BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA

England & Wales · Charity number 1177376

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-02-28
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: The promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish known as Borderlands Mission Area - this includes the provision of regular public worship open to all, sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral care, the teaching of Christianity, outreach to the wider local community and support and activities for specific groups.

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

- Flintshire

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£614,354	£632,605	£2,113,808	0
2023-12-31	£696,646	£734,322	£2,036,651	0
2022-12-31	£651,554	£678,585	£2,037,186	0
2021-12-31	£618,421	£623,440	£2,136,964	0
2020-12-31	£700,416	£952,968	£1,870,719	0

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ANDREA SUSAN JONES	Chair	2017-09-26
ALAN DAVID GRIFFITHS		2017-04-24
BLODWEN ELLIS		2017-04-24
BRENDA MACASGILL		2017-04-24
David Mackie		2019-04-09
Delyth Ann Lee		2020-11-23
GARETH JONES		2017-04-24
HELEN ANN DALRYMPLE		2017-04-24
Janet Thompson		2019-04-09
Kathleen Jones		2022-07-18
Lacey Jones		2018-04-24
Patricia Ann Cole		2022-04-25
Paul Henry Hewins		2019-04-09
Rev Alan Cronin		2018-07-02
Rev Alexier Olwen Mayes		2018-04-24
Rev GILLIAN KAY STANNING		2017-09-26
Rev NEIL ANTHONY KELLY		2017-04-24
Rev SALLY BAIRD		2017-04-24
Rev Simon Piercy		2022-04-25
Robert Nigel Dawson		2019-04-09
SARAH ANN WILLIAMS		2022-07-18
STEPHEN SMITH		2017-04-24
Sandra Fairclough		2022-04-25
Steven David Tattum		2022-04-25
VALERIE SHARRATT ALDCROFT		2017-04-24
William Steven Wallace		2020-11-23

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Accounts

Borderlands **Mission** Area
Ardal **Cenhadaeth** Y Gororau

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The Mission Area of Borderlands
Charity Number: 1177376

'GROWING OUR MISSION AREA TOGETHER'

A community living well with God where our Christian faith enables us to work together for the good of all!

MISSION AREA PRAYER

Generous God, you call us to celebrate your love and generosity within the family of the Church.
We thank you for our Borderlands Mission Area and for our opportunities to share our abilities and resources within it.
Grant that your Holy Spirit will help us discern new ways of serving your Kingdom here, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Borderlands Mission Area is part of the **Diocese of St Asaph** within the **Church in Wales.**

Governing Document
The Charity operates under the 'Constitution of the Church in Wales
www.churchinwales.org.uk

N.B **The** term *Mission Area Conference* is the new name for the *Parish Church Council (PCC)* as referred to in the Constitution.

Average Sunday Attendance
(no robust data for 2024)
Serving a local community of **81,940**

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Our Churches and Communities
All Saints, Buckley
Bistre Emmanuel, Buckley
St Cecilia, Mynydd Isa
The Good Shepherd, Drury
St Matthew, Buckley
St David, Connah's Quay
St Mark Connah's Quay
St Ethelwold, Shotton
St Andrew, Garden City
St Francis, Sandycroft (closed)
St Bartholomew, Sealand
St Mary, Broughton
St Deiniol, Hawarden
The Holy Spirit, Ewloe
St John the Baptist, Penymynydd
Emmanuel, Penyffordd
St Cynfarch, Hope
St Michael, Llanfynydd
All Saints, Cymau (closed)

LOCATION / PROFILE

Borderlands Mission Area *is situated in the North East of the Diocese of St Asaph, between the English border and the more rural Mold Mission Area to the west. It stretches from the marshes and former industrialised banks of the Dee estuary, now under regeneration, and southwards to 'Hope Mountain' and the rural communities bordering the Clwydian hills. Our MA is predominantly English speaking yet proud and protective of its Welsh culture.*

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

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 (MAC) 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 MAC has the responsibility of working together with the Shared Ministry Team in promoting within Borderlands the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of its nineteen church buildings (listed previously), church halls and other related buildings and land.

The Mission Area Conference is thus responsible, inter-alia, for the Parish (Mission Area) budget and all expenditure, for 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 Mission Area and the Diocesan Bishop.

Mission Area Trustees

(Serving from 1 January 2024 until the submission of this Report 2024 to the Charity Commission.)
Mission Area Leader - Rev'd Canon Andrea Jones

Ex officio:

Clergy: Revds Sally Baird, Neil Kelly (until Februaury '24), Alexier Mayes (until June '24), George Bearwood (until August '24), Paul Wheeler, Gill Stanning (until May'24), Alan Cronin, Simon Piercy, Chris Lawton.

MA Warden: Gareth Jones *(Chair of Property)*

Elected Lay Representatives:

Val Aldcroft, Helen Dalrymple, Blodwen Ellis, Lacey Jones, Philip Culver, Alan Rainsforth, Brenda Macaskill, Stephen Smith, Ann Williams, Paul Hewins, Dave Mackie, Janet Thompson, Rob Dawson, Delyth Lee, Steve Wallace, Kath Jones, Pat Cole, Steven Tattun, Sandra Fairclough.

Co-opted:

Lay Ministries (Readers) : Alan Griffiths

Youth Representative: *Vacant*

Representatives to Standing Committee: Clergy: Revd Canon Andrea Jones Lay: Vacant

OBJECTIVES

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission.

Borderlands Mission Area is committed therefore to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Mission Area Community. The Mission Area Conference maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within our mission area. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our mission area through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living within our boundaries
- Missionary and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and related buildings.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Religious services take place in our churches and other buildings within the Mission Area, providing regular worship open to all. Our church buildings, many of which are accessible for some part of each day, provide a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation and are a place for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Our clergy are supported in providing worship and prayer by a team of Licensed Lay Readers and commissioned Worship Leaders.

Since the pandemic and consequent temporary suspension of our regular patterns of traditional worship and open churches, new forms of prayer and worship online continue to be trialed and developed. A decreasing number of clergy has resulted in more joint worship and non-eucharistic services.

PASTORAL CARE

The clergy of the MA are tasked with providing pastoral care to their congregations and to the wider local community. They are supported in this by commissioned Pastoral Assistants rooted in local churches.

Across Borderlands, congregations are nurtured and their needs and those of the local community identified and listened to. Those in need (the sick, aged, those with dementia etc.) are prayed for and supported. Communion is taken to the housebound and to those in care homes. Families are supported and prepared for baptism and couples for marriage. The dying and bereaved are visited and shown support.

In such a 'large' mission area we are proud of our continued concern and care for each other as we grow and move forward together in faith.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Twenty Lay Representatives (one per church and one youth representative) in addition to the Shared Ministry Team attend the Diocesan Conference, thus providing the essential link between Borderlands and the wider structures of the Church. One cleric and one lay person (both elected) represent the Mission Area at the Bishop's Standing Committee. This has been and will continue to be instrumental in the further development of our Mission Area.

Each of our churches has a variety of links with the community it serves – schools, local councils, care homes - often working collaboatively with other groups such as CYTUN.

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE 2024

An *extract* from MAL Report 2023

"There are many challenges for this part of North East Wales in the coming years whether we are one or two Mission Areas. In common with the rest of the Diocese and the national church we face financial pressures, falling numbers of attendance at services, perhaps too many buildings in the wrong places, and less weddings and funerals coming in. It can be easy to be disheartened but this year, whilst on retreat, the words from Psalm 127 kept coming back to me and have remained with me. "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain". Of course we have to make plans, we have to have strategies, and we have to look where our resources are best placed, but we have to do that whilst continually listening to God. It is in the end God's plan, not ours. We need to take time to pray both individually and together. Rowan Williams once said the way to go forward was to find what God was doing and join in, which for me sums it up."

Revd Canon Andrea Jones

At the beginning of 2024 the closure of Borderlands Mission Area was agreed, and the decision taken to move forward into the future as two new Mission Areas: Deeside and Rhos a Mynydd.

Deeside: - churches/ communities of…..	**Rhos a Mynydd**: - churches/ communities of…..
Connah's Quay	Buckley/ Drury
Shotton	Ewloe
Garden City	Mynydd Isa
Sandycroft	Penymynydd
Sealand	Penyffordd
Hawarden	Hope
Broughton	Llanfynydd

In May 2024, a programme of restructuring began. Two new 'hubs'/MAs were created, each tasked with the initial development of its own Conference and Executive, Shared Ministry Team and Administration. Throughout the remaining year all Church mission, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical was worked within Deeside and Rhos a Mynydd ….. whilst remaining for the moment under the financial umbrella of Borderlands Mission Area. The Conferences continued to meet regularly throughout the year. In addition to formal business and other matters referred to us, our work and discussion focused on supporting each other and maintaining worship, ministry and mission.

To ensure that good communication and strong teamwork continued, individual sub committees and church congregations were encouraged to remain involved through regular feedback and all MAC Minutes and Agendas were circulated online across our churches.

Our responsibilities as trustees, and close collaboration were highlighted by the need to maintain developments in finance and the emerging property strategy throughout this transition period.

MISSION

All of what it means to be a Mission area is acted out and delivered by our churches. Borderlands continues to promote the whole mission of the Church by seeking to serve the whole community, by developing links locally and more widely, and provision for those outside our regular congregations, and by providing support, activities and spaces for specific groups such as older people, parent and toddler groups, the lonely and the homeless etc. Our donations to other charities such as Christian Aid, USPG, Water Aid, provide benefit in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the Mission Area. As we emerged from pandemic, lockdown and isolation our work was even more significant.

FROM ACROSS OUR CHURCHES

WHERE WE...

Share the love of Jesus with all

Grow our mission area together

Live well as a community with God, where our Christian faith enables us to work in harmony for the good of all

We supported the Over 50's group in the community and hospitals with knitted items. We maintained contact with the local primary school and nursery.
We maintained a Warm Hub project with Hubs in the Parish Centre – providing soup/bread rolls and refreshments in a warm environment and offering fellowship with anyone who wished to attend.
We have been a pioneer in the establishment of the Well-Fed Food Hub each week, an initiative with Flintshire County Council, and it is proving to be a helpful link with our community.
The Figtree Cafe operates Monday to Wednesday each week, and remains very popular with the local community, visitors, cyclists, and walkers. The Well-Fed initiative fits into this pattern and allows members of the community to order and collect meals as well as stay for a chat.
Our Messy Church planted an Eco-Garden.
We prioritised youth and children's work focusing on integration between baptism families and Messy Church.
We have re-established links with local schools who use our buildings at major festival times, and visited school assemblies utilizing mission area resources such as puppets.
We have an 'Open the Book' team which goes into our schools weekly, and the Vicar is a Governor at Ceer Nant School.
Christmas craft and puppet outreach, to spread the real meaning of Christmas, and Café Church services run by worship leaders.
We took part in the Mission Area initiative for vision and started an enquirers study course and a Christians Against Poverty course.
We were able to offer a Nativity Trail for the Nursery classes in our local school.
We continued our joint services in the local community centre, involving the local Girl Guiding Association and Scouting Movement.
We ran a pilot of the 'Chosen' Study Course and ran Advent and Lent Prayer Groups.
We continue to concentrate on outreach to our community and believe we are at the heart of village life – our Dawn service, on Easter Day, our Christmas services - including a Service of Light and Hope for people who find Christmas a hard time. We have lots of community events – the Christmas Tree Festival, Egg Rolling, Nativity Trail, Jesus Rocks.
Successful continuation of the Community Choir. Extensive attendance midweek and at festival services.
Our Mother & Toddler group continues to be popular. We are able to offer short, simplified bible stories and songs during the weekly group meeting.
We opened our church to the community with over 500 people in attendance.
Our annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday was a profound communal expression of faith, this year conducted as an ecumenical service. The event culminated in a shared Fish and Chip lunch, rekindling a sense of community and shared purpose.

We maintain contact with local Schools and Nurseries. Christmas Shoe Box Sunday - for Ukraine and Romanian orphans. Food Bank appeals are collected and delivered to the depot.
We conducted an Alpha course, facilitating insightful discussions and personal reflections on the basics of Christian faith.
Pet Service: An annual service that attracts many young families by celebrating the role of pets in our lives. We have a Dementia Friendly service once a month with support for families too.
We are supporting and encouraging the Uniformed Groups who use our church hall by working with them on gaining their faith badges and facilitating fun learning within the church and its grounds. We are developing our links with them and their families by joining in with their Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning. They join in Foodbank Collection and support our Harvest activities.
Outreach support for Foodbank, for the homeless, for prisoners at HMP Berwyn via the Angel Tree Project.
Our 'Knit for Peace' group is working to support refugees and local DASU.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

There is no doubt that as we look to the future there will be inevitably more church closures and we have already seen the closure of both St Francis, Sandycroft and All Saints, Cymau. There is a lot of work involved in closures – seeking faculties, keeping empty buildings in safe repair and liaising with the Diocese. This continues.

St Francis Church Sandycroft
The responsibility for the building was takeover by the Representative Body of CinW and building and land put up for sale. Regular inspections of the buildings and grounds continued.

All Saints Cymau closure
Having closed the church with the last service on in October last year, an inventory of the contents has been produced, and the administration process is ongoing for responsibility of the building to be handed over to the Representative Body for the Church in Wales.

Health and Safety Management
It is important to note that each church should have an Accident Report Book to log accidents or incidents, as this is a requirement of the group insurance cover for the current list of churches.
Please note that church halls, which are not part or attached to a church building, must have their own insurance and are not covered by the MA group policy. The details and the extent of the policy conditions should be checked to ensure the activities within the building are adequately covered.
Where volunteers are engaged in undertaking any physical tasks within a church building or grounds, church officers and/or responsible persons overseeing or setting such tasks, must ensure that any associated hazards and risks are considered, and precautionary measures are put in place to limit the risk of injury to those involved. A record should be kept of safe working briefings.

ECO Church, Care for Environment & Net Zero Carbon
Many of the churches are in the process or now following the diocesan Eco – Church initiative and some within the Mission Area have achieved the Bronze and Silver level awards.
Serious consideration will have to be given as we look to the future, in all that we do within our Churches, Church Halls, Grounds and Cemeteries, to comply with the expectations of the Church in Wales move to Net Zero Carbon. Advice is being sought from the Diocesan Church Buildings Surveyor and what the best practice and practical approach that the Mission Areas will need to follow.

Capital expenditure - Church Halls
A strategy needs to be developed and agreed across the Mission Area relating to the replacement, upkeep and future of some of the church halls. There were specific recommendations in the Mission Area Review undertaken in 2021 which will have to be considered within the strategy. At present there are two halls which have been closed on safety grounds and will need considerable capital investment to replace. Therefore, the need for building replacements, upgrades and refurbishment, to comply with modern standards, will require balancing against the financial risk and current overall commitments that the MA faces and the ultimate responsibility that the trustees have for such matters. Financing will have to be significantly sourced via grant applications, as will for many of the churches, reordering ambitions. I propose a working group is set up to consider the development needs of the church halls in conjunction with each Church Committee.

Quinquennial Buildings Inspection Reports
Work continues as follow-up to inspection reports issued for St Deiniol's, Hawarden and Good Shepherd, Buckley.

Gareth Jones - MA Warden

FINANCE REPORT 2024

Overview of the Mission Area
Given the exceptional circumstances and challenges of recent years and only a slow return to churches post pandemic, we are pleased to report that our Mission Area finances remain secure at the end of the year – the result of constructive work on the management of these. The Treasurers' Team/Finance Sub-committee continued to work closely together for mutual support and to address the practicalities of managing the process of transition from individual Church Accounts to consolidated MA Accounts. Our transfer to MY FUND ACCOUNTING took place early in the year.
As a result of the restructure, two of our Church Treasurers stepped up to work alongside me during the transition period and will become the MA Treasurers of Deeside and Rhos a Mynydd.
It is noteworthy that all Share and Church Costs were met collectively in 2024 but only with an injection of £26,445.75 throughout the year from our accrued reserves pot of Enablement Support and Rebates. We have been grateful once again for the generosity shown by those churches who hold greater reserves and have been willing to share, support and even sponsor individual churches.
Although the agreed individual contributions to MA Share had decreased for each church, the shortfall in 2024 was the greatest ever and in fact for the first time more than the Rebate we will receive.
This is a concern when we consider the gradual decrease by approx. £50k in Borderlands Share between 2021 and 2024 – from £430k to £379k.
Several individual churches are reporting that "finance is a big concern" and confirmed that they were "struggling" independently with payments and running costs. A decrease in church attendance and membership, in addition to the financial constraints affecting families, has led to a decrease in church income. At the same time church outgoing soared due to increased energy costs. This has impacted on our planned development of outreach and mission, and the maintenance of our buildings. 2024 has seen a greater reliance upon financial reserves.
All churches maximized their income by submitting claims for Gift Aid and for a payment under the Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). With more fundraising events taking place and more grant applications, most churches are in fact holding their own.
Church closures have highlighted the benefits of online giving, particularly 'Gift Direct', and it will be necessary to develop this method of giving over the coming years, whilst recognising that we have a responsibility to enable all to be generous in whatever way they choose. More of our churches are embracing new technologies with contactless card readers etc.

Our Church Treasurers met in November to find a mutually acceptable allocation of MA Share 2025 across our churches – in line with the restructuring process as two teams.
DBF Loan: According to schedule the final Loan Repayment - £500 - to the DBF from Borderlands Central was paid in February this year '24 and the remaining £30,000 becomes the responsibility of St Bartholomew's over the next six years. At present I am confident that these payments are and will remain on track. There is contingency to cover any risk.
We must continue to be proactive in managing and developing our shared finances so that they become the secure basis for growing Mission and Ministry across Borderlands in the future.

"Let us be bold and courageous as we continue our journey together!"

Val Aldcroft: MA Treasurer

Loving Lord, may we, now and always, be mindful of the needs of others, grateful for the faithfulness one to another, and faithful in our responsibilities to each other.

Lord of all hopefulness and joy, give us strength, love, and peace in our hearts as we walk with you and seek to do your will. ***AMEN***

APPROVED by the Mission Area Conference on: *(Date)* 11.11.25

and signed on its behalf by : *(Signature)* V S Aldcroft

(Name) VALERIE S ALDCROFT

GARETH JONES.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	376,422	20	8,519	-	384,960	404,875
Income from charitable activities	4	35,499	-	19,007	-	54,506	63,561
Other trading activities	5	153,807	-	275	-	154,082	210,020
Investments	6	17,608	-	994	286	18,888	17,795
Other income	7	1,918	-	-	-	1,918	395
Total income		**585,254**	**20**	**28,795**	**286**	**614,354**	**696,646**
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	5,539	-	-	-	5,539	31,083
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	601,698	-	24,963	286	626,947	698,217
Other expenditure	10	120	-	-	-	120	5,022
Total expenditure		**607,356**	**-**	**24,963**	**286**	**632,605**	**734,322**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		**(22,103)**	**20**	**3,832**	**-**	**(18,251)**	**(37,677)**
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		7,287	1,456	-	-	8,742	13
Gross transfers between funds - out		(283)	(6,176)	(2,284)	-	(8,742)	(13)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		75,387	-	7,328	12,693	95,407	37,141
Net movement in funds		**60,288**	**(4,700)**	**8,876**	**12,693**	**77,156**	**(535)**
Total funds brought forward		**1,323,134**	**46,974**	**366,574**	**299,969**	**2,036,651**	**2,037,186**
Total funds carried forward		**1,383,422**	**42,274**	**375,450**	**312,661**	**2,113,807**	**2,036,651**
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund		1,383,422	-	-	-	1,383,422	1,323,134
Designated							
Building fund		-	32,042	-	-	32,042	36,762
Emmanuel petty cash		-	172	-	-	172	172
Ladies Guild fund		-	15	-	-	15	15
Reorder1 - Reordering#1		-	7	-	-	7	7
St Cecilia's petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	205
Tiddle Tots fund		-	1,983	-	-	1,983	1,983
Friend		-	8,000	-	-	8,000	8,000
Defib - Defibrillator		-	(149)	-	-	(149)	(169)
Restricted							
Aspire		-	-	22,769	-	22,769	22,549
Chancel Repair fund		-	-	2,220	-	2,220	2,055
Churchyard		-	-	119,165	-	119,165	111,341
Churchyard fund		-	-	5,120	-	5,120	5,120
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,015
Frogs		-	-	278	-	278	291
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	60
Messy church		-	-	(359)	-	(359)	(245)
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(40,234)	-	(40,234)	(40,234)
Restricted donation		-	-	10,413	-	10,413	11,525
Restricted grants		-	-	28,228	-	28,228	28,228
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,291
World Mission		-	-	4,627	-	4,627	3,550
Youth group		-	-	-	-	-	122
Youth Work		-	-	858	-	858	694
Churchyard fund		-	-	4,773	-	4,773	4,773
Bell		-	-	3,634	-	3,634	3,641
Fabric		-	-	51,704	-	51,704	48,088
Friend		-	-	1,750	-	1,750	8,894
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,041	-	16,041	16,041
HAWFABRIC		-	-	21,680	-	21,680	19,348
SGLAD		-	-	14,432	-	14,432	13,215
Organ		-	-	7	-	7	7
Altar		-	-	1,368	-	1,368	1,217
EMM Legacy		-	-	40,968	-	40,968	40,998
Popln		-	-	210	-	210	114
Craft		-	-	931	-	931	373

Whitley	-	-	25,552	-	25,552	25,552
Agency collection	-	-	80	-	80	80
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	-	-	-	12,047	12,047	11,420
AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,719	4,719	4,474
CGGLAD	-	-	-	129,276	129,276	122,561
GLADTR	-	-	-	7,365	7,365	6,983
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	34,357	34,357	32,572
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	7,044	7,044	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	863	863	863
RJONES	-	-	-	36,777	36,777	34,867
SGLAD	-	-	-	7,239	7,239	6,863
	1,383,422	**42,274**	**375,450**	**312,661**	**2,113,807**	**2,036,651**

