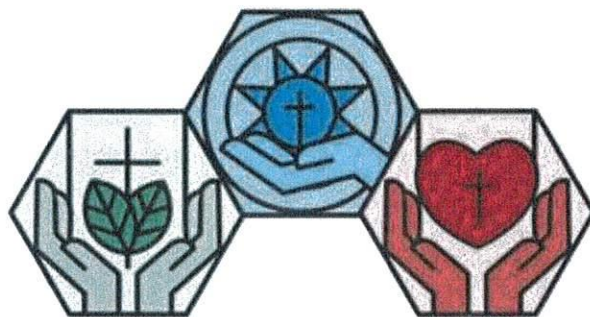


Diocese of St. Asaph

Esgobaeth Llanelwy



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ALYN MISSION AREA

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

CLERGY & MAC REPRESENTATIVES 2022

<u>Role/Church</u>	<u>MAC Member</u>	<u>Church Warden</u>
Priest	Huw Butler	-----
Priest	Tudor Hughes	-----
Priest	Will Marshall	-----
MA Warden	Sian Hatton Jones	-----
MA Warden	Jenny Creed	
Brymbo		Bernard Davies
Brymbo		Brenda Lewis
Bwlchgwyn	Steve Tilson	Steve Tilson
Bwlchgwyn		Cynthia Hughes
Coedpoeth	Pat Edwards	Pat Edwards
Coedpoeth		Myra Jones
Gresford	Sue Roden	Sue Roden Ian Morris
Gresford	Pauline Jarvis	Pauline Jarvis Meirion Lewis Jones
Gwersyllt	Sharon Griffiths	Sharon Griffiths
Gwersyllt		Johanne Bebb
Holt	Marian Woodfine	Steven Smith
Holt	Marlies Pridding	Paul Gaade
Isycoed	Rachel Bellis	Rachel Bellis
Isycoed	Lynda Ellis-Brereton	Lynda Ellis-Brereton
Llay	Sheila Woolrich	Sheila Woolrich
Llay	Patricia Edwards	Patricia Edwards
Minera	Menna Storey	Carol Douglas-Jones
Minera	Sylvia Partington	Sylvia Partington
P. Broughton	Jane Parr	Francis Roberts
P. Broughton		
Rossett	Colin Brown	Roger Dutton
Rossett	Stephen Hatton	Sian Hatton Jones
Southsea	Philippa Reed	Glyn Davies
Southsea	Harry Reed	Shelagh Watkinson

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE	Last year	This year
Members on Mission Area Electoral Roll	As of 04/22: 451	As of 04/23: 418 (+25)

The Electoral Roll 2023

St. Mary, Brymbo	(15)	St. Paul, Isycoed	11
Christ Church, Bwlchgwyn	21	St. Martin, Llay	43
St. Tudfil, Coedpoeth	(10)	St. Mary, Minera	25
All Saints, Gresford	126	St. Paul, Pentre Broughton	24
Holy Trinity, Gwersyllt	45	Christ Church, Rossett	62
St. Chad, Holt	46	All Saints, Southsea	15

Alyn Mission Area Leader's Report for 2022

I would say that the gospel account of the disciples travelling on the way to Emmaus has become my favourite out of all of the resurrection appearances (c.f. Luke 24:13-35).

The reason being, that it speaks directly to us as the pattern of how we too meet our risen Lord as followers of Jesus many centuries after this event was recorded.

"Didn't our hearts burn within us, as He unfolded the scriptures" and "they recognised Him in the breaking of the bread".

As we come to this Annual Mission Area "Vestry" meeting it is a stopping place for us as fellow disciples travelling together along the journey of faith. It provides an opportunity to reflect upon those times when we have recognised Jesus in our midst and to remember, of course, that Jesus is always travelling alongside us even during those times when we fail to recognise Him, especially in the changes and challenges that we face.

So then, how have we been travelling together over the past year?

As we look back at 2022, I think it is fair to say that it marked a turning point in us moving out of "pandemic mode" as we now learn to live with COVID. This is certainly something that we all give thanks for! However, 2022 also marked a turning point in others ways. Looking at the Mission Area itself, we embarked upon a serious process of change with the retirement of Rev'd James Harris during June after faithfully serving within the Mission Area for 14 years and principally overseeing the communities of Minera, Coedpoeth and Bwlchgwyn.

We also said farewell to Rev'd George Bearwood who completed his curacy with us during the summer to move on to new pastures in ministry in Borderlands Mission Area and then Rev'd Paulette Gower who moved to a new chapter in ministry at Montgomery at the end of October. I took on the additional responsibility of becoming Mission Area Leader in November. In effect, we lost half of our clergy last year.

This has inevitably created some significant challenges for us and a re-evaluation of how we negotiate mission and ministry throughout our 12 church communities. We continue to negotiate this significant journey of change – we are actively searching for a new priest to join us who will live at Minera (including oversight of Bwlchgwyn and Pentre Broughton) and we also look forward to 2 new curates joining us in the summer – Ana Davies who will live in Llay and Emma Dale who will live in Brymbo - following their ordination on 24th of June at St. Asaph Cathedral.

