us to be more intentional about inviting people into the life of the church and helping them come to know and to love Christ and the saving grace offered to us by God. Ultimately, our measure of success is not good-doing within the community (important though that work also is!), but in the propagation of the Gospel and the proclamation of the good news.

The church holds a special role in small communities such as ours. It is, or it should be, a central hub of village life. I am firmly of the belief that a significant portion is to fill that social role, in that we ought to serve those who are loosely connect to the church and we should proudly claim our role in our common life. But we must remember as well, as the hymn says, that we have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth. The gospel of a saviour's name, we sing His glory, tell His worth! Let us be intentional in the coming year about making sure we invite, we welcome, we connect, and we do not shy away from singing His Glory, and telling His worth!

With every blessing,

Daniel

The Rev. Daniel J. S. Stroud SMMS

Rector, Bro Famau Group of Churches

Messy Church Annual Report for 2024.

Messy Church is organised by a group of volunteers from around the Mission Area.

Throughout this year we had arranged sessions during school holidays where children accompanied by an adult can come along to either of 3 churches that offer us the facilities of space, toilets, and catering.

The sessions all start with a theme and at least 6 craft activities are offered, a short service with a story or play and a song, then some food to share.

The themes for 2024 were Candlemass, love is...., Easter, Pentecost, God's garden, light party, and Humphrey has lost the wise men.

Sessions are well attended and of course they can get very messy but great fun and a great opportunity to share with families the love of God.

Rev'd K. Stewart on behalf of the Messy Church Team

Financial Review

The receipts and payments for the year, and the assets and liabilities at the year-end are shown in the statements of accounts which accompany this report.

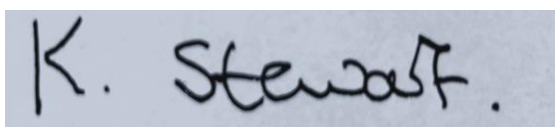
Reserves Policy

The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital, and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to 9 months payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed below is in line with this policy.

APPROVED by the MISSION AREA Conference on (Date)

10th April 2025

and signed on its behalf by (signature)

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Stewart.".

Rev Kathy Stewart

ACTING MISSION AREA LEADER

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	205,275	2,490	17,371	-	225,135	251,500
Income from charitable activities	17,096	-	11,660	-	28,756	36,220
Other trading activities	66,789	89	3,652	-	70,530	82,379
Investments	5,930	3,651	7,942	-	17,524	10,009
Other income	83,231	-	-	-	83,231	177,056
Total income	378,321	6,230	40,625	-	425,176	557,164
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Raising funds	3,092	-	-	-	3,092	7,193
Expenditure on charitable activities	282,675	(352)	68,192	-	350,516	415,142
Other expenditure	2,874	-	-	-	2,874	5,124
Total expenditure	288,641	(352)	68,192	-	356,481	427,459
Gains / losses on investment assets	24,788	708	1,943	-	27,439	62,872
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	114,468	7,290	(25,625)	-	96,133	192,577
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	59,387	284,442	19,495	-	363,324	282,488
Gross transfers between funds - out	(82,090)	(254,922)	(26,313)	-	(363,324)	(282,489)
Year end adjustment re Bro Famua	-	-	-	-	-	280
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	9,503
Net movement in funds	91,766	36,811	(32,443)	-	96,133	202,359
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	196,387	246,304	285,476	-	728,168	525,810
Total funds carried forward	288,153	283,115	253,033	-	824,300	728,168

Represented by

Unrestricted

General fund	288,152	-	-	-	288,152	196,387
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Designated

Cilcain Show Account	-	5,538	-	-	5,538	9,796
Gwernaffield Reordering	-	-	-	-	-	10,045
Youth funds	-	250	-	-	250	-
Messy Church etc	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Mold Bro Famau Group	-	(297)	-	-	(297)	(1,616)
Mold Fabric Fund	-	193,390	-	-	193,390	(15,873)
Mold Work with Children	-	328	-	-	328	425
Nercwys Investment	-	11,638	-	-	11,638	10,930
New Brighton new boiler & heating system	-	7,437	-	-	7,437	5,430
New Brighton kitchen replacement	-	193	-	-	193	-
Northop Fabric Fund	-	33,827	-	-	33,827	32,118
Pontblyddyn Fabric Fund	-	1,710	-	-	1,710	510
St Berres Fabric Fund	-	28,101	-	-	28,101	20,179
St Mary's Mold Reordering Fund	-	-	-	-	-	171,756
Treuddyn Donald Beckett Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,604

Restricted

Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bro Famau Group	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Flowers & Festival Dec Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cilcain Fabric Fund	-	-	87,329	-	87,329	88,337
Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gwernaffield Churchyard restricted	-	-	660	-	660	1,920
Gwernaffield Flower Guild	-	-	355	-	355	355
Gwernaffield Reordering	-	-	6,891	-	6,891	-
Mold Youth	-	-	257	-	257	-
Mold Examination Fee	-	-	(22)	-	(22)	240
Mold CCLI	-	-	(27)	-	(27)	-
Mold Clergy Expenses	-	-	(85)	-	(85)	-
Mold Hub	-	-	18,598	-	18,598	19,798
Mold Insurance	-	-	(315)	-	(315)	-
Mold Parsonage Water	-	-	(19)	-	(19)	-
Mold Retreat	-	-	-	-	-	188
Mold MA Share	-	-	(9,115)	-	(9,115)	9,657
Mold Salary and Expenses	-	-	10,210	-	10,210	13,971
Messy Church etc	-	-	583	-	583	753
Mold Open the Book	-	-	80	-	80	-
Nannerch Churchyard	-	-	4,495	-	4,495	4,435
Nercwys Chancel Repair	-	-	3,579	-	3,579	3,316
Nercwys Churchyard	-	-	1,627	-	1,627	1,441
Nercwys War Stock	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Northop Churchyard Fund	-	-	65,272	-	65,272	64,317
Northop Clock Fund	-	-	7,873	-	7,873	360
Northop Grammar School Fund	-	-	11,771	-	11,771	11,792
Pontblyddyn Charitable Church Purposes	-	-	9,007	-	9,007	8,539
Pontblyddyn Churchyard Maintenance Fund	-	-	(239)	-	(239)	603
Rhydymwyn Churchyard Fund	-	-	1,059	-	1,059	1,027
Rhydymwyn Fabric Fund	-	-	5,252	-	5,252	5,252
Rhydymwyn Toddlers	-	-	747	-	747	872
St Berres Church Flowers	-	-	46	-	46	44
St Berres Churchyard Fund	-	-	(2,877)	-	(2,877)	(2,477)
St Mary's Mold Chancel Repair	-	-	1,684	-	1,684	1,560
St Mary's Mold Childrens Mission	-	-	600	-	600	-
St Mary's Mold Community Café	-	-	400	-	400	400
St Mary's Mold Community Outreach	-	-	3,450	-	3,450	-
St Mary's Mold Fabric Fund	-	-	6,075	-	6,075	28,642
St Mary's Mold Warm Hub	-	-	-	-	-	3,495
Treuddyn Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	10,257	-	10,257	9,503
Treuddyn Churchyard Account	-	-	5,575	-	5,575	5,136

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6431: Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	6,430	6,096
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6431: E Taylor Trust	9,007	8,539
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6431: Chancel repair fund	10,257	9,503
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6434: Long Term Investment	-	680
St Marys Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	3,579	3,316
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6434: Long term investment	6,807	6,210
St Marys Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	13,638	12,930
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	-	12,479
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	-	5,779
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	60,604	36,413
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Chancel repair fund	1,684	1,560
Total Fixed assets		112,005	103,505
Current assets			
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6501: Current Account	7,524	3,939
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6501: Current Account	10,100	14,930
Mold Mission Area	6501: Current Account	36,831	67,923
Saint Berres	6501: Current Account	10,429	7,704
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6501: Current Account	56,426	159,634
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6501: Northop/Northop Hall current a/c 3791	7,462	15,559
St James' Church	6501: Current Account	7,364	5,574
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6501: Rhydymwyn Current Account	16,635	16,371
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6501: Current Account	11,706	6,922
St Mary's Cilcain	6501: Current Account	1,162	1,674
St Marys Nercwys	6501: Current Account	22,058	16,038
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6501: Current Account	50,966	37,964
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6502: Churchyard current a/c 5417	1,443	3,965
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6502: Treuddyn Churchyard account	5,575	5,136
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6503: Donald Beckett Trust Fund account	-	1,604
St Mary's Cilcain	6504: Cilcain Show (Barclays)	5,538	9,796
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6505: Deposit Account	5,390	5,194
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6505: Northop Deposit a/c COIF04C	226	215
St James' Church	6505: Deposit Account	7,134	5,030
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6505: NS&I Deposit Account	242	240
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6505: Deposit Account	38	38
St Mary's Cilcain	6506: 95 Day Business Notice Account	92,324	88,337
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6506: Building Account	-	791
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6506: Churchyard Deposit a/c COIF03C	56,517	53,763
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6506: NS&I Churchyard Account	1,035	1,027
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6506: NS&I Investment	1,257	1,247
Saint Berres	6506: Savings Account	28,101	20,179
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6507: 49 Club	3,862	17,464
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6507: Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	35,073	33,364
Saint Berres	6507: Savings Account	10,411	10,086
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6508: Grammar School Deposit a/c COIF01C	12,987	12,354
St Mary's Cilcain	6521: Gift Aid Receivable	476	-
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6531: CCLA - COIF 1806	193,390	-
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6532: CCLA - COIF 1807	6,075	-
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6534: NS&I Account	680	-
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6590: cash in hand (flower guild)	155	155
Saint Berres	6590: Cash in hand	46	44
St James' Church	6590: Cash in hand	-	22

Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6590: Cash in hand	288	288
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6590: Cash in hand	295	91
St Mary's Cilcain	6590: Cash in hand	5,072	-
Total Current assets		712,295	624,663

Net Asset surplus

824,300 728,168

Reserves

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	3,586	(4,172)
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Excess / (deficit) to date	(4,634)	(14,349)
Mold Mission Area	Excess / (deficit) to date	(31,093)	5,661
Saint Berres	Excess / (deficit) to date	10,974	799
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Excess / (deficit) to date	63,606	128,080
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Excess / (deficit) to date	(5,511)	(21,093)
St James' Church	Excess / (deficit) to date	3,871	1,506
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	478	424
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	3,620	13
St Mary's Cilcain	Excess / (deficit) to date	4,765	(66)
St Marys Nercwys	Excess / (deficit) to date	6,021	828
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Excess / (deficit) to date	13,012	32,074
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z01: Starting balances	12,478	8,004
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Z01: Starting balances	20,959	35,308
Mold Mission Area	Z01: Starting balances	67,646	14,223
Saint Berres	Z01: Starting balances	38,013	36,923
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z01: Starting balances	234,408	103,043
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z01: Starting balances	125,316	144,836
St James' Church	Z01: Starting balances	10,627	9,122
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z01: Starting balances	17,730	17,730
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z01: Starting balances	23,165	13,619
St Mary's Cilcain	Z01: Starting balances	99,807	99,872
St Marys Nercwys	Z01: Starting balances	32,283	30,332
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z01: Starting balances	45,459	12,798
Saint Berres	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	-	290
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	24,314	3,285
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	333	1,573
Mold Mission Area	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	-	47,762
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	468	8,645
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	-	(424)
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	754	30
St Mary's Cilcain	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	-
St Marys Nercwys	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	971	1,124
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	597	588
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z03:Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	-	9,503
Mold Mission Area	Z10:Adjustment re Bro Famau	278	278
Total Reserves		824,300	728,168

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	288,152	196,387
Designated	283,115	246,304
Restricted	253,033	285,476
Endowment	-	-
	824,300	728,168

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets						
6431 : Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	-	-	6,430	-	6,430	6,096
6431: E Taylor Trust	-	-	9,007	-	9,007	8,539
6431: Chancel Repair	-	-	10,257	-	10,257	9,503
6434 : Long Term Investment	6,807	-	3,579	-	10,386	10,205
6435 : Other Investments	-	11,638	2,000	-	13,638	25,409
6436 : Other Investments	-	-	-	-	-	5,779
6437 : Other Investments	60,604	-	-	-	60,604	36,413
6438 : Other Investments	-	-	1,684	-	1,684	1,560
Total	67,411	11,638	32,956	-	112,005	103,505
Current assets						
6501 : Current Account	194,525	2,501	41,639	-	238,665	354,232
6502 : Churchyard current a/c 5417	-	-	1,443	-	1,443	3,965
6502 : Treuddyn	-	-	5,575	-	5,575	5,136
6503 : Donald Beckett	-	-	-	-	-	1,604
6504 : Cilcain Show	-	5,538	-	-	5,538	9,796
6505 : Deposit Account	5,135	7,134	761	-	13,030	10,717
6506 : Building Account	-	-	-	-	-	791
6506 : Savings Account	-	28,101	-	-	28,101	20,179
6506 : Churchyard	-	-	56,517	-	56,517	53,763
6506 : 95 day notice	-	-	92,324	-	92,324	88,337
6506 : NS&I Churchyard Account	-	-	1,035	-	1,035	1,027
6506 : NS&I Investment	-	-	1,257	-	1,257	1,247
6507 : 49 Club	3,862	-	-	-	3,862	17,464
6507 : 35 day notice	10,411	-	-	-	10,411	10,086
6507 : Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	-	34,813	260	-	35,073	33,364
6508 : Grammar School	-	-	12,987	-	12,987	12,354
6531: CCLA	-	193,390	-	-	193,390	-
6532: CCLA	-	-	6,075	-	6,075	-
6534: NS&I	680	-	-	-	680	-
6521: Gift aid receivable	476	-	-	-	476	-
6590 : Cash in hand	5,653	-	48	-	5,700	446
6590 : Cash in hand (flower guild)	-	-	155	-	155	155
Total	220,742	271,476	220,077	-	712,295	624,662
Liabilities						
Z04 : Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net total assets	288,152	283,115	253,033	-	824,300	728,167

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Mold Mission Area Conference