Balance sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endownment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	13	610,000	-	-	-	610,000	550,000
Investments	14	251,729	-	111,070	311,798	674,597	677,566
		861,729	**-**	**111,070**	**311,798**	**1,284,597**	**1,227,566**
Current assets							
Debtors	15	7,648	-	-	-	7,648	16,976
Cash at bank and in hand		513,688	42,274	299,312	863	856,138	832,502
		521,336	**42,274**	**299,312**	**863**	**863,785**	**849,478**
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	16	(357)	-	34,932	-	34,575	40,394
		(357)	**-**	**34,932**	**-**	**34,575**	**40,394**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**521,693**	**42,274**	**264,380**	**863**	**829,210**	**809,084**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,383,422**	**42,274**	**375,450**	**312,661**	**2,113,808**	**2,036,651**
Total net assets less liabilities		**1,383,422**	**42,274**	**375,450**	**312,661**	**2,113,808**	**2,036,651**
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund		1,383,422	-	-	-	1,383,422	1,323,134
Designated							
Building fund		-	32,042	-	-	32,042	36,762
Emmanuel petty cash		-	172	-	-	172	172
Ladies Guild fund		-	15	-	-	15	15
Reorder1 - Reordering#1		-	7	-	-	7	7
St Cecilia's petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	205
Tiddle Tots fund		-	1,983	-	-	1,983	1,983
Friend		-	8,000	-	-	8,000	8,000
Defib - Defibrillator		-	(149)	-	-	(149)	(169)
Restricted							
Aspire		-	-	22,769	-	22,769	22,549
Chancel Repair fund		-	-	2,220	-	2,220	2,055
Churchyard		-	-	119,165	-	119,165	111,341
Churchyard fund		-	-	5,120	-	5,120	5,120
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,015
Frogs		-	-	278	-	278	291
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	60
Messy church		-	-	(359)	-	(359)	(245)
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(40,234)	-	(40,234)	(40,234)
Restricted donation		-	-	10,413	-	10,413	11,525
Restricted grants		-	-	28,228	-	28,228	28,228
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,291
World Mission		-	-	4,627	-	4,627	3,550
Youth group		-	-	-	-	-	122
Youth Work		-	-	858	-	858	694
Churchyard fund		-	-	4,773	-	4,773	4,773
Bell		-	-	3,634	-	3,634	3,641
Fabric		-	-	51,704	-	51,704	48,088
Friend		-	-	1,750	-	1,750	8,894
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,041	-	16,041	16,041
HAWFABRIC		-	-	21,680	-	21,680	19,348
SGLAD		-	-	14,432	-	14,432	13,215
Organ		-	-	7	-	7	7
Altar		-	-	1,368	-	1,368	1,217
EMM Legacy		-	-	40,968	-	40,968	40,998
Poplin		-	-	210	-	210	114
Craft		-	-	931	-	931	373
Whitley		-	-	25,552	-	25,552	25,552
Agency collection		-	-	80	-	80	80
Endowment							
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund		-	-	-	12,047	12,047	11,420

AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,719	4,719	4,474
CGGLAD	-	-	-	129,276	129,276	122,561
GLADTR	-	-	-	7,365	7,365	6,983
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	34,357	34,357	32,572
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	7,044	7,044	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	863	863	863
RJONES	-	-	-	36,777	36,777	34,867
SGLAD	-	-	-	7,239	7,239	6,863
	1,383,422	**42,274**	**375,450**	**312,661**	**2,113,807**	**2,036,651**

Cash Flow Statement

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations	21		**(30,455)**
Investing activities			
Rental income, dividends and interest received		54,090	
			54,090
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			**23,635**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			832,502
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			**856,138**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity's presentational currency is pounds sterling and all amounts stated within the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the members for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless income is received in advance at the year-end and the performance criteria relate to a future accounting period.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	316,329	20	6,148	-	322,497	385,198
Legacies receivable	54,834	-	-	-	54,834	8,113
Grants receivable	5,259	-	2,370	-	7,629	11,565
	376,422	**20**	**8,519**	**-**	**384,960**	**404,875**

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Office fees	7,223	-	13,710	-	20,933	25,566
Wedding fees	5,950	-	80	-	6,030	12,800
Funeral fees	19,685	-	-	-	19,685	17,224
Burial fees	1,364	-	3,767	-	5,131	5,861
Memorial fees	1,257	-	1,450	-	2,707	2,110
Search of registers	20	-	-	-	20	-
	35,499	**-**	**19,007**	**-**	**54,506**	**63,561**

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	50,354	-	275	-	50,629	50,819
Other funds generated	28,727	-	-	-	28,727	43,907
Hall rental income	36,876	-	-	-	36,876	35,575
Publication sales	8,418	-	-	-	8,418	8,145
Sundry income	10,815	-	-	-	10,815	13,761
Printing income	244	-	-	-	244	699
Church Building Rental	1,016	-	-	-	1,016	720
MA / Parish share rebate	17,358	-	-	-	17,358	56,394
	153,807	**-**	**275**	**-**	**154,082**	**210,020**

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income	14,865	-	620	286	15,771	12,496
Interest recivable	2,743	-	374	-	3,117	2,203
Rental income	-	-	-	-	-	3,096
	17,608	**-**	**994**	**286**	**18,888**	**17,795**

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	395
Repayments	(500)	-	-	-	(500)	-
Sale of investments	2,418	-	-	-	2,418	-
	1,918	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,918**	**395**

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other fundraising costs	5,539	-	-	-	5,539	31,083
	5,539	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5,539**	**31,083**

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	356,015	-	-	286	356,301	420,026
Clergy expenses	12,880	-	-	-	12,880	1,584
Parsonage - water	2,846	-	-	-	2,846	-376
Parsonage - gas	-	-	-	-	-	466
Parsonage – other expenses	276	-	-	-	276	-
Digital services	548	-	-	-	548	310
Readers Expenses	13	-	-	-	13	0
Copyright license	5,329	-	-	-	5,329	1,314
Cost of meetings	295	-	-	-	295	324
Maintenance of services	5,961	-	-	-	5,961	6,055
Costs of vergers and choir	4,700	-	-	-	4,700	5,080
Music and performances	2,720	-	374	-	3,094	2,369
Gifts	50	-	-	-	50	900
Bank charges	1,880	-	190	-	2,070	2,187
Costs of printing and post	5,619	-	-	-	5,619	5,847
Parish – telephone/internet	198	-	-	-	198	-33
Office and general expenses	9,196	-	-	-	9,196	7,194
Parish administrator	606	-	-	-	606	692
Leasing and HP	2,011	-	-	-	2,011	2,126
Professional fees	1,046	-	-	-	1,046	1,239
Audit and accountancy	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,920
Trustee Training and development	-	-	-	-	-	200
Admin/Staff Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	52
MA/LMA central costs	5,009	-	-	-	5,009	11,933
Church costs – insurance	20,316	-	-	-	20,316	33,312
Church costs – electricity	36,807	-	-	-	36,807	39,213
Church costs – gas	22,564	-	-	-	22,564	30,610
Church costs – water	2,125	-	-	-	2,125	2,214
Church costs – Oil	2,992	-	-	-	2,992	2,776
Church costs – other	4,396	-	-	-	4,396	4,527
Church costs – repairs	22,546	-	2,197	-	24,743	18,472
Cleaning	1,530	-	-	-	1,530	2,052
Churchyard management	1,654	-	5,154	-	6,808	751
Churchyard grass cutting	7,240	-	8,190	-	15,430	9,826
Churchyard memorial costs	-	-	-	-	-	44
Churchyard grave costs	250	-	1,383	-	1,633	40
Church hall – other	7,019	-	-	-	7,019	7,607
Church hall – electric	10,124	-	-	-	10,124	9,655
Church hall – gas	6,504	-	-	-	6,504	6,609
Church hall - insurance	9,576	-	-	-	9,576	8,223
Church hall - repairs	3,059	-	4,314	-	7,373	3,378
Church hall – telephone	-	-	-	-	-	491
Church hall - water	1,841	-	-	-	1,841	2,094
Church hall - equipment	1,960	-	-	-	1,960	1,187
Church hall - cleaning	8,037	-	-	-	8,037	7,415
Other PCC property - repair	700	-	-	-	700	934
Major building renovations	(284)	-	994	-	709	18,149
Young people activity costs	1,761	-	159	-	1,919	363
Church publications	5,183	-	-	-	5,183	5,607
Mission and evangelism	215	-	290	-	504	916
Parish mission costs	576	-	-	-	576	50
Diocesan projects support	525	-	70	-	595	1,020
Church charity and projects	200	-	100	-	300	573
External charities	2,091	-	1,375	-	3,466	7,297
World Mission Giving	1,074	-	175	-	1,249	1,404
	601,698	**-**	**24,963**	**286**	**626,947**	**698,217**
	600,788					
	(910)					

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	120	-	-	-	120	3,522
Loans received repayments	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
	120	**-**	**-**	**-**	**120**	**5,022**

11 Members

None of the members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2023 - none).

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2024	**550,000**
Additions/Disposals	60,000
Revaluations	
At 31 December 2024	**610,000**
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2024	-
Revaluation adjustment	
At 31 December 2024	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	**610,000**
At 31 December 2023	**550,000**

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
Cost or valuation	**£**
At 1 January 2024	677,566
Additions / reallocations	
Valuation changes	(2,969)
At 31 December 2024	**674,597**
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	**674,597**
At 31 December 2024	**677,566**

15 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	**£**
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments		-
Other debtors	7,648	16,976
	7,648	**16,976**

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	**£**
Trade creditors	7,575	9,394
Other creditors		
Loans payable	27,000	31,000
	34,575	**40,394**

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 – none).

18 Transactions with trustees

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustee during the year (2023 – £0).

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19 Fund movement by type

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	1,323,134	585,254	(607,356)	7,004	75,387	1,383,422
Designated funds						
Building fund	36,762			(4,720)		32,042
Emmanuel petty cash	172					172
Ladies Guild fund	15					15
Reorder1 - Reordering#1	7					7
St Cecilia's petty cash	205					205
Tiddle Tots fund	1,983					1,983
Friend	8,000					8,000
Defib - Defibrillator	(169)	20				(149)
Restricted funds						
Aspire	22,549	220				22,769
Chancel Repair fund	2,055				164	2,220
Churchyard	111,341	21,171	(13,347)			119,165
Churchyard fund	5,120					5,120
Fred Birks Memorial fund	1,015					1,015
Frogs	291		(13)			278
Ladies Guild	60					60
Messy church	(245)	5	(120)			(359)
Messy church and youth	826					826
Reordering#2	(40,234)					(40,234)
Restricted donation	11,525	1,050		(2,162)		10,413
Restricted grants	28,228					28,228
Restricted fund	37,291					37,291
World Mission	3,550	1,362	(285)			4,627
Youth group	122			(122)		-
Youth Work	694	440	(276)			858
Churchyard fund	4,773					4,773
Bell	3,641	80	(87)			3,634
Fabric	48,088				3,616	51,704
Friend	8,894	1,566	(8,710)			1,750
HAWBRHALL	42					42
HAWEDUCN	16,041					16,041
HAWFABRIC	19,348				2,332	21,680
SGLAD	13,215				1,216	14,432
Organ	7					7
Altar	1,217	152				1,368
EMM Legacy	40,998	620	(650)			40,968
Popln	114	1,571	(1,475)			210
Craft	373	559				931
Whitley	25,552					25,552
Agency collection	80					80
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	11,420	286	(286)		627	12,047
AWRIGHT	4,474				245	4,719
CGGLAD	122,561				6,714	129,276
GLADTR	6,983				383	7,365
HAWEDUCN	38,000					38,000
HAWENDOW	14,000					14,000
HAWETHEL	4,975					4,975
HAWFABRIC	32,572				1,784	34,357
HAWLAND	16,000					16,000
HAWREC	6,391				653	7,044
HGLAD	863					863
RJONES	34,867				1,911	36,777
SGLAD	6,863				376	7,239
	2,036,651	**614,354**	**(632,605)**	**0**	**95,407**	**2,113,807**

20 Cash generated from operations

	2024
	£
Deficit for the year	(18,251)
Adjustments for:	
Net Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(15,714)
Movement in working capital:	
Decrease in trade and other receivables	9,328
Increase in trade and other payables	(5,819)
Cash used in operations	**(30,455)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

BORDERLANDS 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) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Signature) K Morgan

(Date) 14-11-2025

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BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1177376

Accounts

Borderlands **Mission** Area
Ardal **Cenhadaeth** Y Gororau

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Mission Area of Borderlands
Charity Number: 1177376

'GROWING OUR MISSION AREA TOGETHER'

A community living well with God where our Christian faith enables us to work together for the good of all!

MISSION AREA PRAYER

Generous God, you call us to celebrate your love and generosity within the family of the Church.
We thank you for our Borderlands Mission Area and for our opportunities to share our abilities and resources within it.
Grant that your Holy Spirit will help us discern new ways of serving your Kingdom here, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Borderlands Mission Area is part of the **Diocese of St Asaph** within the **Church in Wales.**

Governing Document
The Charity operates under the 'Constitution of the Church in Wales'
www.churchinwales.org.uk

N.B The term *Mission Area Conference* is the new name for the *Parish Church Council (PCC)* as referred to in the Constitution.

Average Sunday Attendance
(no robust data for 2020-2023)
Serving a local community of **81,940**

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Our Churches and Communities
All Saints, Buckley
Bistre Emmanuel, Buckley
St Cecilia, Mynydd Isa
The Good Shepherd, Drury
St Matthew, Buckley
St David, Connah's Quay
St Mark Connah's Quay
St Ethelwold, Shotton
St Andrew, Garden City
St Francis, Sandycroft
St Bartholomew, Sealand
St Mary, Broughton
St Deiniol, Hawarden
The Holy Spirit, Ewloe
St John the Baptist, Penymynydd
Emmanuel, Penyffordd
St Cynfarch, Hope
St Michael, Llanfynydd
All Saints, Cymau

LOCATION / PROFILE

Borderlands Mission Area *is situated in the North East of the Diocese of St Asaph, between the English border and the more rural Mold Mission Area to the west. It stretches from the marshes and former industrialised banks of the Dee estuary, now under regeneration, and southwards to 'Hope Mountain' and the rural communities bordering the Clwydian hills. Our MA is predominantly English speaking yet proud and protective of its Welsh culture.*

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

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 (MAC) 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 MAC has the responsibility of working together with the Shared Ministry Team in promoting within Borderlands the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of its nineteen church buildings (listed previously), church halls and other related buildings and land.

The Mission Area Conference is thus responsible, inter-alia, for the Parish (Mission Area) budget and all expenditure, for 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 Mission Area and the Diocesan Bishop.

Mission Area Trustees
(Serving from 1 January 2023 until the submission of this Report 2023 to the Charity Commission.)
Mission Area Leader - Rev'd Canon Andrea Jones

Ex officio:

Clergy: Revds Sally Baird, Neil Kelly, Alexier Mayes, George Bearwood, Paul Wheeler, Gill Stanning, Alan Cronin, Simon Piercy, Chris Lawton (from September'23).

MA Warden: Gareth Jones *(Chair of Property)*

Elected Lay Representatives:

Val Aldcroft, Helen Dalrymple, Blodwen Ellis, Lacey Jones, Philip Culver, Alan Rainsforth, Brenda Macaskill, Stephen Smith, Ann Williams, Paul Hewins, Dave Mackie, Janet Thompson, Rob Dawson, Delyth Lee, Steve Wallace, Kath Jones, Pat Cole, Steven Tattun, Sandra Fairclough.

Co-opted:

Lay Ministries (Readers) : Alan Griffiths

Youth Representative: *Vacant*

Representatives to Standing Committee: Clergy: Revd Neil Kelly Lay: Mrs Val Aldcroft

OBJECTIVES

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission.

Borderlands Mission Area is committed therefore to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Mission Area Community. The Mission Area Conference maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within our mission area. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our mission area through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living within our boundaries
- Missionary and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and related buildings.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Religious services take place in our churches and other buildings within the Mission Area, providing regular worship open to all. Our church buildings, many of which are accessible for some part of each day, provide a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation and are a place for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Our clergy are supported in providing worship and prayer by a team of Licensed Lay Readers and commissioned Worship Leaders.

As a result of COVID 19 our regular patterns of open buildings, public worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and combined services were suspended across the Mission Area until August 2020, but this provided us with the opportunity to trial new forms of prayer and worship online, highlighting new approaches which we have continued to develop into 2023.

PASTORAL CARE

The clergy of the MA are tasked with providing pastoral care to their congregations and to the wider local community. They are supported in this by commissioned Pastoral Assistants rooted in local churches.

Across Borderlands, congregations are nurtured and their needs and those of the local community identified and listened to. Those in need (the sick, aged, those with dementia etc.) are prayed for and supported. Communion is taken to the housebound and to those in care homes. Families are supported and prepared for baptism and couples for marriage. The dying and bereaved are visited and shown support.

In such a 'large' mission area we are proud of our continued concern and care for each other as we grow and move forward together in faith.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Twenty Lay Representatives (one per church and one youth representative) in addition to the Shared Ministry Team attend the Diocesan Conference, thus providing the essential link between Borderlands and the wider structures of the Church. One cleric and one lay person (both elected) represent the Mission Area at the Bishop's Standing Committee. This has been and will continue to be instrumental in the further development of our Mission Area.

Each of our churches has a variety of links with the community it serves – schools, local councils, care homes - often working collaboratively with other groups such as CYTUN.

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE 2023

Work continues with our Growth priority – growing in spiritual depth and as disciples in service and mission.

The Conference continued to meet regularly throughout the year. In addition to formal business and other matters referred to us, our work and discussion focused on supporting each other and maintaining worship, ministry and mission.

To ensure that good communication and strong teamwork continued, individual sub committees and church congregations were encouraged to remain involved through regular feedback and all MAC Minutes and Agendas were circulated online across our churches.

Our responsibilities as trustees, and close collaboration were highlighted by the need to maintain developments in finance and the emerging property strategy.

MISSION AREA LEADER REPORT

Things never stand still in Borderlands. We began last year still with vacancies at both Shotton and Garden City and the Bistre churches. I think we were all delighted that during 2023 Revd Chris Lawton joined us and Revd George Bearwood, restored to good health, was able to take up the post at Shotton and Garden City. However, no sooner than we had all given a sigh of relief the year ended with Revd Neil leaving the Mission Area. I think we are all very pleased that Neil has found a post which means he and his wife Deborah can be together after a number of years ministering in different parts of the country and sometime across the border, but he will be very missed.

At the start of the year, we began to look at the notes and feedback we had from our Vision Day held the previous autumn. However, before we could finalise these, the idea, that our Mission Area is too big and would be better separated into two, was brought back to us by the Archdeacon. I am sure that it will be easier to work in two smaller Mission Areas but at the present time we are still working towards this – there are legal implications, and the matter will have to go back to the Diocesan Standing Committee which is why at this point in the year we are still holding one Annual Meeting for Borderlands. It is important we look ahead, especially for those who might take up roles in the new MAs.

There is no doubt that as we look to the future there will be inevitably church closures in the Diocese and this year we have seen the closure of both St Francis, Sandycroft and Cymau. Churches are not just buildings, and we are all emotionally attached to these sacred spaces. There is also a lot of work involved in closures

– seeking faculties, keeping empty buildings in safe repair and liaising with the Diocese. I have to place on record all those who have worked so hard in this regard particularly our MA Warden, Gareth.

One of the really positive things that we undertook in 2023 was a course designed to commission new worship leaders and act as a refresher for current worship leaders. Over six weeks different aspects of the role of a worship leader were covered, led by different people. I attended most of the sessions and found them very energising. In the autumn Revd Neil and Revd Gill organised a day – One Light, Many Colours which shared different styles and opportunities for worship, giving us new ideas. I think everyone who attended this at St Matthew's found it a great day and during the day Archdeacon Hayley commissioned and recommissioned the worship leaders. The day ended with Fr Dominic from Holywell coming to receive the painting of St Francis which has formerly been in St Francis, Sandycroft. This will be displayed in the new Well-Being centre at Holywell.

Another important work across our different churches is the work that we are doing with puppets. Revd Gill has got together an enthusiastic team who have performed at various schools across the MA. We do not want to lose this very important work with young people (although puppets are not only popular with young people!) and at present we use puppets which are owned by Gill but are investing in puppets ourselves. I hope that these can be used not only by the puppet team but can be borrowed by individual churches for their work with young people and schools.

There are always too many people to thank when giving a report like this as all trustees are valued and I know how hard and how seriously trustees take their roles, and I also know how faithful those who attend our Mission Area churches are and thank everyone for their dedication.

I do have to thank in particular Rob Dawson who the Bishop made Deputy Mission Area Leader this year. His help has been a huge asset. Also having Jan McTear as Operations Manager has made the workload of being MAL a lot easier and I thank her as well.

I need to thank Val Aldcroft who brings together our treasurers and keeps our finances on track and our two wardens Gareth Jones and Alan Rainsforth for their work.

I also thank our worship leaders, our Readers and of course our clergy who work well together, supporting each other and covering services when required.

2023 was not an easy year for me personally with my elderly parents facing health challenges but the support of friends and colleagues and the community of followers of Jesus, of which I am part, has been remarkable, so again more thanks.

There are many challenges for this part of North East Wales in the coming years whether we are one or two MAs. In common with the rest of the Diocese and the national church we face financial pressures, falling numbers of attendance at services, perhaps too many buildings in the wrong places, and less weddings and funerals coming in. It can be easy to be disheartened but this year, whilst on retreat, the words from Psalm 127 kept coming back to me and have remained with me, "Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labour in vain". Of course we have to make plans, we have to have strategies, and we have to look where our resources are best placed, but we have to do that whilst continually listening to God. It is in the end God's plan, not ours. We need to take time to pray both individually and together. Rowan Williams once said the way to go forward was to find what God was doing and join in, which for me sums it up.

Revd Canon Andrea Jones

Rob Dawson, Deputy Mission Area Leader / Lay Chair

MISSION

All of what it means to be a Mission area is acted out and delivered by our churches. Borderlands continues to promote the whole mission of the Church by seeking to serve the whole community, by developing links locally and more widely, and provision for those outside our regular congregations, and by providing support, activities and spaces for specific groups such as older people, parent and toddler groups, the lonely and the homeless etc. Our donations to other charities such as Christian Aid, USPG, Water Aid, provide benefit in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the Mission Area. As we emerged from pandemic, lockdown and isolation our work was even more significant.

We have a Mission/Pioneer Priest, Revd Gill Stanning, who supports our work.

FROM ACROSS OUR CHURCHES

WHERE WE...

