THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEWS WOLVERHAMPTON

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Anglican Church serving the Parish in East Park & Eastfield.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
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- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£66,693	£61,187	-	-
2023-12-31	£70,561	£51,028	-	-
2022-12-31	£68,876	£54,627	-	-
2021-12-31	£51,642	£50,723	-	-
2020-12-31	£63,090	£57,815	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Matthew Hird	Chair	2013-07-16
Ann Macmanomy		2022-04-24
CHARLOTTE TAFT		2023-04-16
Chetan Patel		2023-04-16
Gail Coley		2025-07-14
Jack Hedger		2018-04-29
Jason Coley		2021-05-26
Lee Blakemore		2019-03-31
Matt Reid		2025-04-27
Rachel Reid		2021-05-26
Rebecca Hedger		2020-10-18
Ruth Nogieru		2025-04-27

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The VISION

Being Transformed by Jesus

Raising GENERATIONS of Spirit-filled disciples, who are

COMMITTED to practising spiritual disciplines

Becoming CONFIDENT in knowing & applying the Bible

Increasingly READY to encounter God
& be led by Holy Spirit in gathered worship

Doing life TOGETHER as we follow the way of Jesus

Bringing Transformation in our community

Being visibly at the HEART of life in the community

Seeing every interaction as an INTRODUCTION to Jesus

Bringing life to FAMILIES by

BREAKING CYCLES by supporting healthy relationships,
encouraging good parenting and walking alongside the isolated.

Being fathers to the fatherless, and family to those without family

Being Transformed By Jesus

Gathered Worship

Our Sunday gatherings for worship continue to be a source of joy and encouragement. The 9am service of Holy Communion has a small, but regular, congregation of around half a dozen. This includes those who cannot attend at 10.30am and, occasionally, some who are serving on team at the later service and want the opportunity to worship and hear the teaching. The 10.30am service has continued to be Holy Communion roughly half the time, and Morning Worship for the other half, seeing an average of 58 adults and 37 children. This is just a little down on the previous year, but it was been wonderful to welcome some new people in recent months. One shift that we've noticed over recent years is that very few people are consistently attending worship week-in week-out. We recognise that holidays and illness are a factor, but want to encourage members to see Sunday worship as a spiritual discipline to prioritise just as much as prayer or scripture.

Our monthly Encounter evenings have steadily grown over the year, beginning to feel like a regular congregation including some who do not otherwise attend church.

As part of our gathered worship we have completed several teaching series. In the Summer term we looked at the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting. In the Autumn we journeyed through the story of Joshua, and then at the beginning of this year we did some church training sessions on welcome, prayer ministry and serving, before looking at the discipline of scripture.

Looking ahead, our teaching series during Easter season will be *Gospel Transformation* exploring the difference Jesus makes in our lives. We kick off on Easter Sunday with 'Gospel Transformation: from death to life'. After Easter we will be training a prayer ministry team, so that this can be made available every week.

Revd Matt Hird

Discipleship

The first half of our church vision is about *Being Transformed by Jesus*, and this was a major focus of our teaching in the Summer term of 2024. The main vehicle for discipleship at St Matthew's is the Life Groups which provide a space for members to grow deeper in their relationships with God and with one another. These groups meet each week to share life together, offer support and encouragement, study God's word, and pray for each other.

This year has seen two new Life Groups start. The first came out of a Freedom in Christ course, where members had enjoyed sharing together and chose to continue meeting as a Life Group. Then, in the autumn, another new Life Group was formed with a couple of new members plus a couple transferring

from a larger group. This means we currently have 5 Life Groups running, made up of 34 people. I am immensely grateful to our wonderful Life Group leaders, who do a fantastic job of looking after these groups.

A regular focus through the year has been exploring some *spiritual disciplines*. We have used the resources from Practising the Way to consider the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and, most recently, Scripture. Fasting was the least familiar of these and therefore the hardest for some to get started with. However, it's been encouraging to hear how people are still incorporating the disciplines of fasting and prayer nearly a year on.

In time we will explore more spiritual disciplines, gradually building up a selection of practices that will help us become increasingly open to the transformation Jesus wants to bring to our lives.

Revd Matt Hird

Doing Life Together

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2: 42-47)

Here at St Matthew's we believe that church isn't simply a meeting once a week on a Sunday but rather a family of disciples of Jesus who are learning to do the whole of life together. This brings with it many joys and also some struggles as we learn to prioritise these relationships and to share vulnerably with one another. It means choosing to love one another, choosing to turn up and choosing to work through difficult seasons. It means speaking honestly, not gossiping, dealing with conflict well and having grace and forgiveness for one another. Spending time together worshipping, praying, studying and socialising (and eating) is key to developing these kinds of relationships and so we seek to create as many opportunities as possible to do this in Sunday services, mid week groups and one off events. One key way we encourage everyone to 'do life together' is as part of a life group; a small group who meet weekly to study scripture and share life. As well as life groups and youth groups each week we also gather with church family, and our wider community, at the Pop In, Place of Welcome, Baby and Toddlers and the new Fortnightly Family games night.

One-off events this year have included another Crafternoon, a women's day in Telford, a men's night at the Merrys, the New Wine summer festival and of course our famous slow cooker Sundays. A highlight

this year was 'Mary' and 'Joseph' touring our homes over advent, giving anyone who wanted to join in an opportunity to host and be hosted over advent (thanks to Deb Blakemore for co-ordinating this). We want to create more spaces in the coming year for gathering socially, with a picnic in the park and another Crafternoon already scheduled for the coming term. There are so many opportunities to come and be with church family! Of course, doing life together can't be limited to organised events and it is great when we hear about friendships developing as people choose to spend time with each other looking after kids, going for a coffee, having a pint down the pub, playing board games, walking in the park and especially hosting each other in our homes.

Jess Hird

JAM

Over the past year, JAM (Jesus and Me) has continued to provide a fun and engaging space for our young people to experience church in age-appropriate and exciting ways. Throughout the year, we've seen God speaking to our young people. We've noticed a real responsiveness to God and His voice, especially among our youngest members, as well as a growing confidence across all the groups in using the Bible and sharing what they believe it means for them.

Each group's identity has developed further this year. SparkleTots and Flames have restructured, both in terms of the space in the hall and the session formats, to encourage engagement despite fluctuating group sizes and to meet specific needs for accessibility. Glow, the oldest group meeting in the lounge, has grown and still just about fits in the lounge. They dive deep into the Bible each week, considering thoughtful applications of scripture and creating an environment where young people can ask questions and explore their faith more deeply.

This year, we've specifically covered topics such as: Play through the Bible, the Old Testament and how it fits into the Big Story of God, and diving into God's promises leading into the Christmas season. We started 2025 more closely aligned with church-wide teaching, following the lectionary and Hands at Work service. We are now joining the rest of the church in the scripture practice, exploring ways to open this up to all ages.

We've also had a few opportunities to try new things. We've incorporated technology to support sessions in the hall with multimedia resources and trialed bridge videos to better communicate teaching to parents, encouraging family discipleship. Jack kindly created a new resource template to support our sessions as well.

One of our challenges last year, and something we're actively exploring how to improve this year, is supporting young people transitioning from Glow into main church once they've outgrown the group.

We want to ease that transition and help them continue growing in that new space. One limitation in how we can respond to this challenge is the number of leaders we have.

We know that having more leaders gives us greater flexibility in addressing these challenges and provides better support to the entire team. If you'd like to get involved in JAM (I'm confident our team has the most fun in church!), we'd love for you to join us for a session and see what we're all about. It's a great opportunity to be inspired by our young people, grow in your own faith, and have a blast while supporting the next generation.

No JAM sessions would happen without our incredible team already helping, so I want to take this chance to say a MASSIVE thank you to our top-tier JAM team: Ann, Chioma, Chisa, Dipa, Gail, Lynne, Ruth, Manesha, Maureen, Martin, Rachel, Steph, Stacey, Jess, and Jack. Their contributions make JAM a safe, engaging, and joyful space for children to grow in their faith, and I am so grateful for their servant-heartedness and the enthusiasm they bring to every JAM session.

Helen Foster

Youth

Friday Night Youth

This year the Friday night youth sessions have changed slightly from the old youth group, with more sessions involving group settings specific to different topics, but still with the aim for meeting and socialising. The youth have taken to this with great energy and enthusiasm, and so far, have really enjoyed the sessions.

Also, this year we have had Lynne step down as a youth leaders and we would like to say thanks for her years of help. I would also like to say thanks to Deb for her help setting up the new look Friday night youth group. I would also like to greet Jay and Gail as they join the team as new youth leaders.

We will still be doing activities like the 24/7 prayer week sleepover but have added more socialising events like a countryside walk for both parents and youth, and a cinema trip put into the pipeline of events to come. Big moments from this year have been the focus areas, specifically values and behaviours, ownership and belonging, and solution circles. My personal favourite does have to be the ad hoc paper plane making and flying completion.

As we move forward, we would love the group to grow bigger and now have a big enough team to create a safe and enjoyable space for our youth.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents and youth for their help and feedback at the start of the year which has now shaped the group.

Chet Patel

Sunday Night Youth

Sunday Night Youth continues to meet on Sunday evenings at the Vicarage. Helen has started leading alongside Jess, and we welcome a regular group of five young people each week.

Each session, we dig into the Bible together and take a closer look at the teaching from the morning church service, exploring its meaning and how it applies to life at school, at home, and beyond. We also have fun playing board games to connect before diving into the teaching. A recent highlight was seeing Brandon, one of our young people, lead a session with real insight, sharing his reflections on scripture with the rest of the group.

We're always open to new members and would love to welcome any young people in school years 9–13 who are eager to explore the Bible and dig deeper into their faith.

Helen Foster & Jess Hird

Bringing Transformation in our Community

Mission Opportunities

St Matthew's outward-looking mission focus is captured in the second part of the vision: bringing transformation in our community. The three ways that we are seeking to do that are by being visibly at the heart of the community, seeing every interaction as an interaction to Jesus and bringing life to families.

A number of activities ran during 2024 that focussed on bringing life to families. The long-established Baby & Toddler Group continued to run twice a week during term time. In addition to this, two other projects were trialled: a families project and a family fun night. These were well received as the reports that follow will demonstrate. Excitingly, both of the ideas for the trials were suggested by people who had 'caught' the church vision. We hope to be able to run these initiatives again in 2025. Place of Welcome and Pop-In continued to provide opportunities to engage with our community. Both provide a valuable space for those who might otherwise become isolated.

Alongside regular church-run events and one-offs like the Easter Fun Day and Beer & Carols, members of St Matthew's were involved in other aspects of community life. Matt, our vicar, continued to chair the

Partnership Board for Eastfield Family Hub. Both our clergy have been involved in the local schools. Many others will have been involved in mission within the community during the year in less formal ways. Bringing transformation in our community is an important aspect of our discipleship which follows out of the transformation that we experience in our own encounter with the risen Lord Jesus.

Revd Gareth Manser

Baby & Toddler Group

St Matthew's Baby and Toddler group is now in its twelfth year and still remains popular with parents and carers in our community. Though this year has been quieter than the previous year, due to the fact that we lost several of our long-standing attendees when their children moved on to nursery in September, we are still welcoming new members on a weekly basis. Meeting for two mornings a week on Mondays and Wednesdays we offer a friendly, safe space for pre-schoolers to engage in free play, crafts and singing, whilst parents and carers relax and chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

It has been wonderful to see a core number of our church family attending the sessions and this has been a great opportunity to form friendships and have good conversations with members of our community, helping towards fulfilling our vision of being visible at the heart of our community.

The group would not be possible were it not for a dedicated team of leaders and helpers (including two new members this year) and a grateful thanks goes to them for their hard work and commitment.

Ann Macmanomy

Family Pilot Scheme

The family pilot scheme was put in place to cover specific needs, within a structured time, over an 8 week period, to find out what families want and need. We worked in partnership with East Park Academy and met every Friday 3.15pm straight from the school run until 5.30ish. We covered mental health and wellbeing through crafts, activities and creating a space of belonging. We also provided learning support, by helping parents/carers to come alongside their children with homework using the resources provided. In addition we supported fostering healthy relationships by playing board games and sitting around the table when it came to meal times with conversation prompts. We provided a healthy low budget meal for families to eat together and the recipe to take home. The scheme was led by Debbie Blakemore with a committed team drawn from the church family. The project was funded by the city council through Eastfield Family Hub.

Six families registered through East Park Academy and two families with children at East Park registered through our toddler group. A very diverse group attended, who enriched the group with

their different cultures and life experiences. We had children attending as young as one year old up to ten years old.

Feedback from the scheme was good and many of those attending expressed a desire for something similar to be repeated. The PCC agreed that the scheme was something that St Matthew's should do again, but it was unclear who would be in a position to lead it going forwards. Consideration has been given to employing somebody to take this on.