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Name) _____ (Date)-----

(Qualification, if any) _____

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MOLD MISSION AREA

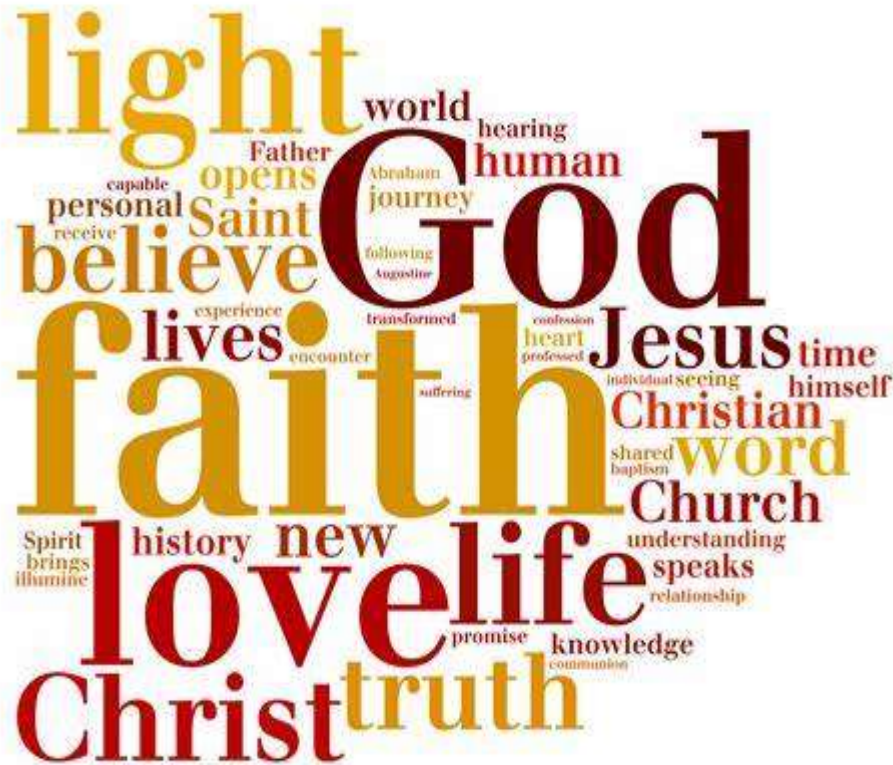
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Accounts

The Mission Area of Mold

The Annual Report of the Mission Area Conference

for the Year Ending December 2023



Mission Area Vision

To proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Christian faith, to maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all persons a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness of their duties to God and their fellow human beings. We pledge our lives to Christ and covenant with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of these churches and our communities. We will work together across all churches within the Mission Area to develop a collaborative approach to mission and worship which supports the wider community.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MOLD MISSION AREA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY NAME: Mold MISSION AREA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1176095

REGISTERED: 5th December 2017

MOLD MISSION AREA is situated in: The Archdeaconry of Wrexham within the Diocese of St Asaph

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: 4 Pen y Coed, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RS

Mold Mission Area is made up of the following 11 Churches:

- St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain
- Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield
- St Berres, Llanferres
- St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch
- St John the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn
- Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop
- St Mary's, Nercwys
- St Mary's Treuddyn
- Christ Church, Pontblyddyn
- St Mary the Virgin, Mold
- St James', New Brighton

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE (MAC)

The MAC Trustees for 2023/24 were as follows:

Lay Mission Area Leader: Mr Kevin Weston

Clergy:

- Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader, Vicar of Mold & Northop
- Rev'd Dan Morgan, Mission Hub Curate
- Rev'd Daniel Stroud, Rector of the Bro Famau Group of Churches
- Rev'd Adrian Johnson, Assistant Curate, Bro Famau Group of Churches (resigned June 2023)
- Rev'd Jeanette Wilkes, Vicar of Treuddyn, Pontblyddyn & New Brighton (appointed July 2023)
- Rev'd Kathy Stewart, Vicar of Nercwys

Mission Area Warden: Mrs Melanie Morgan Crendon

Licenced Readers: Dr Wendy Shillito, Miss Dawn Wolstenholme

Pastoral Chaplain: Mr Ken Massey

Mission Hub Youth Worker: Mrs Esther Andrews

Ordinand: David Dobbs

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE MEMBERS AS AT THE MISSION AREA VESTRY ON 29TH MARCH 2023

Representing St Mary's, Cilcain – Mrs Amanda Griffiths and Mrs Kathleen Mason

Representing Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield – Mr Peter Davies

Representing St Berres, Llanferres – Mrs Daryl Austin and Mr Michael Cordiner

Representing St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch – Mrs Lindsey Wilding and Mr David Wright

Representing St John, the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn – Mrs Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs Marion Watts

Representing St Mary's, Nercwys – Mr Ken Bickerton and Sue Sawyer

Representing Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – Mrs Anne Jones and Miss Melanie Morgan Condren

Representing St Mary's Treuddyn – Mrs Susan Hellen and Mr Matthew Taylor

Representing St Mary, the Virgin, Mold – Mr Clive Briscoe and Mrs Helen Briscoe

Representing St James', New Brighton – Mr Adrian Maguire & Mrs Susan Maguire

Representing Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop – Mrs Delyth Roberts and Mrs Gillian Neath

Mission Area Administrator & Treasurer: Mrs Geraldine Sanders

Mission Area Gift Aid Officer: Mrs Susan Hellen

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Constitution provides that the members of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the MISSION AREA, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MISSION AREA Conference's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed hereunder. The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. It is the responsibility of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE and the Incumbents to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance to the MISSION AREA for the

promotion of the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the MISSION AREA. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is responsible, inter-alia, for the MISSION AREA budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric and of the Churchyards, and for any action or other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution and is the normal channel of communication between the people of the MISSION AREA and the Diocesan Bishop.

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC BY:

- a) The provision of regular public worship
- b) The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- c) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- d) Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups
- e) Taking of Assemblies in local schools
- f) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services, and distribution of literature
- g) The provision of a youth club with Christian ethos
- h) Promoting the whole mission of the Church in Wales in aiding community cohesion through provision of activities for older people, mothers and toddlers and other specific groups

The Structure of the Mission Area (MAC)

The Trustee Board (MAC) are responsible for all matters concerning the running of the Mission and meet on a quarterly basis. Any matter requiring action between meetings is done via email as are matters relating to the following Sub-committees.

The Property Sub-committee has delegated powers to oversee property matters including strategic planning for property, faculties, and Quinquennial inspections and is made up of the clergy and at least one other representative from each church. This committee is led by the Mission Area Leader (MAL), aided by the Mission Area Administrator (MAA), and meet on a quarterly basis to share best practice and report to the MAC.

The Finance Sub-committee is made up of the clergy and all the church treasurers and has delegated powers to oversee finance matters including strategic financial planning, MA share allocation, investments, grant applications and shared MA expenses. This committee is led by the Mission Area Treasurer (MAT), aided by the MAL and meets on a quarterly basis to share best practice and report to the MAC.

The Shared Ministry Team (SMT) is made up of the clergy, licenced readers, pastoral chaplain and mission hub youth worker, and has delegated powers to oversee ministry matters including provision of church services, fresh expressions, chaplaincy, youth and children's ministry, pastoral and bereavement care etc. The SMT meet on a monthly basis and is led by the MAL (aided by the MAA/MAT) and report to the MAC.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Lay Mission Area Leader and Mission Area Warden Report

A Last Beatitude

And blessed are the ones we overlook;
 The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
 The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
 But keep the books and tally up the quota,
 The gentle souls who come to “do the flowers”,
 The quiet ones who organise the fête,
 Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
 Doorkeepers who may open heaven’s gate.
 God knows the depths that often go unspoken
 Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
 Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
 Placing each flower so, for a year’s mind.
 Invisible on earth, without a voice,
 In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

M Guite

In November 2022; Archdeacon Andy asked if I would consider being a lay Mission Area Leader. It only involves around two hours per week. ☺ The role is one of a facilitator.

So I looked it up: “someone who helps to bring about an outcome (such as learning, productivity, or communication) by providing indirect or unobtrusive assistance, guidance, or supervision”.

I agreed and hope that I haven’t facilitated too badly for you in 2023!

Looking back over the last few years it is very clear that “Being a Mission Area” involves us all in the journey. We began as very separate churches, who felt called to work together. At first that was described as churches only coming together to do the things they couldn’t do on their own. Which was a good description and a good place to start but we are reaching a time where the churches do as much as possible together and only do the things we can’t do together on their own. Looking back over the past year I can see many instances where the Mission Area came together to work for the good of all. Not least in the way services are provided across all our Churches.

Becoming a united group of churches where decisions are made collaboratively between clergy and lay and shared with the whole group has taken time. However, I do believe that we are on the right track. The small sub committees (Finance, Buildings and Shared Ministry Team) which together form the support for the Mission Area Conference, work really well, with humour, reflection and a sense of collegiality.

On a stormy weekend in November 2021 we were fortunate to gather in “Top Church” with Bishop Gregory and see the formation of the Mold Hub. What an excellent way to leave the pandemic behind us. Thanks to the geography of our Mission Area, the Hub is indeed the centre of the wheel formed by our eleven Churches.

The Hub encompasses all ages, our usual services, youth work, small groups, new services, Emergence etc., community support, outreach to Mold Schools, holiday clubs and Alpha courses.

We continue to maintain regular worship in all our Churches, and most are open every day for personal prayer and reflection. Special services such as Crib and Carol Services at Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Remembrance and All Souls Services in November are well attended and indicate a general need within society to link our secular world with an Omnipotent Being. Pastoral Care is provided across the Mission Area by clergy and pastoral assistants.

Within the Shared Ministry Team, the Rev'd Emma Dale and Rev'd Adrian Johnson left for new pastures and we wish them well. The Rev'd Dan Morgan was ordained Priest in June 2023, his achievement was celebrated with a combined MA service where people gathered to congratulate him as we worshipped and afterwards shared refreshments. In July we welcomed the Rev'd Jeanette Wilkes for the parishes of New Brighton, Pontblyddyn and Treuddyn.

We also welcome David Dobbs our new Ordinand.

Our thanks to Ryan Denton for the excellent cover when Esther was on leave.

Our Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants continue to increase in numbers and there will be further courses.

Thanks to the 1450 year celebration for St Asaph the Shared Ministry Team were able to travel and reflect on retreat in Eryri for a couple of days. It was beautiful; yet I lost my sole!

In 2023 the pulpit swaps have returned and will continue. Perhaps in 2024 we could have a choral swap?

A sincere thank you to Martin, Dan, Daniel, Jeanette, Kathy, Dawn, Esther, Wendy and Ken.

Our church treasurers pay as many bills as possible from the centre. This includes The Mission Area Share, Insurance, Parsonage Water rates, Church Music Licences, and the Salary for the Mission Area Administrator and Treasurer; this works really well.

In January we welcomed Geraldine Sanders to the new combined role of Mission Area Administrator and Treasurer. Our thanks to Sue Churm and Emily Clarke-Jones for seamlessly passing all the information from 2022.

Our thanks to Geraldine for her support and guidance given to our Mission Area.

Children and young families continue to be catered for in several different ways. The two church schools in our Mission Area federated in 2019 and now operate under the guidance of one executive head teacher. We are fortunate to have people within our Churches willing to give time to work as School Governors, and we are grateful to them.

Our thanks to the Messy Church Team for their wonderful contribution on behalf of our youngsters.

All our churches have been working to become Dementia friendly.

As always, we would like to convey our thanks to every member of our MA for all they do.

Sincerely

Kevin Weston.

Mel Morgan

Lay Mission Area Leader.

Mission Area Warden

Church reports

St Mary's Church Treuddyn

Worship in St Mary's Treuddyn has settled into a regular rhythm since July 2023 with 2 Eucharists, one morning prayer which was led by Paul Dendy our reader and an all age informal morning worship which is suitable for families, we are going to concentrate on building up all of our services to involve more people from the local community.

The church is open daily from 10am to 3pm, and from comments in the visitors book we can see that people regularly visit the church.

We have provided Baptism, Wedding and Funeral services throughout the year, and in the future, we need to work harder at maintaining contact with those who come into church for those occasional offices.

Ysgol Parc y Llan came into church for their Christmas Concerts this year, we are working on building better relationships between both schools and the church. The vicar is on the governing body of Ysgol Parc y Llan, and has been into school to do assemblies. These relationships will hopefully be built on in the future.

St James' Church New Brighton

The church has held many fund raising events throughout the year, usually a coffee morning and one other event, for example afternoon tea, cheese & wine, hot pot supper, St David's Day Welsh evening. The events have been very well attended by Church members, people from the village and members of Mold Church. The hall is well used for community events.

We have good links with the local Junior School. They have visited three times this year on one of which the children sang and "signed" every one of their songs to a packed Church.

The local drama group are still using the Church Hall, the Mothers' Union hold their monthly meetings there and the MU Diocese board of trustees hold their meetings once every quarter. The Church and hall are regularly used for the Mission Area Messy Church, because it is a very flexible space.

Of the planned improvements to the Church a new kitchen water heater and a de-humidifier for the Church were purchased. Meetings have been held with the Diocesan church inspector, Ryan Marsh, to discuss the heating needs of the Church. The recommendation is to have under pew heating in the Church, this will be priced and discussed further.

The discovery group prayer and Bible study has gone from strength to strength, with an average of 8 people attending each week.

Christ Church Pontblyddyn

The rota has settled into a pattern of 2 Communion services per month, one Morning Prayer and one informal all age worship.

Fundraising continued this year with a very successful Duck Race held at the Cricket club which we held in partnership with St Mary Treuddyn, and our regular coffee mornings have also been well

attended, We held several 'special' services during the year, including the commissioning service for the new Worship Leaders in the Mission Area led by Archdeacon Hayley Matthews, an Advent joint Service of light, and, for the first time in quite a few years, a Crib Service on Christmas Eve which was well attended.

In light of this we are going to arrange some more special services throughout the year. We have been working together with St Mary, Treuddyn and St James New Brighton with several joint services.

Christ Church is a re-ordered church and the space is very flexible with chairs instead of pews. We have held several sessions of the Mold MA Messy Church, and the space is also great for meetings and courses. Going forward we are going to hire out our space.

Revd Jeanette Wilkes, Vicar of Treuddyn, Pontblyddyn & New Brighton

St Mary's Church Nercwys.

The church members have achieved much over the past year and it was pleasing to note that all work on the disabled toilet/ kitchen extension has now been paid off and VAT reclaimed. We are now more able to offer refreshments after the services and have events such as the strawberry tea. The children from the local primary school have been invited in every term for a service.

We have continued to foster strong links with the school including offering Open the Book.

The church made a commitment to open the church daily from May until late October between 10-4pm and it was pleasing to read comments in the visitor's book from passers-by.

The church offers Holy Communion twice monthly alternating with Morning Prayer. There is also a family half hour service on the first Sunday of the month. During the week there is morning prayer on a Tuesday which is followed by coffee and chat when members of the community come along.

Nercwys is the smallest community in the Mold Mission Area but offers a caring and supportive community committed to the upkeep of the Grade II listed building and encouraging of outreach and preaching the good news.

Revd Kathy Stewart, NSM Vicar.

