

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

The Mission Area of Estuary and Mountain

Within the Diocese of:

St Asaph

The correspondence address is:

Estuary and Mountain Mission Area  
Holy Trinity Church  
Basingwerk Avenue  
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The Churches which make up the Mission Area are:

St Mary and St Peter, Bagillt  
St Michael, Brynford  
St Mary and St David, Flint  
St Thomas, Flint Mountain  
St Paul, Gorsedd  
Holy Trinity, Greenfield  
St Mary the Virgin, Halkyn  
St. James, Holywell  
St Peters, Holywell  
Christ Church, Mostyn  
Christ Church, Rhes y Cae  
St Paul, Rhosesmor  
Ss Mary and Beuno, Whitford  
St Mary's, Ysceifiog

**THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE (MAC)**

The members who served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Name	If appointed or resigned in period		Office held
	Date appointed	Date resigned	
<b>Mission Area Leader</b>			
Revd Anne Hooper	12.09.2018		
<b>Clergy</b>			
Revd Hugh Burgess	12.09.2018		
Revd Dominic Cawdell OGS	24.11.2020		
Revd Kathryn Evans	15.06.2020		

Revd Dr Richard Hainsworth	21.03.2022		
Revd Gareth Williams	24.04.2023		
Revd Kathryn Hall	24.06.2023		
Revd Andrea De Vaal Horciu	24.04.2024		
<b>Mission Area Wardens</b>			
Pamela Massey	12.09.2018		(Elected)
David Dobbs	24.11.2020	24.04.2023	(Appointed by MA Leader)
<b>Mission Area Representatives</b>			
Ian Austerberry	12.09.2018		
Jackie Blain	12.09.2018		
John Burton	12.09.2018	17.06.2024	
Margaret Caudwell	12.09.2018	24.04.2024	
Alice Davies-Wright	12.09.2018		
Dawn Evans	12.09.2018		MA Secretary
Alison Kay Evans	12.09.2018		
Lynn Fearnhead	12.09.2018		
Bethan Hall	12.09.2018		
Gabriela Husband	12.09.2018		
Yvonne Hewitt	12.09.2018		
Colin Legg	12.09.2018		
John Thomas	12.09.2018	06.06.2023	
Emma Fenney-Williams	24.11.2020		
Carrie-Anne Greenwood	24.11.2020		
Kathryn Owens	24.11.2020	20.05.2023	
Ian Williams	24.11.2020	26.04.2023	
Lorna Owens	24.11.2020		
Barbara Hearty	24.07.2022		
Stephanie Rule	27.07.2022	24.04.2024	
Ashley Griffiths	15.05.2023		
Rebecca Moore	13.07.2023		
Patricia Eaton	24.04.2024		
Sandra Williams	24.04.2024		

## 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 Mission Area Leader, Vicars and Assistant Curates; two Church Wardens, one appointed by the Mission Area Leader and one elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM); two Sub-wardens for each Church where there is more than one Church in the Mission Area, one appointed by the Incumbent and one elected at the AVM; Up to 25 lay members elected at the AVM; co-opted Secretary and Treasurer (if not already ex-officio or elected); and up to 7 further co-opted members. Lay, communicant persons over the age of 16 may be entered on an Electoral Roll (subject to certain conditions) and all such persons, so entered, are entitled to vote and to stand for election.

### **OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT**

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the 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 Mission Area Leader 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:

- The provision of regular public worship
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups
- Taking of Assemblies in local schools
- Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services, and the distribution of literature
- 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

<b>MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
Members on MA Electoral Roll in 2023	308	297

**PLEASE NOTE:** A new Membership App was introduced and rolled out during 2023 which aims to capture information on Membership for The Church in Wales and St Asaph Diocese. It is not yet being fully utilised, therefore we cannot provide accurate Attendance information for this year.



## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **St Michael, Brynford and St Mary, Ysceifiog**

#### Mission

The 'Y Ffordd' Service has been very successful this year and has also been delivered in Flint with a growing congregation. Both of these services are to encourage new involvement by people usually on the margins of church and both have been very successful during 2023.

Both the 55+ Club at Brynford and the Friday Friends club at Ysceifiog were able to meet together this year and both have committed membership who meet regularly monthly to help with social isolation.