After careful and prayerful consideration our vision will be for Gwersyllt to be more closely linked with Llay and Rossett as we move forward. It has also been decided that the vicarage at Gwersyllt will be sold and there is no plan at this stage to have a clergy house in the village of Gwersyllt. There will be significant new directions in mission and ministry in relation to the communities at Brymbo and Coedpoeth. St. Mary's Church, Brymbo celebrated its 150th anniversary of consecration during September 2022 in thanksgiving for its Christian witness within the heart of the village and its proud history particularly in relation to Brymbo Steelworks. Sadly, however, the challenges of the upkeep of the church building had become too much for the small congregation to cope with, and the painful decision was taken to formally close St. Mary's church building with a Community Carol Service held on 18th December.

Even though the building itself is now closed we are determined that the church community will continue in a new way being based at St. Mary's Church School (currently a monthly Sunday afternoon service is being held there) and one of our new curates, Emma Dale, will live in Brymbo in a new house purchased by the diocese.

Coedpoeth has also faced difficulties in sustaining worship which ceased within St. Tudfil's early in 2022. However, the Community Café continues to open on two mornings a week and the links and our partnership with the Salvation Army are very strong with messy Church and Children's ministry taking place in the church building which is so encouraging. Signs of new life, then, are beginning to grow in both these communities. Our future vision, once we have appointed a new priest to join our team, includes Rev'd Will Marshall relinquishing his oversight of St. Paul's, Pentre Broughton, remaining as vicar of All Saint's, Southsea but also taking on the pioneer ministry role of overseeing the communities of Brymbo and Coedpoeth assisted by Emma Dale.

I am not going to address the life of the other church communities within this short report, but travelling around them all, I do feel that they are in good heart and you are able to read about them in the main body of the Mission Area Report which will be available electronically with a printed version for each church.

Once our staffing levels have increased, we can create a more stable environment for mission and ministry which I appreciate is very challenging at the moment and I thank you for your understanding and continued faithfulness. There have certainly been many joys and celebrations within the life of the Mission Area as well as difficulties and challenges.

I would like to thank in particular the members of the Mission Area Executive, my clerical colleagues Tudor and Will, MA Wardens Jenny and Sian and MA Treasurer Sylvia, also all those who have served as MAC Members, local church wardens, treasurers and secretaries, our team of Worship Leaders which has grown to ten people across the various church communities and who are offering a wonderful ministry, our three Readers and visiting and retired clergy who have been assisting us. There are simply too many people to thank because so much wonderful work is being done by all of you. Particularly within the current challenges that we are facing I take so much encouragement from you all in offering your worship, gifts, talents, time, energy, generosity, understanding and support in so many, many ways. All of this together being a powerful sign and witness of faith, hope and love in action! *Thank you all so much. Diolch o galon!*

So then, our journey together through 2022 has not been an easy one, with many twists, turns and mountains to climb. If we return to our Gospel reading, interestingly, there is a problem with Emmaus. Scholars have debated and deliberated over where this place may be – but nobody knows where it is for certain.

Is this telling us something important in relation to the journey of faith? Ironically, it is the travelling together which is important and not necessarily the destination that we feel that we are attempting to reach. The disciples on the road never reached Emmaus as they were expecting to do. Instead, because of their experience of encountering the risen Christ they made a different decision, and in their case returned to Jerusalem instead.

As disciples, followers, of Jesus we need to travel together, seek to recognise His presence with us and, prompted by the Holy Spirit, not be afraid to sometimes change our direction and our decision making. The meaning, and in fact the whole point of being a disciple is to be found in the travelling together with Jesus in our midst. May this be the pattern of our common life together as Alyn Mission Area as we move into the coming year.

Rev'd Huw Butler (Mission Area Leader)

Holy Trinity, Gwersyllt

Getting back to 'normal' was our main theme at the beginning of 2022, being able to stand up and sing in church and being able to receive wine at Communion. It has also been a year of change. To begin the year Sharon and Barbara were the Church Wardens, we had our Lent Study Group - meeting in person and our Easter Services in church. We continued with our Craft Group *Crafty Angels* and church cleaning, monthly Zoom quiz and daily Evening Prayer at 5pm which still take place. During the summer Barbara left us for pastures new and I took over as Vicar's Warden in August.

We had our Harvest Festival in September with our Fish and Chip Harvest Supper with Beetle Drive at the Vicarage. Paulette announced she was leaving the parish to take up a role in Montgomery and on 23rd October she took her final service as vicar at Holy Trinity. November 6th was Bishop Gregory's Visitation to Llay. Also, in November, we had our Quinquennial and as a result works needed to be carried out on the church including the electrical wiring. December saw our Angel Christmas Tree Festival and Raffle. The church was decorated with trees by our local Primary Schools, Guiding and Scouting groups and members of the congregation. The festival ended with a Carol Service.

One of the focuses of the Wardens has been the finances of the church. There had been no Treasurer in place for some time and the church accounts were an ongoing issue. In November, after some training, Sharon took on this daunting task of collating and inputting the figures into the online accounting program. It has taken much hard work and determination to get to the point where we can present the accounts for 2022. Well done Sharon!