Bro Famau Group of Churches

Dear Friends

The previous few years have seen a significant amount of transition in our churches. We have been through the uncertainty of lockdowns and COVID, leadership transitions in wardens and curates, a change of schedule, and all the usual and occasional markers of the church year. It feels as if, however unsettled the world may be, that we are settling back into a more normal pattern of being.

At present we are engaging with every school in our patch. We have renewed our relationship with Ysgol y Foel in Cilcain, are continuing (and hopefully in the process of strengthening) our relationship with Ysgol Bro Famau, are looking forward to continuing to work with Ysgol Nannerch and its new head, and are still promoting Messy Church throughout the group and the mission area. It has also been a year with a significant number of baptisms. Along with the newly formed Pastoral Care group we hope to follow up with baptism families with invitations to continue to engage with the church.

With a recent run of pastoral issues recently, we are fortunate to have started a new pastoral care

committee. This group is focused on a variety of pastoral issues: follow up with baptisms, weddings, and funerals; pastoral visiting; welcome of newcomers to villages, and regular prayer for our churches and villages. With so many dealing with health issues at present, it is good to have such committed and caring people helping us to look after each other.

Attendant with many health issues is a significant number of funerals and burials. I have conducted, I believe, 65 funerals and burials in the past year and I know Wendy has taken some as well. Though many of them have sadly been for our own parishioners, many are simply those who live in our area and over whom we are given the cure of souls. Further, these services are often avenues into the church for those who are seeking, and we have had several join our regular congregations following the funeral of a loved one. It must be said that there is something compelling about proclaiming life in the face of death.

Fortunately, we have also had a significant number of weddings as well, and I am hopeful that a more regular following-up with the newlyweds will help share the good news we have to offer with them effectively.

Our biggest change of the last year was the revamping of our worship schedule to regularise worship times across the group. Though it has not been entirely without hicccough, i think the stabilisation will bear fruit. One of the most important factors in making it easy for people to attend church and lowering the threshold to get them through the door is having services at regular times, so I am hopeful that this will help us as we move forward.

While I have not yet crunched the numbers entirely, cursory glances indicate that our attendance across the group is roughly back at (or even in some cases above) 2019 attendances. It must be said that this is significant given the dramatic challenges faced by so many churches and other voluntary organisations during this time. That we have managed to hold the line in the face of such difficulty is a testament to the work and witness of everyone within our communities. As we are fortunate to be receiving a full-time stipendiary curate this summer who will serve with us for the next three years, I fully expect us to not only hold the line but resume our pre-covid trend of growth not only in faith and spirituality, but also in numbers.

This brings me to my most significant point. None of these things happen but for the faithful and dedicated service of all of you. Given the realities of the new church, the size of the Bro Famau Group, and the ever increasing amounts of administrative... work... required by the powers-that-be, I view my role here as rector and vicar as one that should be focused on enabling and empowering the ministries of our members. Every Christian has a vocation and ministry, not only those in collars, and it should be the role of the church to help foster faithful discipleship and service in every Christian.

That you have all risen to the significant challenge set before you is a testament to your faith and perseverance. Long may it continue. I am immensely grateful to everyone for the work that they do to further the mission and ministry of the church, to care for the broken and hurting places we see in the world around us, and to help themselves and others to be better followers of Christ.

There have been many who have been ready to write the church's obituary for decades now, but our God has a habit of breathing new life in to that which is dead. So long as we are here to keep the flame of faith alive, the church's witness will continue, and one day the faith will once again burn as a beacon in this country.

Thank you to each and every one of you for all that you do in prayer, in contemplation, in work and service, and in worship. It is an honour and a joy to serve the Kingdom of God in this place.

Blessings,

Daniel Stroud, Rector, Bro Famau Group of Churches

St Mary's Mold

Thanks to my colleagues, the churchwardens, church committee and all involved in the life of the church who enable the church to keep working during the year.

You will see from this report that we were very active, but also our involvement in Parkfields community centre, through Cytun, the Mission Area and the wider community.

Worship at St Marys continued with our 8am and 11am Sunday services, together with the Wednesday midweek service. In March a new contemporary service began at 5pm each Sunday. Gradually during the year this service has grown to an average of 20 people. However it should be noted that all our services saw an increase in numbers, with the average each week increasing from 49 in January to 62 by December 2023.

Special services for Holy Week were held, as well as for Harvest, All Souls, the Civic Remembrance Sunday service and services for Advent and Christmas. We hosted some Mission Area services including Rev Dan Morgan's' first Eucharist after he was ordained as a priest in July.

In 2023 we officiated at:

Baptisms	15
Weddings	6
Funerals	16

Children/ Youth work were further developed, with a number of activity mornings held on a Saturday and a Film morning, as well as a Holiday Club during Easter. We continued to build on our links with local primary schools, with regular assemblies in school and services in church. Mold Alun began a cross curriculum project based on St Marys for year 7 in line with the new curriculum for Wales.

We ran 2 alpha courses during the year. Both hosted by The Gathering.

A variety of social events were held during the year, including an organ recital by Ian Tracey, hymns and pimms and strawberry tea.

Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop

Thanks to my colleagues, the churchwardens, church committee and all involved in the life of the church who enable the church to keep working during the year.

It continues to be a good year for Northop Church and I am amazed amazing how well everyone works for the benefit of the church. It was all very encouraging. Rev'd Dan was priested this year and we are very fortunate in having him in our church, together with Ken and Dawn. The highlight of the year was the evening farmer's harvest service, which was very well supported. The children's activities taking place on Saturdays have also been very successful as have the mid-week services, showing a way forward to support the community

The faculty and quotations are in place to repair the church clock and we should see the positive outcome in 2024.

The graveyard is now full for burials but is still open for cremated remains.

Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor, Vicar of St Mary's Mold and Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop

Messy Church Annual Report for 2023.

There has been a strong commitment from a dedicated group of people from around the mission area who meet to plan, set up and invite children with their carers to Messy Church.

The Mission area covers 11 different churches and during this year we have used 3 churches in Gwernaffield, New Brighton and Pontblyddyn which provide the facilities required to hold Messy Church i.e. Space, kitchen and toilet and a good vacuum cleaner.

There were 9 sessions organised over the year with the following themes, The presentation of Christ in the Temple, Frozen, Easter crafts, Pentecost, the great picnic on Bailey Hill, Jonah, Harvest, messy money and Christingle.

Each session offered up to 6 crafts ideas which always included biscuits or cakes to decorate, after an hour we move into a worship quieter space for a story, talk about the crafts, a song and a prayer. We then return to go the main area which has been miraculously tidied and prepared for everyone to enjoy the food prepared for us.

We put information on our facebook page about events and always receive lovely comments and pictures from those who participated.

Messy Church is a free provision for all and is financially supported by the mission area.

The Messy Team

Dr Wendy Shillito, Cath Yeardly, Viv Craig, Caroline Ballard-East, Revd Jeanette Wilkes, Revd Kathy Stewart

Mold Mission Hub Report

Hub Leader overview

During 2023 we built on the previous years work. It has been encouraging to see all our congregations grow. As a hub team we have been fortunate to have been mentored by Lead Academy, an organisation working under the auspices of St Padarns. Through quarterly meetings they have helped us develop our strategy and keep focussed on our purpose. Their support has been invaluable.

During the year we started Emergence, our new contemporary service which is slowly growing, and Alpha continues to have a positive effect. We have discussed future plans to do with developing our churches welcome and how we invite people to services and events, and this has included

improving our website www.stmarysmold.org and social media presence especially on Facebook and Instagram.

Rev Canon Martin Batchelor

Emergence

The purpose of **Emergence** is to develop a weekly St Mary's Church service for those who wouldn't come to the more traditional morning or midweek services. Especially those who have little or no experience of church.



The feel of the service is informal and relaxed. The liturgy mainly takes the form of, some simple prayers and a block of worship songs released in the last 10 years led by a contemporary worship band.

There is preaching, often with interaction and discussion, also some- times opportunities for people to receive individual prayer.

Emergence started on 12th March 2023 and it has run most Sundays since. There was an initial flurry of interest before settling to a regular group of people in the summer, with steady growth since.

Alpha

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith for people of any faith or no faith at all. It runs for 11 weeks and comprises of video presentations and discussion times. It includes an Alpha Day which is the highlight of the course for most people



We have hosted two Alpha series in 2023 in The Gathering café in Mold, attended by a mixture of church and non-church people. Feedback is that Christians have grown in their faith, and non-Christians have come to a place of active faith.

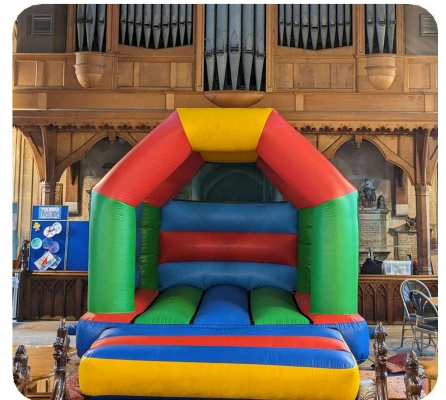
The third series is now underway and the goal is to run three per year with increasing numbers of non- Christians attending as word spreads.

Schools work

Our presence in local schools is going from strength to strength. Esther is now in both Mold Alun and Maes Garmon twice a week, holding pastoral referral sessions for students who may be struggling. In addition, she attends the lunchtime club in Mold Alun once a week. Esther is also planning a two week 'mini curriculum' for RVE lessons following the Easter holidays in the Alun. All Y7 students will have a lesson on prayer the first week, followed by a Prayer Spaces experience in the school hall during week 2. In 2022, this was a great success and encouraged the most wonderful conversations with young people about faith, spirituality and belief. Martin leads an assembly once a week at Ysgol Bryn Gwalia where the children are always delighted to see him. We hope that there is scope to increase what we are offering pastorally in Maes Garmon, whilst developing relationships and inviting young people/families to our events and services.

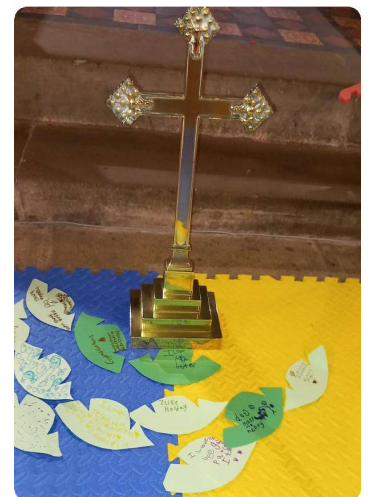
Church-based children and families work

Our craft mornings/afternoons in both Mold and Northop are flourishing. We had 50 people attend at Northop in February this year, with many families signing up to be kept informed about future events.



We are planning another craft morning in Mold for March, and also have a screening of 'Wonka' coming up for families on February 24th.

Esther is planning an Easter holiday club from March 25th – 27th, for children aged 5 – 11. This will be lots of fun, biblically based and will hopefully! - not only attract children to attend, but also enable to continued development of a children/youth work team at St. Mary's. We are planning to make this very low cost to be as accessible to families as possible. Toast for breakfast and a packed lunch will also be provided.



Youth work

Early in 2023 we began a small youth group at St. Mary's. We meet every 2 weeks after the Emergence service for pizza, hot chocolate, cakes, games and discussion. As our social media presence builds and presence in the schools deepens, we will keep inviting more young people to join us in our adventure of faith.

Financial Review

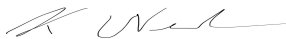
The receipts and payments for the year, and the assets and liabilities at the year-end are shown in the statements of accounts which accompany this report.

Reserves Policy

The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital, and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to 9 months payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed below is in line with this policy.

APPROVED by the MISSION AREA Conference at the Mission Area Vestry on 4th April 2024

and signed on its behalf by



Mr Kevin Weston
MISSION AREA LEADER

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
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
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	212,895	22,525	16,080	-	251,500	215,929
Income from charitable activities	26,196	-	10,024	-	36,220	41,182
Other trading activities	84,239	(1,979)	119	-	82,379	69,743
Investments	2,001	1,667	6,342	-	10,009	4,888
Other income	5,000	172,056	-	-	177,056	15,412
Total income	330,332	194,268	32,564	-	557,164	347,154
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Raising funds	7,193	-	-	-	7,193	4,315
Expenditure on charitable activities	315,461	63,115	36,566	-	415,142	399,247
Other expenditure	5,000	124	-	-	5,124	2,020
Total expenditure	327,654	63,239	36,566	-	427,459	405,582
Gains / losses on investment assets	55,796	914	6,162	-	62,872	(3,073)
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	58,473	131,943	2,160	-	192,577	(61,501)
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	93,620	82,405	106,463	-	282,488	121,087
Gross transfers between funds - out	(125,243)	(77,352)	(79,894)	-	(282,489)	(121,087)
Year end adjustment re Bro Famua	-	280	-	-	280	-
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>	-	-	9,503	-	9,503	-
Net movement in funds	26,850	137,276	38,231	-	202,358	(61,501)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	169,537	109,028	247,245	-	525,810	587,311
Total funds carried forward	196,387	246,304	285,476	-	728,168	525,810

Represented by

Unrestricted

General fund	196,387	-	-	-	196,387	169,537
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Designated

Boiler Fund	-	-	-	-	-	11,842
Cilcain Show Account	-	9,796	-	-	9,796	139
Reorder	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gwernaffield Reordering	-	10,045	-	-	10,045	18,765
Messy Church etc	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	696
Mission Area Development Officer Salary	-	-	-	-	-	7,521
Mold Bro Famau Group	-	(1,616)	-	-	(1,616)	-
Mold Fabric Fund	-	(15,873)	-	-	(15,873)	22,099
Mold Work with Children	-	425	-	-	425	-
Nercwys Investment	-	10,930	-	-	10,930	15,235
New Brighton new boiler & heating system	-	5,430	-	-	5,430	4,783
Northop Fabric Fund	-	32,118	-	-	32,118	21,048
Pontblyddyn Fabric Fund	-	510	-	-	510	510
Rhyd r/ordering designated	-	-	-	-	-	5,003
St Berres Fabric Fund	-	20,179	-	-	20,179	-
St Mary's Northop Hall, General	-	-	-	-	-	(192)
St Mary's Mold Reordering Fund	-	171,756	-	-	171,756	-
Treuddyn Donald Beckett Trust Fund	-	1,604	-	-	1,604	1,579