During the year a monthly Community service has been growing at Ysceifiog which is more participative and put together to encourage people who do not regularly attend church on Sunday to come and take part. This is a growing group and has continued to grow in numbers and commitment into 2023. The number of people involved has increased to 18 from 3 when the group started.

Starting in January 2023 we have been running a monthly Saturday Social at Ysceifiog Village Hall together with the Village Hall Committee. This started out as part of the Warm Hub initiative following on from the fuel price crisis. This has continued all year including a special Coronation Event on 6th May.

#### Messy Church

In April, 2023 we employed a new part time Youth and Children's worker and in September as a Mission Area, we launched two new Messy Churches, one in Ysceifiog and one in Whitford. Ysceifiog has had varied attendance, with a core group of 6 families, and Whitford has had over 60 children and adults at once. The Christmas Messy Churches were very well attended.

We are looking forward to doing more joint Messy projects, with Messy Extras, in the Summer we launched our first "Big Picnic" at Wepre Park, and we will be doing a "Messy Walk" at Loggerheads this Easter.

#### Worship

A pattern of fortnightly Eucharists in both churches have been reestablished. Each church has regular lay led Sunday services on each of the other Sundays.

On the fifth Sunday of each month we gather together both congregations at Brynford and jointly explore a Spiritual Direction exercise. These have been completely new to most people and has generated considerable discussion and questioning.



An organist has been supporting Brynford church on one Sunday a month so that a more traditional sung Eucharist can be participated in.

#### Pastoral

The churches have lost some deeply loved and respected members of their congregations over the course of the year.

Funerals and Baptism visits are now reinstated and a member of the clergy team carries out funerals and baptisms.

#### Education and Faith Sharing

- Weekly Bible study is held on Zoom.
- A monthly Spiritual Direction group meets on Zoom

#### Schools

Our new Youth and Children's Worker has focused on 3 schools over the last year, nurturing a collaborative relationship with the head teachers. She has been in Ysgol Lixwm, and Ysgol Brynford doing interactive assemblies, pastoral support and workshops. In the workshops she has been using a multi-disciplinary approach leaning on emotional literacy skills, spiritual awareness and conscious connections with a higher power, this has been welcomed by the schools. Lixwm school will be visiting Ysceifiog this March as part of their "journey's" topic, and Brynford used the church for their harvest and Christmas concerts.

Revd Anne Hooper has remained a Governor of Lixwm school as it has transitioned to its current Federated Church School status.

#### Community, Fundraising and Social Activities

In addition to the seasonal celebrations there are a number of initiatives to engage with the community and the events of Ysceifiog church and Village Hall are jointly advertised via posters and Social Media.

A number of fund-raising events have gathered people together in addition to raising much needed funds for example: concerts, an Abba Night with fancy dress and a Christmas party.

During the year working together in partnership with Ysceifiog Village Hall has concentrated on building community cohesion and tackling social isolation.



**Holywell Group – St Peters, Holywell, Holy Trinity, Greenfield and St James, Holywell**

We have seen growth in the team of people who are at the heart of the Holywell Church group and Mission Hub. We launched a new rule of life for the churches focused on four Mission Hub Habits - praying, serving, inviting and giving. We have a growing number involved in our work with children and young people, a great team who run the Table, our group of Pastoral Assistants, and a team who organise (Re)Try Church and contribute to our worship.

In terms of buildings and resources, we have undertaken some small projects to improve the fabric of St Peter's and have had some major work in Holy Trinity to repair broken windows and the west window. 2023 has been an exciting year for the Holywell Church Group and Mission Hub and we have bigger plans for the coming year.

We have made good progress in our work with children and young people in Holywell, led by a Youth and Children's Worker.

- We have weekly chaplaincies in Ysgol Maesglas, Ysgol y Felin and Holywell High School and regularly hold assemblies and reflective prayer days in the primary schools.
- We hold Hub Clubs in each school holidays, and we have seen our youth group grow from a small handful of 11-18 year olds to 15.
- We have two after-school groups for high school children- 'RC Cars' and 'DJ and Lighting Group'.