We would like to thank our Worship Leaders for all of their hard work, with Brenda and Julie leading our Morning Worship Services and Sharon assisting when possible. A thank you also to Betty our Verger and Sacristan who is also our Church flower coordinator. We would also like to thank Rev'd Steve Green and Rev'd Huw Butler for their commitment to the continuation of our Holy Eucharist Services. Last but by no means least we would like to thank the Congregation at Holy Trinity, our Church Family, for their continued help and support. The happy band who clean and polish the church, who read the lessons at services, make the tea and coffee, use their DIY skills, support events and services - always with a smile. We move into 2023 a great team with a new hope and determination that, with prayer, we will move forward as a church in our Community with social activities and be a welcoming place for everyone who comes through our open door.

St Mary, Brymbo

St. Mary's Church, Brymbo celebrated its 150th anniversary of consecration during September 2022 in thanksgiving for its Christian witness within the heart of the village and its proud history particularly in relation to Brymbo Steelworks. Sadly, however, the challenges of the upkeep of the church building were becoming too much for the small congregation to cope with and during the course of the year the painful decision was taken to formally close St. Mary's church building. This was marked with a Community Carol Service held on 18th December.

Even though the building itself is now closed we are determined that the church community will continue in a new way being based at St. Mary's Church School. A monthly Sunday afternoon service will initially begin in 2023 and we are looking forward to new beginnings in mission and ministry with a new curate who will live in Brymbo in a house to purchased by the diocese.

There are plans for the building itself to be leased from the Church in Wales by a community group *The Friends of St. Mary's* who will care for the building and utilise it for community events and occasional services.

As a church community we are very saddened to relinquish our church building which is so close to our hearts but are thankful for the devotion and faithfulness of our church members and are hopeful for new beginnings in partnership with St. Mary's School and the community.

ChristChurch, Bwlchgwyn

During 2022 we said farewell to Revd. James Harris in June who has offered oversight at Bwlchgwyn during various periods during the 14 years he was priest at Minera. Later in the year we adopted a pattern of shared Eucharistic services with St. Mary's, Minera. The first Sunday of the month being held here at Christ Church and the third Sunday being held at St. Mary's.

The other two Sundays are currently faithfully conducted by our Worship Leaders. As we emerged from the pandemic we have been delighted to begin to rebuild our good relationship with Bwlchgwyn Community Primary School located opposite to the church. The school visit the church occasionally and we were so pleased that they reinstated their Community Carol Service this year.

Both the Carol Service and Christmas Eve Crib service were very well attended by adults and children. We have good links with our community and have grown the Remembrance Sunday service at the cenotaph in the village significantly in recent years. Another special event at Bwlchgwyn is the early morning outdoor Ascension Day service held at the picturesque *Viewing Point*.

St. Mary, Minera

During 2022 we said farewell to Revd. James Harris in June who has offered faithful ministry as our vicar for the past 14 years. We now prayerfully await the appointment of a new priest. We remain faithful to worship and are blessed with a devoted and committed congregation. We have embraced a pattern of shared Eucharistic services with Christ Church, Bwlchgwyn and appreciate the fellowship and partnership which is being fostered. We have also recently commissioned some new Worship Leaders to assist with the regular pattern of ministry, demonstrating our level of commitment and faithfulness to worship. We have a dedicated and proactive church committee membership and a committed organist.

We seek to build upon our community links and outreach initiatives such as the successful "Carols at Tyn y Capel" (the pub directly opposite the church) and the community "Christmas Lights". Strong historic ecumenical links also exist with the Salvation Army who are based in Coedpoeth. As a church community we are deeply committed to building upon the strong links which already exist with our school.

During 2022, following a great deal of hard work in raising funds and applying for grants, we completed the refurbishment of the bells which are now ringing very sweetly! Work is currently ongoing in relation to the flooring in the nave and there are further plans to develop a new heating system and to begin to make provision for a major project to replace the roof. We are very proud of our beautiful churchyard and thankful to the Community Council in assisting with grants for maintenance and upkeep. Plans are also being considered to apply for the bronze Eco Church awards and a survey to be undertaken by the Wildlife Trust.

St. Tudfil, Coedpoeth

2022 has been a challenging year for St. Tudfil's. Our regular congregation has become very small proving difficult to sustain worship which ceased early in the year. We find ourselves seeking a new vision for mission and ministry at St. Tudfil's and outreach into the wider community. However, the Community Café continues to open on two mornings a week and the links and our partnership with the Salvation Army are very strong with messy Church and Children's ministry taking place in the church building which are signs of encouragement and new beginnings.

All Saints, Gresford

We continue to implement some of the lessons learnt during the pandemic, particularly about the use of IT. Communication is now mostly through the newly reconstructed Church website and Facebook page although we still produce the weekly bulletin and are about to reintroduce the monthly newsletter. The building continues to occupy some of the Church Council's time and there have been a number of repairs and improvements over the year. A recent quinquennial inspection means we are discussing with our architect a programme of ongoing maintenance.

The Church and Church House are beginning to be used by the community again but we are not yet back to pre-pandemic days. The Church School, however uses the church building a great deal. We are so pleased that this is happening again. Monthly collective worship, project work and various displays in church are all taking place. The school has also made a tour of the church, one for adults and one for children which can be accessed through a Smartphone.

The choir are back at full strength and we are very grateful for their hard work and for the way they contribute to our worship. We are beginning a monthly evensong on the third Sunday in May this year. The small but faithful welsh congregation are also meeting again on the afternoon of the third Sunday monthly. This year we want to focus on stewardship (again) and putting back in place some of the social events we have not been able to have over the last few years.