Restricted

Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	10,413
Bro Famau Group	-	-	-	-	-	345
Church Flowers & Festival Dec Fund	-	-	-	-	-	4
Ciclain Fabric Fund	-	-	88,337	-	88,337	83,637
Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,752
Gwernaffield Churchyard restricted	-	-	1,920	-	1,920	3,011
Gwernaffield Flower Guild	-	-	355	-	355	355
Mold Examination Fee	-	-	240	-	240	-
Mold Hub	-	-	19,798	-	19,798	-
Mold Retreat	-	-	188	-	188	-
Mold MA Share	-	-	9,657	-	9,657	-
Mold Salary and Expenses	-	-	13,971	-	13,971	-
Messy Church etc	-	-	753	-	753	244
Mold Fabric Fund	-	-	28,642	-	28,642	23,429
Nannerch Churchyard	-	-	4,435	-	4,435	3,949
Nercwys Chancel Repair	-	-	3,316	-	3,316	-
Nercwys Churchyard	-	-	1,441	-	1,441	1,372
Nercwys War Stock	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	1,558
Northop Churchyard Fund	-	-	64,317	-	64,317	97,045
Northop Clock Fund	-	-	360	-	360	-
Northop Grammar School Fund	-	-	11,792	-	11,792	11,803
Pontblyddyn Charitable Church Purposes	-	-	8,539	-	8,539	-
Pontblyddyn Churchyard Maintenance Fund	-	-	603	-	603	579
Rhydymwyn Churchyard Fund	-	-	1,027	-	1,027	3,026
Rhydymwyn Fabric Fund	-	-	5,252	-	5,252	-
Rhydymwyn Toddlers	-	-	872	-	872	-
St Berres Church Flowers	-	-	44	-	44	-
St Berres Churchyard Fund	-	-	(2,477)	-	(2,477)	-
St Mary's Mold Chancel Repair	-	-	1,560	-	1,560	-
St Mary's Mold Community Café	-	-	400	-	400	-
St Mary's Mold Warm Hub	-	-	3,495	-	3,495	-
Treuddyn Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	9,503	-	9,503	-
Treuddyn Churchyard Account	-	-	5,136	-	5,136	4,721

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets			
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6431: Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	6,096	5,773
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6431:E Taylor Trust	8,539	-
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6431:Chancel repair fund	9,503	-
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6434: Long Term Investment	680	680
Saint Berres	6434: Other investments COIF accumulation	-	16,552
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	-	67,271
St Marys Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	3,316	15,235
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6434: Long term investment	6,210	6,867
St Marys Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	12,930	
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	12,479	
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	5,779	
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	36,413	
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434:Chancel repair fund	1,560	
St Mary's Cilcain	6534: Other Investments	-	85,107
Total Fixed assets		103,505	197,486
Current assets			
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6501: Current Account	3,939	8,111
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6501: Current Account	14,930	29,461
Mold Mission Area	6501: Current Account	67,923	62,154
Saint Berres	6501: Current Account	7,704	20,367
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6501: Current Account	159,634	806
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6501: Northop/Northop Hall current a/c 3791	15,559	707
St James' Church	6501: Current Account	5,574	4,338
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6501: Rhydymwyn Current Account	16,371	16,413
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6501: Current Account	6,922	7,185
St Mary's Cilcain	6501: Current Account	1,674	5,176
St Marys Nercwys	6501: Current Account	16,038	15,097
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6501: Current Account	37,964	5,893
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6502: Churchyard current a/c 5417	3,965	1,958
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6502: Bro Famau Group Current Account	-	119
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6502: Treuddyn Churchyard account	5,136	4,853
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6503: Donald Beckett Trust Fund account	1,604	1,581
St Mary's Cilcain	6504: Cilcain Show (Barclays)	9,796	9,589
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6505: Deposit Account	5,194	5,012
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6505: Deposit Account	-	17,133
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6505: Northop Deposit a/c COIF04C	215	206
St James' Church	6505: Deposit Account	5,030	4,783
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6505: NS&I Deposit Account	240	240
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6505: Deposit Account	38	37
St Mary's Cilcain	6506:95 Day Business Notice Account	88,337	-
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6506: Building Account	791	778
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6506: Churchyard Deposit a/c COIF03C	53,763	88,867
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6506: NS&I Churchyard Account	1,027	1,026
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6506: NS&I Investment	1,247	-
Saint Berres	6506: Savings Account	20,179	-
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6507: 49 Club	17,464	16,091
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6507: Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	33,364	36,738
Saint Berres	6507:Savings Account	10,086	-

Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6508: Grammar School Deposit a/c COIF01C	12,354	11,835
Holy Trinity Church Gwernafield	6590: cash in hand (flower guild)	155	155
Saint Berres	6590: Cash in hand	44	4
St James' Church	6590: Cash in hand	22	-
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6590: Cash in hand	288	288
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6590: Cash in hand	91	169
Mold Mission Area	Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	60
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	874
Total Current assets		624,663	377,869
Liabilities			
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z04: Accounts Payable	-	106
Mold Mission Area	Z04: Accounts Payable	-	47,990
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z04: Accounts Payable	-	198
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z04: Accounts Payable	-	1,250
Total Liabilities		-	49,545
Net Asset surplus (deficit)		728,168	525,811
Reserves			
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	- 4,172	- 1,466
Holy Trinity Church Gwernafield	Excess / (deficit) to date	- 14,349	6,288
Mold Mission Area	Excess / (deficit) to date	5,661	444
Saint Berres	Excess / (deficit) to date	799	3,579
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Excess / (deficit) to date	128,080	- 15,353
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Excess / (deficit) to date	- 21,093	- 8,705
St James' Church	Excess / (deficit) to date	1,506	- 248
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	424	- 107
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	13	- 4,292
St Mary's Cilcain	Excess / (deficit) to date	- 66	- 6,214
St Marys Nercwys	Excess / (deficit) to date	828	- 29,513
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Excess / (deficit) to date	32,074	- 2,842
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z01: Starting balances	8,004	9,471
Holy Trinity Church Gwernafield	Z01: Starting balances	35,308	29,021
Mold Mission Area	Z01: Starting balances	14,223	13,779
Saint Berres	Z01: Starting balances	36,923	33,185
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z01: Starting balances	103,043	122,450
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z01: Starting balances	144,836	154,218
St James' Church	Z01: Starting balances	9,122	9,369
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z01: Starting balances	17,730	17,836
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z01: Starting balances	13,619	17,911
St Mary's Cilcain	Z01: Starting balances	99,872	104,716
St Marys Nercwys	Z01: Starting balances	30,332	59,414
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z01: Starting balances	12,798	14,862
Saint Berres	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	290	160
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	3,285	- 4,054
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	1,573	- 677
Mold Mission Area	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	47,762	-
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	8,645	-
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	- 424	-
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	30	-
St Mary's Cilcain	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	1,371
St Marys Nercwys	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,124	431
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	588	778
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z03:Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	9,503	-
Mold Mission Area	Z10:Adjustment re Bro Famau	278	-
Total Reserves		728,168	525,811

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	196,387	171,925
Designated	246,304	112,986
Restricted	285,476	240,899
Endowment	-	-
	728,168	525,811

MISSION AREA ACCOUNTS
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets						
6431 : Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	-	-	6,096	-	6,096	5,773
6431: E Taylor Trust	-	-	8,539	-	8,539	-
6431: Chancel Repair	-	-	9,503	-	9,503	-
6434 : Long Term Investment	43,303	23,409	12,655	-	79,367	105,228
6434 : Other	-	-	-	-	-	1,377
6534 : Other Investments	-	-	-	-	-	85,107
Total	43,303	23,409	36,793	-	103,505	197,486
Current assets						
6501 : Current Account	120,208	152,420	81,604	-	354,232	175,721
6502 : Churchyard current a/c 5417	-	-	3,965	-	3,965	1,958
6502 : Treuddyn	-	-	5,136	-	5,136	4,721
6503 : Donald Beckett	-	1,604	-	-	1,604	1,581
6504 : Cilcain Show	-	9,796	-	-	9,796	9,589
6505 : Deposit Account	4,926	5,792	-	-	10,717	27,412
6506 : Building Account	-	-	791	-	791	1,018
6506 : Savings Account	-	20,179	-	-	20,179	-
6506 : Churchyard	-	-	53,763	-	53,763	88,628
6506 : 95 day notice	-	-	88,337	-	88,337	-
6506 : NS&I Churchyard Account	-	-	1,027	-	1,027	1,026
6506 : NS&I Investment	-	-	1,247	-	1,247	-
6507 : 49 Club	17,464	-	-	-	17,464	16,189
6507 : 35 day notice	10,086	-	-	-	10,086	-
6507 : Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	-	33,104	260	-	33,364	36,640
6508 : Grammar School	-	-	12,354	-	12,354	11,835
6532 : Quoted Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
6532 : Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
6590 : Cash in hand	402	-	44	-	446	461
6590 : cash in hand (flower guild)	-	-	155	-	155	155
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	934
Total	153,084	222,895	248,683	-	624,662	377,869
Liabilities						
Z04 : Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	49,545
Total	-	-	-	-	-	49,545
Net total assets	196,387	246,304	285,476	-	728,167	525,811

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Mold Mission Area Conference

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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(Qualification, if any) FMIAAT

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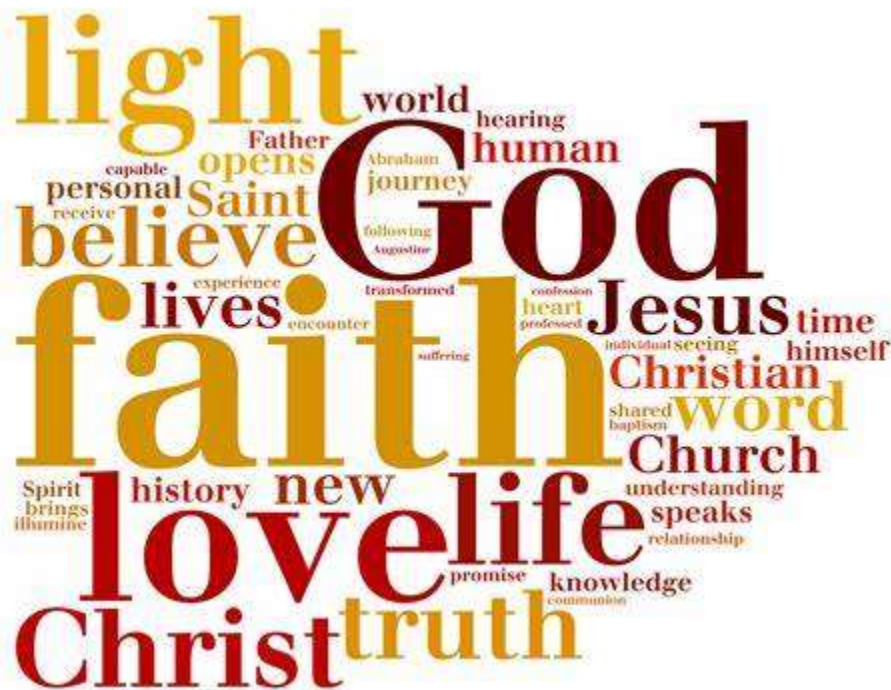
MOLD MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1176095

Accounts

The Mission Area of Mold

The Annual Report of the Mission Area Conference for the Year Ending December 2022



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CHARITY: Mold MISSION AREA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1176095

REGISTERED 5th December 2017

MOLD MISSION AREA is situated in: The Archdeaconry of Wrexham within the Diocese of St Asaph

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: 4 Pen y Coed, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RS

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 2022

IN 2022 THE MOLD MISSION AREA INCORPORATED 11 CHURCHES

St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain
Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield
St Berres, Llanferres
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch
St John the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn
Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop
St Mary's, Nercwys
St Mary's Treuddyn
Christ Church, Pontblyddyn
St Mary the Virgin, Mold
St James', New Brighton

THE TRUSTEES INCLUDED ALL THE CLERGY, ALL THE LICENSED LAY PEOPLE AND UP TO 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH CHURCH. IN 2022 THEY WERE:

INCUMBENTS:

Revd Carole Poolman, Vicar of Pontblyddyn & Treuddyn & Mission Area Leader – retired 31/12/22
Revd Kevin Horswell, Vicar of Mold and New Brighton – retired 30/9/22
Revd Daniel Stroud, Rector of the Bro Famau Group of Churches
Revd Kathy Stewart, Vicar of Nercwys
Revd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader rooted in Mold and Northop
Revd Adrian Johnson, Assistant Curate, Bro Famau Group of Churches
Revd Dan Morgan, Mission Hub Curate

READERS: Dr Wendy Shillito, Miss Dawn Wolstenholme

PASTORAL CHAPLAIN: Mr Ken Massey

MISSION AREA WARDENS: Mrs Melanie Morgan Condren and Mr Kevin Weston – resigned 31/12/22

ORDINANDS : Mrs Emma Dale & Mr Gareth Williams

MISSION HUB YOUTH WORKER: Mrs Esther Andrews

ELECTED MISSION AREA CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Representing St Mary's, Cilcain – Mrs Amanda Griffiths and Mrs Kathleen Mason

Representing Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield – Mr Peter Davies

Representing St Berres, Llanferres – Mrs Daryl Austin and Mr Michael Cordiner

Representing St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch – Mrs Lindsey Wilding and Mr David Wright

Representing St John, the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn - Mrs Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs Marion Watts

Representing St Mary's, Nercwys – Mr Ken Bickerton and Mrs Susan Sawyer

Representing Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – Mrs Anne Jones

Representing St Mary's Treuddyn – Mrs Susan Hellen (MA GAS)

Representing St Mary, the Virgin, Mold – Mr Clive Briscoe and Mrs Helen Briscoe

Representing St James', New Brighton – Mr Adrian Maguire & Mrs Sue Churm (MAT resigned 31/12/22)

Representing Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop – Mrs Delyth Roberts and Mrs Gillian Neath

Dr Emily Clarke-Jones (MA Development Officer) is secretary to the Conference, the Finance Sub-Committee and the Buildings Sub-Committee – resigned 31/12/22

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Constitution provides that the members of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the MISSION AREA, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed hereunder. The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. It is the responsibility of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE and the Incumbents to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance to the MISSION AREA for the promotion of the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the MISSION AREA. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is responsible, inter-alia, for the MISSION AREA budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric and of the Churchyards, and for any action or other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution and is the normal channel of communication between the people of the MISSION AREA and the Diocesan Bishop.

