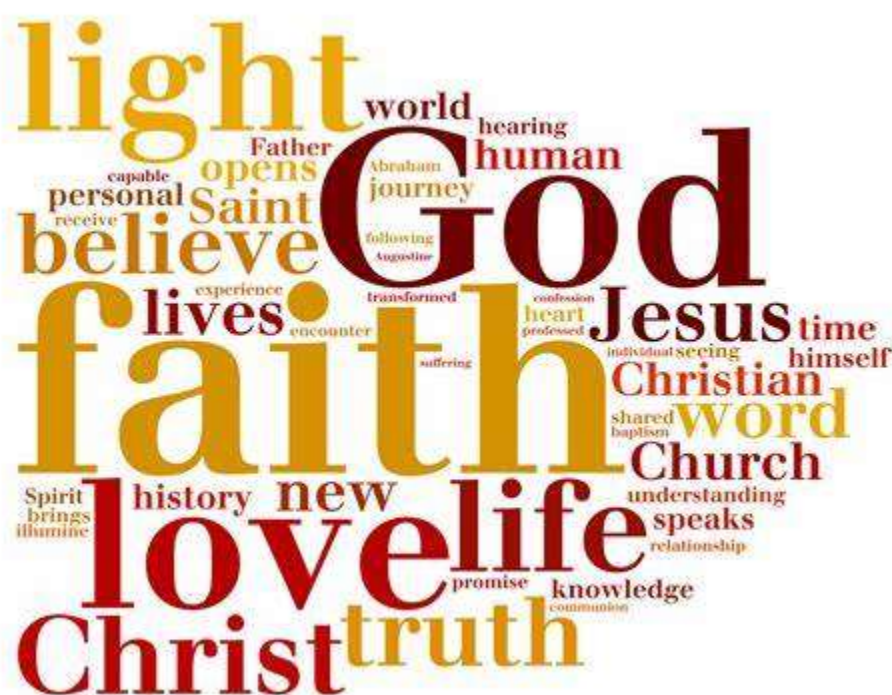


# The Mission Area of Mold

## The Annual Report of the Mission Area Conference

for the Year Ending December 2022



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# **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MOLD MISSION AREA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2022**

**CHARITY:** Mold MISSION AREA

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** 1176095

**REGISTERED** 5<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
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
<b>Total income</b>	<b>7,512.83</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	<b>11,862.83</b>	<b>12,033.00</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	40.00	—	40.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	3,995.99	7,382.68	11,378.67	10,846.43
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4,035.99</b>	<b>7,382.68</b>	<b>11,418.67</b>	<b>10,846.43</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>3,476.84</b>	<b>(3,032.68)</b>	<b>444.16</b>	<b>1,186.57</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				
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)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>				
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>548.12</b>	<b>(103.96)</b>	<b>444.16</b>	<b>1,186.57</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>13,429.55</b>	<b>349.62</b>	<b>13,779.17</b>	<b>12,592.60</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>13,977.67</b>	<b>245.66</b>	<b>14,223.33</b>	<b>13,779.17</b>
<b>Represented by</b>				
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 10<sup>th</sup> 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
<b><i>Income and endowments from:</i></b>					
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
<b>Total income</b>	<b>283,563</b>	<b>33,195</b>	<b>30,396</b>	<b>347,154</b>	<b>415,780</b>
<b><i>Expenditure on:</i></b>					
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	—
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>317,130</b>	<b>17,449</b>	<b>71,004</b>	<b>405,582</b>	<b>371,294</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	(4,197)	431	694	(3,073)	6,785
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(37,764)</b>	<b>16,178</b>	<b>(39,914)</b>	<b>(61,501)</b>	<b>51,272</b>

### ***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**

<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(16,421)</b>	<b>34,412</b>	<b>(10,667)</b>	<b>(61,501)</b>	<b>51,272</b>
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**Reconciliation of funds**

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

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## Balance sheet 2022

		31/12/2022	31/12/2021
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
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
<b>Total Fixed assets</b>		<b>197,486</b>	<b>230,170</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			

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
<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>377,869</b>	<b>392,176</b>

**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
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>49,545</b>	<b>35,035</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>		<b>525,811</b>	<b>587,311</b>

**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
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>525,811</b>	<b>587,311</b>

**Represented by Funds**

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

## Statement of assets and liabilities 2022

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Last year
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>	72,516	31,354	93,615	197,486	230,170
<b>Current assets</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>	95,317	82,795	199,758	377,869	392,176
<b>Liabilities</b>					
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	—	—	—
Z04 : Accounts Payable	(1,704)	5,120	46,129	49,545	35,035
<b>Total</b>	(1,704)	5,120	46,129	49,545	35,035
<b>Net total assets</b>	169,537	109,028	247,245	525,811	587,311

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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.

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