St. Chad, Holt

During the year we have continued the process of returning to how we were before the pandemic, some things are the same and some things we are doing differently. We have begun to publish a monthly newsletter on the village website and also now use this and Facebook to publicise events. We hold a monthly coffee morning in the church for the village, as a time of fellowship and during the winter months extended this to meet in the village hall as a means of encouraging people to come together for a chat in a warm space.

We have also reinstated our monthly late morning Eucharist with light lunch for the housebound. Contact with the County Primary School continues through Fr. Tudor's weekly visit to conduct collective worship. The school have also visited the church on a number of occasions for worship and project work.

There were the usual events for Rushbearing last year with the addition of a memorial service to which we invited families who had lost loved ones during the year. The short service and tea afterwards were much appreciated by those who came. We have decided to hold this annually. A number of the congregation attended the on-line *Lycig [Leading your Church into Growth]* course and we have followed this up with a visit from Tracey White and Sarah Wheat, Diocesan Officers, as we look for new ways to engage with our community.

St Paul's, Pentre Broughton

Sunday services are largely back to normal, though we continue to receive in both kinds via 'priestly intinction', as early this year a few in the congregation were ready to move back to sharing a common cup. Like most churches, we have experienced a drop in attendance compared to pre-Covid levels, but this is improving as we move into spring this year. We started a new afternoon service in June 2022, especially aimed at families and the un-churched in both time and format, though of course all are welcome as at all services. This has had an encouraging start, with a small but faithful core of a few families who attend regularly, and others who attend occasionally. It is through their growing involvement in this service that Mhairi and Jane have just become new Worship Leaders at the church.

We have been able to get back to regular church socials at significant times of the year, which have been enjoyed by many and help to knit us together as a church family. We had a lovely celebration for the Platinum Jubilee, with the church decorated and a Songs of Praise that was well attended. As with other churches, we were then able to be a focal point for community mourning following the Queen's death, with many people signing a book of remembrance.

The Bishop also came to consecrate the new section of Broughton Cemetery, which was well attended by the local council, with excellent refreshments provided by the church. The complete lifting of Covid restrictions on numbers also meant that this was the first time since 2019 that we were able to hold our annual memorial service, for people to come and remember lost loved-ones. Personal invitations went out to all who had had a funeral at St. Paul's in the past three years, and this was much appreciated.

It was also wonderful to be able to return to our full normal Christmas celebrations. The carol service with the Brymbo Male Voice Choir and choir of Black Lane School was a highlight and very well attended. We also hosted the community carol service again, which had begun in 2021, in conjunction with the council, and are encouraged for this to continue – an example of things begun out of necessity during the pandemic proving to be opportunities.

We also hosted our usual crib service and midnight communion, which were lovely services, but relatively low attendance was a reminder that more needs to be done to publicise events that people used to attend regularly but then missed for a few years over Covid. We have regular inquiries regarding baptisms, and regular baptism preparation courses held again at the vicarage.

We have been re-connecting with our local schools, with Rev'd Will able to return to going in to do assemblies, and groups from the schools coming to learn about the church. We continue to be very grateful to Beverley Parry-Jones for playing the organ for us alongside commitments in other churches, and are also delighted that Dilwyn Roberts, who had been the organist at St. Peter's Brynteg, has started being able to play for us again when Beverley isn't available.

All Saints, Southsea

The regular Sunday service at Southsea has seen encouraging growth over the past year, with several new and regular worshippers, including both younger families and older people. An undoubted contributor to this has been the new Sunday School, started up by Ana – our ordinand on placement, soon to be curate in Llay. This has been a great success, and building up the team of leaders and volunteers to enable the continuation and growth of this ministry is a priority for the church. The Thursday service also continues to go well, and is a good opportunity for various members of the congregation to participate in leading this more informal service. As part of our pattern of discipleship, we held a Bible Course, which was valued by the small group who attended.

We had a lovely celebration for the Platinum Jubilee, with the church decorated and a street party tea held on the Saturday, with a Jubilee service on the Sunday. The local council also held a community BBQ at the church on the Sunday afternoon. As with other churches, we were then able to be a focal point for community mourning following the Queen's death, with many people signing a book of remembrance.

Two other excellent social and fundraising events have been held – with 'Tales by Candlelight' with Melly the Storyteller in December, and pancakes and a quiz on Shrove Tuesday. It has been excellent to be able to get back to holding regular socials, which have always been a much valued feature of church life, and a way of making further contact with our community. The local WI group continues to meet in the church building, and a local history photo exhibition was held by the Brymbo Heritage Foundation. We hope to build on our being a good venue for local groups and events.

We sought to serve our local community in the cost of living crisis by being available as a Warm Hub during Tuesdays and Wednesdays from the end of January until mid March, which was well supported by church volunteers. Unfortunately, despite widespread publicity, few people made use of this. However, the community was aware that we were doing this, and we received many positive comments about the care for the community that this showed.

At Christmas, our Crib service was very well attended, with many people who had missed the past couple of years delighted to see its return, and we also held a Christingle service. All Saints continues to see a greater number of families requesting baptisms at the church than the few years prior to the pandemic, with regular baptism preparation held.