Share the love of Jesus with all

Grow our mission area together

Live well as a community with God, where our Christian faith enables us to work in harmony for the good of all

We supported the Over 50's group in the community and hospitals with knitted items. We maintained contact with the local primary school and nursery.
We launched a Warm Hub project with Hubs in the Parish Centre – providing soup/bread rolls and refreshments in a warm environment and offering fellowship with anyone who wished to attend.
We have been a pioneer in the establishment of the Well-Fed Food Hub each week, an initiative with Flintshire County Council, and it is proving to be a helpful link with our community. When this came to an end, we continued with Bacon Butty's and Lunch Club which happens twice a month.
The Figtree Cafe operates Monday to Wednesday each week, and remains very popular with the local community, visitors, cyclists, and walkers. The Well Fed Initiative fits into this pattern and allows members of the community to order and collect meals as well as staying for a chat.
Our Messy Church planted an Eco-Garden and we've been awarded a Bronze Award.
We prioritised youth and children's work focusing on integration between baptism families and Messy Church.
We have re-established links with local schools who use our buildings around major festivals, and begun school assemblies utilizing mission area resources such as puppets.
We have an 'Open the Book' team which goes into our schools weekly, and the Vicar is a Governor at Caer Nant School.
Christmas craft and puppet outreach, to spread the real meaning of Christmas, and Café Church services run by worship leaders. This has attracted people back to church.
We took part in the Mission Area initiative for vision. We started an enquirers study course and a Christians Against Poverty course.
We were able to offer the Nativity Trail for the Nursery classes in our local school.
We had several joint services in the local community centre, which involved the local Girl Guiding Association and Scouting Movement.
We ran a pilot of the 'Chosen' Study Course and ran Advent and Lent Prayer and Refreshing Groups.
We continue to concentrate on outreach to our community and believe we show we are at the heart of village life – our Dawn service, on Easter Day, our Christmas services - including a Service of Light and Hope for people who find Christmas a hard time. We have lots of community events – the Christmas Tree Festival, Egg Rolling, Nativity Trail, Jesus Rocks.
Successful continuation of the Community Choir. Extensive attendance midweek and at festival services.
Our Mother & Toddler group continues to be popular. We are able to offer short, simplified bible stories and songs during the weekly group meeting.
Community consultation and establishment of a Community Woodland and participation of over a hundred local volunteers planting trees. Establishment of the Eco Church group and achieving the A Rocha Eco-Church Bronze Award.
We gave support and encouragement to the Uniformed Groups through participation in gaining faith badges and facilitating fun learning within the church about the Christian faith.
We will be running a children's science and faith study course in association with Wrexham's Explore (formerly Techniquest) and a children's afterschool club in association with the local Primary Schools. We opened our church to the community with over 500 people in attendance.
Our annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday was a profound communal expression of faith, this year conducted as an ecumenical service. The event culminated in a shared Fish and Chip lunch, rekindling a sense of community and shared purpose.
We maintain contact with local Schools and Nurseries. Christmas Shoe Box Sunday - for Ukraine and Romanian orphans. Food Bank appeals are collected and delivered to the depot.
One of our congregation involved in the Puppet Ministry, took part in delivering Bohemian Rhapsody (the nativity story) at Ysgol Mynydd Isa.
We conducted an Alpha course, facilitating insightful discussions and personal reflections on the basics of Christian faith, fostering a supportive community environment.
Pet Service: An annual service that attracts many young families by celebrating the role of pets in our lives, which resonates well with our younger congregants.
We now have a Dementia Friendly service once a month with support for families too.
We are supporting and encouraging the Uniformed Groups who use our church hall by working with them on gaining their faith badges and facilitating fun learning within the church and its grounds. We are developing our links with them and their families by joining in with their Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning. They contribute to our Foodbank Collection and support our Harvest activities.
Outreach including support for Foodbank, for the homeless, for prisoners at HMP Berwyn via the Angel Tree Project. Our 'Knit for Peace' group is working to support refugees and local DASU. We recently joined with the local pub to raise money for a community defibrillator and are hoping to build on this relationship.
We ran a successful Lent course in the form of a book club held in the local pub. 'The Healing' by Joy Margetts, a historical novel set mostly in Wales with a strong Christian theme.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

Health and Safety

There have been no reported incidents of any significance over the period. It is important to note that each church should have an Accident Report Book to log accidents or incidents, as this is a requirement of the group insurance cover for the current list of churches within Borderlands.

Please note that church halls, which are not part or attached to a church building, must have their own insurance and are not covered by the MA group policy. The details and the extent of the policy conditions should be checked to ensure the activities within the building are adequately covered.

Where volunteers are engaged in undertaking any physical tasks within a church building or grounds, church officers and/or responsible persons overseeing or setting such tasks, must ensure that any associated hazards and risks are considered, and precautionary measures are put in place to limit the risk of injury to those involved. A record should be kept of safe working briefings.

ECO Church, Care for Environment & Net Zero Carbon

Many of the churches are in the process or now following the diocesan Eco – Church initiative and some within Borderlands have achieved the Bronze and Silver level awards.

Serious consideration will have to be given as we look to the future, in all that we do within our Churches, Church Halls, Grounds and Cemeteries, to comply with the expectations of the Church in Wales move to Net Zero Carbon.

Advice is being sought from the Diocesan Church Buildings Surveyor and what the best practice and practical approach the Borderlands needs to follow.

Capital Expenditure - Church Halls

A strategy needs to be developed and agreed across the Mission Area relating to the replacement, upkeep and future of some of the church halls. There were specific recommendations in the Mission Area Review undertaken in 2021 which will have to be considered within the strategy. At present there are two halls which have been closed on safety grounds and will need considerable capital investment to replace. Therefore, the need for building replacements, upgrades and refurbishment, to comply with modern standards, will require balancing against the financial risk and current overall commitments that the MA faces and the ultimate responsibility that the trustees have for such matters. Financing will have to be significantly sourced via grant applications, as will for many of the churches, reordering ambitions. I propose a working group is set up to consider the development needs of the church halls in conjunction with each Church Committees.

St Francis Church Sandycroft

There is still work to do in clearing the remaining contents before a final handover date is agreed with the Representative Body CiW. The majority of contents of significance and value have been relocated to churches within Borderlands. There was a meeting with representatives from the CiW, the Diocese and the MA during May, to review progress and to discuss the next phase of the closure process.

The retrospective faculty application for the closure and disposal of the church contents has been supported by the DAC and is awaiting the Chancellor's determination as of 30thNovember.

The MAC trustees still have the responsibility for the building until the RB takeover in the coming months. Regular inspections of the building and grounds are undertaken by myself and a report is sent to the RB.

All Saints Cymau closure

The church closed with the last service on 22 Oct 2023. The churchwardens have produced an inventory of the contents. The administration process is ongoing for responsibility of the building to be handed over to the Representative Body for the Church in Wales.

Quinquennial Buildings Inspection Reports

Inspection reports have been issued for St Deiniol's, Hawarden and Good Shepherd, Buckley. The report for St Deiniol's identifies significant external stonework repairs to the building and an urgent need to upgrade the electrical installation to comply with the latest approved standards. Both matters are now being followed up with some urgency.

Gareth Jones - MA Warden / Chairperson of the Buildings and Property sub-Committee

FINANCE REPORT 2023

Overview from the Mission Area

Given the exceptional circumstances and challenges of 2020/2021 and only a slow return to church in 2022/23, we are pleased to report that our Mission Area finances remain secure at the end of the year – the result of constructive work on the management of our MA Finances. The Treasurers' Team/Finance Sub- committee continued to work closely together for mutual support and to address the practicalities of managing the process of transition from individual Church Accounts to consolidated MA Accounts, from paper to finance coordinator. Our transfer to MY FUND ACCOUNTING is to take place in early 2024.

It is noteworthy that all Share and Church Costs were met but only with an injection of £35,826 throughout the year from our accrued reserves pot of Enablement Support and Rebates. We have been grateful once again for the generosity shown by those churches who hold greater reserves and have been willing to share, support and even sponsor individual churches.

A significant decrease of £24,163 in the overall MA Share 2023 did not enable churches to meet the full total without use of our enablement pot.

(Use of this funding/enablement 'pot' in this way is unsustainable, and our churches will have to address the issue of how we meet the full MA Share/Costs and 'balance the books'- some churches are still producing deficit budgets.)

As collectively our Share was paid in full, Borderlands is to receive a pay-out from the Discount Scheme that is approximately 8% of its annual 2023 Share. This percentage is down from 12% last year and with a decrease in the overall Share total we can expect that the rebate will be significantly less. This will total £31,959.

Several individual churches are now reporting that "finance is a big concern" and confirmed that they were beginning to struggle independently with payments and running costs. A decrease in church attendance and membership, in addition to the financial constraints affecting families, has led to a decrease in church income. At the same time church outgoings soared due to increased energy costs. This has impacted on our planned development of outreach and mission, and the maintenance of our buildings. 2023 has seen a greater reliance upon financial reserves across our churches.

Once again, all churches maximised their income by submitting claims for Gift Aid and for a payment under the Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). With more fundraising events taking place and more grant applications, most churches are in fact 'holding their own'.

Church closures have highlighted the benefits of online giving, particularly 'Gift Direct', and it will be necessary to develop this method of giving over the coming years, whilst recognising that we have a responsibility to enable all to be generous in whatever way they choose. More of our churches are embracing new technologies with contactless card readers etc.

Our Treasurers Team met with officers from Diocesan Finance in October to find a mutually acceptable allocation of MA Share 2024 across our churches.

DBF Loan: MA Central has one more payment of £500. St Bart's continues to manage their scheduled payments well at this stage. We have contingency to cover any risk.

We must continue to be proactive in managing and developing our shared finances so that they become the secure basis for growing Mission and Ministry across Borderlands in the future.

"Let us be bold and courageous as we continue our journey together!"

Val Aldcroft: MA Treasurer

APPROVED by the Mission Area Conference on: *(Date)* 13·1·25

and signed on its behalf by : *(Signature)* Andrea Jones

(Name) ANDREA JONES

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	386,635	25	18,214	-	404,875	439,632
Income from charitable activities	4	44,080	-	19,481	-	63,561	59,970
Other trading activities	5	209,527	157	336	-	210,020	137,360
Investments	6	17,403	-	392	-	17,795	14,016
Other income	7	395	-	-	-	395	576
Total income		**658,041**	**182**	**38,423**	**-**	**696,646**	**651,554**
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	31,070	-	12	-	31,083	7,330
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	668,398	376	29,443	-	698,217	659,238
Other expenditure	10	2,225	-	2,797	-	5,022	12,017
Total expenditure		**701,693**	**376**	**32,253**	**-**	**734,322**	**678,585**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		**(43,652)**	**(194)**	**6,170**	**-**	**(37,677)**	**(27,031)**
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		13	-	-	-	13	218,180
Gross transfers between funds - out		-	-	(13)	-	(13)	(218,180)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		15,573	-	9,959	11,610	37,141	(72,747)
Net movement in funds		**(28,066)**	**(194)**	**16,115**	**11,610**	**(535)**	**(99,778)**
Total funds brought forward		**1,351,199**	**47,169**	**350,459**	**288,359**	**2,037,186**	**2,136,964**
Total funds carried forward		**1,323,134**	**46,974**	**366,574**	**299,969**	**2,036,651**	**2,037,186**
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund		1,323,134	-	-	-	1,323,134	1,351,200
Designated							
Building fund		-	36,762	-	-	36,762	36,762
Emmanuel petty cash		-	172	-	-	172	205
Ladies Guild fund		-	15	-	-	15	15
Reorder1 - Reordering#1		-	7	-	-	7	-
St Cecilia's petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	205
Tiddle Tots fund		-	1,983	-	-	1,983	1,983
Friend		-	8,000	-	-	8,000	8,000
Defib - Defibrillator		-	(169)	-	-	(169)	-
Restricted							
Aspire		-	-	22,549	-	22,549	21,620
Chancel Repair fund		-	-	2,055	-	2,055	1,798
Churchyard		-	-	111,341	-	111,341	98,624
Churchyard fund		-	-	5,120	-	5,120	5,120
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,015
Frogs		-	-	291	-	291	291
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	60
Messy church		-	-	(245)	-	(245)	(974)
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(40,234)	-	(40,234)	(23,201)
Restricted donation		-	-	11,525	-	11,525	4,225
Restricted grants		-	-	28,228	-	28,228	28,156
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,291
World Mission		-	-	3,550	-	3,550	5,402
Youth group		-	-	122	-	122	122
Youth Work		-	-	694	-	694	-
Churchyard fund		-	-	4,773	-	4,773	4,773
Bell		-	-	3,641	-	3,641	2,725
Fabric		-	-	48,088	-	48,088	42,941
Friend		-	-	8,894	-	8,894	7,655
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,041	-	16,041	16,041
HAWFABRIC		-	-	19,348	-	19,348	16,283
SGLAD		-	-	13,215	-	13,215	11,727
Organ		-	-	7	-	7	7
Altar		-	-	1,217	-	1,217	1,217
EMM Legacy		-	-	40,998	-	40,998	40,525
Popln		-	-	114	-	114	158
Craft		-	-	373	-	373	358

Whitley	-	-	25,552	-	25,552	25,552
Agency collection	-	-	80	-	80	80
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	-	-	-	11,420	11,420	10,817
AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,474	4,474	4,237
CGGLAD	-	-	-	122,561	122,561	116,086
GLADTR	-	-	-	6,983	6,983	6,614
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	32,572	32,572	30,851
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	6,391	6,391	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	863	863	863
RJONES	-	-	-	34,867	34,867	33,025
SGLAD	-	-	-	6,863	6,863	6,501
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Balance sheet

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Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	13	550,000	-	-	-	550,000	550,000
Investments	14	274,719	-	103,741	299,106	677,566	647,941
		824,719	**-**	**103,741**	**299,106**	**1,227,566**	**1,197,941**
Current assets							
Debtors	15	16,976	-	-	-	16,976	15,861
Cash at bank and in hand		483,027	46,974	301,638	863	832,502	865,249
		500,003	**46,974**	**301,638**	**863**	**849,478**	**881,110**
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	16	1,588	-	38,806	-	40,394	41,865
		1,588	**-**	**38,806**	**-**	**40,394**	**41,865**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**498,415**	**46,974**	**262,832**	**863**	**809,084**	**839,245**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,323,134**	**46,974**	**366,574**	**299,969**	**2,036,651**	**2,037,186**
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Churchyard fund		-	-	5,120	-	5,120	5,120
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,015
Frogs		-	-	291	-	291	291
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	60
Messy church		-	-	(245)	-	(245)	(974)
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(40,234)	-	(40,234)	(23,201)
Restricted donation		-	-	11,525	-	11,525	4,225
Restricted grants		-	-	28,228	-	28,228	28,156
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,291
World Mission		-	-	3,550	-	3,550	5,402
Youth group		-	-	122	-	122	122
Youth Work		-	-	694	-	694	-
Churchyard fund		-	-	4,773	-	4,773	4,773
Bell		-	-	3,641	-	3,641	2,725
Fabric		-	-	48,088	-	48,088	42,941
Friend		-	-	8,894	-	8,894	7,655
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,041	-	16,041	16,041
HAWFABRIC		-	-	19,348	-	19,348	16,283
SGLAD		-	-	13,215	-	13,215	11,727
Organ		-	-	7	-	7	7
Altar		-	-	1,217	-	1,217	1,217
EMM Legacy		-	-	40,998	-	40,998	40,525
Popln		-	-	114	-	114	158
Craft		-	-	373	-	373	358
Whitley		-	-	25,552	-	25,552	25,552
Agency collection		-	-	80	-	80	80
Endowment							
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund		-	-	-	11,420	11,420	10,817

AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,474	4,474	4,237
CGGLAD	-	-	-	122,561	122,561	116,086
GLADTR	-	-	-	6,983	6,983	6,614
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	32,572	32,572	30,851
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	6,391	6,391	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	863	863	863
RJONES	-	-	-	34,867	34,867	33,025
SGLAD	-	-	-	6,863	6,863	6,501
	1,323,134	**46,974**	**366,574**	**299,969**	**2,036,651**	**2,037,186**

Cash Flow Statement

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations	21		**(86,837)**
Investing activities			
Rental income, dividends and interest received		54,090	
			54,090
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			**(32,747)**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			865,249
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			**832,502**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity's presentational currency is pounds sterling and all amounts stated within the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the members for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless income is received in advance at the year-end and the performance criteria relate to a future accounting period.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	378,811	25	6,362	-	385,198	369,919
Legacies receivable	2,139	-	5,973	-	8,113	12,143
Grants receivable	5,686	-	5,879	-	11,565	57,571
	386,635	**25**	**18,214**	**-**	**404,875**	**439,632**

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Office fees	11,808	-	13,758	-	25,566	16,923
Wedding fees	12,480	-	320	-	12,800	16,392
Funeral fees	17,198	-	26	-	17,224	17,875
Burial fees	1,286	-	4,575	-	5,861	5,919
Memorial fees	1,308	-	802	-	2,110	2,861
	44,080	**-**	**19,481**	**-**	**63,561**	**59,970**

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	50,790	7	22	-	50,819	49,723
Other funds generated	43,484	150	274	-	43,907	21,406
Hall rental income	35,575	-	-	-	35,575	39,248
Publication sales	8,145	-	-	-	8,145	11,153
Sundry income	13,721	-	40	-	13,761	4,404
Printing income	699	-	-	-	699	196
Church Building Rental	720	-	-	-	720	-
MA / Parish share rebate	56,394	-	-	-	56,394	11,231
	209,527	**157**	**336**	**-**	**210,020**	**137,360**

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income	12,378	-	118	-	12,496	9,643
Interest recivable	1,929	-	274	-	2,203	821
Rental income	3,096	-	-	-	3,096	3,552
	17,403	**-**	**392**	**-**	**17,795**	**14,016**

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	395	-	-	-	395	2,808
Sales of fixed assets					-	-
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	(2,232)
	395	**-**	**-**	**-**	**395**	**576**

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other fundraising costs	31,070	-	12	-	31,083	7,330
	31,070	**-**	**12**	**-**	**31,083**	**7,330**

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	418,026	-	2,000	-	420,026	422,589
Clergy expenses	1,584	-	-	-	1,584	9,664
Parsonage - water	(376)	-	-	-	(376)	2,346
Parsonage - gas	466	-	-	-	466	-
Parsonage – other expenses	-	-	-	-	-	570
Digital services	310	-	-	-	310	2,076
Copyright license	1,314	-	-	-	1,314	1,906
Cost of meetings	324	-	-	-	324	-
Maintenance of services	6,005	-	50	-	6,055	5,237
Costs of vergers and choir	5,080	-	-	-	5,080	5,610
Music and performances	2,324	-	45	-	2,369	2,911
Gifts	900	-	-	-	900	125
Bank charges	2,002	-	184	-	2,187	2,241
Costs of printing and post	5,847	-	-	-	5,847	8,128
Parish – telephone/internet	(33)	-	-	-	(33)	1,275
Office and general expenses	7,194	-	-	-	7,194	2,916
Parish administrator	692	-	-	-	692	5,058
Leasing and HP	2,126	-	-	-	2,126	3,402
Professional fees	1,239	-	-	-	1,239	5,838
Audit and accountancy	1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,860
Trustee Training and development	200	-	-	-	200	-
Admin/Staff Expenses	52	-	-	-	52	-
MA/LMA central costs	11,933	-	-	-	11,933	7,757
Church costs – insurance	33,312	-	-	-	33,312	16,156
Church costs – electricity	39,213	-	-	-	39,213	15,947
Church costs – gas	30,610	-	-	-	30,610	19,074
Church costs – water	2,214	-	-	-	2,214	1,252
Church costs – Oil	2,776	-	-	-	2,776	2,581
Church costs – other	4,344	183	-	-	4,527	3,938
Church costs – repairs	17,654	-	818	-	18,472	24,230
Cleaning	2,052	-	-	-	2,052	1,674
Churchyard management	246	-	505	-	751	2,398
Churchyard grass cutting	3,369	-	6,457	-	9,826	9,120
Churchyard memorial costs	44	-	-	-	44	-
Churchyard grave costs	40	-	-	-	40	-
Church hall – other	7,607	-	-	-	7,607	7,733
Church hall – electric	9,655	-	-	-	9,655	7,377
Church hall – gas	6,609	-	-	-	6,609	3,765
Church hall - insurance	8,223	-	-	-	8,223	8,135
Church hall - repairs	3,378	-	-	-	3,378	3,515
Church hall – telephone	491	-	-	-	491	-
Church hall - water	2,094	-	-	-	2,094	2,018
Church hall - equipment	1,187	-	-	-	1,187	3,397
Church hall - cleaning	7,415	-	-	-	7,415	6,127
Other PCC property - repair	934	-	-	-	934	311
Major building renovations	3,323	-	14,826	-	18,149	13,574
Young people activity costs	100	-	263	-	363	136
Church publications	5,607	-	-	-	5,607	5,728
Mission and evangelism	916	-	-	-	916	755
Parish mission costs	50	-	-	-	50	317
Diocesan projects support	1,020	-	-	-	1,020	525
Church charity and projects	279	194	100	-	573	485
External charities	3,102	-	4,195	-	7,297	2,955
World Mission Giving	1,404	-	-	-	1,404	4,507
	668,398	**376**	**29,443**	-	**698,217**	**659,238**

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	725	-	2,797	-	3,522	9,517
Loans received repayments	1,500	-	-	-	1,500	2,500
	2,225	-	**2,797**	-	**5,022**	**12,017**

11 Members

None of the members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2022 - none).

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings
Cost	£
At 1 January 2023	550,000
Additions/Disposals	
Revaluations	
At 31 December 2023	550,000
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	-
Revaluation adjustment	
At 31 December 2023	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	550,000
At 31 December 2022	550,000

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
Cost or valuation	£
At 1 January 2023	647,941
Additions / reallocations	
Valuation changes	29,625
At 31 December 2023	677,566
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	677,566
At 31 December 2022	647,941

15 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments		-
Other debtors	16,976	15,861
	16,976	15,861

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,394	7,865
Other creditors		
Loans payable	31,000	34,000
	40,394	41,865

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 – none).

18 Transactions with trustees

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustee during the year (2022 – £0).