Towards the end of 2023, Rev'd Andrea De Vaal was appointed as our new pioneer priest for 'The Love Holway initiative' which will begin in June 2024, where we hope to build partnerships in the community.

Some highlights from the Holywell Church group and Mission Hub in 2023:

**St Peter's, Holywell**

- Has seen slow but steady growth and it is good to have new people joining on Sunday mornings, at (Re)Try Church and the Bread of Life Service.
- Continues to provide support through the Table and in other ways.
- Has run some very successful fundraising events.

**Holy Trinity, Greenfield**

- A consolidation this year of three years of rapid growth. More people are taking part in worship and growing as disciples. There are two house groups associated with the church meeting weekly to study the scriptures and deepen their faith.
- Social events are a weekly coffee morning and fortnightly bingo which attract regular numbers of people from the community.
- Sunday School continues to go well and we have had some incredible monthly All Age Services.



#### St James, Holywell

- The necessary funds have been secured for the Well-Being @ St James' project and the building work is due to begin.
- There are plans to recruit a parish nurse, who will work on a voluntary basis whilst we build a case to grant-fund for a full-time registered nurse.
- We have become a key strategic partner with the Welsh Government, Flintshire County Council and the Trustees of the Greenfield Valley to lead on the regeneration of that whole area of Holywell.

#### **Halkyn Group - St Pauls, Rhosesmor, St Mary and Virgin, Halkyn and Christ Church, Rhes y Cae**

The after effects of Covid continue to be seen in a number of ways in our churches, but especially with numbers at Sunday worship. There may be a number of reasons for this, but it is a significant problem for us both in terms of active participation in our events and activities as well as reducing income.

Regular services are held across all three churches, including special events such as Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas and Easter services. Toy Services and Charity Work, where members of all of our congregations have continued to give generously to various charities and good causes. An extraordinary amount of pastoral care is carried out by members of the congregations, quietly and in the background. This is one of the great successes of our churches. It is almost completely unseen even when it is in full view (for example, through The Outpost, Well Fed, home and hospital visiting, Ty Croeso). Our work with Ysgol Rhos Helyg continues and is an important part of the work we do.

Some highlights from the Halkyn Church group in 2023:

#### St Paul's, Rhosesmor

- Completion of the re-ordering at Rhosesmor has allowed various activities to take place over the year. Thanks to the team who have raised funds, run events and generally organised the life of the church.
- The Outpost – a strong and faithful team have continued to support this initiative which has been important not only as a pastoral activity but also because it has allowed other activities to grow as a result.
- Well-Fed – thanks to the team for developing this and ensuring that everything works smoothly every week.

#### Ty Croeso, Pentre Halkyn

- This has been well supported and a great success. Again, thank you to the team and although who have helped in so many ways to make this a success

#### St Mary the Virgin, Halkyn

- Bell Ringing a small but faithful band of ringers have contributed to the life of the church, not only in Halkyn but also in Flint and elsewhere. Special thanks to them for their dedication and commitment.
- 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Halkyn
- Denbigh and Flint Show Harvest – continued to be held at Halkyn.



Christ Church, Rhes y Cae

- Taizé Service

Challenges:

Paying the Share is a major issue in all three churches. Christ Church, Rhes y Cae has no reserves and struggles to meet its obligations, but must be commended for the contribution that it has continued to make year on year. St Paul, Rhosesmor has some reserves but these are rapidly being depleted as are those at St Mary the Virgin, Halkyn which has carried the majority of the burden of paying the share for many years. The share is an obligation that all churches have and the vast majority of this contribution to the life of the church goes to pay stipendiary clergy. This is a problem for all churches but it is difficult to see how we can continue unless there are some significance new sources of income.

In terms of Finances, our biggest single cost is the Share, but since all our income generally goes on covering our running costs the Share (for Rhosesmor and Halkyn, at least) comes from reserves, which is not sustainable.

A number of roles on the Church Committees are proving challenging to fill, particularly at Rhes y Cae. We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to these committees.

Generally, the churches are in good condition, but we need to keep on top of maintenance. We are very grateful to everyone involved with the maintenance, cleaning and especially with ensuring our churches continue to function.