Sadly, the departure of Rev'd Paulette has meant that we have had to pause the MA youth group, which was meeting weekly at Southsea and growing, but it is hoped that this can be re-started from the Autumn. We have been re-connecting with our local schools, with Rev'd Will able to return to going in to do assemblies.

We are hugely grateful for the work of 'The Churchyard Crew', a small but highly dedicated group of local volunteers, who give generously of their time and efforts to maintain the churchyard and assist people with inquiries about family graves. A 'find a family grave day' was held in October '22, which helped 16 different families.

St. Paul's Church, Isycoed

St. Paul's Church community, although small in number, is one where everyone gets involved and helps in any way they are able using their many talents – church cleaning, flower arranging, grass cutting and organizing our successful social events. We celebrated our Easter service with a beautiful Easter garden incorporated within the Altar. We had our Rogation Sunday walk in May, which included dogs and an owl, beginning and ending at the church.

In July we held our traditional Rush Bearing service with the congregation carrying rushes in to church. St. Paul's School also held their Annual Rush Bearing pilgrimage on the Friday before and now visit church each half term for a school service. In September a Fun Dog Show was held with a cake stall and tombola raising money for church funds.

This year, for the first time, the Harvest Thanksgiving was held during the afternoon. Following the service, we sliced and shared the Harvest Loaf along with an assortment of nibbles. In November we held our cheese and wine evening including a quiz which has become a very popular social and fundraising event. On the Sunday after Christmas we welcomed our sister churches of Rossett and Llay for a combined Holy Eucharist which has become a beautiful custom in recent years.

St. Martin's Church, Llay

As 2022 unfolded we took encouragement as we gradually began to emerge out of 'pandemic mode'. The Mothers' Union took the initiative in February to hold a joint service with Rossett Branch followed with a delightful tea shared in St. Martin's Church. Fr. George ran a USPG Lent Course as we gathered physically together but which was also made available online. Weddings resumed in March with a long awaited Marriage Blessing for Kirsty and Rob and Baptisms began in April with many occasional offices to follow throughout the year.

Holy Week services in church were re-instated with Holy Communion being available in both bread and wine from Easter Sunday. Successful spring and autumn fayres were held during the year as well as other events which greatly contributed towards church funds. A celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee during June was held with people decked out in 1950's style clothing!

We said farewell to our curate Fr. George on 26th June as he prepared to move to new pastures of ministry at Bistre but he did return to St. Martin's the following month to 'go out with a bang' by holding the Church of Noise rock concert (which will never be forgotten!) at the end of July. Harvest Thanksgiving is always a favourite celebration and an opportunity to focus upon our partnership with Wrexham Foodbank, the satellite station open at the church hall on Thursday afternoons.

We hosted the Mission Area service on 6th November where Bishop Gregory presided at the Eucharist and also commissioned Fr. Huw as the new Mission Area Leader for Alyn. Remembrance Sunday is always a significant community event in the village of Llay with a packed church, the school taking part in the service and shared with Rev. David Gilmour (Pastor of the Community Church in Llay).

The year drew to a close with two wonderful Christingle services – a well attended Sunday afternoon event on the second Sunday of Advent and then a very moving school Christingle service during December and culminating with our Christmas Carol Service and Midnight Mass.

ChristChurch, Rossett

Worship and Mission - 2022 has marked a turning point in many ways as we moved out of Covid restrictions, then in the summer we said Goodbye to Fr. George as he took up his first appointment in the Bistre churches. In late October we marked the 130th anniversary of the current church building in Rossett with a successful celebration weekend. The Remembrance service continues to be important for the whole village with the Act of Remembrance including Darland School as well as St. Peter's and a good number assembled on the pavements as well as within the church grounds. At Harvest, Holy Week, Advent, including St Nicholas' Day and Christmas we welcome the schools for many services and events. Fr. Huw was very pleased to resume school assemblies and visits during the year. Numbers on a Sunday are growing slowly and there is a steady increased attendance at the mid-week service compared to pre-Covid.

Finance and Fundraising - Church Fabric, Churchyard and Grounds - Progress towards getting the font lid mechanism tested has been ongoing since February 2022, it comes under H&S and LOLER (lifting tests and regulations).

In May the gutters were repaired and cleared, rafters and surrounding wood were treated with Cuprinol, new cast iron downpipe shoes were fitted to agreed downpipes. Identified areas of stonework were pointed with lime mortar, completed by Paul Williams in August. In May, a leak in the North aisle roof was kindly and unexpectedly easily fixed by TS Perry's.

One remaining item from the QI in 2021 is to repair chicken wire on the stone louvred window

behind the clock face. We have a good band of churchyard volunteers and receive invaluable assistance from the Community Payback Scheme.