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC BY:

- a) The provision of regular public worship
- b) The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- c) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- d) Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups
- e) Taking of Assemblies in local schools
- f) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services, and distribution of literature
- g) The provision of a youth club with Christian ethos
- h) Promoting the whole mission of the Church in Wales in aiding community cohesion through provision of activities for older people, mothers and toddlers and other specific groups

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE	2022	2021	2020
Members on MISSION AREA Electoral Roll at the Easter Vestry	357*	357	436
Easter Attendees	357	237	0
**Christmas Attendees	956	302	156
***Average weekly attendance	222	197	177
Funerals including Graveside & Crematoria	111	40	132
Weddings	28	11	9
Baptisms	74	38	14

Please Note:

- * Full ER revision March 2022
- ** These figures show the number of attendees at the main Christmas Eve/Day Services, however other Services such as Crib and Carol Services drew quite large congregations and have become popular community events.
- *** Most Churches were closed for a large proportion of the year in 2020 and 2021 and Covid restrictions were in place.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Mission Area Leader's Report

Thank you for welcoming me to the role of Lay Mission Area Leader for Mold in 2023. I'll try my best!

2022 was ably covered by Carole our retiring MAL and the following letter that was distributed at her retirement service on January 1st 2023 is an excellent reflection on all that was achieved under Carole's guidance.....thank you.

Kevin Weston; Mission Area Leader

"It has been a huge privilege for me to serve in the churches of Pontblyddyn, Treuddyn and Nercwys as their priest. It has been an even greater privilege to serve as Mission Area Leader of the emerging Mission Area of Mold. During my time as MAL I have got to know all the churches fairly well. Caring for the Bro Famau churches before Rev'd Daniel came, Mold church during Rev'd Kevin's illness and Northop church during their long vacancy. There have, undoubtedly, been a few challenges along the way, but there have also been countless joys as we have learned to work together. But I haven't done any of this on my own. The ministerial team in this MA is second to none, and by that I don't just mean the Shared Ministry Team (who are, of course, a fantastic group of people) I mean everybody who serves any of the churches in any way. No-one is more important than anyone else as we are all called to use the gifts God has given us in his service. Thank you, for your love and support throughout the journey. I can honestly say that when I was ordained in 2001 I didn't know what I was letting myself in for! But, although I wouldn't have missed it for the world, I couldn't have done it without you. As we all begin a new year, which we know will bring changes (some already known, others still to be revealed) may God's wisdom, and strength continue to guide us all in making his love known to our communities. You will always remain in my affections and prayers. With love Carole"

Mission Area Wardens' Report

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in our Mission Area for working together and bringing us out of the Pandemic in a stronger position to move forward on our journey of hope, faith and love.

Our thanks to Carole and Kevin for shepherding us all; may they enjoy happy retirements.

It is good to see our growing clerical team of, Martin, Daniel, Kathy, Dan and Adrian. Thank you. Martin, Dan and Esther are instrumental in supporting us in the development of the Mission Area Hub and it's great to see their initiatives for the younger community. Our thanks to our Messy Church team for taking it to Zoom and now back to real meetings. Our thanks to the clergy, volunteers, and congregations in the Mission Area for pulling together to support people and assist them when they are in isolation, in hospital or sadly when a life is lost.

Churches are open again and our fellowship has continued to move forward with the opportunity to return to more real meetings and away from Zoom. Financially it could have been very difficult, yet once again being part of the Mission Area, we have been able to help each other when required. The Church in Wales and the Diocese have been excellent in adjusting Parish Share requirements and our congregations have been generous in difficult times. Thank you.

Meetings of the Mission Area Conference, the subcommittees of Finance and Buildings have continued to meet on a regular basis and have provided an invaluable base for sharing and preparing the Mission Area for the future. We are now in a good place to continue to develop our Mission Area Plan, for the homeless, for the hungry, for our children, our families and our neighbours. As always, we convey our thanks to every member of our MA for all they do.

Our sincere gratitude to Emily our development officer and Sue Churm our treasurer. Together they have wrapped up all our legal requirements for 2022. Emily has now joined the Diocesan Education Team. We wish Sue a happy retirement; I'm sure she will be spotted at St James! A warm welcome to Geraldine Sanders our new MA Administrator.

Every team needs to pull together; to bind us all together in Faith, Hope and Love.

*Melanie Morgan Condren and Kevin Weston
Mission Area Wardens*

Mission Area Treasurer's Report

The Mission Area bank position at 31.12.22 was £62,153.50, this includes all 2022 monthly receipts from Churches and all amounts paid centrally apart from one month Insurance £992.00, which Ecclesiastical didn't take from the bank in December and was paid post year end. An accrual has been entered for Dec quarter admin salary not received or paid until after the year end. In the accounts payable account at the year-end there is £24,228, less £1,050 to be transferred to agency account post year end, leaving £23,178, this is held under designated funds to be used to support any Church in difficulties, also there is £20,000, restricted fund which is the Mold Hub grant received in 2022, both are included in the bank balance of £62,153.50. In previous years a policy was agreed that the MA would keep in reserves an amount to pay the Administrator salary for one year, this amount was £9,500, this has been left as designated funds at 31.12.22. This will have to be recalculated after the Vestry meeting as the MA will be employing someone early in 2023 to take on the position of administrator and performing the MAT tasks. The means of paying this salary will have to go to the MAC and the £9,500 needs to be considered as an ongoing provision for future years which will have to be increased due to an increase in salary costs.

The parish share rebate for 2022 has been increased and an amount of £22,784 is due to be paid into the bank in January 2023, we are expecting a grant toward admin salaries in April 2023, last year this was £4,300. The balance in the fund for Messy Church and Children's and Young People work across the Mission Area was £940.68. The balance in the general fund at 31.12.22 was £3,781.19.

The decision to minimise bank charges in 2022 by each Church paying the agreed expenses into the bank on a quarterly rather than a monthly basis seems to have worked well. Thanks to Susan Hellen the Gift Aid & GASDS schemes continue to run well and HMRC are very quick in paying the refunds over, usually within a few days.

Finally, as you probably are all aware I resigned my position as MAT on 31.12.22 but have carried on "working" to complete the year ends for all the Churches and the consolidated accounts ready for the accountants. I would like to thank Carole and Emily, all the MAC trustees, FSC members, treasurers, gift aid secretaries, and all who have given their time freely during my five years as MAT, it has been a pleasure to work with you all. I am keeping my position as New Brighton treasurer so no doubt will meet up with some of you in the future. Thanks again.

Sue Churm, FMAAT Mission Area Treasurer

Mold Mission Area : Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	417.00	4,350.00	4,767.00	4,475.00
Other trading activities	7,095.83	0	7,095.83	7,558.00
Total income	7,512.83	4,350.00	11,862.83	12,033.00
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	40.00	—	40.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	3,995.99	7,382.68	11,378.67	10,846.43
Total expenditure	4,035.99	7,382.68	11,418.67	10,846.43
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	3,476.84	(3,032.68)	444.16	1,186.57
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	15,315.23	2,928.72	18,243.95	15,861.28
Gross transfers between funds - out	(18,243.95)		(18,243.95)	(15,861.28)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Net movement in funds	548.12	(103.96)	444.16	1,186.57
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	13,429.55	349.62	13,779.17	12,592.60
Total funds carried forward	13,977.67	245.66	14,223.33	13,779.17
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General fund	3,781.19		3,781.19	3,264.64
Designated				
Messy Church etc	696.48		696.48	664.48
Mission Area Development Officer Salary	9,500.00		9,500.00	9,500.43
Restricted				
Agency collection	—	1.46	1.46	1.44
Messy Church etc	—	244.20	244.20	348.18

Mission Area Buildings Sub-Committee Report

The terms of reference of the Buildings Sub-Committee were set by the Mission Area Conference in 2017 with an overall remit 'to support and advise individually and/or collectively all the church committees in the Mission Area of Mold relating to buildings and properties. The sub-committee has a key role to receive pre-faculty proposals for consideration and comment. This was extended by the Mission Area Conference to the exercise of delegated authority 'to agree straightforward / run-of-the-mill faculties to go forward as long as key people have taken part in the discussion.

Three meetings were held during the year, two electronically and one physical meeting. To facilitate the remit of the BSC group and in line with policy agreed by MAC requests for faculty permissions, etc, continue to be dealt with via email as required and included all relevant documentation. Responses were asked for via email and were recorded and held on file. Churches continue to work through repairs highlighted in the quinquennial reports received in 2021, with the majority of recommended urgent work being completed in a timely manner. Permission for faculties was granted to Treuddyn for repairs to windows and plasterwork and damage to the path and for plaques to be placed on the Lych gate; to Nercwys for the disposal of a pew, and to Pontblyddyn for the removal of an unsafe tree and repairs to the roof and boundary wall (covered by insurance) following storm damage. Towards the end of the year the BSC recommended to the MAC that Mold church be granted permission to replace their heating. This was subsequently approved by the MAC.

The Buildings Sub-Committee continues to be a most useful and valuable forum for discussion and information exchange on a wide range of issues affecting the church buildings of the Mission Area. While restrictions are in place meetings continue to be electronic. It is intended that going forward, meetings will be a mix of electronic and physical, and the pattern of rotation of meeting venues and visits to cover all the churches in the Mission Area will resume.

Dr Emily Clarke-Jones; BSC Secretary

Mission Area Messy Church Report

At the start of 2022, Messy Church continued to be held on zoom on the third Sunday of the month and the Messy Team, which is made up from churches around the Mission Area, we had reached out to up to 45 children each month with deliveries of messy bags containing all the crafts and activities inside. Despite the pandemic we were able to maintain regular contact with families and they were encouraged to join us for about 45 min for the zoom service. Each month the team hold planning sessions where we arrange a theme and consider suitable activities, a story, and a song. We started in January with the theme of St Dwynwen, in February we looked at Bees and in March we focused on choices we make, all of which took place on zoom. In April we held a Pop-Up Easter event in St Mary's Mold, this was well attended and engaged all children in the message of Easter. Further concerns around the level of Covid infections saw us return to using zoom in May when the theme was prayer.

There was a joint event with Mold Mission Hub in July with the theme of the marvellous picnic so of course the fire pits were in good use that day. Following the summer break in August, Messy Church returned in September when the team decided we felt confident to return to face to face sessions around the mission area. These sessions have been held in either Gwernaffield or New Brighton church halls. September's theme changed at the last minute to think about the Queen's life and death, and activities included making jam sandwiches for Paddington. October's theme was harvest and for November the theme was stars and angels. For the final session of the year in December we had a Messy ADVENTure session.

The core Messy Team is comprised of 6, Wendy, Viv, Cath, Sue and Caroline, with reliance on other helpers to assist on the day. We are always trying to encourage older teenagers or others to join us, honestly, it's messy but so rewarding.

Rev'd Kathy Stewart, On behalf of the Messy Team

Mold Mission Hub Report

Schools, Youth and Children

Alun School has been incredibly open to St. Mary's Hub. In October 2022 we led a mini curriculum for Y7 and Y8 RE classes: the first week we talked about the definition - and Christian belief in - the power of prayer, and the second week we created a Prayer Spaces experience in the school hall. Different creative stations were set up for students to engage in alternative forms of prayer, including a labyrinth, 'Be Still' tent and a Fizzy Forgiveness jar. The spaces were very popular, and many students came in at lunchtime to experience them. We made Christingles with the whole of Y7 just before Christmas and went a little deeper into the idea of Jesus as the 'light of the world'. Some amazing conversations were had in those lessons! Esther is a regular presence in the school through attending breakfast club. She is also leading some lessons at the end of January focusing on Holocaust Memorial Day. The humanities department at Ysgol Alun is planning a multi-disciplinary project focusing on St. Mary's this year, which is fantastic news.

As a Hub, we work a great deal with Parkfields Community Centre, which serves the Bryn Gwalia estate. Since their youth worker's grant funding came to an end in July 2022, Esther has taken over the running of their Wednesday after school Kids Club, which is for ages 5-11. This is not a Christian club but the children know that Esther works for the church and it's a fantastic way for us to increase our presence in this community - as well as residents' trust in us and St. Mary's. Our relationship with Parkfields allowed us to put on, with centre staff and the URC church, a community Christmas party in December 2022. We had a two-course buffet, carols with the local school choir, a visit to Santa for every child, dressing up with Theatr Clwyd, a Rodeo Reindeer and an elf hunt!

Cost of living

It became very evident over the last year that the economic situation in the United Kingdom and around the world was beginning to cause severe financial hardship, not only to the most vulnerable people in our society, but even those who had until recently, been quite comfortable. This was caused by the triple threat of Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine affecting the costs of fuel and fertilizer which our country's farmers rely on for crops and animal feed. Society as whole were informed by politicians, news channels and various documentaries that this crisis in the cost of living expenses could last for two to three years.

As a church, we knew it was important we did what we could to support the people in our communities and mission areas. Even though we are not based in a location known for poverty and deprivation, there are still pockets of people with less income and we knew the situation would affect everyone in some way or another in the future. Prior to Christmas, we made a list of various events, both yearly and seasonal that we could possibly do. These were things such as Skill Fairs, Swap Shops for clothes, toys and other essentials, Fun Events taking place during school holidays, etc. We also worked to find places in our community where we could promote such events as well as services and family days. It was heartening to see how many shops, café's, libraries and community centres were happy to help with this and, once we discussed promotion of Cost of Living events, were very enthusiastic to take part and give ideas. By the start of Advent we had over 40 places willing to support us in this way.

Over Advent, we opened our church to provide bread and soup and a hot drink on market day. Despite our efforts to promote the event, very few came, although those that did were happy to meet our team and to look around the church. It taught us to consider the types of events the community might wish to attend and that holding big events was not necessarily best. However, we felt it was a positive start and the community were beginning to understand we were there for them.

Riding lights

The Hub had the opportunity to host, with St Mary's Church, Mold, one of the three performances in the Diocese of the Riding Lights "Inspired" production. This was an opportunity to raise the profile of the Hub and for us as a team to run our first substantial event.

Approx 70 people attended from a number of different churches and the promotional work on social media and posters gave the opportunity to start sending the message to the community that St Mary's is open and becoming more active.

Just having to host the "front-of-house" of the event was helpful in testing this area for the future. It was a good opportunity for people of the church to serve in this outward focussed way once again and lessons were learned on how to fine-tune and develop this. It revealed some limitations in terms of equipment and facilities which can now be addressed for future events.



Marketing database

We recognised that in St Mary's church, Mold there is no inherent invitational base for family activities – the congregation are all of retirement age and most of their children/grandchildren are not local/interested. The lack of children's activities in recent years means the Hub has not inherited existing community connections from St Mary's. In order to start building an audience to reach out to, the baptism records from the last two years were compiled into a marketing database to be informed by email of family-friendly activities and events.

Family services

Family services (including a harvest family service) were run most months in Northop and Mold.



In Northop there is a history of monthly family services going back some years and a number of families attended the services in response to posters, social media messaging and baptism connections. There is momentum here to build on with consistency and quality.