Place of Welcome & Pop-In

Place of Welcome ran weekly on Monday mornings throughout 2024. It provides a space for people who would like to meet with others for conversation and refreshments. Numbers varied throughout the year, but there was a core group of regular attendees using the service. Most of these are not regular members of the congregation. The relationships that have been built mean that many topics of conversation are covered, including questions about faith and life. We are grateful to Roger and Lynne for their dedicated service to the Place of Welcome.

Similarly, Pop-In ran throughout the year. Again, Roger and Lynne, along with Janet, enabled this to happen. Attendance was generally high, with extra chairs sometimes being added to the tables. Two meals took place at the Merry Boys. As well as the good conversation, a regular highlight was the weekly quiz, often written by Lynne's husband, Dave. An important aspect of Pop-In is the celebration of birthdays, so there was often singing to be heard too. This was a valuable community space, highlighted by the occasional visits from councillors seeking to engage with local residents.

Friday Family Fun

This started 28th February and is run on a fortnightly basis and is becoming increasingly popular for all ages. It gives all a safe, secure, fun, inclusive, quality place/time to enable families and friends to gather for a chat and team fun alongside light bites and refreshments. It has been encouraging to see a group of regulars attending and we are confident that these number will grow in the upcoming year.

Gail Coley

Schools

This year St Matthew's has continued to be involved in the life of Eastfield and East Park primaries and St Matthias secondary schools.

Eastfield attended church for Easter, Harvest and Christmas as well as their summer concert. These events offered an opportunity to share God's story with students, staff and parents. Matt is also involved in school life as a governor. East Park celebrated Easter, Harvest and Christmas and we were invited to be a part of those services. The family pilot scheme was a good opportunity to work with the school to highlight families who might benefit from the support on offer.

Once again, St Matthias brought year 7 to visit the prayer room for Thy Kingdom Come and hear more about what happens in church. This was very well received by the staff and students. They are keen to come again. Gareth has been visiting the school weekly at lunchtime on Wednesdays to be available for any students and staff who would like a conversation. This has provided an opportunity to connect regularly with certain students, particularly those who visited in May, and to have many conversations about Christian faith and the church. There have also been opportunities to contribute to RE lessons in year 9 and at GCSE. The school seem to be interested in the Worth It programme from Engage Trust, our local partnership.

Revd Gareth Manser

Partnerships

St Matthew's has three main mission partnerships, locally with Engage Trust, nationally with New Wine and internationally with Hands at Work.

Engage Trust work with schools in Wolverhampton and the West Midlands, running a programme called Worth It, aimed at helping young people to build self-esteem and self-worth. They work with the schools to identify students who would most benefit from the programme and are motivated by their Christian values.

New Wine has a vision to equip the local Church to release confident, Spirit-filled followers of Jesus. They have developed a new strategy to help achieve this and renewed their focus on this investment in the local church. They also ran the United event during the summer which some of our church family attended.

Our international partnership with Hands at Work Africa means that we are linked with the Malakota community in Zambia. 150 children are currently supported by 29 care workers. During the year, there were opportunities to hear updates from the community and the work of the charity.

Revd Gareth Manser

Curate's Report

In 2024, I entered my third year of curacy. As well as the things that I have been involved with at St Matthew's and in the community, this year has involved the completion of reports to assess my curacy and whether I would be ready to be signed off in early 2025. This has now all been completed, and subject to completing the last bits of my training programme, Bishop Tim has informed me that I am able to look for a position as incumbent. My license to minister at St Matthew's will end in June 2026, so I will need to move before then.

I have also been working towards the BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at the Queen's Foundation. My dissertation is due in June 2025, then I will have completed all of the work for that degree. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to complete this study alongside my curacy.

This year has also seen big changes for our family as we welcomed Mai. Thank you to everyone who has supported us through this period. We have appreciated all of the prayers, kind words and gifts that we have received. This support has been invaluable and without it things could have been much harder.

Please pray for us as we seek to discern what might be next for us and know that we are very glad to have been serving alongside you all in Eastfield and East Park.

Revd Gareth Manser

Treasurer's Report

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church

Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis and have been scrutinised by an external Independent Examiner.

Our PCC Treasurer is Rebi Hedger who started in the role March 2023.

The key headlines for the year ending 31st December 2024 are:

- Our full year income amounted to **£66,851 (2023: £70,561)**
- Our expenditure in the year was **£61,187 (2023: £51,028)**

We therefore had an excess of receipts over payments of **£5,664.**

Year end funds available amounted to **£67,968 (2023: £62,304).**

Some headlines :

- Income was a little lower than last year - however the main difference is that we did not receive our Gift Aid payment which is normally around £5000.
- Our income from the hall saw an increase of £3000.
- The contactless card machine continues to bring in one-off giving on a Sunday as well as donations for special events such as Christmas.
- We received over £2,400 in one-off gifts and grants, covering the Easter Community event and Family Pilot Scheme.
- Overall expenditure was up on last year - this was notably due to the increase in the Parish Share and committing to spend money on the maintenance of the building.
- We are still responding to the needs of the Quinquennial inspection - work was signed on in 2024 for the roof repairs (roughly £35,000 spent) but the work wasn't finished before the year end, so this spend will be seen in 2025.

Rebi Hedger

Churchwarden's Fabric Report

It has been amazing to see our building continue to be used enormously again this past year, not only by us as a church family, but by our local community and other outside organisations. We see on a weekly basis two toddler group sessions, place of welcome, pop in, walking fitness club and two tabletop gamer sessions to name a few.

Our building has also continued to host the communities PACT meetings, and we have numerous church hall hire booking requests for parties and events, as well as a learn play scheme during half terms and school holidays.

This past year has seen both planned maintenance and emergency works carried out to both the external building but inside to.

Planned maintenance:

- New soffits, facias and guttering to the main church building

Emergency works:

- Heating system pump replaced

- Zone isolation valve for church heating system installed
- Electrical work carried out in the church hall to repair water damaged sockets
- The replacement of a broken toilet in the ladies toilet

We are now in the process of sourcing quotes for the other works highlighted by the Quinquennial inspection, the highest priority repairs highlighted by the inspection and agreed by the PCC are:

- Replacement of the three sets of double doors to the main church entrance, church hall entrance and to the church hall itself
- Church & chapel lighting – including all LED's that require replacement/ upgrades
- Filling in and blocking off the no longer used skylight openings in the chapel and hallway between main church and the church hall

The Wardens would like to again take this opportunity to thank all who volunteer their time and skills to our church with special thanks to Rebi Hedger for all the hard work and time put into her role as treasurer, to Rachel Reid our PCC secretary and safeguarding officer, to Chet Patel for his role looking after gift aid claims, to Lynne Lawrence as our electoral roll officer, to Roger Spruce and Lynne Lawrence for their faithful and continued volunteering to count the offerings, and to all those who help to keep our building a clean, tidy and welcoming space

Jay Coley & Matt Reid

Safeguarding Report

Since our last APCM, Safeguarding has remained an important aspect of the Church. We have provided Safeguarding training to new and existing Children and Youth leaders as well as those members that volunteered to do the Family Pilot Scheme that took place May 2024. We have safely recruited 6 new members to help with the Children's and Youth groups, with the appropriate DBS checks etc being completed. We continue to utilize outside agencies where necessary and sign-posting the most vulnerable to the right help and support to ensure their needs are met safely. We remain as a church to be proactive in ensuring that the safety and well-being of all our members is top priority and act accordingly.

I will be handing over the Role as Parish Safeguarding Officer to Doug Foster for the coming year.

Rachel Reid

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod met three times during 2024. The main focus of the February meeting was the purpose and role of the deanery. The June meeting featured an update from the Chaplaincy at the University of Wolverhampton. The October meeting was centred around feedback on the Diocesan Strategic Framework which sets out the Diocesan priorities for the next six years and what this could mean at deanery and parish level. Members of our PCC had been invited to an evening where the strategic framework was introduced. This was subsequently discussed at a PCC meeting and the feedback shared at the October synod.

Revd Gareth Manser

Vicar's Report

Every time I come to write this report I am amazed at all the wonderful things God is doing here at St Matthew's. We have so much to be thankful for. I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for being part of the family, and for the many ways you serve as part of the team. I am particularly grateful for the privilege of serving alongside so many gifted and dedicated leaders.

There have been many highlights through the year, of which these are just a few. In April 2024 there were 5 members of St Matthew's confirmed by Bishop Michael in a special service held at St Martin's Bradley. That same week was the Clergy Conference for Lichfield Diocese, held at Swanwick convention centre, where I was involved in leading some of the sung worship.

One of the most significant new things to happen this year was the Family Pilot Scheme, led by Deb Blakemore and a dedicated team of volunteers, which started in May and ran through to the Summer break. This was an important development in our vision for *bringing life to families*, as reported below.

The Summer term also included the prayer room, as part of Thy Kingdom Come global prayer initiative, and a special service marking the life of local hero Harry Parke Temple in which a gravestone was finally laid on his grave in Bilston Cemetery.

From June to August I had the incredible privilege of taking my first ever 3-month sabbatical, and am immensely grateful to Revd Gareth and the many others who stepped up and enabled this to happen. See below for a separate report on my time away.

In the Autumn I was involved in running a 2-day retreat with the Diocesan Renewal Group, and it was great to be joined by several members of our midweek teams for this at Trentham Parish church. Bishop Tim Wambunya arrived as the new bishop of Wolverhampton in October and was welcomed at a special service in St Matthew's Walsall. He has recently called the churches across his episcopal area

to pray for renewal and growth, and a number of us joined the first of these prayer drives at Holy Trinity Heath Town.

In January this year I was invited to a gathering for leaders of 'larger' churches across the diocese (those with at least 90 worshippers on an average Sunday). This was an encouraging meeting, looking at the opportunities and challenges for further growth, especially in light of the diocesan goal to see every worshipping community double in numbers over the coming years - for us that would mean growing to a church of 200. Sounds both exciting and daunting, but all it would take is for each of us to bring one friend to faith!

Over the year, and on behalf of St Matthew's, I have continued to play a part in the life of the wider community through chairing the partnership board of the local family hub, serving as a governor at Eastfield Primary and a member of the Parent & Community Advisory Forum for East Park Academy. Beyond the parish I have served as a Bishops' Advisor in the national discernment process, become co-chair of the Diocesan Renewal Group, attended meetings of the Lichfield Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, and become Training Incumbent responsible for supervising Revd Nick Smith at Pennfields Parish after his incumbent retired. I receive pastoral supervision monthly from a wise and wonderful leader in another part of the diocese.

As we look forward to the coming year there is lots to be excited about. After Easter the new Vision Leadership Team will take up their role in sharing day-to-day leadership with me, championing the vision across everything we do. We are currently in the process of appointing a part-time Family Worker to enable us to run the Family Project again, hoping to welcome one cohort of families before the Summer and another in the Autumn. During the Summer we will be following up the many responses we received through the 'serving at St Matthew's' forms, with an initial focus on training teams for welcome and for prayer ministry. Next year we will also be hosting the Life Exhibition again and welcoming local primary schools to come and explore the life of Jesus.

Revd Matt Hird

Vicar's Sabbatical

Thank you all again for releasing me to take a sabbatical over the Summer. It was a really helpful time to step back from the normal patterns of life and ministry, and to seek God without the usual constraints of my diary. As I attempt to summarise my time away I'm realising that 3 months is a really long time to cover! So these are just the main themes and highlights...

The main focus I'd identified beforehand was to read and think about how we make disciples in a culture that is rapidly moving away from traditional Christian values. For the majority of my sabbatical I stayed in a static caravan in the Peak District, enjoying the double blessing of beautiful surroundings and no internet. One of the best things was having such an extended time of silence and solitude, which helped me to see just how many other influences we are usually bombarded by and how easily God's voice can be lost in the noise.

A number of people have asked me what I actually did with the time. Well, it was really restful! A typical day included several hours of reading, a long walk or run, learning to cook something new, and exploring a range of spiritual disciplines.

Reading

Starting with *Practising the Way - John Mark Comer* I explored a number of books on spiritual formation, and am more convinced than ever that we need to rediscover the spiritual disciplines in order to be transformed by Jesus in a world that works against Christian discipleship. This led me to develop a new *rule of life* - a set of practices I'm now committing to as part of my spiritual training and ongoing discipleship.

I also read some books unpacking the challenges presented by the surrounding culture. *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman was the stand-out here, tracing the development of our culture's idolisation of the self. Another one was *Love Thy Body* by Nancy Pearcey, which explores our cultures hostility towards the body and how this plays out in the various contentious issues of our day. For me, these have highlighted the need to recover a Christian vision for what it means to be human, to have a body, and to live in community.

Spiritual Disciplines

I signed up to run the Ashbourne Half Marathon, which was happening on the 4th weekend of my sabbatical. After signing up I realised that I had only managed to go running twice this year so far! Sure, I have done lots of running previously, but I was essentially doing couch to 13-miles in 4 weeks.

It quickly became clear that my preparation and training for the half marathon was a picture for my spiritual formation too. God seemed to speak to me through every aspect - my need to start somewhere, to take a breather when necessary, to keep showing up for my training runs, to gradually increase speed and distance, to allow time to heal from injuries, to assess the course and identify the challenging sections, to make sure I was training for the challenges and not just the easy bits, to run my own race. All of these elements of physical training were echoed in my spiritual training.