**Ss Mary and Beuno, Whitford; St Mary and St Peter, Bagillt; St Pauls, Gorsedd and Christ Church, Mostyn**

All the initiatives operating in 2023 have continued to grow and thrive and here is a list of one example from each church where we continue to reach out to our communities to demonstrate love, bring hope and grow faith.

St Mary and St Beuno, Whitford

- The school links in Whitford continue to grow.

St Mary and St Peter, Bagillt

- Knit and Natter in Bagillt is also a Food Hub for Well-Fed meals.

St Pauls, Gorsedd

- Our monthly coffee mornings in Gorsedd are expanding to fill our space.

Christ Church, Mostyn

- The floral workshops in Mostyn are eagerly awaited and a source of beauty.



The annual report is an opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all the Wardens, Treasurers and each and every volunteer who work tirelessly behind the scenes – our communities are richer places for the work each volunteer gives.

### **St Mary and St David, Flint and St Thomas', Flint Mountain**

Both churches have seen quite a lot of change in the last 12 months and much has happened and grown in a short space of time.

Revd Kathryn Hall joined us as our curate, and has naturally fitted into our community life, taking on a fundamentally pastoral ministry, both because she is a Deacon, and because she is who she is, Kathryn has contributed to the Mother's Union, baptisms, the handbell ringers, the Lent course and all of our regular life and worship.

We hope to build a pastoral team in the coming year. We have conducted 62 funerals and 28 baptisms since the annual vestry last year, as well as the joy of 4 candidates being confirmed.

#### **St Mary and St David, Flint**

- Brownies have grown to be Brownies and Rainbows and at the last joint service this included the Guides too. We rejoice at seeing their growth and the enthusiasm of their members.
- Y Ffordd has added a creative and fresh element to our worship and we are grateful to the team for their hard work and inspiration.
- Friday coffee morning provides vital fellowship for local people and the team work so hard and do an amazing job, as well as resourcing special occasions from the Coronation to the Easter tea.
- The Table has grown from supporting a dozen people to around 55. It is shocking that this is needed on this scale yet humbling that we are able to do something to touch that need. Our partnership with Sainsburys, and FareShare, make it financially possible to maintain this service together with grant support and donations including from Cytun, the Mayor, Flintshire CC, the National Lottery and from local people, church members and from baptisms. The weekly cost has risen to around £300, so we will need to look at how we raise funds and limit expenditure going forward.
- The reordering of St Mary's has been decided, but progress has been frustratingly slow. We are awaiting a decision on flooring design.

#### **St Thomas', Flint Mountain**

- Grant support from the lottery has enabled St Thomas' to have a superb makeover. It now looks fresh and new, while maintaining its much-loved character, the church is also able to be a hub for the community.
- The Well-Fed community shop on Wednesday and the fitness class or coffee morning, place the church in the heart of village life. A creative approach to social and fundraising events, have provided a number of memorable events, and they have also, alongside the generous support of members, enabled the church to meet the challenge of paying the parish share in full.



- Messy Church sessions have been fun and meaningful and the input of volunteers much valued.
- St Thomas' is always arranged as a dual-purpose building, clearly both for worship and for other forms of service and outreach

### **Missional**

As can be seen from the groups of churches reports our missional activity has increased again this year with additional activities alongside growth in already existing groups. During this year we have started three Well Fed Hubs and three Messy Churches and various other school and community activities. As a consequence, we are seeing additional church attendance and involvement.

### **Organisational**

During the year we have worked on tightening our organisational procedures and increasing our communication links. We are intentionally working to be able to set budgets and have closer monitoring of financial information.

### **Developmental**

We have had new members of the team join us and add to the variety of missional and faith based activities across the Mission Area. We have seen individuals and groups develop and have enjoyed a time of cohesive visionary exception.

### **Personal**

As I continue to be Mission Area Leader I can look back on successful projects that have been sustained this year and new outreach and community engagement that are starting to flourish. It is therefore a personal pleasure to look back on 2023 and thank all who have contributed to an excellent year of achievement.

## **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.

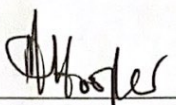
## **RESERVES POLICY**

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, at least equal to 12 months payments. The unrestricted reserves amount detailed above is in line with this policy.