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19 Fund movement by type

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	1,351,200.05	658,040.98	(701,693.30)	13.32	15,572.84	1,323,133.89
Designated funds						
Building fund	36,761.64					36,761.64
Emmanuel petty cash	204.59	150.00	(182.53)			172.06
Ladies Guild fund	14.50					14.50
Reorder1 - Reordering#1		7.00	-			7.00
St Cecilia's petty cash	204.55					204.55
Tiddle Tots fund	1,983.26					1,983.26
Friend	8,000.00					8,000.00
Defib - Defibrillator	-	25.00	(193.60)			(168.60)
Restricted funds						
Aspire	21,620.40	928.66	-			22,549.06
Chancel Repair fund	1,798.02	-	-		257.39	2,055.41
Churchyard	98,623.85	21,962.68	(9,245.41)			111,341.12
Churchyard fund	5,120.01	-	-			5,120.01
Fred Birks Memorial fund	1,015.00	-	-			1,015.00
Frogs	290.66	-	-			290.66
Ladies Guild	60.00					60.00
Messy church	(974.03)	827.50	(98.18)			(244.71)
Messy church and youth	826.24	-	-			826.24
Reordering#2	(23,201.37)	22.00	(17,054.35)			(40,233.72)
Restricted donation	4,224.75	7,300.00	-			11,524.75
Restricted grants	28,156.00	72.00	-			28,228.00
Restricted fund	37,291.34	-	-			37,291.34
World Mission	5,401.81	1,248.42	(3,100.00)			3,550.23
Youth group	121.83	-	-			121.83
Youth Work	-	859.19	(165.16)			694.03
Churchyard fund	4,773.10	-	-			4,773.10
Bell	2,725.00	1,485.00	(569.00)			3,641.00
Fabric	42,940.94	-	-		5,147.52	48,088.46
Friend	7,654.59	2,060.62	(820.80)			8,894.41
HAWBRHALL	42.39	-	-			42.39
HAWEDUCN	16,040.67	-	-			16,040.67
HAWFABRIC	16,282.82	-	-		3,065.49	19,348.31
SGLAD	11,726.98	-	-		1,488.28	13,215.26
Organ	7.29					7.29
Altar	1,216.69	50.00	(50.00)			1,216.69
EMM Legacy	40,524.77	473.36	-			40,998.13
Poplin	158.27	1,118.76	(1,150.00)	(13.32)		113.71
Craft	358.16	14.46	-			372.62
Whitley	25,552.28	-	-			25,552.28
Agency collection	80.00					80.00
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	10,817.00	-	-	-	603.00	11,420.00
AWRIGHT	4,237.30				236.38	4,473.68
CGGLAD	116,085.76				6,475.68	122,561.44
GLADTR	6,613.71				368.94	6,982.65
HAWEDUCN	38,000.00	-	-	-	-	38,000.00
HAWENDOW	14,000.00	-	-	-	-	14,000.00
HAWETHEL	4,975.00	-	-	-	-	4,975.00
HAWFABRIC	30,851.42	-	-	-	1,721.01	32,572.43
HAWLAND	16,000.00	-	-	-	-	16,000.00
HAWREC	6,390.62	-	-	-	-	6,390.62
HGLAD	862.93	-	-	-	-	862.93
RJONES	33,024.56	-	-	-	1,842.23	34,866.79
SGLAD	6,500.55	-	-	-	362.63	6,863.18
	2,037,186	**696,646**	**(734,322)**	**-**	**37,141**	**2,036,651**

20 Cash generated from operations

			2023
			£
Deficit for the year			(37,677)
Adjustments for:			
Net investment income recognised in statement of financial activities			(46,574)
Movement in working capital:			
Decrease in trade and other receivables			(1,115)
Increase in trade and other payables			(1,471)
Cash used in operations			**(86,837)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

BORDERLANDS 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) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst carrying out the independent examination of Borderlands Mission Area, the following issues have come to my attention:

As part of our testing we were unable to obtain supporting evidence to confirm some bank accounts and investment values. We expect this to be vouched in the coming year.

(Signature) KMorgan

(Date) 14-01-25

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BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1177376

Accounts

Borderlands **Mission** Area
Ardal **Cenhadaeth** Y Gororau

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Mission Area of Borderlands
Charity Number: 1177376

GROWING OUR MISSION AREA TOGETHER

A community living well with God where our Christian faith enables us to work together for the good of all!

MISSION AREA PRAYER

Generous God, you call us to celebrate your love and generosity within the family of the Church.
We thank you for our Borderlands Mission Area and for our opportunities to share our abilities and resources within it.
Grant that your Holy Spirit will help us discern new ways of serving your Kingdom here, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Borderlands Mission Area is part of the **Diocese of St Asaph** within the **Church in Wales.**

Governing Document
The Charity operates under the 'Constitution of the Church in Wales'
www.churchinwales.org.uk

N.B The term *Mission Area Conference* is the new name for the *Parish Church Council (PCC)* as referred to in the Constitution.

Average Sunday Attendance
2019: 580
(no robust data for 2020/21/22 - COVID)
Serving a local community of **70,000+**

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Our Churches and Communities
All Saints, Buckley
Bistre Emmanuel, Buckley
St Cecilia, Mynydd Isa
The Good Shepherd, Drury
St Matthew, Buckley
St David, Connah's Quay
St Mark Connah's Quay
St Ethelwold, Shotton
St Andrew, Garden City
St Francis, Sandycroft
St Bartholomew, Sealand
St Mary, Broughton
St Deiniol, Hawarden
The Holy Spirit, Ewloe
St John the Baptist, Penymynydd
Emmanuel, Penyffordd
St Cynfarch, Hope
St Michael, Llanfynydd
All Saints, Cymau

LOCATION / PROFILE

Borderlands Mission Area *is situated in the North East of the Diocese of St Asaph, between the English border and the more rural Mold Mission Area to the west. It stretches from the marshes and former industrialised banks of the Dee estuary, now under regeneration, and southwards to 'Hope Mountain' and the rural communities bordering the Clwydian hills. Our MA is predominantly English speaking yet proud and protective of its Welsh culture.*

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

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 (MAC) 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 MAC has the responsibility of working together with the Shared Ministry Team in promoting within Borderlands the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of its nineteen church buildings (listed previously), church halls and other related buildings and land.

The Mission Area Conference is thus responsible, inter-alia, for the Parish (Mission Area) budget and all expenditure, for 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 Mission Area and the Diocesan Bishop.

Mission Area Trustees

(Serving from 1 January 2022 until the submission of this Report 2022 to the Charity Commission.)
Mission Area Leader - Revd Canon Andrea Jones

Ex officio:

Clergy: Revd Canon Steven Green (to July'22), Revds Sally Baird, Neil Kelly, Alexier Mayes, Gill Stanning, Alan Cronin, Simon Piercy (from Apr'22)

MA Warden: Gareth Jones *(Chair of Property)*

Elected Lay Representatives:

Val Aldcroft, Helen Dalrymple, Blodwen Ellis, Helen Jones (to May'22), David Lloyd (to May'22), Brenda Macaskill, Stephen Smith, John Taylor (to May'22), Ann Williams, Paul Hewins, Dave Mackie, Janet Thompson, Rob Dawson, Grant Stanning *(to May'22)*, Delyth Lee, Steve Wallace, Kath Jones (from May'22), Pat Cole (from Apr'22), Steven Tattun (from Apr'22), Sandra Fairclough (from Apr'22).

Co-opted:

Lay Ministries (Readers) : Alan Griffiths

Youth Representative: *Lacey Jones*

Representatives to Standing Committee: Clergy: Revd Neil Kelly Lay: Mrs Val Aldcroft

OBJECTIVES

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission.

Borderlands Mission Area is committed therefore to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Mission Area Community. The Mission Area Conference maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within our mission area. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our mission area through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living within our boundaries
- Missionary and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and related buildings.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Religious services take place in our churches and other buildings within the Mission Area, providing regular worship open to all. Our church buildings, many of which are accessible for some part of each day, provide a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation and are a place for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Our clergy are supported in providing worship and prayer by a team of Licensed Lay Readers and commissioned Worship Leaders.

As a result of COVID 19 our regular patterns of open buildings, public worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and combined services were suspended across the Mission Area until August 2020, but this provided us with the opportunity to trial new forms of prayer and worship online, highlighting new approaches which we have continued to develop into 2022.

PASTORAL CARE

The clergy of the MA are tasked with providing pastoral care to their congregations and to the wider local community. They are supported in this by commissioned Pastoral Assistants rooted in local churches.

Across Borderlands, congregations are nurtured and their needs and those of the local community identified and listened to. Those in need (the sick, aged, those with dementia etc.) are prayed for and supported. Communion is taken to the housebound and to those in care homes. Families are supported and prepared for baptism and couples for marriage. The dying and bereaved are visited and shown support.

In such a 'large' mission area we are proud of our continued concern and care for each other as we grow and move forward together in faith.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Twenty Lay Representatives (one per church and one youth representative) in addition to the Shared Ministry Team attend the Diocesan Conference, thus providing the essential link between Borderlands and the wider structures of the Church. One cleric and one lay person (both elected) represent the Mission Area at the Bishop's Standing Committee. This has been and will continue to be instrumental in the further development of our Mission Area.

Each of our churches has a variety of links with the community it serves – schools, local councils, care homes - often working collaboatively with other groups such as CYTUN.

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE 2022

Work continues with our Growth priority – growing in spiritual depth and as disciples in service and mission.

The Conference continued to meet regularly throughout the year. In addition to formal business and other matters referred to us, our work and discussion focused on supporting each other and maintaining worship, ministry and mission.

To ensure that good communication and strong teamwork continued, individual sub committees and church congregations were encouraged to remain involved through regular feedback and all MAC Minutes and Agendas were circulated online across our churches.

Our responsibilities as trustees, and close collaboration were highlighted by the need to maintain developments in finance and the emerging property strategy.

LAY CHAIR REPORT

Welcome to the Borderlands Mission Area annual report for 2022. You will read about the highlights, challenges/ concerns, growth and planning and of course our community involvement, fundraising initiatives and vision for the forthcoming year.
All churches were hit hard by the pandemic and subsequent lockdown, we lost a number of regular members. However, we remained resolute in our Christian faith. Confident in our ability to spread the Gospel. To Grow Faith, Bring Hope and Demonstrate Love.
In our community we held Christmas Fairs, we established Community Choirs, we opened warm hubs and worked with food banks to tackle food poverty. We opened community cafes, we evangelised in Schools and in our neighbourhood, distributed Jesus Rocks and spread the Gospel in innovative ways. We continue to visit the elderly, house bound and infirm taking with us God's love and his real presence. We marked significant events for families through the year, through baptism, weddings and funerals. We celebrated the great Feasts holding Easter Services and with much joy we held and welcomed many to our Christmas Carol and Crib services.
Along with so many up and down the land we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in June and in September we opened our doors for public prayer and the signing of books of condolence and held services to celebrate and remember the life and mourn the passing of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
Following the publication of the Diocesan Mission Area Review we were able to put forward our vision for the Mission Area. Our planning day, ably led by Venerable Andy Grimwood as Archdeacon, was a great success with many new ideas and plans being proposed for each Church and for Churches to work more closely together. We continue to realise our potential and work together to bring our plans to fruition.
May God bless us all!
Rob Dawson – Lay Chair

MISSION

All of what it means to be a Mission area is acted out and delivered by our churches. Borderlands continues to promote the whole mission of the Church by seeking to serve the whole community, by developing links locally and more widely, and provision for those outside our regular congregations, and by providing support, activities and spaces for specific groups such as older people, parent and toddler groups, the lonely and the homeless etc. Our donations to other charities such as Christian Aid, USPG, Water Aid, provide benefit in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the Mission Area. As we emerged from pandemic, lockdown and isolation our work was even more significant.

We have a Mission/Pioneer Priest who supports our work.

Pioneer Priest Report

It has been great to get back out into the community this year and to do some new things and pick up some of the things we had planned before the pandemic.

STORYTIME AND AFTERNOON CHURCH:

Storytime is a short service for children aged 0-4 which includes songs and nursery rhymes, a bible story told using props, puppets or characters dressed in costume and simple refreshments at the beginning with plenty of time to play. Storytime happens once a week at St Mary's, Broughton. The sessions are going very well with the children enjoying learning the songs and hearing the bible stories.
Afternoon Church happens once a month on a Sunday afternoon and is a family friendly service with songs, puppets, bible stories, craft and prayers. We have been welcoming a number of families and the clergy invite families seeking baptism for their children in Broughton and Hawarden to attend. We are hoping to grow this service further through these contacts and with families at Storytime.

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER:

Further online videos explaining the meaning of Easter and Christmas were produced. These told the Easter story and the Christmas story in a series of four for each season. The videos used puppets, songs and visual aids to tell the stories. The Christmas focus this year was the Star and the wise men. A craft activity was also modelled in each video for the children to try at home or in school. The services were advertised on Facebook and directly to our schools who used them in assemblies.

JESUS ROCKS PART 3 OUTREACH:

During the lead up to Christmas I worked with St Deiniol's, Hawarden to co-ordinate the Jesus Rocks 3 project. This time the painted stones were painted to look like the three wise men and the star. We also made more baby Jesus stones. The stones were left around parts of Hawarden for people to pick up with photographic hints as to their whereabouts left on Facebook. Volunteers from the church got together to paint the stones. The stones were left with a laminated card which reminded people in a gentle way what Christmas is all about and included a link to our Facebook page or other contact details. On Church and MA Facebook pages there were links to the Christmas videos which tie in with the focus of the stones.

PUPPET TEAM:

The puppet team rehearsed our puppet show for schools based on the Good Samaritan story together with follow up learning activities for KS2 children. We were able to visit Hawarden Village school for our first performance and activity sessions. There has been definite interest from the schools we have approached, and we now have more dates planned for schools in Connah's Quay and Broughton.
Our puppet team performed 'Bethlemian Rhapsody' three times in December. Once at St. Mary's Toddler group, Broughton. As part of a Christmas Proclamation event organized by St Michael's, LLanfynydd where 50 people attended and learned about the true meaning of Christmas. We went to Broughton Primary School where we did two performances.
We were enthusiastically received, and people wanted us to come again. We had more requests than we could respond to this Christmas and really do need more puppeteers to join us in this important outreach work.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS:

I continue to work with the Hope group to improve facilities and opportunities for those with Dementia and other issues caused by aging. We meet once a month as a committee and have new ideas in the pipeline, including IT support hubs and hosting of AURA Wales mental health and overall fitness events. Our monthly coffee mornings resumed.

BOOK CLUB:

In Autumn we started a book group at St. Matthew's. The group met to discuss 'The Healing' by Joy Margetts, a historical novel is set in France and Wales in the Middle Ages and examines one man's unique journey of faith. The group was small but enjoyed the discussions and have plans to continue meeting in future. I plan further book groups in other churches in 2023.

Rev Gill Stanning, Pioneer Priest

FROM ACROSS OUR CHURCHES

WHERE WE...

Share the love of Jesus with all
Grow our mission area together
Live well as a community with God, where our Christian faith enables us to work in harmony for the good of all

We supported the Over 50's group in the community and hospitals with knitted items. We maintained contact with the local primary school and nursery.
We launched a Warm Hub project with Hubs in the Parish Centre on Thursday lunchtimes and Friday evenings. We provide soup/bread rolls and refreshments in a warm environment.
We had a group of Bands over from the USA all trained in Safeguarding. They performed in church, and we had a great deal of youth there. Since then, Extreme have formed a connection with our churches to develop further music-based initiatives with the youth of the area.
Our Messy Church planted an Eco-Garden and we've been awarded a Bronze Award.
We have prioritised youth and children's work focusing on integration between baptism families and Messy Church.
We have re-established links with local schools who use our buildings around major festivals and hope to begin school assemblies once a term utilizing mission area resources such as puppets.
We have an 'Open the Book' team which goes into our schools weekly throughout term time and the Vicar
is a Governor at Caer Nant School.
We hosted the Flintshire Art Trail. Many people came to visit and to look around the church.
Christmas craft and puppet outreach: to spread the real meaning of Christmas and Café Church services run by worship leaders. This has attracted people back to church.
We commenced the warm hub in the Church Hall distributing Soup, a Meal and friendship to anyone who wished to attend.
We held a Lent Course and took part in the Mission Area initiative for vision. We are planning to start an enquirers study course and a Christians Against Poverty course.
We were able to offer the Nativity Trail for the Nursery classes in our local school.
We have had several joint services in the local community centre which involved the local Girl Guiding Association and Scouting Movement.
We held a Bible study course and are proud of people's willingness to grow their discipleship and faith.
We continue to concentrate on outreach to our community and believe we show we are at the heart of village life – our Dawn service, on Easter Day, our Christmas services. We have lots of community events – the Christmas Tree Festival, Egg Rolling, Nativity Trail, Jesus Rocks.
Successful start-up and continuation of the Community Choir. Extensive attendance midweek and at festival services. We continued to host our Family Worship service (Afternoon Church) every fourth Sunday.
Our Mother & Toddler group continues to be popular. We are able to offer short, simplified bible stories and songs during the weekly group meeting, these little offerings are thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike.
Community consultation and establishment of a Community Woodland and participation of over a hundred local volunteers planting trees. Establishment of the Eco Church group and achieving the A Rocha Eco-Church Bronze Award.
The establishment of a new Book and Discussion Club – one man's journey of faith!
We had regular involvement with the local schools through leading assemblies, teaching sessions and church visits. Church members are part of the Governing Body.
We gave support and encouragement to the Uniformed Groups through participation in gaining faith badges and facilitating fun learning within the church about the Christian faith.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

Overview

During 2022 a MA Buildings and Property Committee was not set up and operated in the formal sense. However, as the nominated lead on Buildings and Property matters for the Mission Area, I found it personally more expedient to provide cover across all the churches when called, on an as and when basis by respective Clergy, Churchwardens and or church committee members. This I have done effectively across many of the churches giving direct guidance as required and have reported back on relevant issues matters arising directly to the MA Executive and at each Mission Area Conference. Similarly, it has enabled me to build up a working relationship with Churchwardens through operating this way.

Health and Safety

Focus continues to remind individual churches, that there is a duty to ensure the safety of all who undertake voluntary work and that hazards and risks associated with particular activities are considered and assessed with measures put in place to reduce the risk of harm to individuals and/or damage to property. During 2022 there has been one serious accident involving a volunteer undertaking within the grounds of a church. This matter is now the subject of a claim against the Borderlands Mission Area and is being followed up by an appointed investigating solicitor by the church insurers EIG.
There was also a small fire within a kitchen area of a church hall. Fortunately, there were no injuries to any persons by there was substantial smoke damage. The repairs were covered in part by a claim on the church insurers.

Environment and Eco Church

There are some churches within the MA which have achieved the Eco Church Bronze and Silver awards which is commendable to all concerns. There will be a focus through the coming year to encourage other churches to follow through to achieve such standards. However, it is noticeable across all the churches that there is a considerable awareness and focus on limiting the impact on the environment from church activities especially in waste and recycling needs.

Online Faculty Applications

A number of full faculty and lesser significant but essential type A&B applications made by individual churches were supported via the MAC and ultimately approved via the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The process of individual churches putting forward such applications initially via the MAC is now working more effectively and reducing the previous administrative delays within the system. It is always important to have local church committee approval first and as much detailed information on an application or proposal to support a faculty submission.

Quinquennial Inspections(5 year) – Church Buildings:

An overview of the status and progress on the implementation of the respective recommendations and actions for each of the 19 Churches was collated and reported to the MAC during 2022. At the time of the update, it was estimated that the collective costs would be approaching £650k to fully meet the actions raised in the reports. This information is to be used as part of the strategic overview for future expenditure planning and budgeting forecasting for the future in respect of all Church buildings and halls. Many churches will be facing the latest round of inspections which will cover the next five years.

MA Review 2022 – Buildings and Property

A review of all the Church buildings, halls, associated land and other assets was undertaken across the MA during April 2021. The review team was led by the Archdeacon, The Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Church Buildings Surveyor, in conjunction with the MA Leader, representatives from the MA Exec and the individual Churches visited. The report with recommendations was finally issued at the end of 2021 and accepted in principle by the MAC in February 2022. The ongoing focus throughout 2002 is to develop and where possible implement specific recommendations relating to buildings and property as agreed by the between individual Church Committees and the MAC.

Of particular note is the closure of St Francis Church in Sandycroft which took place in October 2022 and the ongoing work to decommission the building and manage the reallocation of the items catalogued within the inventory to other churches within the MA and disposal of the items not of further use or listed a significant importance.

Gareth Jones - MA Warden / Chairperson of the Buildings and Property sub-Committee

FINANCE REPORT 2022

Given the exceptional circumstances and challenges of 2020/2021 caused by lockdown and closed churches, and only a slow return to church in 2022, we are pleased to report that our Mission Area finances remain secure at the end of the year – the result of constructive work on the management of our MA Finances. The Treasurers' Team/Finance Sub-committee continued to work closely together for mutual support and to address the practicalities of managing the process of transition from individual Church Accounts to consolidated MA Accounts, from paper to finance coordinator – zoom, emails and phone calls continuing mainly to replace our face-to-face meetings.
It is noteworthy that all Share and Church Costs were met but only with an injection of £73,282 throughout the year from our accrued reserves pot of Enablement Support and Rebates. We have been grateful for the generosity shown by those churches who hold greater reserves and have been willing to share and support.
As our Share was paid in full, Borderlands is to receive a pay-out from the Discount Scheme that is approximately 12% of its annual 2022 Share. This will total £45,000.
Several individual churches are now reporting that "finance is a big concern" and confirmed that they were beginning to struggle independently with payments and running costs. A decrease in church attendance and membership, in addition to the financial constraints affecting families, has led to a decrease in church income. At the same time church outgoings soared due to increased energy costs. This has impacted on our planned development of outreach and mission, and the maintenance of our buildings. 2022 has seen a greater reliance upon financial reserves.
A few churches report that "fundraising is starting to bounce back". With more fundraising events taking
place and more grant applications, most churches are in fact 'holding their own'.
Once again, all churches maximised their income by submitting claims for Gift Aid and for a payment under the Small Donations Scheme.
Church closures have highlighted the benefits of online giving, particularly 'Gift Direct', and it will be necessary to develop this method of giving over the coming years, whilst recognising that we have a responsibility to enable all to be generous in whatever way they choose. More of our churches are embracing new technologies with contactless card readers etc.
Our Treasurers Team met with officers from Diocesan Finance in October to find a mutually acceptable allocation of MA Share 2023 across our churches.
Our work continues to integrate income streams/legacies from the former Hawarden Benefice, these are shown as part of the 2022 Accounts – for the moment ringfenced within the MA Central Account.
We must continue to be proactive in managing and developing our shared finances so that they become the secure basis for growing Mission and Ministry across Borderlands.