In Mold there is no recent history of family services or indeed any family/children/youth activities whatsoever, so we are starting from the beginning. We informed the baptism families on our new email database about family services (including a 'Teddy Bear' service) and publicised them on social media. None attended, although most of the emails were opened. This led us to the conclusion that we may need to step back from the "Proclamation" phase for now and build more connection with local families first by focussing on "Presence" activities in the months ahead.



Family activities survey



In order to find and start engagement with some families who would be interested in coming to 'Presence' type family activities we created an online survey to elicit their opinions about what types of activity would be best. We then publicised and asked parents for their contributions to the survey using a QR code on a bookmark, a social media item and through primary schools. The bookmark was handed out at all Mold Christmas events. To date 45 families contributed to the survey and have asked to be kept informed. The survey results will inform the planning of activities in 2023 and these 45 families will be added to our baptism family database as our primary initial marketing database for them.

Christmas services

Northop Church has had good community engagement with family-focussed Christmas services in recent years and this was built on this year. The carol service had an increased attendance of approximately 104 people, encouraged by the inclusion of performances by the local school and a local choir. The Crib service once again had a full church of 206 people this year, with the live donkey and sheep taking part in the service being very popular! A Christingle service was tested out for the first time this year. Attendance was comparatively low at 36, possibly because it was duplicating the very successful Crib service and was a new event. The Midnight service and Christmas morning had low turnouts of 28 people. The sending of travelling crib around local families who had responded to an offer on social media engaged a number of families more closely and gave an opportunity for a home visit.



The St Mary's Christmas Eve service of light had some modern elements gently introduced alongside the traditional and these were promoted on social media. Attendance at this service exceeded all expectations at approximately 400 people of all ages (compared to 240 in 2019).

St Mary's Church traditional lessons and carols service on 18/12 had 60 in attendance, quite a low number considering the size of the town and less than half than the 130 attending on 24/12/2019. This may have been partly due to cold weather and non-functioning heating at the time. Being on the 18th rather than

Christmas Eve may have had an impact. Midnight Holy Eucharist was attended by 55 people and Christmas morning Eucharist by 56, similar numbers to 2019.

At all Christmas events we handed out leaflets inviting people to express an interest in attending an Alpha course by following a QR code, as well as a verbal invitation from the front. Two people did so in the days between Christmas and New Year, leading to a decision to run an Alpha course in the New Year.

Christening Alpha invitation

It was identified that between 3000 and 4000 people attend baptism services each year between St Mary's and Northop churches and that there could be people who are interested in exploring faith amongst them. In order to offer them a 'next step'. A "Curious about Christening" Alpha course invitation leaflet with a QR code leading to a form to express an interest in attending Alpha was created. The intention is for these to be given to each person attending Christenings as well as a verbal invitation from the service leader. This pilot started in November.



Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader

MISSION AREA VISION

To proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Christian faith, to maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all persons a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness

of their duties to God and their fellow human beings. We pledge our lives to Christ and covenant with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of these churches and our communities. We will work together across all churches within the MISSION AREA to develop a collaborative approach to mission and worship which supports the wider community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The **consolidated** SOFA, balance sheet and assets and liabilities at the 2021 year-end are shown in the statements of account which accompany this report. Further detail of the results for the year and the financial position of the Mission Area are included in the ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE section of this report above.

Total (consolidated) funds carried forward at year end, represented by unrestricted funds of **£171,925** designated funds of **£112,986** and restricted funds of **£240,899** totalled **£525,811**, as shown by the Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Cash Funds, plus Other Monetary Assets, plus Investments, less Liabilities).

RESERVES POLICY

The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital, and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to 9 months payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed above is in line with this policy.

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APPROVED by the MISSION AREA Conference on 10th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by Mr Kevin Weston (Mold Mission Area Leader).



Consolidated Accounts 2022

Statement of Financial Activities 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	177,493	16,278	22,158	215,929	322,763
Income from charitable activities	35,156	—	6,026	41,182	37,363
Other trading activities	51,773	16,608	1,362	69,743	40,765
Investments	3,728	310	850	4,888	14,548
Other income	15,412	—	—	15,412	340
Total income	283,563	33,195	30,396	347,154	415,780
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	4,315	—	—	4,315	2,076
Expenditure on charitable activities	312,794	17,449	69,004	399,247	369,218
Other expenditure	20	—	2,000	2,020	—
Total expenditure	317,130	17,449	71,004	405,582	371,294
Gains / losses on investment assets	(4,197)	431	694	(3,073)	6,785
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(37,764)	16,178	(39,914)	(61,501)	51,272

Transfers

Gross transfers between funds - in	52,332	17,197	51,558	121,087	150,323
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,990)	(67,787)	(22,311)	(121,087)	(150,323)

Other recognised gains / losses

Net movement in funds	(16,421)	34,412	(10,667)	(61,501)	51,272
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Reconciliation of funds

Total funds brought forward	185,959	143,440	257,912	587,311	536,040
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Total funds carried forward	169,537	109,028	247,245	525,811	587,311
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Represented by

Unrestricted					
General fund	169,537	—	—	169,537	185,959
Designated					
Boiler Fund	—	11,842	—	11,842	9,319
Cilcain Show Account	—	139	—	139	139
Reorder	—	1	—	1	20,100
Gwernaffield Reordering	—	18,765	—	18,765	7,040
Messy Church etc	—	696	—	696	664
Mission Area Development Officer Salary	—	7,521	—	7,521	9,500
Mold Fabric Fund	—	22,099	—	22,099	49,013
Nercwys Investment	—	15,235	—	15,235	14,804

New Brighton new boiler & heating system	—	4,783	—	4,783	4,778
Northop Fabric Fund	—	21,048	—	21,048	25,850
Pontblyddyn Fabric Fund	—	510	—	510	210
Rhyd r/ordering designated	—	5,003	—	5,003	40
St Mary's Northop Hall, General	—	(192)	—	(192)	404
Treuddyn Donald Beckett Trust Fund	—	1,579	—	1,579	1,579
Restricted					
Agency collection	—	—	10,413	10,413	2,687
Bro Famau group	—	—	345	345	345
Church Flowers & Festival Dec Fund	—	—	4	4	135
Cilcain Legacy vicar and wardens	—	—	83,637	83,637	87,121
Fabric Fund	—	—	1,752	1,752	1,752
From DBF - ACR Wain War Stock	—	—	1,558	1,558	3,558
Gwernaffield Churchyard restricted	—	—	3,011	3,011	3,011
Gwernaffield Flower Guild	—	—	355	355	509
Messy Church etc	—	—	244	244	348
Mold Fabric Fund	—	—	23,429	23,429	22,249
Nannerch Churchyard	—	—	3,949	3,949	1,798
Nercwys Churchyard	—	—	1,372	1,372	669
Nercwys Reordering fund	—	—	—	—	947
Northop Churchyard Fund	—	—	97,045	97,045	101,469

Northop Grammar School Fund	—	—	11,803	11,803	11,721
Pontblyddyn Churchyard Maintenance Fund	—	—	579	579	666
Rhydymwyn Churchyard Fund	—	—	3,026	3,026	3,026
Rhydymwyn Reordering Fund	—	—	—	—	9,450
Treuddyn Churchyard Account	—	—	4,721	4,721	6,451

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Balance sheet 2022

		31/12/2022	31/12/2021
Fixed assets			
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6431: Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	5,773	6,450
Saint Berres	6432: Quoted investments COIF accumulation	—	4,851
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6434: Long Term Investment	680	680
Saint Berres	6434: Other investments COIF accumulation	16,552	11,541
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	67,271	100,936
St Mary's Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	15,235	14,804
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6434: Long term investment	6,867	7,170
St Mary's Cilcain	6534: Other Investments	85,107	83,737
Total Fixed assets		197,486	230,170
Current assets			

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6501: Current Account	8,110	9,577
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6501: Current Account	29,461	23,781
Mold Mission Area	6501: Current Account	62,154	40,055
Saint Berres	6501: Current Account	20,367	16,745
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6501: Current Account	806	500
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6501: Northop/Northop Hall	707	8,245
St James' Church	6501: Current Account	4,338	4,591
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6501: Rhydymwyn Current Account	16,413	16,447
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6501: Current Account	7,185	9,720
St Mary's, Cilcain	6501: Current Account	5176	3254
St Mary's, Nercwys	6501: Current Account	15,097	44,609
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6501: Current Account	5,893	8,708
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6502: Churchyard	1,958	6,818
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6502: Bro Famau Group Current Account	(119)	41
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6502: Treuddyn Churchyard account	4,853	6,612
St Mary's Cilcain	6502: Cilcain buildings account(HSBC)	—	16,014
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6502: Nannerch Old Current Account	—	28
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6503: Donald Beckett Trust Fund account	1,581	1,579
St Mary's Cilcain	6504: Cilcain Show (Barclays)	9,589	1,711
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6505: Deposit Account	5,012	4,063
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6505: Deposit Account	17,133	11,742

Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6505: Northop Deposit	206	204
St James' Church	6505: Deposit Account	4,783	4,779
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6505: NS&I Deposit Account	240	240
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6505: Deposit Account	37	37
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6506: Building Account	778	778
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6506: Churchyard Deposit	88,867	88,009
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6506: NS&I Churchyard Account	1,026	1,026
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6507: 49 Club	16,091	14,559
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6507: Fabric Deposit	36,738	33,521
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6508: Grammar School Deposit	11,835	11,721
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6590: cash in hand (flower guild)	155	497
Saint Berres	6590: Cash in hand	4	48
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6590: Cash in hand	288	442
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6590: Cash in hand	169	83
Mold Mission Area	Z05: Accounts Receivable	60	186
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z05: Accounts Receivable	874	1,210
Total Current assets		377,869	392,176

Liabilities

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z04: Accounts Payable	106	106
Mold Mission Area	Z04: Accounts Payable	47,990	26,462
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z04: Accounts Payable	198	7,717
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z04: Accounts Payable	1,250	750
Total Liabilities		49,545	35,035

Net Asset surplus (deficit)

525,811 **587,311**

Reserves

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(1,466)	1,641
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Excess / (deficit) to date	6,288	15,808
Mold Mission Area	Excess / (deficit) to date	444	1,187
Saint Berres	Excess / (deficit) to date	3,579	2,159
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Excess / (deficit) to date	(15,353)	5,343
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Excess / (deficit) to date	(8,705)	6,713
St James' Church	Excess / (deficit) to date	(248)	(641)
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(107)	(2,403)
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(4,292)	6,736
St Mary's Cilcain	Excess / (deficit) to date	(6,214)	(1,380)
St Marys Nercwys	Excess / (deficit) to date	(29,513)	3,294
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,842)	6,029
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z01: Starting balances	9,471	7,830
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Z01: Starting balances	29,021	13,212
Mold Mission Area	Z01: Starting balances	13,779	12,593
Saint Berres	Z01: Starting balances	33,185	31,291
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z01: Starting balances	122,450	117,107
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z01: Starting balances	154,218	143,054
St James' Church	Z01: Starting balances	9,369	10,010
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z01: Starting balances	17,836	20,239
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z01: Starting balances	17,911	11,174
St Mary's Cilcain	Z01: Starting balances	104,716	106,095
St Marys Nercwys	Z01: Starting balances	59,414	54,601
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z01: Starting balances	14,862	8,833
Saint Berres	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	160	(264)
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(4,054)	—
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(677)	4,450
St Mary's Cilcain	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,371	—
St Marys Nercwys	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	431	1,519
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	778	1,081
Total Reserves		525,811	587,311

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	171,925	185,959
Designated	112,986	143,440
Restricted	244,899	257,912
Total	525,811	587,311

Statement of assets and liabilities 2022

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Last year
Fixed assets					
6431 : Miss Irene Vaughan Trust,	—	—	5,773	5,773	6,450
6432 : Quoted	—	—	—	—	4,851
6434 : Long Term Investment,	72,516	—	—	72,516	101,528
6434 : Long term investment,	—	31,354	1,357	32,711	32,227
6434 : Other investments	—	—	1,377	1,377	1,377
6534 : Other Investments	—	—	85,107	85,107	83,737
Total	72,516	31,354	93,615	197,486	230,170
Current assets					
6501 : Current Account	19,210	37,968	113,984	171,161	172,331
6501 : Northop/Northop Hall		(3,250)	493	2,757	2,148
6501 : Rhydymwyn		5,003	2,303	7,305	11,752
6502 : Bro Famau Group	12	—	—	12	16,244
6502 : Northop Churchyard	—	(192)	2,151	1,958	6,818
6502 : Treuddyn Churchyard	—	—	4,721	4,721	6,651
6503 : Donald Beckett Trust Fund,	2	1,579	—	1,581	1,579
6504 : Cilcain Show (Barclays)	9,450	139	—	9,589	1,711
6505 : Deposit Account	27,778	4,909	(5,275)	27,412	21,065
6506 : Building Account	1,018	—	—	1,018	778
6506 : Churchyard	—	—	88,628	88,828	88,009
6506 : NS&I Churchyard Account	—	—	1,026	1,026	1,026
6507 : 49 Club	16,189	—	—	16,189	14,559
6507 : Fabric	—	36,640	—	36,640	33,521
6508 : Grammar School	32	—	11,803	11,835	11,721
6532 : Quoted investments,					(26,967)
6532 : Quoted investments,					26,967
6590 : Cash in hand	21,538	—	(21,077)	461	761
6590 : cash in hand (flower guild)	88	—	68	155	309
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	—	—	934	934	1,396
Total	95,317	82,795	199,758	377,869	392,176
Liabilities					
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	—	—	—
Z04 : Accounts Payable	(1,704)	5,120	46,129	49,545	35,035
Total	(1,704)	5,120	46,129	49,545	35,035
Net total assets	169,537	109,028	247,245	525,811	587,311

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Mold Mission Area Conference

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Name)	Lorraine Hughes	(Date)	27 th March 2023
(Qualification, if any)	FMIAA		
(Address)	25 Grosvenor Road		
	Wrexham		

MOLD MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1176095

Accounts

The Mission Area of Mold

The Annual Report of the Mission Area Conference

for the Year Ending December 2021



The Correspondence address is:
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CHARITY: Mold MISSION AREA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1176095

REGISTERED 5th December 2017

MOLD MISSION AREA is situated in: The Archdeaconry of Wrexham within the Diocese of St Asaph

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: The Rectory, Llanfynydd, Wrexham, Flintshire. LL11 5HH

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 2021

IN 2021 THE MOLD MISSION AREA INCORPORATED 11 CHURCHES

St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain

Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield

St Berres, Llanferres

St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch

St John the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn

Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop

St Mary's, Nercwys

St Mary's Treuddyn

Christ Church, Pontblyddyn

St Mary the Virgin, Mold

St James', New Brighton

THE TRUSTEES INCLUDED ALL THE CLERGY, ALL THE LICENSED LAY PEOPLE AND UP TO 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH CHURCH. IN 2021 THEY WERE:

INCUMBENTS:

Revd Carole Poolman, Vicar of Pontblyddyn & Treuddyn & Mission Area Leader

Revd Kevin Horswell, Vicar of Mold and New Brighton.