As I reflected on my own apprenticeship to Jesus I was confronted, once again, with my sin - my tendency to try and do things my own way apart from God - like a disease that prevents me from living wholeheartedly for God. I began by spending time in confession, naming my symptoms and agreeing with God's diagnosis of my disease. As the days went by I sensed God assuring me of his willingness and ability to perform surgery - to deal with the root problem of my disease and bring healing. Having named my symptoms, accepted my diagnosis, and received a measure of healing, my focus turned towards a plan for ongoing treatment and future health - a training plan, if you like.

And so, about two weeks in to my sabbatical, I began to read and explore around the spiritual disciplines. Throughout my time away I immersed myself in Mark's gospel and tried to spend a significant part of each day in prayer - praying from the scriptures in the mornings, for the world in the afternoon, and reviewing the day with God in the evening. I had intended to memorise some chunks of scripture but God kept me on just one verse the whole time, from Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ, so it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me".

One surprise was that I didn't listen to any worship music for 3 months (except at New Wine) and only played my guitar a couple of times. For worship I started learning to pray the psalms instead. On one memorable walk I set myself the challenge of only praying 'blessing' prayers - blessing God for the things I could see around me, and for his goodness in my life and my family. During sabbatical I tried to have a go at practising a whole range of different disciplines including fasting, confession, submission, and generosity.

Sabbatical was quite a strange time for the rest of my family, and I am so thankful to them for juggling everything so that I could have this time away. Jess and the kids joined me every weekend and we explored the practice of sabbath together, developing some routines that have (mostly) stayed with us since. We were so blessed to end my sabbatical with some time travelling together to various historical sites around Italy and Athens.

All of this led me to develop a new 'rule of life' - a set of practices - that I am now attempting to use as a framework for my ongoing spiritual training plan.

Revd Matt Hird

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
WOLVERHAMPTON

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Charity registration number: 1183263

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Charity registration number: 1183263

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Matt Hird, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Matthew. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wolverhampton St Matthew it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and

- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy

St Matthews reserve policy was reviewed at the PCC meeting held on 22nd November 2021.The reserve fund was set at £13,000 based on the equivalent of 2 months general running at £8,000 with an additional £5,000 to cover emergency building maintenance. This amount is held in a separate designated fund. Other free reserves at 31 December 2024 were £14,205 (2023: £41,157). This looks significantly less due to a rearrange of the designated funds, where a significant amount was transferred to the Building & Maintenance Fund to allow for better budgeting.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC usually meet 7 times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC delegates the implementation of our vision statement to the Ministry Leadership Team, who share responsibility for day-to-day leadership with the Incumbent and report back to each PCC meeting.

Related Parties

Remuneration paid to Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC

Expenses paid to Trustees

2 Trustees were reimbursed £1,247 (2023: £1,731) for travel, subsistence and telephone during the year.

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated in East Park Way, Wolverhampton, WV1 2DN and is part of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, in the Diocese of Lichfield. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 14 Sydenham Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2NY.
Registered charity number 1183263.
Our website address is: https://www.stmatthewswolves.com/

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
The Incumbent	The Reverend Matt Hird (Chair)
Curate	The Reverend Gareth Manser
Churchwardens	Lee Blakemore from 31/03/2019
	Jay Coley from 26/05/2021
Deanery Synod Reps	Rebecca Hedger from 16/04/23
	Jack Hedger from 16/04/23
	Charlotte Taft from 16/04/23
Elected Members	Rachel Reid secretary - elected member from 26/05/2021
	Chetan Patel from 16/04/23
	Chioma Okafor from 24/04/2022
	Lynne Lawrence from 24/04/2022
	Jo Corkery from 24/04/22
	Ann Macmanomy from 14/04/24
	Helen Foster from 14/4/2024

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank	Lloyds Bank Queen Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RF
Independent Examiner	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

Approved by the PCC on 24th March **2025 and signed on its behalf by:**

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Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman) **Rachel Reid (Secretary)**

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of

Wolverhampton St Matthew. Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or

the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance, St Marys House, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest

b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	48,528	690	2,400	-	51,618	57,511
Income from charitable activities	1,267	-	-	-	1,267	2,246
Other trading activities	13,085	-	-	-	13,085	10,383
Investments	723	-	-	-	723	421
Total Receipts	**63,603**	**690**	**2,400**	**-**	**66,693**	**70,561**
Payments						
Raising funds	1,263	898	3,319	-	5,481	2,714
Expenditure on charitable activities	50,895	3,408	1,121	-	55,423	48,213
Other expenditure	119	164	-	-	283	102
Total Payments	**52,277**	**4,470**	**4,439**	**-**	**61,187**	**51,028**
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	**11,326**	**(3,780)**	**(2,039)**	**-**	**5,506**	**19,533**
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	38,278	-	-	38,278	10,636
Gross transfers between funds - out	(38,278)	-	-	-	(38,278)	(10,636)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(26,952)	34,498	(2,039)	-	5,506	19,533
Net movement in funds	**(26,952)**	**34,498**	**(2,039)**	**-**	**5,506**	**19,533**
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**-**	**62,304**	**42,771**
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	**14,205**	**53,237**	**368**	**-**	**67,810**	**62,304**

Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	14,205	-	-	-	14,205	41,157
Designated						
Building & Maintenance	-	38,991	-	-	38,991	4,121
Discretionary Fund	-	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,394
Pop In Group Ministry	-	16	-	-	16	224
Reserve Fund	-	13,000	-	-	13,000	13,000
Community Events 2023	-	-	-	-	-	319
Easter Event 2024	-	-	-	-	-	1,600
POW Restricted fund	-	-	36	-	36	156
Storeroom Renovation	-	-	333	-	333	333

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) as at 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6430: Sample fixed asset	(38,278)	38,278	-	-	-	-
Total	**(38,278)**	**38,278**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Lloyds Current Account	17,982	805	(14,815)	-	3,972	1,022
6505: Lloyds Savings Account	34,387	14,153	17,539	-	66,079	62,192
6590: Cash in hand	115	-	-	-	115	115
Total	**52,483**	**14,959**	**2,725**	**-**	**70,167**	**63,330**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,356	-	2,356	1,026
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,356**	**-**	**2,356**	**1,026**
Net total assets	**14,205**	**53,237**	**368**	**-**	**67,810**	**62,304**
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	14,205	-	-	-	14,205	41,157
Designated - Building	-	38,991	-	-	38,991	4,121
Designated - DIscretionary Fund	-	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,394
Designated - PopInGroup	-	16	-	-	16	224
Designated - Reserve	-	13,000	-	-	13,000	13,000
Restricted - Community Events 2023	-	-	-	-	-	319
Restricted - Easter Event 2024	-	-	-	-	-	1,600
Restricted - POWRES	-	-	36	-	36	156
Restricted - Store room renovation	-	-	333	-	333	333
Total	**14,205**	**53,237**	**368**	**-**	**67,810**	**62,304**

Approved by the PCC on ..... 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

..... **.....**

Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman) **Rachel Reid (Secretary)**

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) - 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Lloyds Current Account	6,916	4,586	(10,479)	-	1,022	4,661
6505: Lloyds Savings Account	34,126	14,153	13,912	-	62,192	40,703
6590: Cash in hand	115	-	-	-	115	115
Total	**41,157**	**18,739**	**3,434**	**-**	**63,330**	**45,479**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,026	-	1,026	2,708
Total	**-**	**-**	**1,026**	**-**	**1,026**	**2,708**
Net total assets	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**-**	**62,304**	**42,771**

Fund movement summary - 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Building							
Designated	4,121	-	3,408	38,278	-	-	38,991
Sub-totals	**4,121**	**-**	**3,408**	**38,278**	**-**	**-**	**38,991**
Community Events 2023							
Restricted	319	-	319	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**319**	**-**	**319**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
DIscretionary Fund							
Designated	1,394	-	164	-	-	-	1,230
Sub-totals	**1,394**	**-**	**164**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,230**
Easter Event 2024							
Restricted	1,600	-	1,600	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**1,600**	**-**	**1,600**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

FPScheme								
Restricted		-	1,400	1,400	-	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,400**	**1,400**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
PopInGroup								
Designated		224	690	898	-	-	-	16
	Sub-totals	**224**	**690**	**898**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**16**
POWRES								
Restricted		156	-	121	-	-	-	36
	Sub-totals	**156**	**-**	**121**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36**
Reserve								
Designated		13,000	-	-	-	-	-	13,000
	Sub-totals	**13,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,000**
Store room renovation								
Restricted		333	-	-	-	-	-	333
	Sub-totals	**333**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**333**
Warm Welcome Energy Grant								
Restricted		-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
General								
Unrestricted		41,157	63,603	52,277	(38,278)	-	-	14,205
	Sub-totals	**41,157**	**63,603**	**52,277**	**(38,278)**	**-**	**-**	**14,205**
	Totals	**62,304**	**66,693**	**61,187**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**67,810**

Fund movement summary - 2023

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Building							

Designated	5,205	-	1,084	-	-	-	4,121
Sub-totals	**5,205**	**-**	**1,084**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4,121**
Community Events 2023							
Restricted	-	2,000	1,681	-	-	-	319
Sub-totals	**-**	**2,000**	**1,681**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**319**
DIscretionary Fund							
Designated	1,518	-	124	-	-	-	1,394
Sub-totals	**1,518**	**-**	**124**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,394**
Easter event							
Restricted	48	-	48	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**48**	**-**	**48**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Easter Event 2024							
Restricted	-	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600
Sub-totals	**-**	**1,600**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,600**
Parish Energy Fund							
Restricted	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Pop in Christmas meal							
Restricted	-	500	500	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**500**	**500**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
PopInGroup							
Designated	93	966	334	(500)	-	-	224
Sub-totals	**93**	**966**	**334**	**(500)**	**-**	**-**	**224**
PoW							
Designated	19	-	-	(19)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**19**	**-**	**-**	**(19)**	**-**	**-**	**-**

POWRES								
Restricted		156	-	-	-	-	-	156
	Sub-totals	**156**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**156**
Projects								
Designated		872	-	-	(872)	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**872**	**-**	**-**	**(872)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Reserve								
Designated		13,000	-	-	-	-	-	13,000
	Sub-totals	**13,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,000**
Store room renovation								
Restricted		520	-	187	-	-	-	333
	Sub-totals	**520**	**-**	**187**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**333**
Toddlers								
Designated		288	-	-	(288)	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**288**	**-**	**-**	**(288)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Warm Welcome Energy Grant								
Restricted		-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
General								
Unrestricted		21,053	63,495	45,069	1,678	-	-	41,157
	Sub-totals	**21,053**	**63,495**	**45,069**	**1,678**	**-**	**-**	**41,157**
	Totals	**42,771**	**70,561**	**51,028**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**62,304**

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	20,338	-	-	-	20,338	23,231
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	550	-	-	-	550	900
0201 - Other planned giving	18,227	-	-	-	18,227	16,112
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,370	-	-	-	3,370	2,688
0430 - Toddler Group Donations	750	-	-	-	750	665
0440 - Pop In Group Donations	531	690	-	-	1,221	835
0450 - Place Of Welcome Donations	122	-	-	-	122	119
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,788	-	-	-	3,788	317
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	5,645
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	2,400	-	2,400	6,100
0901 - Other funds generated	853	-	-	-	853	900
Donations and legacies Totals	**48,528**	**690**	**2,400**	**-**	**51,618**	**57,511**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,267	-	-	-	1,267	2,246
Income from charitable activities Totals	**1,267**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,267**	**2,246**
Other trading activities						
0460 - Hub for Grub	-	-	-	-	-	40
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	13,085	-	-	-	13,085	10,343
Other trading activities Totals	**13,085**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,085**	**10,383**
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	723	-	-	-	723	421
Investments Totals	**723**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**723**	**421**

Receipts Grand totals	**63,603**	**690**	**2,400**	**-**	**66,693**	**70,561**
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	1,263	898	3,319	-	5,481	2,714
Raising funds Totals	**1,263**	**898**	**3,319**	**-**	**5,481**	**2,714**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	6,447	-	-	-	6,447	6,372
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	28,810	-	-	-	28,810	21,072
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	120	-	-	-	120	283
2110 - Working expenses of curate	910	-	-	-	910	1,080
2150 - Vicar's telephone	217	-	-	-	217	368
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	72
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,699	-	-	-	1,699	1,653
2311 - Church office - photocopier	727	-	-	-	727	678
2313 - Church - Broadband	795	-	-	-	795	630
2330 - Church maintenance	-	3,408	-	-	3,408	1,271
2331 - Church cleaning	1,033	-	-	-	1,033	752
2380 - Church service supplies	1,724	-	-	-	1,724	1,358
2381 - Toddler group supplies	200	-	-	-	200	78
2382 - Refreshment supplies	-	-	121	-	121	204
2390 - Church equipment	1,193	-	-	-	1,193	1,050
2395 - Church communications	238	-	-	-	238	776
2401 - Church running - electric	2,720	-	-	-	2,720	3,110
2410 - Church running - gas	3,678	-	1,000	-	4,678	7,053
2420 - Church running - water	208	-	-	-	208	181
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	175	-	-	-	175	174
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**50,895**	**3,408**	**1,121**	**-**	**55,423**	**48,213**
Other expenditure						
9901 - Other outgoing resources / payments	119	164	-	-	283	102
Other expenditure Totals	**119**	**164**	**-**	**-**	**283**	**102**