"Let us be bold and courageous as we continue our journey together!"

Val Aldcroft: MA Treasurer

APPROVED by the Mission Area Conference on:

and signed on its behalf by :

(Date) 19·3·24

(Signature) Andrea Jones

(Name)

ANDREA JONES.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	385,529	-	54,104	-	439,632	478,198
Income from charitable activities	4	45,747	-	14,223	-	59,970	51,407
Other trading activities	5	131,475	-	5,885	-	137,360	69,750
Investments	6	13,267	-	534	215	14,016	13,922
Other income	7	(1,029)	-	1,605	-	576	5,144
Total income		**574,988**	**-**	**76,351**	**215**	**651,554**	**618,422**
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	7,256	-	75	-	7,330	2,749
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	637,833	-	21,190	215	659,238	609,942
Other expenditure	10	9,992	-	2,025	-	12,017	10,749
Total expenditure		**655,080**	**-**	**23,290**	**215**	**678,585**	**623,440**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		**(80,092)**	**-**	**53,060**	**-**	**(27,031)**	**(5,018)**
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		209,011	9,000	169	-	218,180	85,997
Gross transfers between funds - out		(1,169)	(23,081)	(193,930)	-	(218,180)	(85,997)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		(37,578)	-	(10,720)	(24,449)	(72,747)	271,263
Net movement in funds		**90,172**	**(14,081)**	**(151,421)**	**(24,449)**	**(99,778)**	**266,245**
Total funds brought forward		**1,261,027**	**61,249**	**501,880**	**312,807**	**2,136,964**	**1,870,719**
Total funds carried forward		**1,351,199**	**47,169**	**350,459**	**288,359**	**2,037,186**	**2,136,964**
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund		1,351,199	-	-	-	1,351,199	1,261,027
Designated							
Building fund		-	36,762	-	-	36,762	40,762
Emmanuel petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	205
Former restoration appeal		-	-	-	-	-	18,081
Ladies Guild fund		-	15	-	-	15	15
St Cecilia's petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	205
Tiddle Tots fund		-	1,983	-	-	1,983	1,983
Friend		-	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
Restricted							
Aspire		-	-	21,620	-	21,620	21,620
Chancel Repair fund		-	-	1,798	-	1,798	2,009
Churchyard		-	-	98,624	-	98,624	94,610
Churchyard fund		-	-	5,200	-	5,200	5,200
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,015
Frogs		-	-	291	-	291	291
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	60
Messy church		-	-	(974)	-	(974)	(974)
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(23,201)	-	(23,201)	(39,668)
Restricted donation		-	-	4,225	-	4,225	569
Restricted grants		-	-	28,156	-	28,156	30,551
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,291
St Mary's Fabric fund		-	-	(0)	-	(0)	190,711
World Mission		-	-	5,402	-	5,402	3,390
Youth group		-	-	122	-	122	122
Churchyard fund		-	-	4,693	-	4,693	4,693
Truefood café		-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Bell		-	-	2,725	-	2,725	4,491
Fabric		-	-	42,941	-	42,941	47,976
Friend		-	-	7,656	-	7,656	6,290
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,041	-	16,041	16,133
HAWFABRIC		-	-	16,283	-	16,283	18,192
SGLAD		-	-	11,727	-	11,727	13,102
Organ		-	-	87	-	87	-
Altar		-	-	1,217	-	1,217	1,191
EMM Legacy		-	-	40,525	-	40,525	40,420
Popln		-	-	158	-	158	227
Craft		-	-	358	-	358	-
Whitley		-	-	25,552	-	25,552	-

Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	-	-	-	10,817	10,817	12,086
AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,237	4,237	4,734
CGGLAD	-	-	-	116,086	116,086	129,696
GLADTR	-	-	-	6,614	6,614	7,389
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	30,851	30,851	34,469
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	6,391	6,391	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	863	863	908
RJONES	-	-	-	33,025	33,025	36,897
SGLAD	-	-	-	6,501	6,501	7,263
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Balance sheet

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Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	13	550,000	-	-	-	550,000	550,000
Investments	14	266,662	-	93,783	287,496	647,941	719,886
		816,662	**-**	**93,783**	**287,496**	**1,197,941**	**1,269,886**
Current assets							
Debtors	15	15,861	-	-	-	15,861	15,684
Cash at bank and in hand		517,937	47,169	299,281	863	865,249	896,344
		533,798	**47,169**	**299,281**	**863**	**881,110**	**912,028**
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	16	(740)	-	42,605	-	41,865	44,949
		(740)	**-**	**42,605**	**-**	**41,865**	**44,949**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**534,538**	**47,169**	**256,676**	**863**	**839,245**	**867,078**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,351,199**	**47,169**	**350,459**	**288,359**	**2,037,186**	**2,136,964**
Total net assets less liabilities		**1,351,199**	**47,169**	**350,459**	**288,359**	**2,037,186**	**2,136,964**
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HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,041	-	16,041	16,133
HAWFABRIC		-	-	16,283	-	16,283	18,192
SGLAD		-	-	11,727	-	11,727	13,102
Organ		-	-	87	-	87	-
Altar		-	-	1,217	-	1,217	1,191
EMM Legacy		-	-	40,525	-	40,525	40,420
Popln		-	-	158	-	158	227
Craft		-	-	358	-	358	-
Whitley		-	-	25,552	-	25,552	-
Endowment							
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund		-	-	-	10,817	10,817	12,086
AWRIGHT		-	-	-	4,237	4,237	4,734

CGGLAD	-	-	-	116,086	116,086	129,696
GLADTR	-	-	-	6,614	6,614	7,389
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	30,851	30,851	34,469
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	6,391	6,391	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	863	863	908
RJONES	-	-	-	33,025	33,025	36,897
SGLAD	-	-	-	6,501	6,501	7,263
	1,351,199	**47,169**	**350,459**	**288,359**	**2,037,186**	**2,136,964**

Cash Flow Statement

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations	21		**(84,207)**
Investing activities			
Rental income, dividends and interest received		53,113	
			53,113
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			**(31,094)**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			896,344
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			**865,249**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity's presentational currency is pounds sterling and all amounts stated within the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the members for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless income is received in advance at the year-end and the performance criteria relate to a future accounting period.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	343,096	-	26,823	-	369,919	323,935
Legacies receivable	7,000	-	5,143	-	12,143	17,748
Grants receivable	35,432	-	22,138	-	57,571	136,515
	385,529	**-**	**54,104**	**-**	**439,632**	**478,198**

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Office fees	8,648	-	8,275	-	16,923	51,407
Wedding fees	16,342	-	50	-	16,392	
Funeral fees	17,875	-	-	-	17,875	
Burial fees	1,083	-	4,836	-	5,919	
Memorial fees	1,799	-	1,062	-	2,861	
	45,747	**-**	**14,223**	**-**	**59,970**	**51,407**

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	44,427	-	5,295	-	49,723	26,931
Other funds generated	20,966	-	440	-	21,406	3,738
Hall rental income	39,098	-	150	-	39,248	18,598
Publication sales	11,153	-	-	-	11,153	8,476
Sundry income	4,404	-	-	-	4,404	11,211
Printing income	196	-	-	-	196	425
Church Building Rental	-	-	-	-	-	371
MA / Parish share rebate	11,231	-	-	-	11,231	
	131,475	**-**	**5,885**	**-**	**137,360**	**69,750**

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income	8,930	-	498	215	9,643	9,199
Interest recivable	785	-	35	-	821	1,172
Rental income	3,552	-	-	-	3,552	3,552
	13,267	**-**	**534**	**215**	**14,016**	**13,922**

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	1,203	-	1,605	-	2,808	1,974
Sales of fixed assets					-	170
Sale of investments	(2,232)	-	-	-	(2,232)	3,000
	(1,029)	**-**	**1,605**	**-**	**576**	**5,144**

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other fundraising costs	7,256	-	75	-	7,330	2,749
	7,256	**-**	**75**	**-**	**7,330**	**2,749**

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	422,589	-	-	-	422,589	384,116
Clergy expenses	9,664	-	-	-	9,664	8,298
Parsonage - water	2,346	-	-	-	2,346	2,248
Parsonage - gas	-	-	-	-	-	224
Parsonage – other expenses	570	-	-	-	570	80
Digital services	2,076	-	-	-	2,076	-
Copyright license	1,906	-	-	-	1,906	-
Curate stipend contribution					-	587
Maintenance of services	5,223	-	14	-	5,237	4,723
Costs of vergers and choir	5,610	-	-	-	5,610	2,733
Music and performances	2,886	-	25	-	2,911	17,315
Gifts	95	-	30	-	125	-
Bank charges	2,055	-	186	-	2,241	459
Costs of printing and post	8,128	-	-	-	8,128	5,895
Parish – telephone/internet	1,275	-	-	-	1,275	988
Office and general expenses	2,916	-	-	-	2,916	4,476
Parish administrator	5,058	-	-	-	5,058	11,997
Leasing and HP	3,402	-	-	-	3,402	1,179
Professional fees	5,838	-	-	-	5,838	1,700
Audit and accountancy	1,860	-	-	-	1,860	1,800
MA/LMA central costs	7,757	-	-	-	7,757	208
Church costs – insurance	14,561	-	1,595	-	16,156	14,980
Church costs – electricity	15,947	-	-	-	15,947	10,879
Church costs – gas	19,074	-	-	-	19,074	17,598
Church costs – water	1,252	-	-	-	1,252	971
Church costs – Oil	2,581	-	-	-	2,581	-
Church costs – other	3,938	-	-	-	3,938	3,702
Church costs – repairs	24,015	-	-	215	24,230	24,813
Cleaning	1,674	-	-	-	1,674	880
Churchyard management	865	-	1,533	-	2,398	27,469
Churchyard grass cutting	3,530	-	5,590	-	9,120	636
Church hall – other	7,563	-	170	-	7,733	1,224
Church hall – electric	7,377	-	-	-	7,377	4,002
Church hall – gas	3,765	-	-	-	3,765	2,721
Church hall - insurance	8,135	-	-	-	8,135	7,368
Church hall - repairs	3,515	-	-	-	3,515	3,663
Church hall – telephone	-	-	-	-	-	694
Church hall - water	2,018	-	-	-	2,018	1,876
Church hall - equipment	3,397	-	-	-	3,397	598
Church hall - cleaning	6,127	-	-	-	6,127	4,158
Other PCC property - repair	311	-	-	-	311	767
Major building renovations	3,150	-	10,424	-	13,574	20,893
Young people activity costs	136	-	-	-	136	831
Parish lay workers					-	-
Church publications	5,728	-	-	-	5,728	4,205
Mission and evangelism	412	-	343	-	755	333
Parish mission costs	317	-	-	-	317	659
Diocesan projects support	525	-	-	-	525	348
Church charity and projects	485	-	-	-	485	282
External charities	1,875	-	1,080	-	2,955	1,373
World Mission Giving	4,307	-	200	-	4,507	2,992
	637,833	**-**	**21,190**	**215**	**659,238**	**609,942**

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	7,492	-	2,025	-	9,517	7,249
Loans received repayments	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	3,500
	9,992	**-**	**2,025**	**-**	**12,017**	**10,749**

11 Members

None of the members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2021 - none).

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings
Cost	£
At 1 January 2022	**550,000**
Additions/Disposals	
Revaluations	
At 31 December 2022	**550,000**
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	-
Revaluation adjustment	
At 31 December 2022	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	**550,000**
At 31 December 2021	**550,000**

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
Cost or valuation	**£**
At 1 January 2022	719,885
Additions / reallocations	
Valuation changes	(71,945)
At 31 December 2022	**647,941**
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	**647,941**
At 31 December 2021	**719,885**

15 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Trade debtors		625
Prepayments		
Other debtors	15,861	15,059
	15,861	**15,684**

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,865	8,949
Other creditors		
Loans payable	34,000	36,000
	41,865	**44,949**

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 – none).

18 Transactions with trustees

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustee during the year (2021 – £0).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

19 Fund movement by type

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	1,261,027.33	574,988.31	(655,079.99)	207,841.82	(37,578.42)	1,351,199.05
Designated funds						
Building fund	40,761.64			(4,000.00)		36,761.64
Emmanuel petty cash	204.59					204.59
Former restoration appeal	18,080.60			(18,080.60)		-
Ladies Guild fund	14.50					14.50
St Cecilia's petty cash	204.55					204.55
Tiddle Tots fund	1,983.26					1,983.26
Friend				8,000.00		8,000.00
Restricted funds						
Aspire	21,620.40					21,620.40
Chancel Repair fund	2,008.84				(210.82)	1,798.02
Churchyard	94,610.41	17,838.83	(13,825.39)			98,623.85
Churchyard fund	5,200.01					5,200.01
Fred Birks Memorial fund	1,015.00					1,015.00
Frogs	290.66					290.66
Ladies Guild	60.00					60.00
Messy church	(974.03)					(974.03)
Messy church and youth	826.24					826.24
Reordering#2	(39,668.44)	18,737.00	(2,269.93)			(23,201.37)
Restricted donation	569.16	5,305.59		(1,650.00)		4,224.75
Restricted grants	30,551.00	72.00			(2,467.00)	28,156.00
Restricted fund	37,291.34					37,291.34
St Mary's Fabric fund	190,711.13			(190,629.67)	(81.46)	(0.00)
World Mission	3,390.18	2,634.63	(623.00)			5,401.81
Youth group	121.83					121.83
Churchyard fund	4,693.10					4,693.10
Truefood café	1,500.00			(1,500.00)		-
Bell	4,490.80	2,323.60	(4,089.40)			2,725.00
Fabric	47,975.58				(5,034.64)	42,940.94
Friend	6,290.18	2,834.00	(1,468.62)			7,655.56
HAWBRHALL	42.39					42.39
HAWEDUCN	16,132.50	(91.83)				16,040.67
HAWFABRIC	18,191.90				(1,909.08)	16,282.82
SGLAD	13,101.92				(1,374.94)	11,726.98
Organ	-			87.29		87.29
Altar	1,190.69	40.00	(14.00)			1,216.69
EMM Legacy	40,420.20	104.57				40,524.77
Popln	227.11	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	(68.84)		158.27
Craft					358.16	358.16
Whitley		25,552.28				25,552.28
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	12,086.00	215.00	(215.00)		(1,269.00)	10,817.00
AWRIGHT	4,734.11				(496.81)	4,237.30
CGGLAD	129,696.31				(13,610.55)	116,085.76
GLADTR	7,389.14				(775.43)	6,613.71
HAWEDUCN	38,000.00					38,000.00
HAWENDOW	14,000.00					14,000.00
HAWETHEL	4,975.00					4,975.00
HAWFABRIC	34,468.62				(3,617.20)	30,851.42
HAWLAND	16,000.00					16,000.00
HAWREC	6,390.62					6,390.62
HGLAD	908.42				(45.49)	862.93
RJONES	36,896.55				(3,871.99)	33,024.56
SGLAD	7,262.71				(762.16)	6,500.55
	2,136,964	**651,554**	**(678,585)**	**(0)**	**(72,747)**	**2,037,186**

20 Cash generated from operations

			2022
			£
Deficit for the year			(27,031)
Adjustments for:			
Net investment income recognised in statement of financial activities			(53,915)
Movement in working capital:			
Decrease in trade and other receivables			(177)
Increase in trade and other payables			(3,084)
Cash used in operations			**(84,207)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA CONFERENCE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst carrying out the independent examination of Borderlands Mission Area, the following issues have come to my attention:

As part of our testing we were unable to obtain supporting evidence to confirm some bank accounts and investment values. We expect this to be vouched in the coming year.

(Signature) KMorgan

(Date) 08-04-24

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BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1177376

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The Mission Area of Borderlands
Charity Number: 1177376

GROWING OUR MISSION AREA TOGETHER'

A community living well with God where our Christian faith enables us to work together for the good of all!

MISSION AREA PRAYER

Generous God, you call us to celebrate your love and generosity within the family of the Church.

We thank you for our Borderlands Mission Area and for our opportunities to share our abilities and resources within it.

Grant that your Holy Spirit will help us discern new ways of serving your Kingdom here, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Borderlands Mission Area is part of the **Diocese of St Asaph** within the **Church in Wales.**

Governing Document:
The Charity operates under the....
'Constitution of the Church in Wales'
www.churchinwales.org.uk

N.B The term *Mission Area Conference* is the new name for the *Parish Church Council (PCC)* as referred to in the Constitution.

Average Sunday Attendance
2019: 580
(no robust data for 2020/21 - COVID)
Serving a local community of **70,000+**

MISSION AREA CORRESPONDENCE

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Our Churches and Communities

All Saints, Buckley
Bistre Emmanuel, Buckley
St Cecilia, Mynydd Isa
The Good Shepherd, Drury
St Matthew, Buckley

St David, Connah's Quay
St Mark Connah's Quay
St Ethelwold, Shotton
St Andrew, Garden City
St Francis, Sandycroft
St Bartholomew, Sealand
St Mary, Broughton
St Deiniol, Hawarden
The Holy Spirit, Ewloe
St John the Baptist, Penymynydd
Emmanuel, Penyffordd
St Cynfarch, Hope
St Michael, Llanfynydd
All Saints, Cymau

LOCATION / PROFILE

Borderlands Mission Area is situated in the North East of the Diocese of St Asaph, between the English border and the more rural Mold Mission Area to the west. It stretches from the marshes and former industrialised banks of the Dee estuary in the north and southwards to Hope Mountain and the rural communities bordering the Clwydian hills. Our MA is predominantly English speaking yet proud and protective of its Welsh culture.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

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 (MAC) 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 MAC has the responsibility of working together with the Shared Ministry Team in promoting within Borderlands the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of its nineteen church buildings (listed previously), church halls and other related buildings and land.

The Mission Area Conference is thus responsible, inter-alia, for the Parish (Mission Area) budget and all expenditure, for 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 Mission Area and the Diocesan Bishop.

Mission Area Trustees

(Serving from 1 January 2021 until the submission of this Report 2021 to the Charity Commission.)
Mission Area Leader - Revd Canon Martin Batchelor (to Nov 21), Revd Andrea Jones (from Dec 21)

Ex officio:

Clergy: Revd Canon Steven Green (to July'22), Revds Sally Baird, Adam Pawley (to Oct'21), Neil Kelly, Alexier Mayes, Gill Stanning, Alan Cronin, Simon Piercy (from Apr'22)

MA Warden: Gareth Jones *(Chair of Property)*

Elected Lay Representatives:

Val Aldcroft *(MA Warden - to July'21, MA Treasurer)*, Helen Dalrymple, Blodwen Ellis, Helen Jones (to May'22), David Lloyd (to May'22), Brenda Macaskill, Stephen Smith, John Taylor (to May'22), Ann Williams, Paul Hewins, Dave Mackie, Janet Thompson, Rob Dawson, Grant Stanning *(to May'22)*, Delyth Lee, Steve Wallace, Kath Jones (from May'22), Pat Cole (from Apr'22), Steven Tattun (from Apr'22), Sandra Fairclough (from Apr'22).

Co-opted:

Lay Ministries (Readers): Alan Griffiths

Youth Representative: *Lacey Jones*

Representatives to Standing Committee: Clergy: Revd Martin Batchelor Lay: Mrs Val Aldcroft

OBJECTIVES

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission.

Borderlands Mission Area is committed therefore to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Mission Area Community.The Mission Area Conference maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within our mission area. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our mission area through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living within our boundaries
- Missionary and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and related buildings.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Religious services take place in our churches and other buildings within the Mission Area, providing regular worship open to all. Our church buildings, many of which are accessible for some part of each day, provide a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation and are a place for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Our clergy are supported in providing worship and prayer by a team of Licensed Lay Readers and commissioned Worship Leaders.

As a result of COVID 19 our regular patterns of open buildings, public worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and combined services were suspended across the Mission Area until August 2020, but this provided us with the opportunity to trial new forms of prayer and worship online, highlighting new approaches which we have continued to develop in 2021.

PASTORAL CARE

The clergy of the MA are tasked with providing pastoral care to their congregations and to the wider local community. They are supported in this by commissioned Pastoral Assistants rooted in local churches.

Across Borderlands, congregations are nurtured and their needs and those of the local community identified and listened to. Those in need (the sick, aged, those with dementia etc.) are prayed for and supported. Communion is taken to the housebound and to those in care homes. Families are supported and prepared for baptism and couples for marriage. The dying and bereaved are visited and shown support.

In such a 'large' mission area we are proud of our continued concern and care for each other as we grow and move forward together in faith.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Twenty Lay Representatives (one per church and one youth representative) in addition to the Shared Ministry Team attend the Diocesan Conference, thus providing the essential link between Borderlands and the wider structures of the Church. One cleric and one lay person (both elected) represent the Mission Area at the Bishop's Standing Committee. This has been and will continue to be instrumental in the further development of our Mission Area.

Each of our churches has a variety of links with the community it serves – schools, local councils, care homes - often working collaboatively with other groups such as CYTUN.

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE 2021

Work continues with our Growth priority – growing in spiritual depth and as disciples in service and mission.

The Conference continued to meet regularly throughout the year – generally facilitated by ZOOM. In addition to formal business and other matters referred to us, our work and discussion focused on supporting each other and maintaining worship, ministry and mission in these strange times.

To ensure that good communication and strong teamwork continued, individual sub committees and church congregations were encouraged to remain involved online, and all MAC Minutes and Agendas were circulated online across our churches.

Our responsibilities as trustees, and close collaboration were highlighted by the need to maintain developments in finance and an emerging property strategy at this critical time.