Mothers' Union – This group has around twelve members, meeting on the last Thursday of the month. In June there was a visit by coach to Pennant Melangell where we attended the midday service then enjoyed a packed lunch in the beautiful grounds and surrounding area. Also in June we journeyed by car, taxi, bus and foot to attend a joint MU service at St. Giles Wrexham followed by a light afternoon tea. At Thursday meetings we hold a short act of worship including hymns. During Lent and Advent there have been seasonal reflections followed by seasonal refreshments. Officials are Jenny Creed Branch Leader and Jean Roberts Enrolling Member and Treasurer.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church in Wales is governed by its Constitution, set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body. The 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 Constitution provides that the members of the MAC shall be: The Incumbent, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-warden for each Church where there is more than one Church in the Mission Area, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

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

The MAC provides a benefit to the public by:

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The receipts and payments for the year, and the assets and liabilities at the year end are shown in the statements of account which accompany this report. "Free" unrestricted reserves shown by the Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Cash Funds, plus Other Monetary Assets, plus Investments, less Liabilities) at year end totalled £1,932,139.

RESERVES POLICY

The MAC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital, and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed above is in line with this policy.

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and signed on its behalf by : *(Signature)*-----

(Name) -----

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	299,613		3,657		303,269	317,113
Other trading activities	24,509		10,776		35,285	55,299
Other income	16,876				16,876	39,357
Income from charitable activities	46,259		14,658		60,917	4,648
Investments	9,784	388	421		10,593	30,503
Total income	397,040	388	29,512	-	426,940	446,920
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	370,807		26,545		397,353	401,306
Raising funds	4,384				4,384	2,703
Other expenditure	531				531	22,734
Total expenditure	375,723	-	26,545	-	402,268	426,743
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	21,317	388	2,967	-	24,672	20,177
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,147	20	79,807		81,974	355,634
Gross transfers between funds - out	(80,692)	(20)	(1,262)		(81,974)	(355,634)
Other recognised gains / losses:						
Gains/losses on investment assets	(38,005)	7,519	(41,449)	(3,009)	(74,944)	105,605
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use					-	66,500
Net movement in funds	(95,233)	7,907	40,062	(3,009)	(50,272)	192,282
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	1,292,933	25,420	638,031	26,027	1,982,411	1,790,129
Total funds carried forward	1,197,700	33,327	678,093	23,018	1,932,139	1,982,411