Payments Grand totals	**52,277**	**4,470**	**4,439**	**-**	**61,187**	**51,028**

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Prior Year SOFA – 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	50,445	966	6,100	-	57,511	53,870
Income from charitable activities	2,246	-	-	-	2,246	3,162
Other trading activities	10,383	-	-	-	10,383	10,828
Investments	421	-	-	-	421	17
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total income	**63,495**	**966**	**6,100**	**-**	**70,561**	**68,876**
Payments						
Raising funds	150	334	2,229	-	2,714	4,231
Expenditure on charitable activities	44,817	1,209	2,187	-	48,213	50,360
Other expenditure	102	-	-	-	102	36
Total expenditure	**45,069**	**1,543**	**4,416**	**-**	**51,028**	**54,627**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**18,426**	**(577)**	**1,684**	**-**	**19,533**	**14,249**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,157	950	3,529	-	10,636	1,673
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,479)	(2,628)	(3,529)	-	(10,636)	(1,673)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**20,104**	**(2,255)**	**1,684**	**-**	**19,533**	**14,249**

Reconciliation of funds

Total funds brought forward	**21,053**	**20,994**	**724**	**-**	**42,771**	**28,522**
Total funds carried forward	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**-**	**62,304**	**42,771**

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
WOLVERHAMPTON

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Charity registration number: 1183263

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Charity registration number: 1183263

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Matt Hird, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Matthew. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wolverhampton St Matthew it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and

- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy

St Matthews reserve policy was reviewed at the PCC meeting held on 22nd November 2021.The reserve fund was set at £13,000 based on the equivalent of 2 months general running at £8,000 with an additional £5,000 to cover emergency building maintenance. This amount is held in a separate designated fund. Other free reserves at 31 December 2024 were £14,205 (2023: £41,157). This looks significantly less due to a rearrange of the designated funds, where a significant amount was transferred to the Building & Maintenance Fund to allow for better budgeting.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC usually meet 7 times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC delegates the implementation of our vision statement to the Ministry Leadership Team, who share responsibility for day-to-day leadership with the Incumbent and report back to each PCC meeting.

Related Parties

Remuneration paid to Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC

Expenses paid to Trustees

2 Trustees were reimbursed £1,247 (2023: £1,731) for travel, subsistence and telephone during the year.

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated in East Park Way, Wolverhampton, WV1 2DN and is part of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, in the Diocese of Lichfield. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 14 Sydenham Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2NY.
Registered charity number 1183263.
Our website address is: https://www.stmatthewswolves.com/

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
The Incumbent	The Reverend Matt Hird (Chair)
Curate	The Reverend Gareth Manser
Churchwardens	Lee Blakemore from 31/03/2019
	Jay Coley from 26/05/2021
Deanery Synod Reps	Rebecca Hedger from 16/04/23
	Jack Hedger from 16/04/23
	Charlotte Taft from 16/04/23
Elected Members	Rachel Reid secretary - elected member from 26/05/2021
	Chetan Patel from 16/04/23
	Chioma Okafor from 24/04/2022
	Lynne Lawrence from 24/04/2022
	Jo Corkery from 24/04/22
	Ann Macmanomy from 14/04/24
	Helen Foster from 14/4/2024

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank	Lloyds Bank Queen Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RF
Independent Examiner	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

Approved by the PCC on 24th March **2025 and signed on its behalf by:**

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Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman) **Rachel Reid (Secretary)**

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of

Wolverhampton St Matthew. Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or

the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance, St Marys House, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis. There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest

b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	48,528	690	2,400	-	51,618	57,511
Income from charitable activities	1,267	-	-	-	1,267	2,246
Other trading activities	13,085	-	-	-	13,085	10,383
Investments	723	-	-	-	723	421
Total Receipts	**63,603**	**690**	**2,400**	**-**	**66,693**	**70,561**
Payments						
Raising funds	1,263	898	3,319	-	5,481	2,714
Expenditure on charitable activities	50,895	3,408	1,121	-	55,423	48,213
Other expenditure	119	164	-	-	283	102
Total Payments	**52,277**	**4,470**	**4,439**	**-**	**61,187**	**51,028**
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	**11,326**	**(3,780)**	**(2,039)**	**-**	**5,506**	**19,533**
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	38,278	-	-	38,278	10,636
Gross transfers between funds - out	(38,278)	-	-	-	(38,278)	(10,636)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(26,952)	34,498	(2,039)	-	5,506	19,533
Net movement in funds	**(26,952)**	**34,498**	**(2,039)**	**-**	**5,506**	**19,533**
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**-**	**62,304**	**42,771**
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	**14,205**	**53,237**	**368**	**-**	**67,810**	**62,304**

Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	14,205	-	-	-	14,205	41,157
Designated						
Building & Maintenance	-	38,991	-	-	38,991	4,121
Discretionary Fund	-	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,394
Pop In Group Ministry	-	16	-	-	16	224
Reserve Fund	-	13,000	-	-	13,000	13,000
Community Events 2023	-	-	-	-	-	319
Easter Event 2024	-	-	-	-	-	1,600
POW Restricted fund	-	-	36	-	36	156
Storeroom Renovation	-	-	333	-	333	333

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) as at 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6430: Sample fixed asset	(38,278)	38,278	-	-	-	-
Total	**(38,278)**	**38,278**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Lloyds Current Account	17,982	805	(14,815)	-	3,972	1,022
6505: Lloyds Savings Account	34,387	14,153	17,539	-	66,079	62,192
6590: Cash in hand	115	-	-	-	115	115
Total	**52,483**	**14,959**	**2,725**	**-**	**70,167**	**63,330**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,356	-	2,356	1,026
Total	**-**	**-**	**2,356**	**-**	**2,356**	**1,026**
Net total assets	**14,205**	**53,237**	**368**	**-**	**67,810**	**62,304**
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	14,205	-	-	-	14,205	41,157
Designated - Building	-	38,991	-	-	38,991	4,121
Designated - DIscretionary Fund	-	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,394
Designated - PopInGroup	-	16	-	-	16	224
Designated - Reserve	-	13,000	-	-	13,000	13,000
Restricted - Community Events 2023	-	-	-	-	-	319
Restricted - Easter Event 2024	-	-	-	-	-	1,600
Restricted - POWRES	-	-	36	-	36	156
Restricted - Store room renovation	-	-	333	-	333	333
Total	**14,205**	**53,237**	**368**	**-**	**67,810**	**62,304**

Approved by the PCC on ..... 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

..... **.....**

Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman) **Rachel Reid (Secretary)**

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) - 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Lloyds Current Account	6,916	4,586	(10,479)	-	1,022	4,661
6505: Lloyds Savings Account	34,126	14,153	13,912	-	62,192	40,703
6590: Cash in hand	115	-	-	-	115	115
Total	**41,157**	**18,739**	**3,434**	**-**	**63,330**	**45,479**
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,026	-	1,026	2,708
Total	**-**	**-**	**1,026**	**-**	**1,026**	**2,708**
Net total assets	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**-**	**62,304**	**42,771**

Fund movement summary - 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Building							
Designated	4,121	-	3,408	38,278	-	-	38,991
Sub-totals	**4,121**	**-**	**3,408**	**38,278**	**-**	**-**	**38,991**
Community Events 2023							
Restricted	319	-	319	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**319**	**-**	**319**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
DIscretionary Fund							
Designated	1,394	-	164	-	-	-	1,230
Sub-totals	**1,394**	**-**	**164**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,230**
Easter Event 2024							
Restricted	1,600	-	1,600	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**1,600**	**-**	**1,600**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

FPScheme								
Restricted		-	1,400	1,400	-	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,400**	**1,400**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
PopInGroup								
Designated		224	690	898	-	-	-	16
	Sub-totals	**224**	**690**	**898**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**16**
POWRES								
Restricted		156	-	121	-	-	-	36
	Sub-totals	**156**	**-**	**121**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36**
Reserve								
Designated		13,000	-	-	-	-	-	13,000
	Sub-totals	**13,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,000**
Store room renovation								
Restricted		333	-	-	-	-	-	333
	Sub-totals	**333**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**333**
Warm Welcome Energy Grant								
Restricted		-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
General								
Unrestricted		41,157	63,603	52,277	(38,278)	-	-	14,205
	Sub-totals	**41,157**	**63,603**	**52,277**	**(38,278)**	**-**	**-**	**14,205**
	Totals	**62,304**	**66,693**	**61,187**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**67,810**

Fund movement summary - 2023

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Building							

Designated	5,205	-	1,084	-	-	-	4,121
Sub-totals	**5,205**	**-**	**1,084**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4,121**
Community Events 2023							
Restricted	-	2,000	1,681	-	-	-	319
Sub-totals	**-**	**2,000**	**1,681**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**319**
DIscretionary Fund							
Designated	1,518	-	124	-	-	-	1,394
Sub-totals	**1,518**	**-**	**124**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,394**
Easter event							
Restricted	48	-	48	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**48**	**-**	**48**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Easter Event 2024							
Restricted	-	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600
Sub-totals	**-**	**1,600**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,600**
Parish Energy Fund							
Restricted	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Pop in Christmas meal							
Restricted	-	500	500	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**500**	**500**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
PopInGroup							
Designated	93	966	334	(500)	-	-	224
Sub-totals	**93**	**966**	**334**	**(500)**	**-**	**-**	**224**
PoW							
Designated	19	-	-	(19)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**19**	**-**	**-**	**(19)**	**-**	**-**	**-**

POWRES								
Restricted		156	-	-	-	-	-	156
	Sub-totals	**156**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**156**
Projects								
Designated		872	-	-	(872)	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**872**	**-**	**-**	**(872)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Reserve								
Designated		13,000	-	-	-	-	-	13,000
	Sub-totals	**13,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,000**
Store room renovation								
Restricted		520	-	187	-	-	-	333
	Sub-totals	**520**	**-**	**187**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**333**
Toddlers								
Designated		288	-	-	(288)	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**288**	**-**	**-**	**(288)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Warm Welcome Energy Grant								
Restricted		-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
	Sub-totals	**-**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
General								
Unrestricted		21,053	63,495	45,069	1,678	-	-	41,157
	Sub-totals	**21,053**	**63,495**	**45,069**	**1,678**	**-**	**-**	**41,157**
	Totals	**42,771**	**70,561**	**51,028**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**62,304**

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	20,338	-	-	-	20,338	23,231
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	550	-	-	-	550	900
0201 - Other planned giving	18,227	-	-	-	18,227	16,112
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,370	-	-	-	3,370	2,688
0430 - Toddler Group Donations	750	-	-	-	750	665
0440 - Pop In Group Donations	531	690	-	-	1,221	835
0450 - Place Of Welcome Donations	122	-	-	-	122	119
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,788	-	-	-	3,788	317
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	5,645
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	2,400	-	2,400	6,100
0901 - Other funds generated	853	-	-	-	853	900
Donations and legacies Totals	**48,528**	**690**	**2,400**	**-**	**51,618**	**57,511**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,267	-	-	-	1,267	2,246
Income from charitable activities Totals	**1,267**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,267**	**2,246**
Other trading activities						
0460 - Hub for Grub	-	-	-	-	-	40
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	13,085	-	-	-	13,085	10,343
Other trading activities Totals	**13,085**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,085**	**10,383**
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	723	-	-	-	723	421
Investments Totals	**723**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**723**	**421**

Receipts Grand totals	**63,603**	**690**	**2,400**	**-**	**66,693**	**70,561**
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	1,263	898	3,319	-	5,481	2,714
Raising funds Totals	**1,263**	**898**	**3,319**	**-**	**5,481**	**2,714**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	6,447	-	-	-	6,447	6,372
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	28,810	-	-	-	28,810	21,072
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	120	-	-	-	120	283
2110 - Working expenses of curate	910	-	-	-	910	1,080
2150 - Vicar's telephone	217	-	-	-	217	368
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	72
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,699	-	-	-	1,699	1,653
2311 - Church office - photocopier	727	-	-	-	727	678
2313 - Church - Broadband	795	-	-	-	795	630
2330 - Church maintenance	-	3,408	-	-	3,408	1,271
2331 - Church cleaning	1,033	-	-	-	1,033	752
2380 - Church service supplies	1,724	-	-	-	1,724	1,358
2381 - Toddler group supplies	200	-	-	-	200	78
2382 - Refreshment supplies	-	-	121	-	121	204
2390 - Church equipment	1,193	-	-	-	1,193	1,050
2395 - Church communications	238	-	-	-	238	776
2401 - Church running - electric	2,720	-	-	-	2,720	3,110
2410 - Church running - gas	3,678	-	1,000	-	4,678	7,053
2420 - Church running - water	208	-	-	-	208	181
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	175	-	-	-	175	174
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**50,895**	**3,408**	**1,121**	**-**	**55,423**	**48,213**
Other expenditure						
9901 - Other outgoing resources / payments	119	164	-	-	283	102
Other expenditure Totals	**119**	**164**	**-**	**-**	**283**	**102**