**APPROVED** by the Mission Area Conference on 24 / 10 / 24 (Date)

and signed on its behalf by:

(Signature) 

(Name) REVEREND ANNE HOOPER



**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	158,536	280,961	110,574	550,071	399,540
Income from charitable activities	32,981	8,708	15,268	56,957	50,960
Other trading activities	24,296	58,246	4,986	87,527	134,780
Investments	4,034	10,041	855	14,930	15,534
Other income	15,000	9,614	10,200	34,814	51,170
<b>Total income</b>	<b>234,846</b>	<b>367,570</b>	<b>141,883</b>	<b>744,298</b>	<b>651,983</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	1,158	1,266	-	2,424	644
Expenditure on charitable activities	216,225	201,172	273,042	690,439	709,854
Other expenditure	32,453	3,491	500	36,444	60,821
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>249,836</b>	<b>205,928</b>	<b>273,542</b>	<b>729,306</b>	<b>771,319</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(14,991)</b>	<b>161,641</b>	<b>(131,659)</b>	<b>14,992</b>	<b>(119,336)</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	67,099	140,725	54,587	262,410	401,279
Gross transfers between funds - out	(86,708)	(121,594)	(54,108)	(262,410)	(401,279)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains/losses on investment assets	9,887	23,631	(5,758)	27,760	(134,592)
Net movement in funds	(24,712)	204,403	(136,939)	42,752	(253,928)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>289,976</b>	<b>609,075</b>	<b>450,627</b>	<b>1,349,678</b>	<b>1,603,606</b>
Opening balance adjustments	910	-	(905)	5	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>266,173</b>	<b>813,478</b>	<b>312,783</b>	<b>1,392,435</b>	<b>1,349,678</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	261,286			261,286	285,088
Mostyn, Christ Church - Mower	4,888			4,888	4,888
<b>Designated</b>					
Flint Mountain, St Thomas' - Messy Church Fund		818		818	500
Flint, St Mary & St David - Fabric Fund		90,000		90,000	90,000
Flint, St Mary & St David - Improvement Fund		83,574		83,574	84,466
Flint, St Mary & St David - Ministry Fund		145,597		145,597	223,418
Flint, St Mary & St David - Mission Fund		19,836		19,836	35,112
Flint, St Mary & St David - Re-Ordering Fund		84,568		84,568	-
Halkyn, St Mary's - Kisiizi Hospital (Jamie's Fund)		104		104	39
Halkyn, St Mary's - Ty Croeso		-		-	182
Holywell, Holy Trinity Church		4,513		4,513	-
Holywell, Relief Fund		362		362	702
Holywell, St Peter		5,976		5,976	-
Holywell, The Table		3,778		3,778	-
Holywell, Well Being		9,226		9,226	-
MA - Accounts examination		(1,663)		(1,663)	(888)
MA - Grant		4,300		4,300	1,848
MA - Share rebate		14,628		14,628	12,830
MA - Residential retreat grant		737		737	-
MA - St Asaph DBF grant fund - table		951		951	-
MA - St James Well-being fund		188,556		188,556	17,826
MA - The Table - Flint		6,518		6,518	-
MA - The Table - Holywell		6,292		6,292	7,800
MA - Youth & childrens work fund		5,515		5,515	-
MA - Youth & childrens worker		16,252		16,252	20,229
MA - Youth fund - petty cash		91		91	-
MA - Ysceifiog outreach fund		353		353	500
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - C Bellis Carpet		1,004		1,004	979
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Community Garden Project		306		306	399
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Community Shop		1,049		1,049	722
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Fabric Fund		13,321		13,321	12,094
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Family Trust FH&E Hughes		98,734		98,734	92,682
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Thos Gregory Linen		5,248		5,248	5,137



Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Churchyard Reserve A/c 19792964	1,492	1,492	1,075
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - General Reserve A/c 19792921	848	848	837
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Sunday School Reserve, A/c 19792956	594	594	587
<b>Restricted</b>			
Bagillt, St Mary & St Peter - Roof Repair Fund		-	584
Brynford, St Michael - Graveyard	4,878	4,878	629
Brynford, St Michael - JoY @ Hub Funds	-	-	640
Flint Mountain, St Thomas' - Improvement Fund	3,071	3,071	-
Flint, St Mary & St David - Fabric Fund	5,696	5,696	5,576
Flint, St Mary & St David - Monday Mix	120	120	120
Flint, St Mary & St David - Table	2,748	2,748	-
Gorsedd, St Paul's - Church Flowers	83	83	-
Gorsedd, St Paul's - Churchyard Fund	2,737	2,737	(1,464)
Halkyn, St Mary's - Ukraine Appeal	2,503	2,503	2,399
Halkyn, St Mary's - Bell Tower Fund	1,279	1,279	645
Halkyn, St Mary's - Church Yard Fund	16,119	16,119	17,482
Halkyn, St Mary's - Foodclub	-	-	125
Halkyn, St Mary's - Heathcote Tate Book Fund	1,444	1,444	1,444
Halkyn, St Mary's - Lychgate Legacy Fund	600	600	600
Halkyn, St Mary's - McLeod Legacy	34,060	34,060	66,312
Halkyn, St Mary's - Parish Holiday Payments Fund	5,509	5,509	6,598
Halkyn, St Mary's - Quilter Investment (was Old Mutual)	148,079	148,079	154,661
Halkyn, St Mary's - Restoration Fund Account	2,259	2,259	2,259
Halkyn, St Mary's - Ty Croeso	1,757	1,757	-
Halkyn, St Mary's - Vicar's Discretionary Fund	-	-	300
Holywell, St James - Chancel Repair Fund CIF	8,930	8,930	8,106
Mostyn, Christ Church - Churchyard Account	2,611	2,611	2,611
Rhes Y Cae, Christ Church - Churchyard Fund	606	606	1,086
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Re-ordering	3,868	3,868	147,034
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Cemetery	14,734	14,734	9,970
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Community Hub	5,470	5,470	-
Whitford, Ss Mary & Beuno - Restoration Fund	2,460	2,460	-
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Toilet Fund	41,161	41,161	22,908



Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/2023	At 31/12/2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	138,869	406,804	157,008	702,682	781,806
Fixed assets	4,888			4,888	4,888
	143,757	406,804	157,008	707,570	786,694
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	-	-	16,356	16,356	16,924
Cash At Bank And In Hand	122,417	407,994	139,419	669,830	546,012
	122,417	407,994	155,775	686,185	562,936
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		1,320		1,320	(49)
	-	1,320	-	1,320	(49)
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	122,417	406,674	155,775	684,865	562,985
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	266,173	813,478	312,783	1,392,435	1,349,678
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	266,173	813,478	312,783	1,392,435	1,349,678



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**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. Of 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 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.



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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	88,716	89,380	15,495	193,591	168,274
Legacies receivable	31,500	1,000		32,500	-
Grants receivable	38,320	190,581	95,079	323,980	231,265
	158,536	280,961	110,574	550,070	399,539

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fees for occasional offices	32,981	8,708	15,268	56,957	50,960
	32,981	8,708	15,268	56,957	50,960

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund raising	19,794	7,060	2,716	29,570	21,838
Other funds generated	1,895	7,847		9,742	73,224
Rental income	1,511	16,591	2,270	20,372	16,424
Parish share rebate		22,229		22,229	7,500
Sundry income	1,096	4,518		5,614	15,795
	24,296	58,246	4,986	87,527	134,781

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends / investment income	2,973	9,754	-	12,726	14,837
Bank interest	1,061	287	855	2,204	697
	4,034	10,041	855	14,930	15,534

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims		9,614		9,614	500
Sale of fixed assets			10,200	10,200	120
Loans received				-	50,000
Loan repayments received	15,000			15,000	-
Churchyard income				-	550
	15,000	9,614	10,200	34,814	51,170

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of fund raising	1,158	1,266	-	2,424	644
	1,158	1,266	-	2,424	644