Balance Sheet

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	At 31/12/2022	At 31/12/2021
Fixed assets						
Heritage assets	155,000	-	-	-	155,000	155,000
Investments	483,258	15,179	457,600	23,018	979,055	1,008,235
	<u>638,258</u>	<u>15,179</u>	<u>457,600</u>	<u>23,018</u>	<u>1,134,055</u>	<u>1,163,235</u>
Current assets						
Debtors	1,458	-	-	-	1,458	923
Investments	26,950	5,869	-	-	32,819	32,695
Cash At Bank And In Hand	532,292	12,279	221,116	-	765,687	790,109
	<u>560,700</u>	<u>18,148</u>	<u>221,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>799,964</u>	<u>823,727</u>
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,258	-	623	-	1,881	4,551
	<u>1,258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,881</u>	<u>4,551</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>559,442</u>	<u>18,148</u>	<u>220,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>798,084</u>	<u>819,176</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>1,197,700</u>	<u>33,327</u>	<u>678,094</u>	<u>23,018</u>	<u>1,932,139</u>	<u>1,982,411</u>
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	1,197,700	-	-	-	1,197,700	
Designated						
Designated - Coedpoeth portion St David's church sale	-	3,237	-	-	3,237	
Designated - Holy Trinity Gwersyllt - Churchyard Designated	-	7,519	-	-	7,519	
Designated - Designated	-	6,206	-	-	6,206	
Designated - St Paul's Isycoed - E & E Jackson	-	5,869	-	-	5,869	
Designated - Holiday Hunger	-	134	-	-	134	
Designated - St Paul's Isycoed - M E Penk	-	5,059	-	-	5,059	
Designated - Remeberance100	-	308	-	-	308	
Designated - Restoration Fund	-	3,921	-	-	3,921	
Designated - Sunday school fund	-	375	-	-	375	
Designated - Youth	-	699	-	-	699	
Restricted						
Restricted - Churchyard/Ashes	-	-	9,898	-	9,898	
Restricted - Bell fund	-	-	8,060	-	8,060	
Restricted - Colin Glynne-Jones Bequest	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	
Restricted - COIF PT9002 Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	2,421	-	2,421	
Restricted - Church MaintRepair	-	-	28,727	-	28,727	
Restricted - Churchyard Fund	-	-	3,248	-	3,248	
Restricted - Churchyard	-	-	57,657	-	57,657	
Restricted - St Paul's Isycoed - Churchyard	-	-	6,437	-	6,437	
Restricted - Fabric fund	-	-	22,375	-	22,375	
Restricted - Clock repair	-	-	2,828	-	2,828	
Restricted - Churchyard Maintenance Fund	-	-	9,660	-	9,660	
Restricted - Community Use Fund	-	-	7,604	-	7,604	
Restricted - Minera Fabric Fund (from Legacy incl Graves)	-	-	7,349	-	7,349	
Restricted - Fr Graham Canham Bequest	-	-	50,370	-	50,370	
Restricted - Friends Of St Mary Minera	-	-	100	-	100	
Restricted - Friends Of St Tudfil's Coedpoeth	-	-	4,235	-	4,235	
Restricted - Holiday Hunger	-	-	47	-	47	
Restricted - Hymn Books	-	-	105	-	105	
Restricted - Jones June Isobel Bequest	-	-	88,098	-	88,098	
Restricted - COIF PT3250 Dr Mostyn Lewis	-	-	31,269	-	31,269	
Restricted - OAP work	-	-	200	-	200	
Restricted - COIF PT1730 Trevor Parkins Trust	-	-	145,265	-	145,265	
Restricted - A.Prince	-	-	20,538	-	20,538	
Restricted - Hylida Tumer	-	-	54,855	-	54,855	
Restricted - COIF PT2227 Alexandra Lady Worsley	-	-	40,062	-	40,062	
Restricted - Schools, Children and Young people	-	-	8	-	8	
Restricted - Church yard	-	-	10,350	-	10,350	
Restricted - Minera Churchyard fund	-	-	18,913	-	18,913	
Restricted - Good Causes	-	-	416	-	416	
Restricted - Money Market 1383	-	-	22,000	-	22,000	
Endowment						
Endowment - Minera Mary Jones Legacy	-	-	-	12,110	12,110	
Endowment - St Paul's Isycoed - M E Penk	-	-	-	10,908	10,908	
Fund Totals	<u>1,197,700</u>	<u>33,327</u>	<u>678,094</u>	<u>23,018</u>	<u>1,932,139</u>	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Fixed Asset Investments					
6431: Standard Life investment-St Martins Llay	660	-	-	-	660
6431: Broughton CIF	172,876	-	-	-	172,876
6431: CCLA - COIF Hylda Turner 127810003R	-	-	54,855	-	54,855
6431: St Paul's Isycoed - COIF PENK INVESTMENT	-	-	-	10,908	10,908
6431: Minera CCLA Capital Mary Jones Legacy	-	-	-	12,110	12,110
6431: Holy Trinity Gwersyllt - RBCiW CIF 0583 2208	-	7,519	-	-	7,519
6431: Rossett COIF Investment	29,158	-	-	-	29,158
6431: Brymbo CIFS 4165	18,572	3,660	-	-	22,232
6432: RBCiW CIF investment-St Martins Llay	45,030	-	22,375	-	67,404
6432: Berse Charity CIF	29,198	-	-	-	29,198
6432: CCLA - COIF Arthur Prince 127810002R	-	-	20,538	-	20,538
6432: Minera CCLA Interest Mary Jones Legacy	4,256	-	-	-	4,256
6432: Brymbo CIFS 4272	3,867	762	-	-	4,629
6433: Minera CCLA Treasurer's Investment Fund	38,475	-	-	-	38,475
6434: Minera CCLA Interest Treasurer's Investm	31,560	3,237	10,000	-	44,797
6435: Minera CCLA St Mary's Investment Fund	18,052	-	-	-	18,052
6436: COIF PT1730 Trevor Parkins Trust	-	-	145,265	-	145,265
6436: Minera RBCW Ms Helen Griffiths Legacy	-	-	7,349	-	7,349
6437: COIF PT2227 Alexandra Lucy Worsley	-	-	40,062	-	40,062
6437: MINERA X PCC RBCW St David's Land	64,402	-	-	-	64,402
6438: COIF PT3250 Dr Mostyn Lewis	-	-	31,269	-	31,269
6438: ex-Minera PCC RBCW St David's church	9,047	-	-	-	9,047
6439: COIF PT9002 Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	2,421	-	2,421
6440: Gresford Church House valuation	155,000	-	-	-	155,000
6441: ex-Minera PCC RBCW St Tudfil's land sale	18,104	-	-	-	18,104
6442: CCLA - COIF Jones June Isabel 127810001R	-	-	73,098	-	73,098
6443: CCLA - COIF Fr Graham Canham Bequest	-	-	50,370	-	50,370
Total	638,258	15,178	457,600	23,018	1,134,054
Current Assets					
6501: Current Account	56,703	-	-	-	56,703
6501: Current Account - St Martins Llay	12,602	-	-	-	12,602
6501: Current Account	43,872	1	10,350	-	54,223
6501: All Saints Church Current Account	10,381	-	13,550	-	23,931
6501: St Paul's Isycoed - NW No.2 Account	5,547	3,921	-	-	9,468
6501: Minera Current Account	10,736	-	265	-	11,001
6501: Saint Tudfil's, Coedpoeth	1,204	-	4,235	-	3,032
6501: Current Account	1,456	-	3,248	-	4,704
6501: Holy Trinity Gwersyllt Current Account	13,369	-	27,245	-	40,614
6501: Current Account	13,333	-	3,113	-	16,446
6501: Current Account	7,852	2,924	9,660	-	20,437
6501: Nat West current account	5,490	-	-	-	5,490
6501: Current Account	3,757	-	-	-	3,757
6502: Good Causes Account	-	-	416	-	416
6502: St Paul's Isycoed - NW Churchyard Accoun	-	-	6,437	-	6,437
6502: Minera Churchyard Account	-	-	8,748	-	8,748
6502: Bonus Ball & Grant Account	-	-	7,604	-	7,604
6503: NW Penk Account	-	5,059	-	-	5,059
6503: Current Account Church Yard	-	-	13,955	-	13,955
6505: Deposit Account - St Martins Llay	7,582	-	-	-	7,582
6505: Business Reserve	-	-	73,135	-	73,135
6505: Deposit Account	2,949	-	-	-	2,949
6505: Deposit Account	201	-	-	-	201
6505: COIF Charities deposit fund	337,630	-	-	-	337,630
6506: deposit a/c organ fund	-	-	22,000	-	22,000
6507: Deposit Account Church Yard	-	-	16,712	-	16,712
6509: Sunday School Deposit Account	-	375	-	-	375
6523: Other debtors	1,458	-	-	-	1,458
6531: Term deposit Money Market7393	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
6534: Edward Jackson Legacy	-	1,427	-	-	1,427
6535: Ethel Jackson Legacy	-	4,443	-	-	4,443
6536: COIF General Investment Fund	6,950	-	-	-	6,950
6590: Cash in hand	35	-	-	-	35
Total	560,700	18,149	220,673	-	799,523
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year					
6602: Other liabilities	1,258	-	180	-	1,438
Total	1,258	-	180	-	1,438
Net total assets	1,197,700	33,327	678,094	23,018	1,932,139

