



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Charity name: The Mercy Ward Church Trust

Charity registration number: 1177763

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance the Christian religion, by:</p> <p>(1) supporting the mission and ministry of the Church of England in the parishes of Long and Little Wittenham, Oxfordshire ('the Parish') and the Dorchester Team Ministry;</p> <p>(2) in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, helping preserve, maintaining and, where appropriate, developing the fabric of the parish church of St Mary Long Wittenham, Oxfordshire; and</p> <p>(3) supporting any purpose intended to further the work of the Church of England and the spiritual, moral and physical education and training of the inhabitants of the Parish</p> <p>in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time think.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity was established under the terms of the will of the late Ursula Mary Ward and following grant of probate the sum of £411,622 was passed to the charity. In this the seventh year of operation two grant applications were received</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The charity's objectives meet the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under the advancement of religion and the preservation of the environment / conservation headings and the trustees have regard to this in their decision making</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In this the seventh year of operation two grant applications were received and approved totalling £9,000.</p> <p>A grant of £1,000 was given to support a school project with Opera Brava, a Christian-run touring opera company</p> <p>A grant of £8,000 was approved in connection with a stonework repairs at St Mary's Church Long Wittenham. The funds have not yet been drawn down but the works are in progress at the date of this report</p> <p>The trustees continue to invite applications for funding in line with the charity's objectives</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has reserves of £371,062 at the end of the period to meet future requests for grant. Of this amount a grant of £8,000 had been approved at the year end but not drawn down
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds reserves in line with the wishes of the benefactor
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£371,062
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The selection of the initial trustees was specified in the will and the Trust Deed reflects this.</p> <p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(b) In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p> <p>(c) In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to continuing to represent the views of the Long and Little Wittenham PCCs and the Dorchester Team Ministry.</p> <p>Ex-officio Trustees</p> <p>(a) In this clause, "the role" means any or all of the following, as the case may be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) the Team Rector of the Dorchester-on-Thames Team</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) no less than one and no more than two of the Church Wardens of the churches of Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) the person with primary pastoral care of Long Wittenham for the Dorchester Team (which person at the time of creating this CIO is known as the "team Vicar")</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iv) the PCC treasurer of Long and Little Wittenham or, if not possible, another PCC member</p> <p>(b) The role for the time being ("the office holder") shall automatically ("ex-officio") be a charity trustee, for as long as he or she holds that office.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Mercy Ward Church Trust
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1177763
Charity's principal address	6 Deacon Way Docking King's Lynn PE31 8GJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael John Pawley			
2	Dinah Perkins			
3	Mandy Williams			
4	Rev Joanna Allen		08/05/2024-31/12/2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	RWK Goodman	5-6 Northumberland Buildings, Queen Square, Bath BA1 2JE

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

n/a

Exemptions from disclosure**Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details**

n/a


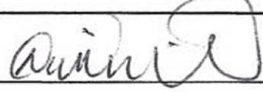
Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael John Pawley	Mandy Williams
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date 15/10/2025



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Charity Name
The Mercy Ward Church Trust

No (if any)
1177763

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end date 31-Dec-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	-	9,011	-	9,011	6,686
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	9,011	-	9,011	6,686
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	9,011	-	9,011	6,686
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations paid	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bank charges	-	62	-	62	66
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	1,062	-	1,062	66
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	1,062	-	1,062	66
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	7,949	-	7,949	6,620
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	363,113	-	363,113	356,493
Cash funds this year end	-	371,062	-	371,062	363,113

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Cash at bank - current account	-	216	-
	Cash at bank - deposit account	-	370,846	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	371,062	-

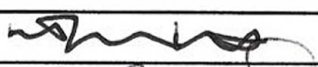

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
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		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Grant approved, not yet drawn	Restricted	8,000	2025
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Michael Pawley	15/10/2025
	Mandy Williams	15/10/2025