LAY CHAIR REPORT

Following the hard uphill struggles of the previous twelve months. 2021 was a year for us to 'take stock'; to look and see who we are, where we were, what we had and how will we be as the future unfolds. Through all our nineteen churches we have all had to find ways to deal with our reactions to and ways of coping with the pandemic, lockdown and our return.
Rather like late-winter/early-spring flowers we began to emerge slowly, carefully and with some trepidation wondering what the future or "new normal" would bring. We ventured back to our church buildings to worship, and we welcomed the opportunity to see one another face to face, close up, but not too close. We shared the peace, albeit by nodding, waving or by sign, and we partook in communion, but in one kind, administered from behind a mask. Unfortunately, due to number limits, tiers and available space, we could not all return to our full range of face-to-face pre-pandemic services, activities and meetings, but we continued with services both in person and on-line and when able snatched a few occasions to meet up. We not only looked across pew to pew to see who had returned, how old friends had changed and what new friends had arrived, but we looked at our buildings, church halls and grounds as part of the Diocese's Mission Area Review.
Since we could not have our full range of services and necessary fund-raising activities it goes without saying that church finances remained somewhat depleted in 2021. However, due to the dedication of members coming together as a Mission Area, and with assistance from the CiW Registered Body and St Asaph Diocese we all paid our way. We remain grateful and indebted to the Diocese for their assistance with the works at St Bartholomew's Sealand.
Towards the latter part of the year, two of our clergy moved on to pastures new. We said farewell to Rev Adam Pawley and also to our Mission Area Leader Canon Martin Bachelor. Their departure leaves us with two clergy vacancies that will need to be advertised and filled during 2022. The post of Mission Area Leader, a Bishop's appointment, was taken up by Rev Andrea Jones. We continue to wish her well and hold her in our prayers.
At the end of the year, we received the much-awaited and anticipated report and recommendations from the Diocese of the Mission Area Review. From initial readings we know that this will provide us with an exciting project during the coming year.
Yes 2021 was a year of challenges and an opportunity for us to take stock but it was good to be back and filled with hope for what was to come and so, when allowed, we sang "Tis good, Lord, to be here!". Slowly but surely, building upon our adaptations and prayers through lockdown, looking to our future and the road before us, we experience growth; some in number and much in our understanding of God and much more in faith.
As Borderlands we have continued to serve community, inspire people and transform church.
"Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain." Joseph Armitage Robinson (1853-1933) May God bless us all!
Rob Dawson – Lay Chair

MISSION

All of what it means to be a Mission area is acted out and delivered by our churches. Borderlands continues to promote the whole mission of the Church by seeking to serve the whole community, by developing links locally and more widely, and provision for those outside our regular congregations, and by providing support, activities and spaces for specific groups such as older people, parent and toddler groups, the lonely and the homeless etc. Our donations to other charities such as Christian Aid, USPG, Water Aid, provide benefit in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the Mission Area.

We have a Mission/Pioneer Priest who supports our work.

Pioneer Priest Report

2021 has proved to be another frustrating year in many ways. Some planned projects were able to go ahead, but others had to be postponed or cancelled due to rises in Covid cases. Despite this, outreach has continued to bear fruit and new initiatives have begun.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS:

Work continues with the Hope group to improve facilities and opportunities for those with Dementia and other issues caused by aging. We have resumed meeting once a month as a committee and have welcomed some new members including Ann Williams who works for the diocese as Dementia Awareness officer. Weekly coffee mornings and other events were not possible during 2021 but are planned for as soon as things ease.

START courses:
These were unable to run this year, but we hope to resume in 2022.

STORYTIME AND AFTERNOON CHURCH:
Storytime is a short service for children aged 0-4 which includes songs and nursery rhymes, a bible story told using props, puppets or characters dressed in costume and simple refreshments at the beginning with plenty of time to play. Storytime happens once a week at St Mary's, Broughton.
They resumed in September 2021 and are going very well with the children enjoying learning the songs and hearing the bible stories.
Afternoon Church happens once a month on a Sunday afternoon and is a family friendly service with songs, puppets, bible stories, prayers and a Nursery Rhyme Mass. We are hoping to grow this service through contact with the families at Storytime and through contact with Broughton school.

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER:

Further online videos explaining the meaning of Easter and Christmas were produced in 2021 . These told the Easter story and the Christmas story in a series of four for each season. The videos used puppets, songs and visual aids to tell the stories. A craft activity was also modelled in each video for the children to try at home or in school.
The services were advertised on Facebook and directly to our schools. The videos were watched in a number of our primary schools, used for assemblies and we once again had very positive feedback from the schools who used them. It was fabulous to see children in Mynydd Isa school posting their Easter crafts on Twitter and children from Hawarden posting theirs on facebook.

JESUS ROCKS PART 2 OUTREACH:

During the lead up to Christmas I worked with St Deiniols, Hawarden to co-ordinate the Jesus Rocks 2 project. This time the stones were painted to look like Mary, Joseph, Angels and shepherds/sheep. We also made more baby Jesus stones. The stones were left around communities for people to pick up, with hints as to their whereabouts left on facebook.
Once again, volunteers from the church got together to paint the stones. The stones were left with a laminated card which reminded people in a gentle way of what Christmas is all about and included a link to our Facebook page or other contact details. On Church and MA Facebook pages there were links to the Christmas videos mentioned above.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT:

In 2021 the puppet team rehearsed a puppet show for schools based on the Good Samaritan story and a number of activities were planned to follow it for a class of Year 6 children. We were booked for our first visit into Hawarden Village school in the autumn but due to Covid the school had to postpone our visit. We are now looking forward to doing this in May 2022 and then to follow up in other schools in the Mission Area.

Rev Gill Stanning, Pioneer Priest

FROM ACROSS OUR CHURCHES

WHERE WE...

Share the love of Jesus with all

Grow our mission area together

Live well as a community with God, where our Christian faith enables us to work in harmony for the good of all

Work has finished on fitting recording and display equipment, so we are now able to record our worship and occasional offices. This ensures that everyone has a chance to see or hear the services.

In summer we started Messy Church and became an 'Open the Book' Church.

Early in 2021 we organized a visit from 'Community Heart Projects' to teach local children to look at sustainability. We're pro-active with 'Food with Friends'.

We planned and started work on a new project developing a community woodland garden and outdoor worship area.
The local community and schools were invited to join us to begin landscaping and planting seedlings.

Highlights of our year include:
- Being awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award
- Setting up a collection point for the 'Zabra 'charity in our church
- Our weekly Pop-In sessions resuming in October.

Hope4All, our principal outreach to families, has progressed from Zoom gatherings to 'In person' services and events, as Covid restrictions have allowed.

We organised an *outdoor* Remembrance event, bringing together members from our uniformed groups and the local community.

Our greatest highlight of 2021 includes re-opening the church building after its remodelling and learning how to use it. The delight of being able to worship together and use the space creatively – especially at Christmas with the DeeSign choir.

To address restrictions, we introduced a less formal Afternoon Church in conjunction with St Mary's which takes place in that more flexible space. We continue to find ways of engaging with our church school even though traditional assemblies are not yet happening – we went into school at Christmas to perform a puppet version of Bethlehem Rhapsody. We promoted the videos which were put together and used by the school.

We continue to work closely with our community. Our Christmas Tree festival, our Jesus Rocks project and the Nativity Trail were all well received.

Schools work continues with outdoor assemblies, and streamed worship and talks at the major festivals.

Our highlights of the year include:
- Organising a very successful craft fair, bringing church and community back together
- Starting weekly coffee mornings in church providing an opportunity to socialise and get back to some sort of normality
- Local children's garden initiative

Our Mother & Toddler group resumed in September and is going from strength to strength. Its reputation stretches now beyond the local community! It is offering mothers and carers opportunities to socialize in a safe environment. We've been supported by our Pioneer Priest in a Bible story telling slot that mothers and their children enjoy. On the first Sunday of Advent 2021 we launched our Afternoon Church with the plan that the next session would coincide with our Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

Overview

The MA Buildings and Property sub-committee did not meet formerly throughout the most part of 2021 due to Covid restrictions. However, the risk had lessened by November 2021 and with suitable precautions in place an MA Buildings and Property Forum was held at St Matthews Church Hall, Buckley. There were representatives from 15 of the 19 churches from across Borderlands, including members of the MAC Executive, giving an overall attendance of 18. It was the first opportunity since 2019 to hold such a meeting, which gave an opportunity to re-establish a forum for focusing on the day-to-day care of churches as well as to take an initial view on the strategic management of buildings and property.
The agenda included an initial overview of the Health and Safety Policies, reference to the EIG insurance policy and cover for the MA, an update on current Quinquennial Inspections for each Church, a statement on Faculty applications and the latest guidance /resources available from both the Diocese and the Representative Body in Cardiff.
It is the intention to convene another forum during 2022, where the focus will be on the Church Insurance cover policy, Health and Safety and the latest guidance from both the Diocese and the Representative Body of the Church Wales on the management of church buildings and property within the MA.
In respect of the Buildings and Property sub-committee, due to the diversity and individuality of each of the churches across the MA, it is more practical at this stage to use the open invitation approach as, in the case of this forum, there is representation from each church. Going forward into 2022 this will be the basis to support the existing MA Buildings and Property Sub-committee to advise and report back to the MAC on related matters as they arise.

Quinquennial Inspections – Church Buildings:

An overview of the status and progress on the implementation of the respective recommendations and actions for each of the 19 Churches was collated and reported to the MAC via Zoom in July 2021. At the time of the update, it was estimated that the collective costs would be approaching £650k to fully meet the actions raised in the reports. This information is to be used as part of the strategic overview for future expenditure planning and budgeting forecasting in respect of all church buildings and halls. Many churches will now, over the next two years, be facing the latest round of inspections which will cover the forthcoming five-year period.

Faculty applications submitted to the DAC and those still at the preparation stage:

Support and advice relating to buildings and property matters has been provided across the MA when requested. The process for making applications to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for any faculty either full or under the List A/B category has to be presented to the MAC as part of the approval process. Throughout 2021, of the ten applications on the Church Heritage online system, six were approved and four were pending awaiting further information. The system and process are becoming better understood by both the MAC and by those involved in generating applications. A status update on all relevant applications when needed is an agenda item at each MAC.

MA Review 2021 – Buildings and Property

A review of all the church buildings, halls, associated land and other assets was undertaken across the MA during April 2021. The review team was led by the Archdeacon, The Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Church Buildings Surveyor, in conjunction with the MA Leader, representatives from the MA Exec and the individual Churches visited. The report with recommendations was finally issued at the end of 2021 and accepted in principle by the MAC in February 2022. The focus going forward will be the preparation of a detailed plan to implement specific recommendations relating to buildings and property as agreed between individual Church Committees and the MAC.

Gareth Jones – MA Warden & Chair of Buildings and Property

FINANCE REPORT 2021

Given the exceptional circumstances and challenges of 2020/2021 caused by lockdown and closed churches our Mission Area finances remain secure at the end of the year – the result of constructive work on the management of our MA Finances. The Treasurers' Team/Finance Sub-committee continued to work closely together for mutual support and to address the practicalities of managing the process of transition from individual Church Accounts to consolidated MA Accounts, from paper to finance coordinator – zoom, emails and phone calls continuing to replace our face-to-face meetings.
Once again, we have been grateful for the Enablement Support released to Mission Areas by the DBF but need to be aware that further support in 2022 is unlikely. It is noteworthy that all Share and Church Costs were met but only with an injection from this funding totaling approximately £100,000.
During the year, all churches maximised their income by submitting claims for Gift Aid and for a payment under the Small Donations Scheme.
Church closures have highlighted the benefits of online giving, particularly 'Gift Direct', and it will be necessary to develop this method of giving over the coming years, whilst recognising that we have a responsibility to enable all to be generous in whatever way they choose. Several of our churches are embracing new technologies with contactless card readers etc.
Restricted grants have covered the running costs of MA Office and general administration 2017 to 2021. In 2022 it will be necessary to add these costs to the MA Management contributions from the churches. However, Administrator costs are budgeted for until 31st December 2023 – from restricted funds held centrally.
Our Treasurers Team met with officers from Diocesan Finance in October to find a mutually acceptable allocation of the MA Share 2022 across our churches. A few churches confirmed that they were beginning to struggle independently with payments and running costs.
Our work continues to integrate income streams/legacies from the former Hawarden Benefice, these are shown as part of the 2021 Accounts – for the moment ringfenced within the MA Central Account.
We must continue to be proactive in managing and developing our shared finances so that they become the secure base for growing Mission and Ministry across Borderlands.

"Let us be bold and courageous as we continue our journey together!"

Val Aldcroft: MA Warden/Acting MA Treasurer

APPROVED by the Mission Area Conference on:

and signed on its behalf by :

(Date) 29th July 2023

(Signature) Andrea Jones

(Name) ANDREA JONES.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	445,758	510	31,931	-	478,198	558,176
Income from charitable activities	4	29,824	-	21,583	-	51,407	40,505
Other trading activities	5	65,935	-	3,815	-	69,750	81,996
Investments	6	13,617	-	100	205	13,922	19,739
Other income	7	2,144	-	3,000	-	5,144	-
Total income		**557,278**	**510**	**60,429**	**205**	**618,422**	**700,416**
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	2,749	-	-	-	2,749	1,169
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	573,866	4,076	31,999	-	609,942	938,883
Other expenditure	10	4,176	-	6,573	-	10,749	12,917
Total expenditure		**580,792**	**4,076**	**38,572**	**-**	**623,440**	**952,968**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		**(23,514)**	**(3,566)**	**21,857**	**205**	**(5,018)**	**(252,552)**
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		68,579	4,143	12,121	1,155	85,997	8,580
Gross transfers between funds - out		(16,476)	(46,759)	(22,116)	(646)	(85,997)	(8,580)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		198,803	-	50,860	21,599	271,263	27,324
Net movement in funds		**227,392**	**(46,182)**	**62,721**	**22,314**	**266,245**	**(225,228)**
Total funds brought forward		**1,033,635**	**107,431**	**439,159**	**290,494**	**1,870,719**	**2,095,947**
Total funds carried forward		**1,261,027**	**61,249**	**501,880**	**312,807**	**2,136,964**	**1,870,719**
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund		1,261,027	-	-	-	1,261,027	1,033,635
Designated							
Building fund		-	40,762	-	-	40,762	45,093
Church Hall legacy		-	-	-	-	-	1,747
Emmanuel petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	258
Former restoration appeal		-	18,081	-	-	18,081	31,583
Ladies Guild fund		-	15	-	-	15	15
St Cecilia's petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	205
St Cecilia's		-	-	-	-	-	840
Tiddle Tots fund		-	1,983	-	-	1,983	1,983
Emm		-	-	-	-	-	1,947
Roof		-	-	-	-	-	23,762
Restricted							
Aspire		-	-	21,620	-	21,620	11,555
Chancel Repair fund		-	-	2,009	-	2,009	1,817
Churchyard		-	-	91,506	-	91,506	74,155
Churchyard fund		-	-	5,200	-	5,200	3,744
Churchyard		-	-	-	-	-	76
Churchyard fund		-	-	3,104	-	3,104	5,256
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,015
Frogs		-	-	291	-	291	291
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	60
Messy church		-	-	(974)	-	(974)	-
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(39,668)	-	(39,668)	(33,786)
Restricted donation		-	-	569	-	569	14,532
Restricted grants		-	-	30,551	-	30,551	28,501
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,291
St Mary's Fabric fund		-	-	190,711	-	190,711	190,711
World Mission		-	-	3,390	-	3,390	352
Youth group		-	-	122	-	122	122
Churchyard fund		-	-	4,693	-	4,693	2,399
Truefood café		-	-	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Bell		-	-	4,491	-	4,491	4,471
Fabric		-	-	47,976	-	47,976	44,205
Friend		-	-	6,290	-	6,290	7,898
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,133	-	16,133	16,125
HAWFABRIC		-	-	18,192	-	18,192	14,795
SGLAD		-	-	13,102	-	13,102	11,208
Organ		-	-	-	-	-	-
Altar		-	-	1,191	-	1,191	-

EMM Legacy	-	-	40,420	-	40,420	-
PopIn	-	-	227	-	227	-
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	-	-	-	12,086	12,086	10,931
AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,734	4,734	4,282
CGGLAD	-	-	-	129,696	129,696	117,299
GLADTR	-	-	-	7,389	7,389	6,683
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	34,469	34,469	31,174
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	6,391	6,391	6,391
HGLAD	-	-	-	908	908	822
RJONES	-	-	-	36,897	36,897	33,370
SGLAD	-	-	-	7,263	7,263	6,568
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Balance sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endownment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	13	550,000	-	-	-	550,000	380,000
Investments	14	302,299	-	104,779	312,807	719,886	658,791
		852,299	**-**	**104,779**	**312,807**	**1,269,886**	**1,038,791**
Current assets							
Debtors	15	15,684	-	-	-	15,684	16,101
Cash at bank and in hand		395,496	61,249	439,598	-	896,344	870,369
		411,180	**61,249**	**439,598**	**-**	**912,028**	**886,470**
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	16	2,451	-	42,498	-	44,949	54,542
		2,451	**-**	**42,498**	**-**	**44,949**	**54,542**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**408,729**	**61,249**	**397,100**	**-**	**867,078**	**831,928**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,261,027**	**61,249**	**501,879**	**312,807**	**2,136,964**	**1,870,719**
Total net assets less liabilities		**1,261,027**	**61,249**	**501,879**	**312,807**	**2,136,964**	**1,870,719**
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Cash Flow Statement

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations	21		**6,235**
Investing activities			
Rental income, dividends and interest received		19,739	
			19,739
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			**25,975**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			870,369
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			**896,344**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity's presentational currency is pounds sterling and all amounts stated within the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the members for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless income is received in advance at the year-end and the performance criteria relate to a future accounting period.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	314,587	510	8,838	-	323,935	362,842
Legacies receivable	7,744		10,004		17,748	20,199
Grants receivable	123,426		13,089		136,515	175,136
	445,758	**510**	**31,931**	**-**	**478,198**	**558,176**

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Office fees	29,824	-	21,583	-	51,407	40,505
	29,824	**-**	**21,583**	**-**	**51,407**	**40,505**

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	26,931				26,931	17,831
Other funds generated	2,963		775		3,738	328
Hall rental income	18,598				18,598	15,811
Publication sales	5,576		2,900		8,476	8,361
Sundry income	11,071		140		11,211	39,480
Printing income	425				425	185
Church Building Rental	371				371	
	65,935	**-**	**3,815**	**-**	**69,750**	**81,996**

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income	8,897		96	205	9,199	11,421
Interest recivable	1,168		4		1,172	160
Rental income	3,552				3,552	8,158
	13,617	-	**100**	**205**	**13,922**	**19,739**

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	1,974				1,974	-
Sales of fixed assets	170				170	-
Sale of investments			3,000		3,000	-
	2,144	-	**3,000**	-	**5,144**	-

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other fundraising costs	2,749				2,749	1,169
	2,749	-	-	-	**2,749**	**1,169**

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	384,116				384,116	439,401
Clergy expenses	8,298				8,298	13,839
Parsonage - water	2,248				2,248	2,035
Parsonage - gas	224				224	-
Parsonage – other expenses	80				80	1,457
Prof development and training					-	-
Assistant clergy support					-	-
Readers fees					-	-
Curate stipend contribution	587				587	587
Maintenance of services	4,723				4,723	3,621
Costs of vergers and choir	2,733				2,733	2,649
Music and performances	17,285		30		17,315	3,481
Costs of meetings					-	161
Bank charges	449		10		459	411
Costs of printing and post	5,895				5,895	6,692
Parish – telephone/internet	988				988	2,062
Office and general expenses	4,476				4,476	6,059
Parish administrator	11,997				11,997	10,290
Leasing and HP	1,179				1,179	1,065
Professional fees	1,700				1,700	10,490
Audit and accountancy	1,800				1,800	1,900
MA/LMA central costs	208				208	
Church costs – insurance	14,980				14,980	12,845
Church costs – electricity	10,879				10,879	11,954
Church costs – gas	17,598				17,598	16,144
Church costs – water	971				971	1,430
Church costs – other	3,702				3,702	2,501
Church costs – repairs	18,309	1,405	5,100		24,813	19,360
Cleaning	880				880	1,936
Churchyard management	17,250		10,219		27,469	15,160
Churchyard grass cutting	480		156		636	
Church hall – other	1,021	203			1,224	1,389
Church hall – electric	4,002				4,002	4,307
Church hall – gas	2,721				2,721	4,841
Church hall - insurance	7,368				7,368	6,967
Church hall - repairs	3,663				3,663	4,715
Church hall – telephone	694				694	150
Church hall - water	1,876				1,876	1,445
Church hall - equipment	598				598	647
Church hall - cleaning	4,158				4,158	5,725
Other PCC property - repair	767				767	1,329
Major building renovations	2,110	2,468	16,315		20,893	303,157
Young people activity costs	828		3		831	61
Parish lay workers					-	22
Church publications	4,205				4,205	4,341
Mission and evangelism	333				333	2,828
Parish mission costs	659				659	536
Diocesan projects support	348				348	749
Church charity and projects	282				282	3,321
External charities	1,373				1,373	1,585
World Mission Giving	2,825		167		2,992	3,238
	573,866	**4,076**	**31,999**	**-**	**609,942**	**938,883**

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	676		6,573		7,249	12,917
Loans received repayments	3,500				3,500	
	4,176	**-**	**6,573**	**-**	**10,749**	**12,917**

11 Members

None of the members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2020 - none).

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2021	**380,000**
Additions/Disposals	
Revaluations	170,000
At 31 December 2021	**550,000**
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	-
Revaluation adjustment	
At 31 December 2021	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	**550,000**
At 31 December 2020	**380,000**

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
Cost or valuation	**£**
At 1 January 2021	658,792
Additions / reallocations	
Valuation changes	61,094
At 31 December 2021	**719,885**
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	**719,885**
At 31 December 2020	**658,792**

15 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	625	2,629
Prepayments		
Other debtors	15,059	13,472
	15,684	**16,101**

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,949	9,542
Other creditors		
Loans payable	36,000	45,000
	44,949	**54,542**

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 – none).

18 Transactions with trustees

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustee during the year (2020 – £0).