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

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 1 January 2016).

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair view' and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity's presentation 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.

Endowment funds are created when a donor or the trustees specify that a gift invested and only the income earned on the investment may be spent for a specific purpose.

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.

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.

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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 other 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 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 measured at transaction 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 estimated 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.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	176,753	-	1,089	-	177,842	184,865
Legacies receivable	85,074	-	-	-	85,074	12,597
Grants receivable	37,785	-	2,568	-	40,353	119,652
	299,613	-	3,657	-	303,269	317,114

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fees for occasional offices	46,259	-	14,658	-	60,917	55,299
	46,259	-	14,658	-	60,917	55,299

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund raising	18,922	-	3,461	-	22,384	15,196
Other funds generated	3,067	-	1,281	-	4,348	11,029
Hall rental income	405	-	-	-	405	215
Sundry income	2,114	-	6,034	-	8,148	12,916
	24,509	-	10,776	-	35,285	39,356

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends / investment income	6,442	387	288	-	7,116	4,593
Bank interest	3,342	-	134	-	3,476	55
	9,784	387	421	-	10,593	4,648

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	16,876	-	-	-	16,876	8,428
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	22,075
	16,876	-	-	-	16,876	30,503

8 Gains / losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gains on investments	(38,005)	7,519	(41,449)	(3,009)	(74,944)	105,605
Gains on revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	66,500
	(38,005)	7,519	(41,449)	(3,009)	(74,944)	172,105

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9 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of fund raising	4,384	-	-	-	4,384	2,703
	4,384	-	-	-	4,384	2,703

10 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	228,991				228,991	254,245
Clergy expenses	3,492				3,492	4,946
Parsonage expenses	2,312				2,312	2,324
Curate expenses					-	40
Maintenance of services	3,249		1,422		4,670	3,302
Costs of vergers and choir	7,117				7,117	6,172
Music and performances	30,378		29		30,406	2,319
Costs of digital services	325				325	-
Costs of copyright licences	4,227				4,227	137
Bank charges	407		60		467	103
Costs of printing and post	1,356				1,356	1,492
Parish - telephone / internet	147				147	558
Office and general expenses	1,283				1,283	500
Parish administrator	3,081				3,081	3,072
Gifts to individuals	862				862	116
Church costs - insurance	12,674				12,674	14,798
Church costs - electricity	11,546				11,546	8,960
Church costs - gas	5,977				5,977	6,397
Church costs - water	1,650		94		1,744	2,288
Church costs - other	6,170				6,170	2,966
Church costs - heating oil	5,620				5,620	1,773
Church costs - repairs	15,312		1,036		16,348	17,717
Cleaning	122				122	182
Church yard management	8,103		20,118		28,221	25,179
Church hall - electric	1,246				1,246	2,343
Church hall - gas	337				337	280
Church hall - insurance	913				913	769
Church hall - repairs	1,189				1,189	2,767
Church hall - telephone	209				209	-
Church hall - water	308				308	281
Church hall - equipment	1,560				1,560	66
Major building renovations			2,835		2,835	16,442
Young people activity costs	148		502		650	657
Church publications	222				222	46
Mission and Evangelism	1,885		180		2,065	4,518
Parish mission costs	1,336				1,336	710
Cost of maintaining websites	1,231				1,231	-
Diocesan projects support	193				193	4,058
Church charity and projects	2,679		270		2,949	760
External charities	1,480				1,480	3,419
Professional fees	1,472				1,472	4,606
	10,644	-	3,787	-	397,352	401,308

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11 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	531				531	22,734
	531	-	-	-	531	22,734

12 Members

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

13 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

14 Related party transactions

There were no diclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
Cost or valuation	£
at 1 January 2022	1,163,235
Additions / reallocations	(29,180)
At 31 December 2022	1,134,055
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	1,134,055

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO ALYN MISSION AREA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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 Alyn Mission area, the following issues have come to my attention:

- Charities with an income exceeding £250k are required to prepare accounts on an accrual basis. However, some churches within the Mission Area had prepared receipts and payments accounts instead, causing potential cut-off issues.
- Bought forward reserves did not agree to the closing reserves balances in the previous accounts. Again, care must be taken to ensure all funds are included.
- Balances on documentation provided did not agree with the balances on the accounting software. Care must be taken to ensure that all information agrees.

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