Payments Grand totals	**52,277**	**4,470**	**4,439**	**-**	**61,187**	**51,028**

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Prior Year SOFA – 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	50,445	966	6,100	-	57,511	53,870
Income from charitable activities	2,246	-	-	-	2,246	3,162
Other trading activities	10,383	-	-	-	10,383	10,828
Investments	421	-	-	-	421	17
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total income	**63,495**	**966**	**6,100**	**-**	**70,561**	**68,876**
Payments						
Raising funds	150	334	2,229	-	2,714	4,231
Expenditure on charitable activities	44,817	1,209	2,187	-	48,213	50,360
Other expenditure	102	-	-	-	102	36
Total expenditure	**45,069**	**1,543**	**4,416**	**-**	**51,028**	**54,627**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**18,426**	**(577)**	**1,684**	**-**	**19,533**	**14,249**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,157	950	3,529	-	10,636	1,673
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,479)	(2,628)	(3,529)	-	(10,636)	(1,673)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**20,104**	**(2,255)**	**1,684**	**-**	**19,533**	**14,249**

Reconciliation of funds

Total funds brought forward	**21,053**	**20,994**	**724**	**-**	**42,771**	**28,522**
Total funds carried forward	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**-**	**62,304**	**42,771**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEWS WOLVERH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183263

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity registration number: 1183263

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The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity registration number: 1183263

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Matt Hird, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Matthew. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wolverhampton St Matthew it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy

St Matthews reserve policy was reviewed at the PCC meeting held on 22nd November 2021.The reserve fund was set at £13,000 based on the equivalent of 2 months general running at £8,000 with an additional £5,000 to cover emergency building maintenance. This amount is held in a separate designated fund. Other free reserves at 31 December 2023 were £41,157 (2022:£21,230).

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.
The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC usually meet 7 times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC delegates the implementation of our vision statement to the Ministry Leadership Team, who share responsibility for day-to-day leadership with the Incumbent and report back to each PCC meeting. In response to the challenges of the pandemic, PCC established a new Finance Action Team to monitor our financial health and implement measures to improve it.

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated in East Park Way, Wolverhampton, WV1 2DN and is part of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, in the Diocese of Lichfield. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 14 Sydenham Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2NY. Registered charity number 1183263. Our website address is: https://www.stmatthewswolves.com/

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

Ex Officio Members	
The Incumbent	The Reverend Matt Hird (Chair)
Curate	Gareth Manser
Churchwardens	Lee Blakemore from 31/03/2019
	Jay Coley from 26/05/2021
Deanery Synod Reps	Rebecca Hedger from 16/04/23
	Jack Hedger from 16/04/23
	Charlotte Taft from 16/04/23
Elected Members	Rachel Reid secretary - elected member from 26/05/2021
	Charlotte Taft until 16/04/23
	Chetan Patel from 16/04/23
	Chioma Okafor from 24/04/2022
	Lynne Lawrence from 24/04/2022
	Jo Corkery from 24/04/22
	Ann Macmanomy from 24/04/22
	Brian Palmer Treasurer until 27/03/23

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank	Lloyds Bank
	Queen Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RF
Independent Examiner	

Approved by the PCC on ..... 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

....

Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman) Rachel Reid (Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: 17/07/2024

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	50,445	966	6,100	—	57,511	53,870
Income from charitable activities	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	3,162
Other trading activities	10,383	—	—	—	10,383	10,828
Investments	421	—	—	—	421	17
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Total income and endowments from:	**63,495**	**966**	**6,100**	**—**	**70,561**	**68,876**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	150	334	2,229	—	2,714	4,231
Expenditure on charitable activities	44,817	1,209	2,187	—	48,213	50,360
Other expenditure	102	—	—	—	102	36
Total expenditure on:	**45,069**	**1,543**	**4,416**	**—**	**51,028**	**54,627**
Net income / (expenditure)	**18,426**	**(577)**	**1,684**	**—**	**19,533**	**14,249**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,157	950	3,529	—	10,636	1,673
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,479)	(2,628)	(3,529)	—	(10,636)	(1,673)
Net income / (expenditure)	**20,104**	**(2,255)**	**1,684**	**—**	**19,533**	**14,249**
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	**20,104**	**(2,255)**	**1,684**	**—**	**19,533**	**14,249**
Total funds brought forward	**21,053**	**20,994**	**724**	**—**	**42,771**	**28,522**
Total funds carried forward	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**—**	**62,304**	**42,771**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	41,157	—	—	—	41,157	21,053
Designated						
Appeals & Special Projects	—	—	—	—	—	872
Building & Maintenance	—	4,121	—	—	4,121	5,205
Discretionary Fund	—	1,394	—	—	1,394	1,518
Place Of Welcome	—	—	—	—	—	19
Pop In Group Ministry	—	224	—	—	224	93
Reserve Fund	—	13,000	—	—	13,000	13,000
Toddler Group Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	288
Restricted						
Community Events 2023	—	—	319	—	319	—
Easter Event	—	—	—	—	—	48
Easter Event 2024	—	—	1,600	—	1,600	—
POW Restricted fund	—	—	156	—	156	156
Storeroom Renovation	—	—	333	—	333	520

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Statement of assets and liabilities – 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	6,916	4,586	(10,479)	—	1,022	4,661
Lloyds Savings Account -	34,126	14,153	13,912	—	62,192	40,703
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**41,157**	**18,739**	**3,434**	**—**	**63,330**	**45,479**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,026	—	1,026	2,708
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,026**	**—**	**1,026**	**2,708**
Grand total	**41,157**	**18,739**	**2,408**	**—**	**62,304**	**42,771**

Statement of assets and liabilities – 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	7,595	4,519	(7,453)	—	4,661	7,763
Lloyds Savings Account -	13,518	16,475	10,709	—	40,702	22,631
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**21,229**	**20,994**	**3,255**	**—**	**45,479**	**30,509**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,532	—	2,532	1,988
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,532**	**—**	**2,532**	**1,988**
Grand total	**21,229**	**20,994**	**723**	**—**	**42,947**	**28,521**

Fund movement by type - 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenan						
Designated	5,205	—	1,084	—	—	4,121
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**1,084**	**—**	**—**	**4,121**
Community - Community Events 2023						
Restricted	—	2,000	1,681	—	—	319
Sub-total for Community	**—**	**2,000**	**1,681**	**—**	**—**	**319**
DIscretion - Discretionary Fund						
Designated	1,518	—	124	—	—	1,394
Sub-total for DIscretion	**1,518**	**—**	**124**	**—**	**—**	**1,394**
Easter Eve - Easter Event 2024						
Restricted	—	1,600	—	—	—	1,600
Sub-total for Easter Eve	**—**	**1,600**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,600**
Easter eve - Easter Event						
Restricted	48	—	48	—	—	—
Sub-total for Easter eve	**48**	**—**	**48**	**—**	**—**	**—**
POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	156	—	—	—	—	156
Sub-total for POWRES	**156**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**156**
Parish Ene - Parish Energy Fund						

Restricted	—	1,000	1,000	—	—	—
Sub-total for Parish Ene	**—**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**
PoW - Place Of Welcome						
Designated	19	—	—	(19)	—	—
Sub-total for PoW	**19**	**—**	**—**	**(19)**	**—**	**—**
Pop in Chr - Christmas Meal Pop I						
Restricted	—	500	500	—	—	—
Sub-total for Pop in Chr	**—**	**500**	**500**	**—**	**—**	**—**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministr						
Designated	93	966	334	(500)	—	224
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**93**	**966**	**334**	**(500)**	**—**	**224**
Projects - Appeals & Special Pr						
Designated	872	—	—	(872)	—	—
Sub-total for Projects	**872**	**—**	**—**	**(872)**	**—**	**—**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	13,000	—	—	—	—	13,000
Sub-total for Reserve	**13,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13,000**
Store room - Storeroom Renovation						
Restricted	520	—	187	—	—	333
Sub-total for Store room	**520**	**—**	**187**	**—**	**—**	**333**
Toddlers - Toddler Group Minist						
Designated	288	—	—	(288)	—	—
Sub-total for Toddlers	**288**	**—**	**—**	**(288)**	**—**	**—**
Warm Welco - Warm Welcome Energy						
Restricted	—	1,000	1,000	—	—	—
Sub-total for Warm Welco	**—**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	21,053	63,495	45,069	1,678	—	41,157
Sub-total for General	**21,053**	**63,495**	**45,069**	**1,678**	**—**	**41,157**
Grand total	**42,771**	**70,561**	**51,028**	**—**	**—**	**62,304**

Fund movement by type – 2022

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenan						
Designated	5,205	—	—	—	—	5,205
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,205**
Discretion - Discretionary Fund						
Designated	—	—	30	1,548	—	1,518
Sub-total for Discretion	**—**	**—**	**30**	**1,548**	**—**	**1,518**
Easter eve - Easter Event						
Restricted	—	2,000	1,952	—	—	47
Sub-total for Easter eve	**—**	**2,000**	**1,952**	**—**	**—**	**47**
Family mea - Family Meal						
Restricted	200	—	200	—	—	—
Sub-total for Family mea	**200**	**—**	**200**	**—**	**—**	**—**

NHF - Ener - National Hardship Fu						
Designated						
Designated	—	950	950	—	—	—
Sub-total for NHF - Ener	**—**	**950**	**950**	**—**	**—**	**—**
POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	225	—	69	—	—	156
Sub-total for POWRES	**225**	**—**	**69**	**—**	**—**	**156**
PoW - Place Of Welcome						
Designated	—	19	—	—	—	19
Sub-total for PoW	**—**	**19**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**19**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministr						
Designated	100	66	73	—	—	166
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**100**	**66**	**73**	**—**	**—**	**166**
Projects - Appeals & Special Pr						
Designated	871	—	—	—	—	871
Sub-total for Projects	**871**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**871**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	13,000	—	—	—	—	13,000
Sub-total for Reserve	**13,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13,000**
Store room - Storeroom Renovation						
Restricted	—	2,233	1,713	—	—	871
Sub-total for Store room	**—**	**2,233**	**1,713**	**—**	**—**	**871**
Toddlers - Toddler Group Minist						
Designated	132	30	—	125	—	287
Sub-total for Toddlers	**132**	**30**	**—**	**125**	**—**	**287**
ZIP Boiler - Zip Boiler Buy And I						
Restricted	1,328	—	1,328	—	—	—
Sub-total for ZIP Boiler	**1,328**	**—**	**1,328**	**—**	**—**	**—**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	7,457	63,753	48,309	(1,673)	—	21,229
Sub-total for General	**7,457**	**63,753**	**48,309**	**(1,673)**	**—**	**21,229**
Grand total	**28,521**	**69,052**	**54,627**	**—**	**—**	**42,947**

Fund Descriptions

Designated Funds

Building Maintenance – for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building
Community Events 2023 – grant given by the council to help run events in the community
Discretionary Fund – money to help support the local community e.g. food parcels
Easter Event 2024 – grant given to help run events in the community in 2024
Pop In Group Ministry – donations to help fund outings such as a Christmas Meal
Reserve Fund – part of the PCC's Reserves Policy is to keep £13,000 aside as per note in The Trustees Annual Report
National Hardship Funding – donation from Lichfield Diocese to help with energy costs over the winter.

Restricted Funds

Place of Welcome - received a one-off donation towards ongoing costs of Place of Welcome
Pop In Christmas Meal – grant from the council to support the Pop In Christmas Meal
Parish Energy Fund – grant from the Diocese to help with rising energy costs
Storeroom Renovation – grant for renovating the store room
Warm Welcome Energy – grant from for being Warm Welcome space to cover energy bills

Analysis of Transfer between Funds – 2023

- There was a reorganisation of the designated funds to reflect how the finances are currently managed and create a tidier system moving forward. This included removing Appeals & Special Projects, Toddlers, Place of Welcome (Designated).
- £500 donation from the PopIn into the General fund, as they received funding from the local council for their meal, they agreed to release funds back into the general fund for church.

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2022

- The Discretionary Fund was made as a way of putting money aside to help and support the wider community. It is administered by the Vicar in conjunction with the Resource Team.