Revd Daniel Stroud, Rector of the Bro Famau Group of Churches

Revd Kathy Stewart, Vicar of Nercwys

Revd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader rooted in Mold and Northop

Revd Adrian Johnson, Assistant Curate, Bro Famau Group of Churches

READERS: Dr Wendy Shillito

PASTORAL CHAPLAIN: Mr Ken Massey

MISSION AREA WARDENS: Mrs Melanie Morgan Condren and Mr Kevin Weston

ORDINANDS : Mrs Emma Dale & Mr Gareth Williams

TRAINEE READER: Miss Dawn Wolstenholme

ELECTED MISSION AREA CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Representing St Mary's, Cilcain – Mrs Amanda Griffiths and Mrs Kathleen Mason

Representing Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield – Mr Peter Davies

Representing St Berres, Llanferres – Mrs Daryl Austin and Mr Michael Cordiner

Representing St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch – Mrs Lindsey Wilding and Mr David Wright

Representing St John, the Evangelist, Rhydymwyn - Mrs Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs Marion Watts

Representing St Mary's, Nercwys – Mrs Mavis Bartlett and Mr Ken Bickerton

Representing Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – Mrs Anne Jones

Representing St Mary's Treuddyn – Mrs Susan Hellen (MA GAS)

Representing St Mary, the Virgin, Mold – Mr Clive Briscoe and Mrs Helen Briscoe

Representing St James', New Brighton – Mrs Sue Churm (MA Treasurer)

Representing Ss Eurgain & Peter, Northop – Mrs Delyth Roberts and Mrs Heather Chidley (Resigned Dec 2021)

Dr Emily Clarke-Jones (MA Development Officer) is secretary to the Conference, the Finance Sub-Committee and the Buildings Sub-Committee.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Constitution provides that the members of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the MISSION AREA, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed hereunder. The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. It is the responsibility of the MISSION AREA CONFERENCE and the Incumbents to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance to the MISSION AREA for the promotion of the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the MISSION AREA. The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE is responsible, inter-alia, for the MISSION AREA budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of Church fabric and of the Churchyards, and for any action or other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution and is the normal channel of communication between the people of the MISSION AREA and the Diocesan Bishop.

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC BY:

- a) The provision of regular public worship
- b) The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- c) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- d) Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups
- e) Taking of Assemblies in local schools
- f) Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services, and distribution of literature
- g) The provision of a youth club with Christian ethos.
- h) Promoting the whole mission of the Church in Wales in aiding community cohesion through provision of activities for older people, mothers and toddlers and other specific groups.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE	2021	2020	2019
Members on MISSION AREA Electoral Roll at the Easter Vestry	357	436	307
Easter Attendees	237	0	420
*Christmas Attendees	302	156	393
**Average weekly attendance	197	177	247
Funerals including Graveside & Crematoria	40	132	91
Weddings	11	9	35
Baptisms	38	14	78

Please Note: In 2021 churches continued to be restricted due to Covid regulations. The figures are therefore limited to the last 4 months (Sep-Dec) of 2021.

*These figures show the number of attendees at the main Christmas Eve/Day Services, however other Services such as Crib and Carol Services drew quite large congregations and have become popular community events.

**Most Churches were closed for a large proportion of the year in 2020 and 2021 and Covid restrictions were in place.

MISSION AREA LEADER'S INTRODUCTION

The past year has seen a very slow emergence from the total lockdowns of 2020. However, we have still been very limited in our activities as the Covid Regulations changed at regular intervals. Many of our business meetings have continued to be virtual and this has led to decisions by all our MA Committees to mix our types of meetings in future. Virtual meetings have a distinct advantage on those winter evenings when getting into the car to attend a meeting in a (sometimes cold) church or hall is the alternative. However, we will be together physically for our Annual Vestry Meeting in Northop on 7th April, when we will share in Worship, decision making, refreshments and fellowship.

The year has seen some changes in our MA and in the way we are approaching Mission. In June the Rev'd Adrian Johnson joined us as our Non-Stipendiary Curate based in Bro Famau. Then in November we were delighted to welcome the Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor into our Shared Ministry Team. Martin has been appointed as Mission Hub Specialist based in St Mary's Mold, and as the priest rooted in Northop. He will be the Leader of a team which will (eventually) include a Family Lay Worker and a Curate, all of whom will focus on finding ways to connect with the communities in Mold and the rest of our MA. This not only means that we are fully staffed again, it also means that we have a little spare capacity so that some of the things we would like to do can now be attempted.

At the end of 2020 we were finally able to put a Mission Action Plan together based on the Mission Area Review of 2020. This will be re-examined regularly as we begin new activities and either end, or decide not to begin, others. It is a living document which will change as the circumstances of our MA and our communities change.

The departure of Archdeacon John Lomas at the end of 2021 will, inevitably, impact upon us during the coming year as decisions are made at Diocesan level regarding the future of the Archdeacons in the Diocese.

There is no doubt that we are gradually becoming a more united entity as members of the various church families get to know one another better. This was illustrated when Bishop Gregory came to officiate at the licensing service in Mold Church on 28th November. It was lovely to see so many people from across the Mission Area, sharing together as we welcomed Martin into our midst, and I was relicensed as Mission Area Leader.

The small groups (Treasurers, Buildings and Shared Ministry) which work together at the centre of the MISSION AREA continue to work really well. My thanks go to the members of those groups whose participation isn't limited to official meetings as they are always ready to help one another whenever needed.

Obviously, none of the work that goes on throughout the Mission Area could be done without the small army of volunteers who staff our churches. My thanks go to all who enable the work of worship and mission, including (but not restricted to) Members of the Shared Ministry Team, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Assistants, Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, Committee Members, and the many others who give of their time and talents to enable church life to flourish. A special "Thank you" to Mel Morgan Condren and Kevin Weston for their continued support as Mission Area Wardens, to Sue Churm our Mission Area Treasurer and, of course to our Development Officer; Dr Emily Clarke-Jones who keeps me, and everyone else organised.

*Rev'd Carole Poolman
Mission Area Leader*

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Mission Area Leader's Report

Despite the difficulties associated with the Pandemic, THE MISSION AREA PERSONNEL have continued to maintain regular worship. When possible, this has taken place in the Church Buildings, otherwise, a mixture of virtual services and written services/readings delivered by hand or post have been the substitute. Pastoral Care, often via phone calls, was provided across the Mission Area with the help of the Pastoral Assistants and retired clergy.

Within the SHARED MINISTRY TEAM, The Rev'd Adrian Johnson joined us as our MA Curate based in Bro Famau and The Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor joined the team as Mission Hub Specialist working from St Mary's Church, Mold and as priest rooted in Northop.

Within the MISSION AREA in addition to the 6 clergy, a Reader, and a Pastoral Chaplain, we also have 23 Worship Leaders and 12 Pastoral Assistants. Our Mission Area also welcomed 2 ordinands on placement in September 2020, one of whom will be ordained in July 2022 and will then transfer to Mountain and Estuary Mission Area. The other is due to be ordained in 2023 and therefore remains with us during the coming year.

It was with great sadness that we marked the death of Mr John Foxlee who, as a Reader and MAC Trustee, had been active right across the MA and Diocese. We will continue to miss his contributions to our corporate life.

THE MISSION AREA TRUSTEES/CONFERENCE agreed in 2020 that all MISSION AREA meetings could be held virtually, by phone, by email or by post, and this has allowed the necessary business of the MISSION AREA and churches within it to continue to be conducted. In December, the Trustees agreed a Mission Action Plan based on the Mission Area Review of 2020 together with the instigation of the Mission Hub. The Mission Area Action Plan will be re-assessed at regular intervals. The MISSION AREA TREASURERS continue to pay as many bills as possible from the centre. Once again, we have received grants from the Diocese to help with the lack of income due to the Pandemic, however, these have now come to an end. This means that fund raising will be needed in all our churches if we are to maintain the necessary income.

MISSION AREA WORK WITH CHILDREN. The growth experienced last year has been maintained. Once again, we have The Rev'd Kathy Stewart, Dr Wendy Shillito and the Messy Church Team, to thank for this. We are extremely grateful to them for all their hard work. Please see the Messy Church report from Rev'd Kathy.

The MISSION AREA PERSONNEL have continued to provide support, pastoral care, and worship for many different age groups across the MISSION AREA in another turbulent year when conditions and regulations changed continually.

*Rev'd Carole Poolman
Mission Area Leader*

Mission Area Wardens' Report

Putting pen to paper, on a sunny day in Spring, one can smile at the lambs in the fields and the daffodils in abundance: the signs of new life and beginnings. Yet this year we are witnessing the sad events taking place in Ukraine. Please pray for all in the Ukraine and help provide assistance. On Saturday 5th March a vigil was held at our Mother church, St Mary's the Virgin, in Mold and vigils will continue until peace returns.

"And when the broken-hearted people living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be
For though they may be parted, there is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be,
And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Shinin' until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me"

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in our Mission Area for working together and bringing us out of the Pandemic in a stronger position to move forward on our journey of hope, faith, and love. It is good to see our expanding clerical team, of Carole, Kevin, Daniel, Kathy and Adrian being joined by Martin Batchelor in November 2021. Martin will be instrumental in supporting us in the development of the Mission Area Hub.

Our thanks to the clergy, volunteers, and congregations in the Mission Area for pulling together to support people and assist them when they are in isolation, in hospital or sadly when a life was lost. Churches have remained open when possible and our fellowship has continued to move forward with the opportunity to return to more real meetings and away from Zoom.

Financially it could have been very difficult, yet once again being part of the Mission Area, we have been able to help each other when required. The Church in Wales and the Diocese have been excellent in adjusting Parish Share requirements and our congregations have been generous in difficult times. Thank you.

Meetings of the Mission Area Conference, the subcommittees of Finance and Buildings have continued to meet on a regular basis and have provided an invaluable base for sharing and preparing the Mission Area for the future. We are now in a good place to continue to develop our Mission Area Plan, for the homeless, for the hungry, for our children, our families, and our neighbours. Now our worship has become less virtual, may our service continue!

As always, we convey our thanks to every member of our MA for all they do.

Our sincere gratitude to Emily our development officer and Sue Churm our treasurer.

Every team needs a leader to pull them through; our grateful thanks to Rev Carole our leader, for binding us all together.

*Melanie Morgan Condren and Kevin Weston
Mission Area Wardens*

Mission Area Treasurer's Report

The Mission Area bank position at 31.12.21 was £40,054.74, this includes all 2021 monthly receipts from Churches and all amounts paid centrally, there are no balances in centrally paid accounts receivable or payable.

The 2020 quarter 2 pandemic refund of £27,178 which is held under designated funds, to be used to support churches in difficulty, now stands at £23,178, this amount is included in the £40,054 bank balance. The £4,000 awarded to St. Mary's, Mold to help with the 2021 Parish Share has been deducted from the original amount, when the balance of the pandemic refund is eventually divided between the Churches this will be in the same ratio as the Parish Share paid. Also included in the balance in the bank is, as agreed in previous years, one year's Development Officers salary, including provision for any increases and any expenses claimed. We have applied for a Grant of £4,000 towards the salary, if this is received the balance will be carried forward or transferred to general funds if required. The balance in the fund for Messy Church and Children's and Young People work across the Mission Area is £1,012. The balance in general fund at 31.12.21 is £3,264.

The Church in Wales was again very generous in offering Pandemic awards in 2021, the Mission Area qualified for these by paying our parish share on time, abiding by the request to encourage Church offerings to be paid by Gift direct and acting upon the results of the inspections and the advice given afterwards. In 2021 we have received awards of 45% of the parish share in quarters one and two and 30% in quarter 3.

There was a final balance left in the Diocesan fund at the end of 2021, this was split between Churches within the Diocese in the same ratio as the parish share and it was decided at the MMA share meeting to deduct the amount of our award from the total share due for 2022, thus reducing the amount for each of our Churches, the total amount of the final award being £10,051. These awards have been a very welcome and generous contribution to our Churches during a very difficult time. In Autumn of 2021 we were informed by our bank that they would be making charges to our account from 01.02.22, to minimise these charges each Church will be paying the agreed expenses into the bank on a quarterly rather than a monthly basis.

Thanks to Susan Hellen the Gift Aid & GASDS schemes are still running well and HMRC are very quick in paying the refunds over, usually within a few days.

Finally, I would like to thank all the treasurers, gift aid secretaries and all who have given their time freely during another very difficult year.

*Sue Churm, FMAAT
Mission Area Treasurer*

Mold Mission Area : Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	175	4,300	4,475	5,300
Other trading activities	7,557	0	7,558	8,023
Total income	7,732	4,300	12,033	13,323
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	—	—	—	20
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,170	4,676	10,846	10,226
Total expenditure	6,170	4,676	10,846	10,246
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,562	(376)	1,186	3,077
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	15,861	—	15,861	4,800
Gross transfers between funds - out	(15,810)	(50)	(15,861)	(4,800)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Net movement in funds	1,613	(427)	1,186	3,077
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	11,815	776	12,592	9,515
Total funds carried forward	13,429	349	13,779	12,592
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General fund	3,264	—	3,264	1,276
Designated				
Messy Church etc	664	—	664	489
Mission Area Development Officer Salary	9,500	—	9,500	10,050
Restricted				
Agency collection	—	1	1	1
Messy Church etc	—	348	348	775

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Mission Area Buildings Sub-Committee Report

The terms of reference of the Buildings Sub-Committee were set by the Mission Area Conference in 2017 with an overall remit 'to support and advise individually and/or collectively all the church committees in the Mission Area of Mold relating to buildings and properties. The sub-committee has a key role to receive pre-faculty proposals for consideration and comment. This was extended by the Mission Area Conference to the exercise of delegated authority 'to agree straightforward / run-of-the-mill faculties to go forward as long as key people have taken part in the discussion.

Four meetings were held during the year, and due to continued restrictions, these have all been electronic. To facilitate the remit of the BSC group and in line with policy agreed by MAC considering the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic, requests for faculty permissions, etc, normally brought to the Buildings Sub-committee were circulated via email including all relevant documentation. Responses were via email and were recorded and held on file. Churches have received their quinquennial reports and are working through the recommended urgent and non-urgent repairs. In addition, permission was granted to Mold to apply for a List B faculty for repairs to their lightning conductor; Treuddyn to apply for a full faculty for hand-rails to be installed at the church entrances and for grip rails to be installed at the main door; and Northop to apply for a faculty to move items to Northop from Northop Hall.