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**9 Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share	105,295	70,800	-	176,094	180,049
Clergy expenses	11,566	3,433	717	15,716	11,710
Parsonage expenses	612	236	-	847	767
Maintenance of services	1,911	816	-	2,727	3,158
Costs of vergers and choir	3,090	965	812	4,867	3,392
Music and performances	430	-	227	656	806
Music instrument tuning / maintenance	1,956	-	-	1,956	2,592
Costs of digital services	96	-	-	96	56
Costs of copyright licences	1,060	473	-	1,533	981
Costs of meetings	-	437	360	797	40
Bank charges	917	223	121	1,260	1,222
Printing, stationery and post	214	3,364	30	3,608	1,882
Parish - telephone / internet	-	772	-	772	1,581
Office and general expenses	528	12,849	-	13,377	3,437
Parish administrator / staff salary	96	35,885	-	35,980	36,277
Professional fees - Architects & surveyors	1,140	8,614	-	9,754	1,986
Audit and accountancy fees	1,519	1,294	-	2,813	438
Gifts to individuals	40	500	-	540	676
MA / LMA Central costs	55	538	-	593	870
Church costs - insurance	12,774	3,509	-	16,283	13,042
Church costs - electricity	14,660	7,888	-	22,547	12,222
Church costs - oil	9,887	-	-	9,887	5,584
Church costs - gas	7,887	4,274	-	12,161	5,873
Church costs - water	1,367	1,444	59	2,870	1,443
Church costs - other	1,799	718	-	2,517	3,663
Church costs - repairs	12,488	24,211	2,835	39,534	36,964
Cleaning	223	2,008	-	2,231	1,728
Church yard management	5,698	1,060	4,680	11,438	10,808
Church hall - cleaning	-	-	-	-	80
Church hall - other	-	-	-	-	10
Major building renovations	14,576	-	248,572	263,148	339,873
Young people activity costs	27	2,635	640	3,303	2,435
Church publications	272	-	-	272	62
Mission and Evangelism	263	1,049	452	1,764	937
Parish mission costs	1,836	2,573	13,337	17,746	15,480
Diocesan projects support	548	7,707	200	8,456	6,550
External charities	1,399	900	-	2,299	2,078
	<b>216,225</b>	<b>201,172</b>	<b>273,042</b>	<b>690,438</b>	<b>709,854</b>

**10 Other expenditure**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Purchase of assets	7,453	3,490.98	500	11,444	10,821
Loans made	25,000	-	-	25,000	50,000
	<b>32,453</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>36,444</b>	<b>60,821</b>

**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 2 employees during the year. (2022 - two)

**13 Related party transactions**

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



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**14 Fixed asset investments**

	Listed investments
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	£
at 1 January 2023	781,806
Additions / reallocations	(79,124)
At 31 December 2023	702,682
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	702,682

**15 Fixed assets**

	Assets
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	£
at 1 January 2023	4,888
Additions / reallocations	
At 31 December 2023	4,888
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	4,888

**16 Creditors**

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Accounts payable	-	49
Accrual	1,320	-
	<b>1,320</b>	<b>49</b>



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17 Fund movement during the year