Analysis of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Designated	Total Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	22,881	—	—	—	22,881	22,186
Gift Aid - Envelopes	900	—	—	—	900	290
Other planned giving	16,462	—	—	—	16,462	16,252
Loose plate collections	2,557	131	—	—	2,688	2,256
Toddler Group Donations	665	—	—	—	665	381
Pop In Group Donations	—	835	—	—	835	818
Place Of Welcome Donations	119	—	—	—	119	184
Donations appeals etc	317	—	—	—	317	278
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,645	—	—	—	5,645	5,380
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	6,100	—	6,100	5,683
Other funds generated	900	—	—	—	900	161
Total	50,445	966	6,100	—	57,511	53,870
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	3,162
Total	2,246	—	—	—	2,246	3,162
Other trading activities						
Hub for Grub	40	—	—	—	40	240
Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	5
Church hall lettings - fund raising	10,343	—	—	—	10,343	10,553
Miscellaneous sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	30
Total	10,383	—	—	—	10,383	10,828
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	421	—	—	—	421	17
Total	421	—	—	—	421	17
Other income						
Contributions from other churches	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Total	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
INCOME TOTAL	63,495	966	6,100	—	70,561	68,876

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	150	334	2,229	—	2,714	4,231
Total	150	334	2,229	—	2,714	4,231

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving to missionary societies	6,372	—	—	—	6,372	3,126
Ministry parish share etc	21,072	—	—	—	21,072	30,514
Working expenses of incumbent	159	124	—	—	283	67
Working expenses of curate	1,080	—	—	—	1,080	230
Vicar's telephone	368	—	—	—	368	128
Education	72	—	—	—	72	249
Church running - insurance	1,653	—	—	—	1,653	1,499
Church office - photocopier	678	—	—	—	678	572
Church - Broadband	630	—	—	—	630	527
Church maintenance	—	1,084	187	—	1,271	8,272
Church cleaning	752	—	—	—	752	73
Church service supplies	1,358	—	—	—	1,358	1,006
Toddler group supplies	78	—	—	—	78	17
Refreshment supplies	204	—	—	—	204	—
Place Of Welcome Supplies	—	—	—	—	—	69
Church equipment	1,050	—	—	—	1,050	—
Church communications	776	—	—	—	776	95
Church running - electric	2,583	—	527	—	3,110	1,364
Church running - gas	5,580	—	1,473	—	7,053	2,282
Church running - water	181	—	—	—	181	122
Church running - waste collection	—	—	—	—	—	151
Governance costs examination/audit fee	174	—	—	—	174	—
Total	44,817	1,209	2,187	—	48,213	50,360

Other expenditure

Other outgoing resources / payments	102	—	—	—	102	36
Total	102	—	—	—	102	36
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	45,069	1,543	4,416	—	51,028	54,627
GRAND TOTAL	18,426	(577)	1,684	—	19,533	14,249

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHEWS WOLVERH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183263

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Charity registration number: 1183263.

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The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

Charity registration number: 1183263

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Matt Hird, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Matthew. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wolverhampton St Matthew it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy

St Matthews reserve policy was reviewed at the PCC meeting held on 22nd November 2021.The reserve fund was set at £13,000 based on the equivalent of 2 months general running at £8,000 with an additional £5,000 to cover emergency building maintenance. This amount is held in a separate designated fund. Other free reserves at 31 December 2022 were £21,053 (2021: £7,458).

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes it fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC usually meet 7 times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC delegates the implementation of our vision statement to the Ministry Leadership Team, who share responsibility for day-to-day leadership with the Incumbent and report back to each PCC meeting. In response to the challenges of the pandemic, PCC established a new Finance Action Team to monitor our financial health and implement measures to improve it.

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated in East Park Way, Wolverhampton, WV1 2DN and is part of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, in the Diocese of Lichfield. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 14 Sydenham Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2NY. Registered charity number 1183263. Our website address is: https://www.stmatthewswolves.com/

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
The Incumbent	The Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman)
Curate	Gareth Manser (from 26/06/22)
Churchwardens	Lee Blakemore
	Jay Coley
Deanery Synod Reps	Rebecca Hedger
	Jordan Deam (until 17/07/22)
	Jack Hedger (from 24/4/22)
Elected Members	Jack Hedger (until 24/04/22)
	Lee Blakemore (until 24/04/22)
	Charlotte Taft
	Chioma Okafor (from 24/04/22)
	Lynne Lawrence (from 24/04/22)
	Ann Macmanomy (from 23/05/22)
	Brian Palmer (Treasurer until 27/03/23)
	Rachel Reid (Secretary)
	Jo Corkery (from 24/04/22)

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank	Lloyds Bank Queen Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RF
Independent Examiner	Cosy Bagot Jewitt Lichfield DBF, St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 24th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman)

.....
Rachel Reid (Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Cosy Bagot Jewitt Date: 20/10/23

Cosy Bagot Jewitt
For and on behalf of Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	48,572	1,065	4,233	—	53,870	43,709
Income from charitable activities	3,162	—	—	—	3,162	1,645
Other trading activities	10,828	—	—	—	10,828	6,285
Investments	17	—	—	—	17	3
Other income	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	—
Total receipts	**63,578**	**1,065**	**4,233**	**—**	**68,876**	**51,642**
Payments						
Raising funds	2,005	74	2,152	—	4,231	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	46,269	980	3,111	—	50,360	50,301
Other expenditure	36	—	—	—	36	422
Total payments	**48,310**	**1,054**	**5,264**	**—**	**54,627**	**50,723**
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	**15,268**	**12**	**(1,031)**	**—**	**14,249**	**919**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	1,673	—	—	1,673	1,500
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,673)	—	—	—	(1,673)	(1,500)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses	**13,595**	**1,685**	**(1,031)**	**—**	**14,249**	**919**
Net movement in funds	**13,595**	**1,685**	**(1,031)**	**—**	**14,249**	**919**
All assets at 01 January 2022	**7,458**	**19,310**	**1,754**	**—**	**28,522**	**27,603**
All assets at 31 December 2022	**21,053**	**20,994**	**724**	**—**	**42,771**	**28,522**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	21,053	—	—	—	21,053	7,458
Designated						
Appeals & Special Projects	—	872	—	—	872	872
Building & Maintenance	—	5,205	—	—	5,205	5,205
Discretionary Fund	—	1,518	—	—	1,518	—
Place Of Welcome	—	19	—	—	19	—
Pop In Group Ministry	—	93	—	—	93	100
Reserve Fund	—	13,000	—	—	13,000	13,000
Toddler Group Ministry	—	288	—	—	288	133
Restricted						
Easter Event	—	—	48	—	48	—
Family Meal	—	—	—	—	—	200
POW Restricted fund	—	—	156	—	156	225
Storeroom Renovation	—	—	520	—	520	—
Zip Boiler Buy And Install	—	—	—	—	—	1,329

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	7,596	4,519	(7,454)	—	4,661	7,763
Lloyds Savings Account -	13,342	16,475	10,885	—	40,703	22,632
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**21,053**	**20,994**	**3,432**	**—**	**45,479**	**30,510**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,708	—	2,708	1,988
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,708**	**—**	**2,708**	**1,988**
Grand total	**21,053**	**20,994**	**724**	**—**	**42,771**	**28,522**

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	4,962	3,785	(983)	—	7,763	8,429
Lloyds Savings Account -	2,381	15,525	4,725	—	22,631	21,933
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**7,458**	**19,310**	**3,742**	**—**	**30,510**	**30,476**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,988	—	1,988	2,873
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,988**	**—**	**1,988**	**2,873**
Grand total	**7,458**	**19,310**	**1,754**	**—**	**28,522**	**27,603**

Fund movement by type - 2022

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenance						
Designated	5,205	—	—	—	—	5,205
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,205**
Discretion - Discretionary Fund						
Designated	—	—	30	1,548	—	1,518
Sub-total for Discretion	**—**	**—**	**30**	**1,548**	**—**	**1,518**
Easter Eve - Easter Event						
Restricted	—	2,000	1,952	—	—	48
Sub-total for Easter eve	**—**	**2,000**	**1,952**	**—**	**—**	**48**
Family meal - Family Meal						
Restricted	200	—	200	—	—	—
Sub-total for Family meal	**200**	**—**	**200**	**—**	**—**	**—**
NHF - Ener - National Hardship Fu						
Designated	—	950	950	—	—	—
Sub-total for NHF - Ener	**—**	**950**	**950**	**—**	**—**	**—**

POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	225	—	69	—	—	156
Sub-total for POWRES	**225**	**—**	**69**	**—**	**—**	**156**
PoW - Place Of Welcome						
Designated	—	19	—	—	—	19
Sub-total for PoW	**—**	**19**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**19**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministry						
Designated	100	66	74	—	—	93
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**100**	**66**	**74**	**—**	**—**	**93**
Projects - Appeals & Special Pr						
Designated	872	—	—	—	—	872
Sub-total for Projects	**872**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**872**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	13,000	—	—	—	—	13,000
Sub-total for Reserve	**13,000**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13,000**
Store room - Storeroom Renovation						
Restricted	—	2,233	1,713	—	—	520
Sub-total for Store room	**—**	**2,233**	**1,713**	**—**	**—**	**520**
Toddlers - Toddler Group Ministry						
Designated	133	30	—	125	—	288
Sub-total for Toddlers	**133**	**30**	**—**	**125**	**—**	**288**
ZIP Boiler - Zip Boiler Buy And I						
Restricted	1,329	—	1,329	—	—	—
Sub-total for ZIP Boiler	**1,329**	**—**	**1,329**	**—**	**—**	**—**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	7,458	63,578	48,310	(1,673)	—	21,053
Sub-total for General	**7,458**	**63,578**	**48,310**	**(1,673)**	**—**	**21,053**
Grand total	**28,522**	**68,876**	**54,627**	**—**	**—**	**42,771**

Fund movement by type - 2021

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenance						
Designated	5,205	—	—	—	—	5,205
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,205**
Family meal - Family Meal						
Restricted	—	200	—	—	—	200
Sub-total for Family meal	**—**	**200**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**200**
Gayle – Gayle's Leaving present						
Restricted	50	—	50	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gayle	**50**	**—**	**50**	**—**	**—**	**—**
POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	250	—	25	—	—	225
Sub-total for POWRES	**250**	**—**	**25**	**—**	**—**	**225**
PopInChristmas - Pop In Group Christmas						
Restricted	—	250	250	—	—	—
Sub-total for PopInChristmas	**—**	**250**	**250**	**—**	**—**	**—**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministry						
Designated	100	—	—	—	—	100
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**100**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**100**
Projects - Appeals & Special Pr						
Designated	872	—	—	—	—	872
Sub-total for Projects	**872**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**872**

Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	14,500	—	—	(1,500)	—	13,000
Sub-total for Reserve	**14,500**	—	—	**(1,500)**	—	**13,000**
Toddlers - Toddler Group Ministry						
Designated	133	—	—	—	—	133
Sub-total for Toddlers	**133**	—	—	—	—	**133**
ZIP Boiler - Zip Boiler Buy And I						
Restricted	—	1,329	—	—	—	1,329
Sub-total for ZIP Boiler	—	**1,329**	—	—	—	**1,329**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	6,493	49,863	50,398	1,500	—	7,458
Sub-total for General	**6,493**	**49,863**	**50,398**	**1,500**	—	**7,458**
Grand total	**27,603**	**51,642**	**50,723**	—	—	**28,522**

Fund Description

Designated Funds

Building Maintenance – for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building
Discretion – to help and support the wider community. It is administered by the vicar in conjunction with the Resource Team.
Places of Welcome – to support the work of Place of Welcome
Pop In Group Ministry – donations to help fund outings such as a Christmas Meal
Toddler Group Ministry – to support the work of the Toddler Group
Appeals & Special Projects – monies earmarked for specific projects during the year
Reserve Fund – part of the PCC's Reserves Policy is to keep £13,000. See the Trustees Annual Report
National Hardship Funding – donation from Lichfield Diocese to help with energy costs over the winter.

Restricted Funds

Christmas Meal Pop In – community provision of Christmas meals
Easter Event – grants received from the local council to put on an Easter Community Event
Family Meal – to encourage families to eat together
Gayle's Leaving Present – donations towards Gayle's leaving present.
Place of Welcome - received a one-off donation towards ongoing costs of Place of Welcome
Store Room – grant money given by local council to refurbish the store room
Zip Boiler – to buy and install a new boiler

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2022

- The Discretionary Fund was made as a way of putting money aside to help and support the wider community. It is administered by the Vicar in conjunction with the Resource Team.

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2021

- £1,500 was transferred from the Reserve Designated Fund to the General Fund – see Reserves Note on page 2.