19 Fund movement by type

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resourcs	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	1,033,635	557,278	(580,792)	52,103	198,803	1,261,027
Designated funds						
Building fund	45,093			(4,331)		40,762
Church Hall legacy	1,747			(1,747)		-
Emmanuel petty cash	258		(203)	150		205
Former restoration appeal	31,583		(3,502)	(10,000)		18,081
Ladies Guild fund	15					15
St Cecilia's petty cash	205					205
St Cecilia's	840	500		(1,340)		-
Tiddle Tots fund	1,983					1,983
Emm	1,947	10	(371)	(1,586)		-
Roof	23,762			(23,762)		-
Restricted funds						
Aspire	11,555	10,065		1		21,620
Chancel Repair fund	1,817				192	2,009
Churchyard	74,155	21,352	(6,134)	2,133		91,506
Churchyard fund	3,744	1,546	(90)			5,200
Churchyard	76	2		(77)		-
Churchyard fund	5,256	1,340	(3,305)	(186)		3,104
Fred Birks Memorial fund	1,015					1,015
Frogs	291					291
Ladies Guild	60					60
Messy church	-		(3)	(971)		(974)
Messy church and youth	826					826
Reordering#2	(33,786)	17,155	(23,038)			(39,668)
Restricted donation	14,532	136	(990)	(13,109)		569
Restricted grants	28,501			2,050		30,551
Restricted fund	37,291					37,291
St Mary's Fabric fund	190,711					190,711
World Mission	352	3,205	(167)			3,390
Youth group	122					122
Churchyard fund	2,399	2,824	(530)			4,693
Truefood café	1,500			-		1,500
Bell	4,471	50	(30)			4,491
Fabric	44,205				3,771	47,976
Friend	7,898	2,677	(4,286)			6,290
HAWBRHALL	42					42
HAWEDUCN	16,125	8				16,133
HAWFABRIC	14,795				3,397	18,192
SGLAD	11,208				1,894	13,102
Organ	-					-
Altar					1,191	1,191
EMM Legacy		4			40,416	40,420
PopIn		63		164		227
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	10,931	205		1,155	(205)	12,086
AWRIGHT	4,282				453	4,734
CGGLAD	117,299				12,397	129,696
GLADTR	6,683				706	7,389
HAWEDUCN	38,000					38,000
HAWENDOW	14,000					14,000
HAWETHEL	4,975					4,975
HAWFABRIC	31,174				3,295	34,469
HAWLAND	16,000					16,000
HAWREC	6,391					6,391
HGLAD	822				87	908
RJONES	33,370				3,527	36,897
SGLAD	6,568				694	7,263
WARSTOCK	-			(646)	646	-
	1,870,719	**618,422**	**(623,440)**	**(0)**	**271,263**	**2,136,964**

20 Cash generated from operations

			2021
			£
Deficit for the year			(5,085)
Adjustments for:			
Net Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities			20,497
Movement in working capital:			
Decrease in trade and other receivables			417
Increase in trade and other payables			(9,593)
Cash used in operations			**6,235**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

BORDERLANDS 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) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst carrying out the independent examination of Borderlands Mission Area, the following issues have come to my attention:

As part of our testing we were unable to obtain supporting evidence to confirm some bank accounts and investment values. We expect this to be vouched in the coming year.

(Signature) K Morgan

(Date) 17-08-2023

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BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1177376

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Mission Area of Borderlands
Charity Number: 1177376

GROWING OUR MISSION AREA TOGETHER'

A community living well with God where our Christian faith enables us to work together for the good of all!

MISSION AREA PRAYER

Generous God, you call us to celebrate your love and generosity within the family of the Church.

We thank you for our Borderlands Mission Area and for our opportunities to share our abilities and resources within it.

Grant that your Holy Spirit will help us discern new ways of serving your Kingdom here, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Borderlands Mission Area is part of the **Diocese of St Asaph** within the **Church in Wales.**

Governing Document:
The Charity operates under the....
'Constitution of the Church in Wales'
www.churchinwales.org.uk

N.B The term *Mission Area Conference* is the new name for the *Parish Church Council (PCC)* as referred to in the Constitution.

Average Sunday Attendance
2020: 580
Serving a local community of **70,000+**
(and growing)

MISSION AREA CORRESPONDENCE
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Our Churches and Communities

All Saints, Buckley
Bistre Emmanuel, Buckley
St Cecilia, Mynydd Isa
The Good Shepherd, Drury
St Matthew, Buckley

St David, Connah's Quay St Mark
Connah's Quay St Ethelwold, Shotton
St Andrew, Garden City
St Francis, Sandycroft
St Bartholomew, Sealand
St Mary, Broughton
St Deiniol, Hawarden
The Holy Spirit, Ewloe
St John the Baptist, Penymynydd
Emmanuel, Penyffordd
St Cynfarch, Hope
St Michael, Llanfynydd
All Saints, Cymau

LOCATION / PROFILE

Borderlands Mission Area is situated in the North East of the Diocese of St Asaph, between the English border and the more rural Mold Mission Area to the west. It stretches from the marshes and former industrialised banks of the Dee estuary in the north and southwards to Hope Mountain and the rural communities bordering the Clwydian hills. Our MA is predominantly English speaking yet proud and protective of its Welsh culture.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

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 (MAC) 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 MAC has the responsibility of working together with the Shared Ministry Team in promoting within Borderlands the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of its nineteen church buildings (listed previously), church halls and other related buildings and land.

The Mission Area Conference is thus responsible, inter-alia, for the Parish (Mission Area) budget and all expenditure, for 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 Mission Area and the Diocesan Bishop.

Mission Area Trustees

(Serving from 1 January 2020 until the submission of this Report 2020 to the Charity Commission.)
Mission Area Leader - Revd Canon Martin Batchelor (to Nov 21), Revd Andrea Jones (from Dec 21)

Ex officio:

Clergy: Revd Canon Steven Green, Revds Sally Baird, Adam Pawley (to Oct'21), Andrea Jones, Neil Kelly, Alexier Mayes, Gill Stanning *(Mission Priest)*, Alan Cronin, Revd Canon Chancellor Pam Powell.

MA Warden: Gareth Jones *(Chair of Property)*

Elected Lay Representatives:

Val Aldcroft *(MA Warden,MA Treasurer)*, Helen Dalrymple, Blodwen Ellis, Hilda Glover *(to Nov '20)*, Helen Jones, Hazel Hughes *(to Nov '20)*, David Lloyd, Brenda Macaskill, Stephen Smith, John Taylor, Ann Williams *(to Nov '20)*, Paul Hewins, Dave Mackie, Janet Thompson, Martin Joy *(to Nov '20)*, Rob Dawson *(Lay Chair)*, Grant Stanning *(from Nov '20)*, Delyth Lee *(from Nov '20)*, Steve Wallace *(from Nov '20)*.

Co-opted:

Lay Ministries (Readers): Alan Griffiths, Pam Attree *(to Nov '20)*, Ann Bronnert *(to Nov '20)*, Lesley Joy *(to Nov '20)*.

Youth Representative: *Lacey Jones*

Representatives to Standing Committee: Clergy: Revd Martin Batchelor Lay: Mrs Val Aldcroft

OBJECTIVES

The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission.

Borderlands Mission Area is committed therefore to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Mission Area Community.The Mission Area Conference maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within our mission area. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our mission area through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living within our boundaries
- Missionary and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our churches and related buildings.

Mission Area Leader's Report 2020

Dear Everyone,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic much of the work of the Mission Area was put on hold, In March, services across the UK were suspended and face to face meetings were not possible, However, despite this, churches and congregations across the Mission Area responded to enable both mission and ministry to continue in some way. This included a number of online services being produced each Sunday, live streamed morning and evening prayer, mailing worship resources to those unable to access online material and online Messy Church. Our Mission Priest recorded several assemblies to be used across the Mission Area and coordinated the 'Jesus Rocks' project at Christmas. St Bartholomew's Sealand completed their building project with support of the Mission Area and Diocese. Several of our churches were involved in a variety of community action projects during this time supporting the vulnerable and those shielding or self-isolating.

Gareth Erlandson was ordained as Priest in June along with Gail Woodward and Helen Dawson who joined us after their ordinations as Deacons. Churches slowly began to resume services in August before having to suspend them again at the end of the year.

We held Mission Area Conferences via Zoom during the year. Both Val Aldcroft and Gareth Jones continued as Mission Area Wardens, with Val Aldcroft also as Acting Treasurer, and Lacey Jones later appointed as Mission Area Safeguarding Officer.

Thank you to everyone who has served on the MAC this year. Your willingness to be involved in enabling Borderlands to work efficiently and focus on mission is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Martin

Rev Canon Martin Batchelor, MA Leader

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Religious services take place in our churches and other buildings within the Mission Area, providing regular worship open to all. Our church buildings, many of which are accessible for some part of each day, provide a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation and are a place for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Our clergy are supported in providing worship and prayer by a team of Licensed Lay Readers and commissioned Worship Leaders.

Because of COVID 19 our regular patterns of open buildings, public worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and combined services were suspended across the Mission Area until August, but this provided us with the opportunity to trial new forms of prayer and worship online, highlighting something to be developed in the future.

PASTORAL CARE

The clergy of the MA are tasked with providing pastoral care to their congregations and to the wider local community. They are supported in this by commissioned Pastoral Assistants rooted in local churches.

Across Borderlands, congregations are nurtured and their needs and those of the local community identified and listened to. Those in need (the sick, aged, those with dementia etc.) are prayed for and supported. Communion is taken to the housebound and to those in care homes. Families are supported and prepared for baptism and couples for marriage. The dying and bereaved are visited and shown support.

In such a 'large' mission area we are proud of our continued concern and care for each other as we grow and move forward together in faith. Once again this aspect of our work was greatly restricted during lockdown 2020.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Twenty Lay Representatives (one per church and one youth representative) in addition to the Shared Ministry Team attend the Diocesan Conference, thus providing the essential link between Borderlands and the wider structures of the Church. One cleric and one lay person (both elected) represent the Mission Area at the Bishop's Standing Committee. This has been and will continue to be instrumental in the further development of our Mission Area.

Each of our churches has a variety of links with the community it serves – schools, local councils, care homes - often working collaboatively with other groups such as CYTUN.

MISSION AREA CONFERENCE 2020

Work continues with our Growth priority – growing in spiritual depth and as disciples in service and mission.

The Conference met on one occasion face to face at the beginning of the year and thereafter by ZOOM. In addition to formal business and other matters referred to us, our work and discussion focused on supporting each other and maintaining worship, ministry and mission in the face of a pandemic.

To ensure that good communication and strong teamwork continued, individual sub committees and church congregations were encouraged to remain involved online, and all MAC Minutes and Agendas were circulated online across our churches.

Our responsibilities as trustees, and close collaboration were highlighted by the need to maintain developments in finance and an emerging property strategy at this critical time.

Lay Chair Report 2020

In preparation for this report, I, as I am sure many have done, looked back at the report I had written for the previous year (2019). In that report I considered how we by various activities in Borderlands Mission Area 'serve our community, inspire people and transform church'. Many of these activities involved the meeting of people, the coming together in the sense of the very presence of a worshiping community. This year (2020) however, for reasons that need no explanation, has been very different.

As the threat of Coronavirus grew and lockdown took hold in March 2020, many of our regular initiatives for Lent and Easter had to be cancelled and many of the Christian celebrations of church and personal life events such as weddings and Baptisms put on hold. Not only that but we saw and experienced the cruelty of illness and the painful loss of loved ones, many of whom we were unable to mourn due to funeral restrictions. It is a matter of regret that at a point of great need throughout not just Borderlands but also our land, the churches and other places of worship were closed.

Whilst we were not able to meet one another physically each of us in every church throughout Borderlands Mission Area found new, innovative and exciting ways to join together in worship of God and to proclaim the gospel whilst maintaining physical (social) distancing. We have embraced new technology utilising video conferencing or social media to broadcast our services, hold Bible study or prayer groups, we have distributed the same on CDs, provided worship resources, Christingles, crafts, Nativity Story books to those at home, the distribution of Jesus Rocks through our schools and not forgetting our various church magazines and the odd phone call.

Many of us have joined local action groups or made our resources available to health and wellbeing providers, including pharmacies and GP surgeries for testing or vaccinations in the fight against Covid.

Towards the latter part of the year as lockdown started to lift, we were able to return to our church buildings; we did so with both excitement and some trepidation but full of faith. There were differences and we may have had to book a place, give our names at the door, wear a mask, sit apart, share Christ's Peace with a wave and sing in the quietness of our hearts - (that wasn't very easy at Christmas). Some churches took the opportunity to radically alter their seating arrangements, so as to still bring people together whilst being safe.

The use of new technology has, on the whole, had a positive impact on our congregations; with many of our churches experiencing the joy of new members who join in our worship from afar or who came to the Church having been reached remotely. Equally those members who have been sick or for whatever reason unable to get to church can still take part. Our challenge will be how the churches of Borderlands Mission Area ensure that we continue to reach out and minister to this disparate group upon our full return to 'normal services'.

Lockdown has undoubtedly had an impact upon our finances in terms of the offertory, events, and potential rental income from the use of church halls by fee paying groups. But with assistance from each other and from the Province and Diocese we have managed to meet our expenditure. The use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct giving scheme (https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/gift-direct/start-donating-your-church-or-parish/) is to be widely encouraged and promoted throughout Borderlands.

As we look towards the coming year, and do so still in the midst of the pandemic which will undoubtedly continue to raise a number of challenges, our faith will remain strong and vision intact in the full and sure knowledge that God continues to work through us, God's outstretched arms continue to hold us and God's word continues to inspire us.

Rob Dawson, MA Lay Chair

MISSION

All of what it means to be a Mission area is acted out and delivered by our churches. Borderlands continues to promote the whole mission of the Church by seeking to serve the whole community, by developing links locally and more widely, and provision for those outside our regular congregations, and by providing support, activities and spaces for specific groups such as older people, parent and toddler groups, the lonely and the homeless etc. Our donations to other charities such as Christian Aid, USPG, Water Aid, provide benefit in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the Mission Area.

We have a Mission/Pioneer Priest who supports our work.
(Please refer to appendices for a more detailed report of our mission activities from across our churches)

Pioneer Priest Report 2020

2020 has proved to be a frustrating year in many ways because planned projects had to be shelved and new things put on hold until the pandemic is over. However, some activities have been possible, and these are outlined below.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS:
Work continues with the Hope group to improve facilities and opportunities for those with Dementia and other issues caused by aging. As with most groups these meetings have been on Zoom and very little has been possible during 2020 other than to make plans for the future.

START courses:
A second START course was run in Hawarden at the beginning of 2020 and was attended by about 20 people. Discussions were fruitful and I felt it went very well. Feedback was good from St Deiniol's. Further START courses were in the pipeline for Autumn 2020 (St Matthew's, Buckley) and Winter 2021 (St Ethelwold's, Shotton) but neither have been able to go ahead because of Covid 19.

STORYTIME:
Storytime is a short service for children aged 0-5 which includes songs and nursery rhymes, a bible story told using props, puppets or characters dressed in costume, a prayer and simple refreshments at the beginning. Anyone with young children is welcome but it is especially aimed at those who have brought their children to Baptism but do not attend church. We had two Storytime sessions going, one in Bistre and one at Broughton. We ran these sessions from January to March 2020 and they continued to go well. However, all Storytime sessions had to cease in March.

CHILDREN'S LOCKDOWN VIDEOS:

During lockdown I put together some online videos for Easter 2020 and then Christmas 2020. These told the Easter story and the Christmas story in a series of four for each season. The videos used puppets, songs and visual aids to tell the stories. They were advertised on Facebook and directly to our schools. The videos were watched in a number of our primary schools, and we had very positive feedback from the schools who used them.

JESUS ROCKS OUTREACH:

During the lead up to Christmas I liaised with a number of churches in the MA to organize the Jesus Rocks project. These included: Bistre, Hawarden and Llanfynydd. The project involved small painted stones painted to look like Baby Jesus being given out in school or left around communities for people to pick up.

Volunteers from the participating churches met to paint the stones and assemble them ready for the public. A laminated card reminded people in a gentle way what Christmas is all about and included a link to our Facebook page or other contact details. On Church and MA Facebook pages there were links to the Christmas videos, mentioned above.

Rev Gill Stanning, Pioneer Priest

CHURCH PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

Overview

The MA Buildings and Property subcommittee has not met formally during this reporting period due to the Covid-19 restrictions as was the situation throughout 2020. Once restrictions are eased it is proposed to re-establish subcommittee 'face to face' meetings.

Support and advice have been given relating to property and buildings matters to individual churches within the MA when requested. Where possible I have made visits on behalf of the subcommittee to churches to help with the processing submissions to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) of either full faculty applications and or those lesser matters which fall into either the list A or B categories which do not require a faculty. Subsequent applications were then brought to the MAC meetings to gain approval or otherwise before submission to the DAC. This process has served well throughout the period and enabled the MAC to consider the key aspects of all faculty applications but for efficiency without the need for working through the detail, unless it is of significant impact and of financial risk to the MA Trustees. The meetings of the MAC have on record each faculty application which is entered on the Church in Wales Faculty System.

To comply with the ongoing Welsh Government and Church in Wales Covid -19 pandemic, precautions and procedures remain in place as part of the management and control of all Churches and Church Halls during worship and other approved activities. The systems adopted for each of the specific churches which are open for worship has worked well without any significant issues or concerns to report.

Quinquennial Inspections – Church Buildings:

Year of Inspection	Church	Estimated Cost of repairs	Comments
2015	St David	To be established	Minor repairs
	St Mark C/Quay	"	Minor repairs
2016	Emmanuel Penyffordd	"	General maintenance
	All Saints Bistre	"	Repairs required
	St Cecilia Mynydd Isa	"	Repairs required
2017	St Cynfarch Hope,	"	Repairs required
	St John Penymynydd	"	Significant repairs reqd
	St Bartholomew Sealand,	"	Repairs required
	Holy Spirit Ewloe,	"	Repairs required
	St Ethelwold, Shotton	"	Repairs required
	St Andrew Garden City	"	Repairs required
	St Mary, Broughton,	"	Repairs required
	St Michael, Llanfynydd	"	Significant repairs reqd
	All Saints Cymau	"	Repairs required
	St Francis Sandycroft	"	Significant repairs reqd
2018	St Deiniol Hawarden	"	Major repairs required
	St Matthew Buckley	"	Repairs required
	Good Shepherd Drury	"	Repairs required
	Emmanuel Bistre	"	Repairs required

Data and information gathering has commenced as part of the Borderlands MA Buildings and Property Review to establish estimated costs against the repairs and improvements identified within the above reports. This information will then go forward as part of the ongoing expenditure planning and budget forecasting across the MA for Church buildings, Church Halls and other property. At this stage it is estimated that the cost of repairs would be in the order of £650,000.00 to meet the recommendations across all 19 churches.

Furthermore, consideration will have to be given in future years regarding the environmental requirements and alternative technologies which will probably be introduced by UK Gov. against using fossil-based fuels for heating buildings and facilities.

Church Building Enhancements and Reordering Aspirations

Within the lists a faculty application, apart from those to obtain approval for significant repairs, there are a number which are based on future enhancements and reordering of church buildings to improve use and align more with plans to support future mission. It is estimated that the current and future various plans an aspiration across the MA for these major projects, would have combined costs of the order of £750,000.00. Clearly many of these future projects would have to be supported by grant funding were applicable and all risks and detailed project management plans agreed by the MAC.

Faculty applications submitted to the DAC and those still at the preparation stage:

Application Ref.	Summary	Church	Application created	Status	Comments
2020-00567	Installation of safety handrails to the church front entrance doorway	St Matthew, Buckley	Thu 06 Feb 2020	Proposal in Preparation	Project plan, costings, funding and financial risk to prepared for Church Committee
2018-000720	Provision of new disabled toilet in the vestry to replace existing toilet, including provision of additional storage space	St Ethelwold, Shotton	Mon 17 Dec 2018	Proposal in Preparation	Project plan, costings, funding and financial risk to be prepared for Church Committee and MA consideration.
2018-000307	Reordering	Emmanuel, Bistre, Buckley	Tue 12 Jun 2018	Proposal in Preparation	Project plan, costings, and financial risk to be prepared for Church Committee and MA consideration.
2018-000264	New entrance, meeting room, toilet and kitchen facilities	St Cecilia, Mynydd Isa	Sat 19 May 2018	Proposal in Preparation	Project plan, costings, financial risk to be prepared for Church Committee and MA consideration.

Faculty Applications Granted

The majority of those listed below are now physically completed but required final administrative detail from the individual churches to close out the faculty reporting.

Application Ref.	Summary	Church	Initial application date	Status	Comments
31102013	The creation of a kitchen and toilet facilities to the rear of the Church, the introduction of a new sceptic tank and improvements to the heating and lighting at the Church.	St Bartholomew Sealand.	8th August 2013	Approved 31st October 2013	The construction & installation work is now substantially completed. The project outturn cost is £330k. The scheme funding includes a recent loan from the Diocese .Details are documented separately in MAC minutes.
22112016	The internal reordering of the Church	St Bartholomew Sealand.	8th January 2016	Approved 22nd November 2016	As above reopening to be further advised by Church Committee.
2020-005510	Repointing and repair of four Grade 2 listed tombs to the North of Church	St Cynfarch Hope	Mon 17 Sep 2018	Completed. Admin. detail awaited to close faculty.	Physically completed.
2018-000475	Conservation of post-Reformation wall paintings.	St Cynfarch Hope	Mon 17 Sep 2018	Restoration completed. Admin. detail awaited to close faculty.	Restoration completed.
2018-000443	Repair, repaint and reinstall 2 damaged downspouts, new drains and soakaways, install new hoppers. Path repairs.	St Ethelwold Shotton	Thu 30 Aug 2018	Faculty granted, awaiting Practical Completion	Awaiting completion report.
2018-000221	Disabled Toilet and new vestry	St Mark, Connah's Quay	Wed 28 Mar 2018	Admin. detail reqd to close faculty	Completed facility in use.
2018-000218	Graveyard pathway	St Michael Llanfynydd	Mon 26 Mar 2018	Faculty granted	Awaiting completion
2018-000191	Improved car park lighting	Emmanuel Bistre, Buckley	Fri 23 Feb 2018	Faculty granted	Awaiting completion

Church Buildings Insurance

The group policy cover for all of the 19 churches across the Mission Area was renewed in January 2020. The share of the costs to individual churches is based as in previous years on the 'cover risk' set by The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) risk assessor.

Gareth Jones – MA Warden & Chair of Buildings and Property

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Sage & Co Chartered Accountants
102 Bowen Court, St Asaph

FINANCE REPORT 2020

After an initial period of anxiety and queries about cash flow/Q2 and Q3 payments of Share caused by lockdown and closed churches in March, the panic settled into constructive work on the management of our MA Finances, and the Treasurers' Team continued to work closely for mutual support and to address the practicalities of managing the process of transition from individual Church Accounts to consolidated MA Accounts, from paper to finance coordinator – zoom, emails and phone calls replacing our face-to-face meetings.

