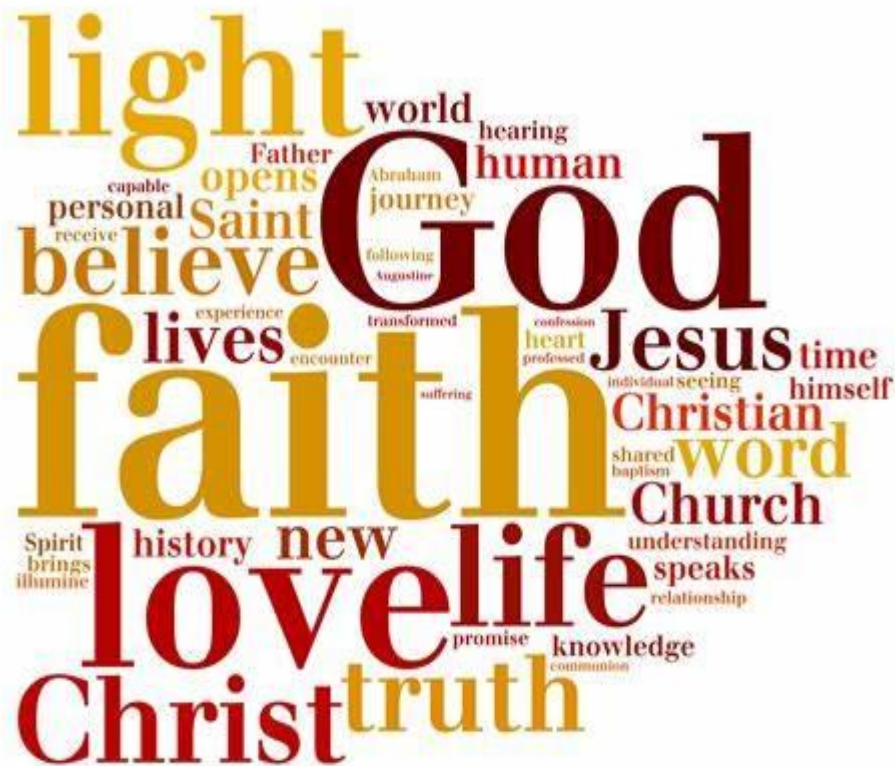


Mold Mission Area

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) -----