Analysis of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	22,186	—	—	—	22,186	22,165
Gift Aid - Envelopes	290	—	—	—	290	1,294
Other planned giving	16,252	—	—	—	16,252	15,503
Loose plate collections	2,256	—	—	—	2,256	518
Toddler Group Donations	351	30	—	—	381	230
Pop In Group Donations	752	66	—	—	818	289
Place Of Welcome Donations	166	19	—	—	184	46
Donations appeals etc	278	—	—	—	278	1,403
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,380	—	—	—	5,380	5
Non-recurring one-off grants	500	950	4,233	—	5,683	1,779
Other funds generated	161	—	—	—	161	478
Total	48,572	1,065	4,233	—	53,870	43,709
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	3,162	—	—	—	3,162	1,645
Total	3,162	—	—	—	3,162	1,645
Other trading activities						
Hub for Grub	240	—	—	—	240	—
Bookstall sales - fund raising	5	—	—	—	5	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	10,553	—	—	—	10,553	6,285
Miscellaneous sales - fund raising	30	—	—	—	30	—
Total	10,828	—	—	—	10,828	6,285
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	17	—	—	—	17	3
Total	17	—	—	—	17	3
Other income						
Contributions from other churches	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	—
Total	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	—
INCOME TOTAL	63,578	1,065	4,233	—	68,876	51,642
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Costs of fetes & other events	2,005	74	2,152	—	4,231	—
Total	2,005	74	2,152	—	4,231	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Giving to missionary societies	3,096	30	—	—	3,126	5,148
Ministry parish share etc	30,514	—	—	—	30,514	33,726
Parish Share Support	—	—	—	—	—	(2,760)
Ministry Assistant - HMRC Payment	—	—	—	—	—	331
Working expenses of incumbent	67	—	—	—	67	398

Working expenses of curate	230	—	—	—	230	—
Vicarage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	102
Vicar's telephone	128	—	—	—	128	—
Education	249	—	—	—	249	—
Church running - insurance	1,499	—	—	—	1,499	1,428
Church office - photocopier	572	—	—	—	572	760
Church - Broadband	527	—	—	—	527	572
Church maintenance	5,230	—	3,042	—	8,272	6,111
Church cleaning	73	—	—	—	73	—
Church service supplies	1,006	—	—	—	1,006	121
Toddler group supplies	17	—	—	—	17	—
Refreshment supplies	—	—	—	—	—	343
Place Of Welcome Supplies	—	—	69	—	69	9
Church equipment	—	—	—	—	—	895
Church communications	95	—	—	—	95	731
Church running - electric	1,364	—	—	—	1,364	843
Church running - gas	1,332	950	—	—	2,282	968
Church running - water	122	—	—	—	122	107
Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	300
Church running - waste collection	151	—	—	—	151	168
Total	46,269	980	3,111	—	50,360	50,301

Other expenditure

Other outgoing resources / payments	36	—	—	—	36	422
Total	36	—	—	—	36	422
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	48,310	1,054	5,264	—	54,627	50,723
GRAND TOTAL	15,268	12	(1,031)	—	14,249	919

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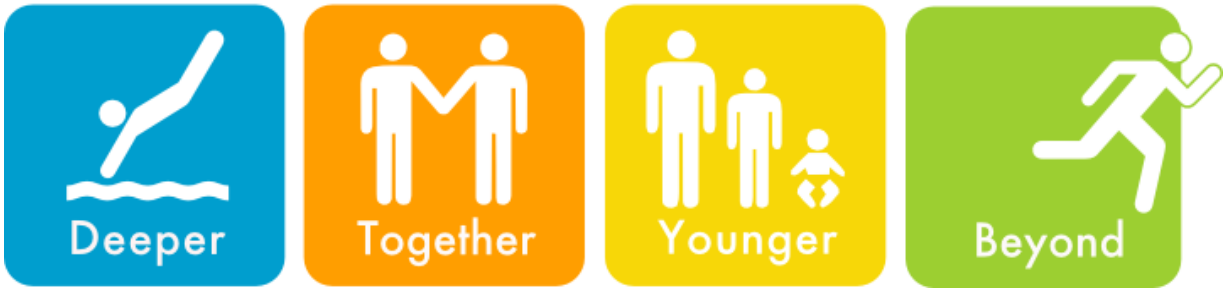

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Growing Deeper

Corporate Worship

This time last year we were booking tickets to attend worship, only singing outside on the car park, and had no midweek groups running. What a joy it's been to see those restrictions lifted, and the return of singing and refreshments. Corporate singing was something most of us had been longing for, and our sung worship has been really special in recent months - it's been great to welcome some new singers, too. One musical highlight was our Christmas choir contributing to a number of the Christmas services, including a performance of "Silent Night / I Speak Jesus".

The lockdowns gave us the opportunity to review our worship so, rather than simply restarting what we had before, we have tried a new pattern of Sunday services. The 9am Communion service - with a slightly more traditional feel - now happens every Sunday. Alongside that, the 10.30am service has been communion roughly half the time and morning worship for the rest, giving greater flexibility for teaching and worship. Churches across the nation have typically found Sunday attendance to be 60-70% of pre-Covid figures. St Matthew's has hovered at just over 70%, with signs of this increasing over the last couple of months. Looking forward, we hope to re-establish prayer ministry as a regular feature and, when appropriate, to bring back the common cup in communion.

Teaching is the same across both morning services. In the Summer of 2021 we ran a series on the story of *Exodus: Looking Back, Going Forward*, seeing what we might learn from the Israelite's experience of coming out of Egypt into a whole new landscape. Since September 2021 we have been looking at the *Sermon on the Mount*, with breaks for Christmas and Easter.

Engagement with our online worship dwindled quickly as restrictions lifted, and this now accounts for a very small portion of worshippers. However, we recognise the importance of continuing to offer opportunities for online worship - for those unable to attend in person, and as an opportunity for potential visitors to see what we're like. Over the past year we have tried various combinations of live-streaming, recording and uploading our services, and each of these presents its own challenges. For now we continue to record the teaching segment and upload this as soon as possible, as well as continuing the midweek messages. For those who need to worship at home, there is a regular offer of home communion services.

Earlier this year we offered an Encounter Worship evening, which was well attended and very much appreciated. There was a real sense of God's presence and a longing for more. The next Encounter evening is coming up in May.

Discipleship Opportunities

The first thing we offered midweek was the Wellbeing Journey, which seemed appropriate coming through the collective trauma of a global pandemic. In the autumn term Life Groups each did their own thing, with some meeting in person each week, others online, and others supporting mainly via WhatsApp.

Heading into 2022 we sensed it would be good to try offering a range of midweek discipleship opportunities on a termly basis. We hope this will enable people to opt in for a term at time, as well as stepping back for a term as appropriate, rather than thinking of midweek groups as fixed and ongoing. Alongside the termly content changing we hope to see Life Groups continuing to pastorally support one another. At the beginning of the year we offered groups for Prophetic Prayer, Bible Study of Mark's gospel, and Digging Deeper into the Sunday teaching. More recently

an Intentional Discipleship group was started, using the LifeShapes material to learn how Jesus did discipleship. Looking ahead, next term will also offer the Freedom in Christ course.

During Lent we hosted the Living in Love and Faith course, looking at questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. This was a profound and moving experience for the 11 of us who took part. No doubt the conversations were not always easy ones to have, but we found ourselves able to express and listen to a range of opinions and still love one another in that. In fact, we found it so helpful that we intend to continue the conversations after Easter, and invite anyone else to join us.

Revd Matt Hird

Growing Together

For many, being able to meet in person has been a wonderful blessing and has helped in building and developing relationships. For others, the continuing Covid situation has meant that they do not feel ready to return or, have been responding week by week to the infection rate and risk factors. This has meant that growing together has continued to present many challenges this year. We have a number of people who very much consider themselves to be part of the family but feel unable to join in with in person opportunities. We have continued to provide on line content, including midweek opportunities for those people and Whats App chats and one to one visits have continued to play a significant role.

For those who have felt able to meet in person we have enjoyed our Sunday services including the return of refreshments and a chance to chat. One of the joys in the last few months has been seeing the children play and spend time with each other after the service. We have spent time together in midweek groups, including life groups, pop in, place of welcome and bible study. There are so many things happening during the week that church family are often gathered at the church building serving, or joining in (or eating Hub for Grub food).

One of the best ways to spend time together and get to know each other is serving together and it is wonderful to see the relationships building between members of various teams; whilst we tidy the church grounds, host the life exhibition, as we practice for the band, or meet to plan. It has been particularly great to see more of our young people starting to serve though music, tech, kids work and preparing refreshments.

During the year we have also had a number of events to help us grow together. In October we held our first Slow Cooker Sunday which was a huge success and will definitely be repeated. We also had a games night, a film night and a messy family play afternoon. During the summer the vicarage hosted New Wine where we joined in with the summer festival on line, worshipped together, hung out and on at least one night got completely soaked!

We have welcomed a number of new people over the last year, including some with English as an additional language, and we are looking at ways to continue to develop our welcome to all and enable everyone to become a part of the family.

Chioma Okafor, Deb Blakemore & Jess Hird

Growing Younger

JAM

The last year has been filled with so many blessings for JAM. We have continued to meet on an almost weekly basis. It has been a tough year, having to combat different restrictions, but throughout all of it the JAM Sunday Team have be able to manage to continue run weekly teachings for the primary school aged children.

As restrictions continued to lift it was clear that some of our youngest members of church needed Sunday teaching provision, and it was decided that children 3 and over could now attend JAM sessions. From July 2021 JAM ran as two sessions; children aged 3 to school age, and then children within primary school. The sessions continued to involve games, bible teaching and crafts.

As the year progressed it became clear that the oldest of our JAM children (Years 5 and 6) were wanting to have more space to dig deeper and talk about the bible readings. They were keen to have a chance to go deeper and develop their faith more. In Autumn 2021 the JAM groups shifted slightly again, with a focus more on the activity taking place, rather than age group. Following discussions with the young people Sunday JAM sessions consisted of 1 group which focused on games, age-appropriate crafts, and bible time, and then a second group which was more focused on digging deeper into the word. Rather than splitting the groups by age, the older children have a choice on what activity they wish to join in, giving them some autonomy on how they access their Sunday teaching. So far, the splitting of the JAM groups this way has been a great success.

The focus going forward into the next year is to look at the provision for our very youngest members of church. Bible Tots had not resumed yet, and the Younger Team are looking at how we can best meet the needs of the toddlers and babies that attend St Matthews. Currently we have been providing age-appropriate craft activities for the Bible Tots to complete if they choose, with their parents looking after them in the Craft. But in the very near future, we are looking forward to relaunching Bible tots! So, watch this space!

Overall, this last year has been such a great year filled with amazing conversation with our young people. It has been a privilege to watch them grow, not only in confidence, but also in their faith. I'm looking forward to what the next year holds, and eagerly anticipate hearing the wonderful stories that our young people bring to the JAM sessions.

Rachel Payne, Helen Foster, and Ann Macmanomy

Youth

The youth at St Matthews has gone from strength to strength over the last year. The youth continually bring joy and positivity to the church. Not only have they grown their faith, but they have also developed and nurtured friendships.

Following easing of restrictions youth returned to face-to-face meetings, which was long awaited. It had been over a year since the youth last had a face-to-face meeting. It was such a joyous night when, finally, our young people walked through the hall and took their seats. The Youth group had continued to meet virtually throughout the pandemic, but it was great to finally be able to meet in church. It was like no time had passed at all, and the conversations flowed freely.

From September 2021 youth group continued to meet in person at church once a fortnight. Friday nights have been social sessions for the youth. They have played board games, played

dodgeball along with baking, and making pancakes. Along with the Friday sessions we have also introduced Sunday sessions at the vicarage where Matt and Jess Hird have been leading bible studies. These sessions have proved a great success, with multiple members of the youth group attending each week.

What will probably be one of my proudest moments of leading the Youth Provision at St Matthew's was watching the youth lead a service by themselves. As a group the youth planned the service, picked the songs, and Leah wrote the sermon herself. What they achieved in leading their service was simply something I know I wouldn't have been able to do at their age. They should be so proud of their selves.

In closing, this year has been simply a year filled with many blessings, and the entire youth team are looking forward to seeing what the next year holds.

Rachel Payne and Helen Foster

St Matthew's Baby and Toddler Group

The last twelve months have been a challenge for everyone, the Toddler Group included. Having decided to reopen the group after Easter 2021 after an absence of 12months, it quickly became clear that we would need to rethink the structure and running of the group, as the normal open-door policy we had was no longer feasible. To comply with social distancing and general keeping safe measures, we moved to an online booking system and limited numbers to fifteen adults plus children.

We changed the layout of the room placing tables around the outside, each adult having their own space and the children played in the centre of the space. Refreshments were served to the parents/carers by the team members and movement around the room was limited.

Amazingly the restrictions proved to be a blessing in disguise, creating a calmer atmosphere where parents more openly engaged and formed new friendships in a very special way. Those first few months brought heart-breaking stories of families distanced from their close relatives. New-borns who had barely seen grandparents and toddlers who had not even interacted and socialised with other children outside of their own home. It really brought home to us as a team the responsibility we have, to serve our community and communities around our city, in this vital area of outreach and ministry.

We continue to offer a range of play activities, crafts and singing, which are enjoyed by parents and children alike. In October we held a Toy Sale and our lovely parents donated and bought toys, enabling us to purchase much needed resources. At Christmas the children, dressed in Nativity costumes took part in a simple narrated version of the Christmas story, interspersed with carols and Christmas songs. Each child received the gift of a Nativity story book.

To date we have registered one hundred and thirty parents/carers to our group and have now developed a regular core of people attending the Monday and Wednesday morning sessions. Included in numbers are families from Hong Kong and the Ukraine and we anticipate that there may be many others, forced to flee from their own country, who will become part of our community here at St Matts.