Church closures have highlighted the benefits of online giving, particularly 'Gift Direct', and it will be necessary to develop this over the coming years, whilst recognising that we have a responsibility to enable all to be generous in whatever way they choose.

During the year, all churches maximised their income by submitting claims for Gift Aid and for a payment under the Small Donations Scheme.

Our Treasurers Team met with officers from Diocesan Finance in October to find a mutually acceptable allocation of the MA Share 2021 across our churches. A few churches confirmed that they were beginning to struggle independently with payments and running costs.

Given the exceptional circumstances and challenges of 2020 our Mission Area finances remain secure at the end of the year – the result of working together and supporting each other throughout. We have been grateful for the enablement support released by the DBF but need to be aware that any further support in 2021 will most likely be targeted at individual churches and mission areas where there is a specific need.

Following continued work to research and integrate income streams/legacies from the former Hawarden Benefice, these now appear as part of the 2020 MA Accounts – for the moment ringfenced within the MA Central Account.

Val Aldcroft: MA Warden/Acting MA Treasurer

APPROVED by the Mission Area Conference on: *(Date)* 25th May 2022

and signed on its behalf by : *(Signature)* Andrea Jones

(Name) ANDREA JONES

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	470,314	2,855	85,007	-	558,176	960,428
Income from charitable activities	4	23,305	-	17,200	-	40,505	58,474
Other trading activities	5	74,707	171	7,118	-	81,996	157,921
Investments	6	18,718	-	1,021	-	19,739	22,783
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	34,050
Total income		**587,044**	**3,026**	**110,347**	**-**	**700,416**	**1,233,656**
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	1,142	27	-	-	1,169	2,983
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	649,526	38,704	250,652	-	938,883	681,356
Other expenditure	10	120	-	12,797	-	12,917	5,449
Total expenditure		**650,788**	**38,731**	**263,449**	**-**	**952,968**	**689,788**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		**(63,744)**	**(35,706)**	**(153,103)**	**-**	**(252,552)**	**543,868**
Transfers							
Gross transfers between funds - in		3,918	300	4,362		8,580	180,621
Gross transfers between funds - out		(4,147)	(1)	(4,432)		(8,580)	(180,621)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		10,379		5,141	11,805	27,324	39,662
Net movement in funds		**(53,594)**	**(35,407)**	**(148,032)**	**11,805**	**(225,228)**	**583,530**
Total funds brought forward		**1,087,229**	**142,838**	**587,191**	**278,689**	**2,095,947**	**1,512,417**
Total funds carried forward		**1,033,635**	**107,431**	**439,159**	**290,494**	**1,870,719**	**2,095,947**
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund		1,033,635	-	-	-	1,033,635	1,087,229
Designated							
Building fund		-	45,093	-	-	45,093	45,094
Church Hall legacy		-	1,747	-	-	1,747	1,748
Emmanuel petty cash		-	258	-	-	258	218
Former restoration appeal		-	31,583	-	-	31,583	43,516
Ladies Guild fund		-	15	-	-	15	14
Reordering#1		-	-	-	-	-	25,000
St Cecilia's petty cash		-	205	-	-	205	104
St Cecilia's		-	840	-	-	840	867
Tiddle Tots fund		-	1,983	-	-	1,983	2,072
Emm		-	1,947	-	-	1,947	443
Roof		-	23,762	-	-	23,762	23,762
Restricted							
Aspire		-	-	11,555	-	11,555	6,355
Chancel Repair fund		-	-	1,817	-	1,817	1,921
Churchyard		-	-	74,155	-	74,155	74,614
Churchyard fund		-	-	3,744	-	3,744	4,748
Churchyard		-	-	76	-	76	56
Churchyard fund		-	-	5,256	-	5,256	5,441
Fred Birks Memorial fund		-	-	1,015	-	1,015	1,014
Frogs		-	-	291	-	291	290
Ladies Guild		-	-	60	-	60	377
Messy church		-	-	-	-	-	492
Messy church and youth		-	-	826	-	826	826
Reordering#2		-	-	(33,786)	-	(33,786)	150,440
Restricted donation		-	-	14,532	-	14,532	349
Restricted grants		-	-	28,501	-	28,501	17,274
Restricted fund		-	-	37,291	-	37,291	37,209
St Mary's Fabric fund		-	-	190,711	-	190,711	190,751
World Mission		-	-	352	-	352	1,214
Youth group		-	-	122	-	122	121
Churchyard fund		-	-	2,399	-	2,399	782
Truefood café		-	-	1,500	-	1,500	(589)
Bell		-	-	4,471	-	4,471	4,532
Fabric		-	-	44,205	-	44,205	41,765
Friend		-	-	7,898	-	7,898	6,957
HAWBRHALL		-	-	42	-	42	42
HAWEDUCN		-	-	16,125	-	16,125	15,694
HAWFABRIC		-	-	14,795	-	14,795	13,948
SGLAD		-	-	11,208	-	11,208	10,566
Organ		-	-	-	-	-	-

Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	-	-	-	10,931	10,931	10,305
AWRIGHT	-	-	-	4,282	4,282	4,037
CGGLAD	-	-	-	117,299	117,299	110,585
GLADTR	-	-	-	6,683	6,683	6,300
HAWEDUCN	-	-	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
HAWENDOW	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
HAWETHEL	-	-	-	4,975	4,975	4,975
HAWFABRIC	-	-	-	31,174	31,174	29,390
HAWLAND	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
HAWREC	-	-	-	6,391	6,391	6,025
HGLAD	-	-	-	822	822	775
RJONES	-	-	-	33,370	33,370	31,460
SGLAD	-	-	-	6,568	6,568	6,193
WARSTOCK	-	-	-	-	-	646
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Balance sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	13	380,000	-	-	-	380,000	380,000
Investments	14	274,822	-	93,476	290,494	658,791	634,111
		654,822	**-**	**93,476**	**290,494**	**1,038,791**	**1,014,111**
Current assets							
Debtors	15	16,101	-	-	-	16,101	18,212
Cash at bank and in hand		366,422	107,431	396,516	-	870,369	1,073,705
		382,523	**107,431**	**396,516**	**-**	**886,470**	**1,091,917**
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	16	3,710	-	50,832	-	54,542	10,081
		3,710	**-**	**50,832**	**-**	**54,542**	**10,081**
Net current assets less current liabilities		**378,813**	**107,431**	**345,683**	**-**	**831,928**	**1,081,836**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,033,635**	**107,431**	**439,159**	**290,494**	**1,870,719**	**2,095,947**
Total net assets less liabilities		**1,033,635**	**107,431**	**439,159**	**290,494**	**1,870,719**	**2,095,947**
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Cash Flow Statement

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations	21		**(223,076)**
Investing activities			
Rental income, dividends and interest received		19,739	
			19,739
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			**(203,336)**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,073,705
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			**870,369**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity's presentational currency is pounds sterling and all amounts stated within the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the members for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless income is received in advance at the year-end and the performance criteria relate to a future accounting period.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	350,250	855	11,737		362,842	808,657
Legacies receivable	3,000	1,000	16,199		20,199	-
Grants receivable	117,065	1,000	57,071		175,136	151,771
	470,314	**2,855**	**85,007**	**-**	**558,176**	**960,428**

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Office fees	23,305		17,200		40,505	58,474
	23,305	**-**	**17,200**	**-**	**40,505**	**58,474**

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	17,831				17,831	56,305
Other funds generated	138	169	21		328	11,747
Hall rental income	15,811				15,811	38,585
Publication sales	8,361				8,361	10,185
Sundry income	32,380	2	7,098		39,480	39,987
Printing income	185				185	1,111
	74,707	**171**	**7,118**	**-**	**81,996**	**157,921**

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income	10,458		963	-	11,421	13,908
Interest recivable	102		58		160	523
Rental income	8,158				8,158	8,352
	18,718	-	**1,021**	-	**19,739**	**22,783**

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims					-	20,921
Sales of fixed assets					-	2,540
Sale of investments					-	10,589
	-	-	-	-	-	**34,050**

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Advertising					-	2,983
Fees paid to fund raisers					-	-
Costs of grant applications					-	-
Other fundraising costs	1,142	27			1,169	-
	1,142	**27**	-	-	**1,169**	**2,983**

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	439,401				439,401	407,346
Clergy expenses	13,746	2	91		13,839	15,737
Parsonage - water	2,035				2,035	1,879
Parsonage - gas					-	15
Parsonage – other expenses	1,457				1,457	54
Prof development and training					-	620
Assistant clergy support					-	788
Readers fees					-	-
Curate stipend contribution	587				587	471
Maintenance of services	3,364	257			3,621	6,744
Costs of vergers and choir	2,347		302		2,649	8,083
Music and performances	3,481				3,481	5,183
Costs of meetings	161				161	132
Bank charges	411				411	675
Costs of printing and post	6,692				6,692	8,905
Parish – telephone/internet	2,062				2,062	1,016
Office and general expenses	5,910		149		6,059	5,546
Parish administrator	10,290				10,290	7,841
Leasing and HP	1,065				1,065	1,065
Professional fees	6,170		4,320		10,490	2,922
Audit and accountancy	1,900				1,900	-
Church costs – insurance	12,845				12,845	30,554
Church costs – electricity	11,954				11,954	14,495
Church costs – gas	16,144				16,144	17,984
Church costs – water	1,430				1,430	1,669
Church costs – other	2,501				2,501	12,018
Church costs – repairs	15,122	352	3,886		19,360	36,326
Cleaning	1,896		40		1,936	2,918
Churchyard management	2,250		12,910		15,160	12,716
Church hall – other	1,349		40		1,389	1,431
Church hall – electric	4,307				4,307	5,907
Church hall – gas	4,841				4,841	5,770
Church hall - insurance	6,967				6,967	8,185
Church hall - repairs	3,995	720			4,715	8,003
Church hall – telephone	150				150	1,066
Church hall - water	1,445				1,445	1,937
Church hall - equipment	61	586			647	120
Church hall - cleaning	5,725				5,725	7,614
Other PCC property - repair	1,329				1,329	183
Major building renovations	39,727	36,628	226,802		303,157	17,204
Young people activity costs	22		39		61	2,039
Parish lay workers	22				22	100
Church publications	4,341				4,341	6,256
Mission and evangelism	2,828				2,828	1,395
Parish mission costs	376	160			536	159
Diocesan projects support	749				749	756
Church charity and projects	1,821		1,500		3,321	999
External charities	1,585				1,585	2,916
World Mission Giving	2,664		574		3,238	5,617
	649,526	**38,704**	**250,653**	-	**938,883**	**681,356**

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	120		12,797		12,917	2,706
Purchase of investments					-	2,744
	120	-	**12,797**	-	**12,917**	**5,449**

11 Members

None of the members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2019 - none).

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings
Cost	**£**
At 1 January 2020	**380,000**
Additions/Disposals	
At 31 December 2020	**380,000**
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2020	-
Revaluation adjustment	
At 31 December 2020	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	**380,000**
At 31 December 2019	**380,000**

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
Cost or valuation	**£**
At 1 January 2020	634,111
Additions / reallocations	
Valuation changes	24,681
At 31 December 2020	**658,792**
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	**658,792**
At 31 December 2019	**634,111**

15 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	**£**
Trade debtors	2,629	1,041
Prepayments		
Other debtors	13,472	17,171
	16,101	**18,212**

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	**£**
Trade creditors	9,542	10,081
Other creditors		
Loans payable	45,000	
	54,542	**10,081**

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 – none).

18 Transactions with trustees

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustee during the year (2019 – £0).

19 Post balance sheet events

As a direct consequence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and in accordance with UK government guidelines, church buildings were closed to the public in March 2020 for an indeterminate period. At the date of the approval of the accounts it has not been possible to quantify or ascertain with any certainty the financial impact of COVID-19. No adjustments have been made to any of the figures as a result of the pandemic.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

20 Fund movement by type

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund						
General fund	1,087,229	587,044	(650,787)	(229)	10,379	1,033,635
Designated funds						
Building fund	45,094		(1)			45,093
Church Hall legacy	1,748		(1)			1,747
Emmanuel petty cash	218	0	(160)	200		258
Former restoration appeal	43,516	1,001	(12,934)			31,583
Ladies Guild fund	14	1				15
Reordering#1	25,000		(25,000)			-
St Cecilia's petty cash	104	0		100		205
St Cecilia's	867		(27)			840
Tiddle Tots fund	2,072	169	(257)	(1)		1,983
Emm	443	1,855	(352)			1,947
Roof	23,762					23,762
Restricted funds						
Aspire	6,355	7,143	(70)	(1,873)		11,555
Chancel Repair fund	1,921	1			(105)	1,817
Churchyard	74,614	17,551	(18,010)	(1)		74,155
Churchyard fund	4,748	830	(2,050)	215		3,744
Churchyard	56	20				76
Churchyard fund	5,441	1		(186)		5,256
Fred Birks Memorial fund	1,014	1				1,015
Frogs	290	0				291
Ladies Guild	377	93	(64)	(346)		60
Messy church	492	521	(39)	(974)		-
Messy church and youth	826					826
Reordering#2	150,440	55,373	(239,598)			(33,786)
Restricted donation	349	14,399	(216)			14,532
Restricted grants	17,274	10,000			1,227	28,501
Restricted fund	37,209	82				37,291
St Mary's Fabric fund	190,751	1	(40)			190,711
World Mission	1,214	212	(574)	(500)		352
Youth group	121	1				122
Churchyard fund	782	1,970	(273)	(80)		2,399
Truefood café	(589)	1	(1,500)	3,589		1,500
Bell	4,532	18	(80)			4,471
Fabric	41,765		(90)		2,530	44,205
Friend	6,957	1,586	(645)			7,898
HAWBRHALL	42					42
HAWEDUCN	15,694	431				16,125
HAWFABRIC	13,948				847	14,795
SGLAD	10,566				642	11,208
Organ	-	113	(200)	87		-
Endowment						
Hazel Sherriff Choir/organ fund	10,305	-			626	10,931
AWRIGHT	4,037				245	4,282
CGGLAD	110,585				6,714	117,299
GLADTR	6,300				383	6,683
HAWEDUCN	38,000					38,000
HAWENDOW	14,000					14,000
HAWETHEL	4,975					4,975
HAWFABRIC	29,390				1,784	31,174
HAWLAND	16,000					16,000
HAWREC	6,025				366	6,391
HGLAD	775				47	822
RJONES	31,460				1,910	33,370
SGLAD	6,193				376	6,568
WARSTOCK	646				(646)	-
	2,095,947	**700,416**	**(952,968)**	**-**	**27,324**	**1,870,719**

21 Cash generated from operations

			2020
			£
Deficit for the year			(252,552)
Adjustments for:			
Net investment income recognised in statement of financial activities			(17,096)
Movement in working capital:			
Decrease in trade and other receivables			2,111
Increase in trade and other payables			44,461
Cash used in operations			**(223,076)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

BORDERLANDS MISSION AREA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The PCC 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) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Whilst carrying out the independent examination of Borderlands Mission Area, the following issues have come to my attention:

As part of our testing we were unable to obtain supporting evidence to confirm some bank accounts and investment values we expect this to be vouched in the coming year.

(Signature) 

(Date) 7/6/22

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From Our Mission Area 'Quarters' – Our Achievements in 2020!

Connah's Quay, Shotton, Garden City and Sealand

Our Church Team in Connah's Quay wanted to reach out to those not online, so we created a phone rota with volunteers who phoned around ensuring everyone was okay during lockdown. We created online services, zoom meetings and a regular 'Pray N Chat' to connect with people. We posted out CDs of the Sunday Services with the pew sheets, and a weekly sermon is put on 'Dial a Sermon'. With an online presence, we were able to link into Diocesan and Mission Area initiatives to include our youth.

Community outreach continued, linking with the Women's Crisis Centre - the 'Crafters' providing items for the Ladies. We worked alongside 'Community Hands', 'Foodbank' and the 'Deeside Community Centre'.

Zoom and the telephone kept our church family together while St Bartholomew's was in the extended process of being reordered. We found new ways of worshipping - meeting three times a week for prayers, bible study and pastoral support.

We now have a functioning and sustainable centre of worship in Sealand and were able to re-engage with our community and especially young families, who came to view the reordered church during December.

The parish of Shotton embraced the streaming of regular church services and has been enriched by the reordering of the church buildings to allow social distancing and a safe place to gather. We now have a large virtual congregation for Sunday and weekday services - regulars and newcomers attending. This is an opportunity to grow church differently. Our involvement in Community Groups/Action, School Governors etc continued using Church Hall and St Andrews Hub to promote good community relations.







Llanfynydd and Cymau, Hope, Penyffordd and Penymynydd

Our highlights throughout the year include a successful Lent course, run in the pub at Llanfynydd, Jesus Rocks, Missional Christmas outreach aimed at young children and families, establishing regular online services and Zoom coffee times, developing teamwork and a culture of kindness and openness throughout the challenges of the pandemic, and keeping people 'together' as a congregation.

We hosted the village outdoor Carols event in church to make it easier to socially distance.

The highlights of our year in Hope include moving church and fellowship online using social media and Zoom, the provision of resources for use in private prayer at home or in church, seasonal online special services – Easter, VE Day, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas (Christingle in a bag – 300 oranges given out), and good pastoral care of one another across the congregations.

We kept in contact through the introduction of a weekly email, regular social media posts, Christmas cards, telephone calls and doorstep visits as restrictions have allowed for those not online.

Hope4All (All Age Sunday Service in Hope) remained our principal outreach to families. Pre-Covid, our monthly food get-togethers after Hope4All were being well received. During half term we hosted children's and young people's activities as part of our Pop In. High School musicians would perform in our coffee afternoons.

We found new ways to sing using sign language and hosted occasional online all age services such as Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pumpkin Prayer, Christingle in a bag. We moved TiddleTots online to Facebook and provided occasional 'Lockdown Goodie Bags' for children and young people with puzzle sheets, colouring, treats, Bible stories, study booklet.

Five members of our church joined the local Covid-Action support group – delivering shopping, medicines, walking dogs, and making telephone calls.

In ***Penyffordd*** we hosted occasional online services with Hope and St John's and delivered pre-recorded school assemblies on USB to Ysgol Penyffordd. Our Foodbank Collection continued throughout.

Highlights at ***St John the Baptist*** included maintaining communication and the spiritual health of our church community through weekly service sheets sent by the Reader and others – this also included a gardening blog, Christmas reflections, and Mindful Moments on Facebook. We worked to ensure we kept Facebook up to date, and engaged with people at home through emails, phone calls and Christmas gifts.

At Christmas we responded to Christian Aid appeal through our school (baubles and Christmas tree venture) and a monthly service sheet went out to families with a craft activity attached



Buckley, Bistre, Mynydd Isa, Drury and Ewloe

Bistre Churches were one of the organisers of Buckley Emergency Response Team (BERT) heading up 100 volunteers during the first lockdown to deliver prescriptions, shop for those isolating, dog walking, etc. We also provided a weekly online worship, held evening prayer by zoom and started a bi-weekly online bible study group.

Messy Church continued but 'on zoom', and we emailed out a family worksheet based on the readings. Our travelling crib continued its journey around our homes. We began work with other churches to develop a 'community fridge' project in the town.

At St Cecilia's we were able to maintain our Carols by Candlelight service by recording and sending it out online.

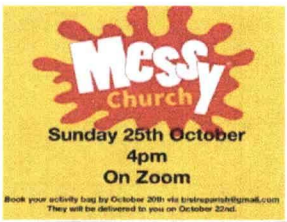
At St Matthew's, the Good Shepherd and Holy Spirit we committed to finding alternative ways to keep in touch during the pandemic, such as a new weekly 'Messenger Online' update during the church closures and first lockdown. We provided and personally delivered service leaflets and reading packs to the church family for Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, All Souls, Advent and Christmas – also, at home Worship Resources. Through the Church Facebook page, we provided information to the community regarding church openings and 'Christingle at Home'.

Pastoral support was provided to one another by phone calls, distanced support visits, media group, WhatsApp and Zoom chats.

At St Matthew's our Church Team made up over 300 'Christingle at Home' packs for school and community, delivered to school and collected by families from Open Church. A Christmas Prayer Tree provided an opportunity to remember someone special in our lives.

Our hall was used to support a GP Practice to deliver Flu' jab during lockdown, to host the Welsh Blood Service, and to support "For the love of Scrubs" - Church members making scrubs, scrub bags, knitting and producing facemask strap extenders, all to support NHS.

Church members participated in the Buckley community initiative during lockdown 'BERT' - Buckley Ecumenical Response Team and continued to support Foodbank.
At the Holy Spirit the celebration of St David's Day Songs of Praise welcomed many people from other churches. The Shrove Tuesday 'Fish and Chip Supper' was the last social function. We held special 'Foodbank Sundays'.













Hawarden, Sandycroft and Broughton

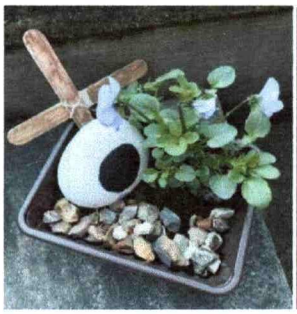
In Hawarden our very successful Messy Church moved online. Our 'Jesus Rocks' project involved church families and school, and our Nativity Trail at Christmas changed from being a Posada in people's homes to being a trail in the village. Lots of families enjoyed posting pictures of the homes they had made for their Baby Jesus Rocks on our Facebook page.

We worked closely with our village community. We continued to get our community magazine out – much more than a parish magazine - and we enlisted the help of non-churchgoers as well as the regular congregation.

At St Francis we are proud of the fact that we could continue to worship together when we were able to be open, and to care for each other. We have undertaken fundraising events such as our plant sale. We maintained our community garden, managed by our churchwarden, and with interest from some dedicated young people. The pandemic has led us to get involved in a school uniform exchange.

St Mary's Church raised its profile at Christmas with a fund-raising raffle, which was met with a really positive response in the village. We are growing a meaningful presence in the community and have maintained our links with the LEA school. We gained visitors to our FB page each day after prayers had been posted.









Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

As always, our six MU branches formed a network of prayer, pastoral care, and outreach to the community across Borderlands. We continued to 'Unite in Prayer' with other members throughout the World in this most difficult year!