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains / losses	Opening balance adjustment	Balance carried forward
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
General fund	275,088	234,846	249,836	(8,699)	9,887		261,286
Baginbun, St Mary & St Peter - Roof Repair Fund	584	7		(585)			
Baginbun, St Mary & St Peter - Misc expenses		1,732	1,732				
Brynford, St Michael - Graveyard	629	4,249					4,878
Brynford, St Michael - Joy @ Hub Funds	640		640				
Flint Mountain, St Thomas - Improvement Fund		5,621	2,550				3,071
Flint Mountain, St Thomas - Messy Church Fund	500	1,000	682				818
Flint, St Mary & St David - Fabric Fund	90,000						90,000
Flint, St Mary & St David - Fabric Fund	5,576	180	60				5,696
Flint, St Mary & St David - Improvement Fund	84,466			(7,275)	6,383		83,574
Flint, St Mary & St David - Ministry Fund	223,418			(89,628)	11,807		145,597
Flint, St Mary & St David - Mission Fund	35,112	7,707	30,501	7,275	742		19,836
Flint, St Mary & St David - Monday Mix	120						120
Flint, St Mary & St David - Projector fund		500	500				
Flint, St Mary & St David - Re-Ordering Fund			8,004	92,572			84,568
Flint, St Mary & St David - Table		3,200	452				2,748
Gorseedd, St Paul's - Church Flowers		83					83
Gorseedd, St Paul's - Churchyard Fund	(1,464)	5,101	900				2,737
Halbryn, St Mary's - Bell Tower Fund	645	1,256	902	280			1,279
Halbryn, St Mary's - Church Yard Fund	17,482		1,539	176			16,119
Halbryn, St Mary's - Foodclub	125	1,831	1,956				
Halbryn, St Mary's - Heathcote Tate Book Fund	1,444						1,444
Halbryn, St Mary's - Kistul Hospital (Jamie's Fund)	39	315	250				104
Halbryn, St Mary's - Lychgate Legacy Fund	600						600
Halbryn, St Mary's - McLeod Legacy	66,312	91		(32,343)			34,060
Halbryn, St Mary's - Parish Holiday Payments Fund	6,598	8,461	9,550				5,509
Halbryn, St Mary's - Quilter Investment (was Old Mutual)	154,661				(6,582)		148,079
Halbryn, St Mary's - Restoration Fund Account	2,259						2,259
Halbryn, St Mary's - Ty Croeso	182	2,872	1,459	(1,594)			
Halbryn, St Mary's - Ty Croeso		1,124	962	1,594			1,757
Halbryn, St Mary's - Ukraine Appeal	2,399	354	200	(50)			2,503
Halbryn, St Mary's - Vicar's Discretionary Fund	300		300				
Holywell, Holy Trinity Church		41,136	37,569	947			4,513
Holywell, Relief Fund	702	638	977				362
Holywell, Mission Hub		3,753	5,357	1,604			
Holywell, St James - Chancel Repair Fund CIF	8,106				824		8,930
Holywell, St James - STJ		8,582	9,649	1,067			
Holywell, St Peter		48,686	43,657	947			5,976
Holywell, The Table		6,900	3,773	652			3,778
Holywell, Well Being		5,233	7,736	11,729			9,226
MA - Accounts examination	(888)		776	1			(1,663)
MA - Clergy expenses							
MA - Grant	1,848	4,300	1,848				4,300
MA - PAYPAL - Well being		6		(6)			
MA - Residential retreat grant		1,120	383				737
MA - Share rebate	12,830	22,289	20,491				14,628
MA - St Asaph DBF grant fund - table		2,000	1,049				951
MA - St James Well-being fund	17,826	186,325	15,601	6			188,556
MA - The Table - Flint		7,476	958				6,518
MA - The Table - Holywell	7,800	(1,508)					6,292
MA - Youth & childrens work fund		7,400	1,886				5,515
MA - Youth & childrens worker	20,229		3,978				16,252
MA - Youth fund - petty cash		101	10				91
MA - Ysceifiog outreach fund	500		147				353
Mostyn, Christ Church - Churchyard Account	2,611						2,611
Mostyn, Christ Church - Mower	4,888						4,888
Rhes Y Cae, Christ Church - Churchyard Fund	1,086		480				606
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - C Bellis Carpet	979			25			1,004
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Cemetery	9,970	11,167	3,409	(2,994)			14,734
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Community Garden Project	399	57	150				306
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Community Hub		5,550	569	489			5,470
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Community Shop	722	7,224	7,307	410			1,049
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Fabric Fund	12,094				1,228		13,321
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Family Trust FH&E Hughes	92,682	2,047			4,005		98,734
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Re-ordering	147,034	91,060	248,572	14,346			3,868
Rhosesmor, St Paul's - Thos Gregory Linen	5,137	146			(34)		5,248
Whitford, St Mary & Beuno - Restoration Fund		22		2,438			2,460
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Churchyard Reserve	1,075	18		399			1,492
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - General Reserve	837	10		2			848
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Re-ordering	10,000			(10,000)			
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Sunday School Reserve	587	7					594
Ysceifiog, St Mary's - Toilet Fund	22,908	2,031		16,222			41,161
Opening balance adjustment				(5)		5	
	1,349,678	744,298	729,306	-	27,760	5	1,392,435

Represented by:				
Unrestricted				266,173
Designated				813,478
Restricted				312,783
				1,392,435



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO  
ESTUARY AND MOUNTAIN 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.

(Name) LOBBRAINE HUGHES (Date) 28<sup>th</sup> October 24

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