During the year, Rhydymwyn church commenced their re-ordering project, and Nercwys church commenced work on their kitchen/toilet extension. The Buildings Sub-Committee continues to be a most useful and valuable forum for discussion and information exchange on a wide range of issues affecting the church buildings of the Mission Area. While restrictions are in place meetings continue to be electronic. It is intended that going forward, meetings will be a mix of electronic and physical, and the pattern of rotation of meeting venues and visits to cover all the churches in the Mission Area will resume.

*Rev'd Carole Poolman; Mission Area Leader
Dr Emily Clarke-Jones; BSC Secretary*

Mission Area Messy Church Report

Over the last year the dedicated Messy Team of 6 have been able to continue to offer Messy Church to the whole mission area. It has been a joy to evolve our ideas and activities and to share a passion to be creative in delivering a service to children and families. Generally, this has involved putting together a craft activity bag for each child and delivering these before we all meet on Zoom once a month. There is a theme for each month, and we advertise throughout the mission area and on our face book page.

Alongside zoom services we offered 3 in person sessions. In the summer with games and stories in Gwernaffield, in October we had a wonderful Light Party in Nannerch and in December we held a Christingle service in Mold Church. We now deliver about 40 bags a month, which involves a lot of cutting out, biscuit making, Lego story creating and finding songs that are interactive. The children have shared their crafts on Facebook which has been good to see. We are hoping to start a 10+ group within the mission area and we have been planning for this.

Rev'd Kathy Stewart

Mold Mission Hub Report

In May 2021 as part of the Diocesan new 5-year strategy St Mary's Mold was chosen as one of 3 Mission Hubs in the Diocese. The purpose of these hubs is to be centres of mission in their Mission Area and Archdeaconry demonstrating good practice. Each Hub came under the oversight of the Archdeacon, which at the time was Ven John Lomas. However, following his appointment as Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, this role came to the Archdeacon of St Asaph, Ven Andy Grimwood. As part of the planning for the hub, discussions were had regarding the facilities in St Mary's, Mold and how to improve them. In August 2021 I was appointed as Mission Hub Specialist and licensed on 28th November, following which work began to put the Hub team together which will include a stipendiary Curate and Youth Worker.

Rev'd Canon Martin Batchelor, Mission Hub Leader

MISSION AREA VISION

To proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Christian faith, to maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all persons a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness of their duties to God and their fellow human beings. We pledge our lives to Christ and covenant with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of these churches and our communities. We will work together across all churches within the MISSION AREA to develop a collaborative approach to mission and worship which supports the wider community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The **consolidated** SOFA, balance sheet and assets and liabilities at the 2021 year-end are shown in the statements of account which accompany this report. Further detail of the results for the year and the financial position of the Mission Area are included in the ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE section of this report above.

Total (consolidated) funds carried forward at year end, represented by unrestricted funds of **£185,958** designated funds of **£143,440** and restricted funds of **£257,912** totalled **£587,311**, as shown by the Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Cash Funds, plus Other Monetary Assets, plus Investments, less Liabilities).

RESERVES POLICY

The MISSION AREA CONFERENCE aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital, and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to 9 months payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed above is in line with this policy.

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APPROVED by the MISSION AREA Conference on (Date)

11th May 2022

and signed on its behalf by (signature)



Rev Carole M Poolman
MISSION AREA LEADER

Consolidated Accounts 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	238,134	14,699	69,928	322,763	212,755
Income from charitable activities	28,532	—	8,831	37,363	34,087
Other trading activities	19,981	15,396	5,387	40,765	26,599
Investments	7,885	3,919	2,742	14,548	7,635
Other income	340	—	—	340	—
Total income	294,874	34,016	86,889	415,780	281,077
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,598	477	—	2,075	2,952
Expenditure on charitable activities	260,393	15,435	93,389	369,218	292,283
Other expenditure	—	—	—	—	400
Total expenditure	261,992	15,912	93,389	371,294	295,635
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	32,882	18,104	(6,499)	44,486	(14,558)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	49,780	40,187	60,354	150,322	19,078
Gross transfers between funds - out	(94,249)	(9,343)	(46,729)	(150,322)	(19,078)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	816	1,518	4,450	6,785	5,916
Net movement in funds	(10,770)	50,467	11,574	51,271	(8,642)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	196,729	92,972	246,337	536,039	544,682
Total funds carried forward	185,958	143,440	257,912	587,311	536,040
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	185,958	—	—	185,958	196,729
Designated					
Boiler Fund	—	9,319	—	9,319	2,121
Churchyard Fund	—	—	—	—	168
Cilcain Show Account	—	138	—	138	—
DESIGNATED reorder	—	20,100	—	20,100	—
Gwernaffield Reordering	—	7,040	—	7,040	785
Messy Church etc	—	664	—	664	489
Mission Area Development Officer Salary	—	9,500	—	9,500	10,050
Mold Fabric Fund	—	49,012	—	49,012	40,096
Nercwys Investment	—	14,804	—	14,804	13,285
New Brighton new boiler & heating system	—	4,778	—	4,778	—
Northop Fabric Fund	—	25,849	—	25,849	25,719
Pontblyddyn Fabric Fund	—	209	—	209	369
Rhyd r/ordering designated	—	40	—	40	—
St Mary's Northop Hall, General	—	404	—	404	(1,584)
Treuddyn Donald Beckett Trust Fund	—	1,578	—	1,578	1,472
Restricted					
Agency collection	—	—	2,687	2,687	2,617
Bro Famau group	—	—	345	345	1,127
Church Flowers & Festival Dec Fund	—	—	135	135	63
Cilcain Legacy vicar and wardens	—	—	87,121	87,121	77,207
Fabric Fund	—	—	1,751	1,751	6,604
From DBF - ACR Wain War Stock	—	—	3,558	3,558	—
Gwernaffield Churchyard restricted	—	—	3,011	3,011	1,711
Gwernaffield Flower Guild	—	—	508	508	508
Messy Church etc	—	—	348	348	775
Mold Fabric Fund	—	—	22,249	22,249	22,078
Nannerch Churchyard	—	—	1,798	1,798	(72)
Nercwys Churchyard	—	—	668	668	1,885
Nercwys Reordering fund	—	—	946	946	5,000
Northop Churchyard Fund	—	—	101,469	101,469	96,621
Northop Grammar School Fund	—	—	11,720	11,720	12,305
Pontblyddyn Churchyard Maintenance Fund	—	—	666	666	666
Rhydymwyn Churchyard Fund	—	—	3,026	3,026	1,590
Rhydymwyn Reordering Fund	—	—	9,449	9,449	11,223
Treuddyn Churchyard Account	—	—	6,450	6,450	4,422

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Balance sheet 2021

		31/12/2021	31/12/2020
Fixed assets			
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6431: Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	6,450	2,000
Saint Berres	6432: Quoted investments COIF accumulation	4,850	5,116
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6434: Long Term Investment	679	674
Saint Berres	6434: Other investments COIF accumulation	11,541	11,540
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6434: Long term investment	100,936	96,844
St Mary's Nercwys	6434: Long term investment	14,804	13,285
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6434: Long term investment	7,170	6,089
St Mary's Cilcain	6534: Other Investments	83,736	82,908
Total Fixed assets		230,170	218,459
Current assets			
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	6501: Current Account	9,576	7,936
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6501: Current Account	23,781	8,268
Mold Mission Area	6501: Current Account	40,054	39,770
Saint Berres	6501: Current Account	16,744	14,570
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6501: Current Account	500	1,200
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6501: Northop/Northop Hall current a/c 3791	8,245	4,556
St James' Church	6501: Current Account	4,590	5,867
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6501: Rhydymwyn Current Account	16,446	17,459
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6501: Current Account	9,719	11,174
St Mary's Cilcain	6501: Current Account	3,254	6,675
St Mary's Nercwys	6501: Current Account	44,609	41,315
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6501: Current Account	8,707	2,678
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6502: Churchyard current a/c 5417	6,817	6,109
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6502: Bro Famau Group Current Account	40	1,513
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6502: Treuddyn Churchyard account	6,612	—
St Mary's Cilcain	6502: Cilcain buildings account (HSBC)	16,013	15,712
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6502: Nannerch Old Current Account	27	27
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	6503: Donald Beckett Trust Fund account	1,578	—
St Mary's Cilcain	6504: Cilcain Show (Barclays)	1,710	869
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6505: Deposit Account	4,062	3,864
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6505: Deposit Account	11,741	5,138
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6505: Northop Deposit a/c COIF04C	204	4,664
St James' Church	6505: Deposit Account	4,778	4,143
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6505: NS&I Deposit Account	240	225
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	6505: Deposit Account	37	37
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6506: Building Account	777	777
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6506: Churchyard Deposit a/c COIF03C	88,008	87,998
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6506: NS&I Churchyard Account	1,026	1,014
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6507: 49 Club	14,558	13,045
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6507: Fabric Deposit a/c COIF02C	33,521	26,219
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	6508: Grammar School Deposit a/c COIF01C	11,720	12,305
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	6590: cash in hand (flower guild)	497	404
Saint Berres	6590: Cash in hand	47	63
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	6590: Cash in hand	441	276
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	6590: Cash in hand	82	25
Mold Mission Area	Z05: Accounts Receivable	186	—
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z05: Accounts Receivable	1,210	—
Total Current assets		392,176	345,911

Liabilities

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z04: Accounts Payable	106	106
Mold Mission Area	Z04: Accounts Payable	26,461	27,178
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z04: Accounts Payable	7,717	176
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z04: Accounts Payable	750	800
St Mary's Cilcain	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	70

Total Liabilities	35,035	28,330
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Net Asset surplus (deficit)	587,311	536,040
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Reserves

Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	1,640	(2,908)
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Excess / (deficit) to date	15,808	4,452
Mold Mission Area	Excess / (deficit) to date	1,186	3,077
Saint Berres	Excess / (deficit) to date	2,158	3,502
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Excess / (deficit) to date	5,343	(16,763)
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Excess / (deficit) to date	6,713	(6,249)
St James' Church	Excess / (deficit) to date	(640)	253
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,402)	6,504
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Excess / (deficit) to date	6,736	997
St Mary's Cilcain	Excess / (deficit) to date	(1,379)	(5,275)
St Mary's Nercwys	Excess / (deficit) to date	3,293	(2,304)
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Excess / (deficit) to date	6,029	203
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Z01: Starting balances	7,830	10,738
Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield	Z01: Starting balances	13,212	8,759
Mold Mission Area	Z01: Starting balances	12,592	9,515
Saint Berres	Z01: Starting balances	31,290	27,420
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z01: Starting balances	117,106	131,397
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z01: Starting balances	143,054	149,303
St James' Church	Z01: Starting balances	10,010	9,756
St John the Evangelist Rhydymwyn	Z01: Starting balances	20,238	13,734
St Mary's Church Treuddyn	Z01: Starting balances	11,174	10,177
St Mary's Cilcain	Z01: Starting balances	106,095	111,370
St Mary's Nercwys	Z01: Starting balances	54,600	53,396
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z01: Starting balances	8,833	9,062
Saint Berres	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(264)	367
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mold	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	2,473
Ss Eurgain & Peter's Church, Northop	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	4,450	—
St Mary's Nercwys	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,518	3,509
St Michael & All Angels, Nannerch	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,080	(433)
St Mary's Nercwys	Z10: Adjustment to opening balances	0	0

Total Reserves	587,311	536,040
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Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	185,958	196,730
Designated	143,440	92,973
Restricted	257,912	246,337
Endowment	—	—
Total	587,311	536,040

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Statement of assets and liabilities

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets						
6431 : Miss Irene Vaughan Trust	—	—	6,450	—	6,450	2,000
6432 : Quoted investments COIF	4,851	—	—	—	4,851	5,117
6434 : Long Term Investment	101,528	—	—	—	101,528	100,437
6434 : Long term investment	—	30,870	1,357	—	32,227	26,621
6434 : Other investments COIF	—	—	1,377	—	1,377	1,377
6534 : Other Investments	—	—	83,737	—	83,737	82,908
Total	106,379	30,870	92,922	—	230,170	218,459
Current assets						
6501 : Current Account	42,007	46,297	84,028	—	172,331	167,339
6501 : Northop/Northop Hall current account	—	2,148	—	—	2,148	(19,089)
6501 : Rhydymwyn Current account	—	—	11,752	—	11,752	13,223
6502 : Bro Famau Group Current account	16,244	—	—	—	16,244	17,279
6502 : Churchyard current	—	(192)	7,010	—	6,818	6,084
6502 : Treuddyn Churchyard account	—	—	6,451	—	6,451	—t
6503 : Donald Beckett Trust Fund	0	1,579	—	—	1,579	2,031t
6503 : Old account - not in use	—	—	—	—	—	(2,031)
6504 : Cilcain Show (Barclays)	1,572	139	—	—	1,711	870
6505 : Deposit Account	22,196	4,143	(5,275)	—	21,065	504
6505 : NS&I Deposit Account	—	—	—	—	—	(2,000)
6505 : Northop Deposit a/c	—	—	—	—	—	19,569
6506 : Building Account	778	—	—	—	778	202
6506 : Churchyard Deposit a/c	—	—	88,009	—	88,009	87,998
6506 : NS&I Churchyard Account	—	—	1,026	—	1,026	1,591
6507 : 49 Club	14,559	—	—	—	14,559	13,046
6507 : Fabric Deposit a/c	—	33,521	—	—	33,521	26,220
6508 : Grammar School Deposit a/c	—	—	11,721	—	11,721	12,306
6532 : Quoted Investments	(26,967)	—	—	—	(26,967)	(26,967)
6532 : Quoted investments	—	26,967	—	—	26,967	26,967
6590 : Cash in hand	14,600	40	(13,880)	—	761	461
6590 : cash in hand (flower guild)	—	—	309	—	309	309
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	(710)	597	1,509	—	1,396	—
Total	84,279	115,237	192,660	—	392,176	345,911
Liabilities						
6699 : Agency collections	(30)	(1,979)	2,009	—	—	—
Z04 : Accounts Payable	4,730	4,646	25,660	—	35,035	28,330
Total	4,699	2,667	27,669	—	35,035	28,330
Net total assets	185,959	143,440	257,912	—	587,311	536,040

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Mold Mission Area Conference

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Name)

Lorraine Hughes

(Date)

30th March 2022

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