It is with grateful thanks to our dedicated team of helpers, who have such a heart for serving community, that our group is so successful. We have been delighted to welcome new team members, Holly and Colleen alongside our regular team members, Jane, Gail, Maureen, Tash and Zara.

We look forward to the future with anticipation and hope that we can continue to welcome many new friends and families.

Ann Macmanomy and Jess Hird

Growing Beyond

It has been exciting to continue re-connecting with our community in person as restrictions have eased and our own capacity to do things has increased over the last twelve months. This has been a slow and steady process but we are now seeing loads of people each week through the various activities and events happening in our building and beyond.

Covid continued to impact our plans, especially in December when our Beer and Carols and Cookie day had to be cancelled but we were delighted to see the return of many from the community to our Christingle and Blue Christmas services. As we have returned to in person meeting we have also maintained an online presence which connects with those beyond our church family and parish. This is in the form of Matt's midweek message and services recorded (more recently just the sermon) and uploaded to YouTube.

We continue to try and work with our local schools and in February we hosted the Life Exhibition where two of our local schools brought their young people to hear about who Jesus is. Eastfield Primary also came to us for their Easter assembly and joined in with our Easter Egg trail poster competition and Jess Hird went into school to lead an art lesson for a small group. The Easter Egg trail has also given us the opportunity to work with our local Beavers/Cubs and Scout groups who also joined in with creating the trail. As I write, we are getting ready for the Community fun day and egg trail and can't wait to welcome the wider community again.

This year we became a Hong Kong Welcome church and have already welcomed a number of newly arrived families. Some of us have done online training to support this work and we are hoping to run the Hong Kong Welcome Course next term. We are also looking at preparing ourselves to welcome Ukrainian refugees over the next few months. All this is with support from the Welcome Churches network.

Last year this report said,

> “As an MLT we have been discussing how we can make the things we do to serve the community more cohesive. How we can be 'a church backing one mission to bless our community with our space, time, love and resources'. We would love to see the church building open and busy every day with a whole range of activities enabling our community to really be blessed by us and our space.”

It is exciting to report that this is starting to happen! Mondays see the church buildings become a hive of activity as the toddler group runs alongside our Place of Welcome and Hub for Grub. All three of these groups are working together brilliantly and welcoming a large number of people from our community. Place of welcome has grown significantly with a core group of regulars and a number of people who pass by. Hub for Grub joined us in December and are providing delicious food, from produce that would otherwise be thrown away by supermarkets, on a 'pay as you feel' basis. Our baby and toddler group continues to be an incredible space to meet and serve our community and we are seeing many people connect with church life through the work of this group. It has been amazing to watch these three groups work together, sharing the space and desire to serve our community. The toddler team will often pop into the place of welcome (and visa versa) and help Hub for Grub serve the toddler parents buying food.

Pop In returned in July and has become a thriving social space for the growing group who attend each Tuesday. Toddlers meets again on Wednesdays and then the rest of the week our building hosts weekly art, kettle bell, martial arts, messy play and gaming groups, occasional PACT meetings and a steady stream of children's birthday parties. All this creates a busy atmosphere and a real sense that St Matthew's is at the heart of the community. On its own this activity would be great, but the friendly welcome of all the St Matt's family involved in these activities means that we are also ensuring we make the most of these connections to invite people to explore church and faith. Conversations about Jesus and about our faith as well as offers of prayer and support are happening all the time and we are seeing the fruit of that.

Looking even further beyond we continue to develop our link with Hands at work and work towards a mission visit. In March we welcomed Dan and Jen Waspe to share their experiences with us. We have also collected donations for Afghan refugees, people from the Ukraine and our local foodbank, The Well.

Jess Hird & Deb Blakemore

Vicar's Report

The past year has continued to be a time of change and uncertainty yet also filled with countless signs of God's faithfulness and provision. As always, when I come to write this, I find myself feeling incredibly thankful. Thankful for God's goodness, and thankful for the many people who lead, serve and minister alongside me here at St Matthew's. I am so blessed to be part of the St Matthew's family. I do want to give big thanks to our churchwardens, Jay Coley and Lee Blakemore, who have both been amazing stepping up over the past year.

Perhaps the biggest development this year has been in our midweek ministries. We took advantage of the clean slate to shuffle things around and there is now a lovely buzz about the place throughout the week. Our own ministries include Baby & Toddlers, Place of Welcome, Pop In and Youth, as well as the other midweek discipleship groups. Since re-opening we have also seen a significant increase in the community usage of our hall… We have welcomed back-to-work training, art classes, kettle bell exercise group, martial arts club, table top gamers, and a messy play class. Since November we've been delighted to partner with Hub for Grub, who use our kitchen on Mondays to cook hot meals on a pay-as-you-feel basis, saving food from going to landfill.

All of this contributes towards our desire to be a hub for our community, and this seems to have been recognised by local councillors, who have supported us in running a big community Easter event this year and also given assistance in re-fitting our storerooms (which will happen in the coming weeks) and replacing the ZIP boiler.

My own discipleship and leadership has benefited greatly from being part of a New Wine mentoring group with a dozen church leaders from across the midlands under the guidance of Mark Melluish. I have continued to be part of the Diocesan Renewal Team, who organise retreats for leaders longing to be renewed in the power of the Spirit, as well as the Bishop of Lichfield's Advisory group for liturgy and worship. This year I have also trained as a Bishops' Adviser, which means I help interview potential candidates for ordination as part of a new two-stage discernment process.

There are so many special moments to give thanks for this year. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- 5 members were confirmed by the Bishop of Wolverhampton last Summer.
- Jess Ross joined us for 6 weeks on placement as an ordinand
- Revd Gayle Greenway was (a year into post) installed as Vicar of St James' Brownhills.
- We enjoyed the sunshine for a garden party at the Vicarage.
- We joined together in the vicarage garden for New Wine's United Breaks Out, including the last night in torrential rain!
- Hosting the Life Exhibition, and welcoming over 700 children to explore the life of Jesus.

Looking ahead, by the time we meet for the APCM we'll have hosted our first Easter Egg Trail with Community Fun Day. In June we begin the process of discerning fresh vision for St Matthew's - the existing vision has been in place for 8 years and it is now time to seek God's direction for the coming years. It is so important that church members engage with this process so do please look out for further details as they're made available. We also look forward to welcoming Gareth Manser, who will be ordained deacon at Lichfield Cathedral on Sunday 26th June, and then join us as Curate. Please hold Gareth and his family in your prayers as they prepare to move home and start this new ministry.

Revd Matt Hird

Treasurer's Report

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis and then scrutinised by an external Independent Examiner. The key headlines for the year ending 31st December 2020 are:

Our full year income amounted to **£57,815**
Our expenditure in the year was **£50,723**
We therefore had an excess of receipts over payments of **£7092.** This represents a considerable improvement on last year in which we just about broke even, despite the unplanned costs of installing new boilers a new cooker and alarm system. Year end funds available amounted to **£28,522**

The Diocese offered to waive the Parish Share for 1 1⁄2 months which has been most welcome, and will be now be taken against the share for 2022

Income has increased notably from Hall rental and income from weddings and funerals has been restored.

It remains the case that the majority of our income from tithing derives from a relatively small group of people with 2 or 3 major givers providing a disproportionate amount leaving us unduly dependent on their generosity, and spreading the load amongst more of the congregation willing to tithe would place us in a stronger position.

Nevertheless we end the year in a better place than last year.

Brian Palmer

Churchwardens' (Fabric) Report

It has been fantastic to be able to meet and worship in the building after the ever changing restrictions of the past two years.

The past 12 months have seen some significant repairs needed: the buildings security system needed to be replaced and, as I'm sure you are aware from those cold Sunday mornings in the late part of last year, the central heating system failed for the church end of the building and two new boilers were fitted. Then, after an unexpected fault with the boiler at the church hall end of the building, that also had to be replaced.

Other noticeable work carried out was the installation of a new zip hot water boiler in the kitchen and a new power point for the new dual fuel oven had to be installed, as well as the old gas heater in the youth lounge removed and a radiator fitted.

It has been amazing to see the building so busy this past year with two toddler sessions running a week as well as place of welcome - pop in - two little learners sessions - art classes - table top gamers - kettle bell exercise classes and now a martial arts class alongside a constant stream of hall bookings for parties. It's brilliant that the building is being used so much by us as a church and by the community, yet with this comes the challenge of making sure the building is in a clean, welcoming and usable state - if you feel you would like to serve in a way that would make this easier please have a conversation with one of the wardens.

In the coming months the building needs to have both a five yearly electrical inspection and it's Quinquennial inspection, which could highlight more action alongside the things we have noted ourselves as requiring attention, some examples being the storeroom doors needing replacing in the hall and the building's guttering needing maintenence/repairs.

We would like to thank everyone who so generously and sacrificially give their time and skills to assist in the general upkeep of our building it is very much appreciated and valued with a special nod to Brian our treasurer for the fantastic work he does looking after the churches finances and to Roger and Lynne for their invaluable and consistent volunteering to count the offering, as well as Lynne's incredible work looking after the gift aid claims and electoral roll and all of Roger's faithful work behind the scenes that make the day to day life of St Matthew's run smoothly.

Jay Coley & Lee Blakemore

Safeguarding Report

Rebecca Hedger continued to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding continued to be a priority in the life of St Matthew's. The safer recruitment process continued to be followed for all volunteers. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Rebi Hedger

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod is made up of representatives from each parish within a local deanery, St Matthew's is a parish within the Wolverhampton deanery. Deanery meetings are an opportunity for us to hear from guest speakers, usually from the diocese and catch up with news from the other churches in Wolverhampton. They also discuss issues that affect all the parishes in the Deanery. Since the last ACPM, St Matthew's had a casual vacancy for Deanery Synod which PCC elected Jordan Dearn to the post. Only one meeting has happened since last ACPM which looked at what synod members want out of their meeting but also looking at participating in a growing your church course. The Deanery continues to work through the Shaping for Mission process, now entering the vision-setting phase.

Jordan Dearn, Jack Hedger & Rebi Hedger

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Charity registration number: 1183263

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The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021
Charity registration number: 1183263

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Matt Hird, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Matthew. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wolverhampton St Matthew it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy
St Matthews reserve policy was reviewed at the PCC meeting held on 22nd November 2021.The reserve fund was set at £13,000 based on the equivalent of 2 months general running at £8000 with an additional £5,000 to cover emergency building maintenance. This amount is held in a separate designated fund. Other free reserves at 31 December 2021 were £7,458.

Safeguarding
The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes it fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

The Coronavirus Pandemic

2021 was another challenging year with the coronavirus pandemic still in the forefront and the consequent national lockdowns, restrictions on routine services, weddings and funerals as well as fundraising and other community events planned during the year. The PCC have tried to remain positive throughout to support the community as well as the fabric of our wonderful church building and hall. Income has dropped from fees for funerals and weddings and giving via loose plate and envelope, and there were unexpected bills to replace the boilers and alarm system. However, we have seen a significant increase in income from hall rentals and an increase in standing orders.

The clergy have worked extremely hard producing online teaching/reflections that have reached a broader audience than the routine congregation. It is hoped that this regular virtual contact has provided support to those most vulnerable.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected

to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC usually meet 7 times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC delegates the implementation of our vision statement to the Ministry Leadership Team, who share responsibility for day-to-day leadership with the Incumbent and report back to each PCC meeting. In response to the challenges of the pandemic, PCC established a new Finance Action Team to monitor our financial health and implement measures to improve it.

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated in East Park Way, Wolverhampton, WV1 2DN and is part of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, in the Diocese of Lichfield. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 14 Sydenham Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2NY. Registered charity number 1183263. Our website address is: https://www.stmatthewswolves.com/

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
The Incumbent	The Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman)
Curate	*Vacant*
Churchwardens	Lee Blakemore
	Jack Hedger (until 28th June 21) (and Deanery Synod Rep)
	Jay Coley (from 28th June 21)
Deanery Synod Reps	Rebecca Hedger
	Jordan Dearn (from 19th July 21)
Elected Members	Helen Foster (until 26th May 21)
	Rachel Payne
	Dawn Payne (until 14th July 21)
	Charlotte Taft
	Jack Hedger (from 19th July 21)
	Brian Palmer (Treasurer)
	Rachel Reid (Secretary)

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Approved by the PCC on 20th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman)

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Rachel Reid (Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: S Schulz Date: **21 April 2022**

Sue Schulz

For and on behalf of Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	41,930	—	1,779	—	43,709	58,997
Income from charitable activities	1,645	—	—	—	1,645	2,081
Other trading activities	6,285	—	—	—	6,285	2,005
Investments	3	—	—	—	3	7
Total receipts	**49,863**	**—**	**1,779**	**—**	**51,642**	**63,090**
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	49,976	—	325	—	50,301	57,171
Other expenditure	422	—	—	—	422	644
Total payments	**50,398**	**—**	**325**	**—**	**50,723**	**57,815**
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	**(536)**	**—**	**1,454**	**—**	**919**	**5,274**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,500	—	—	—	1,500	4,209
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(1,500)	—	—	(1,500)	(4,209)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses	**964**	**(1,500)**	**1,454**	**—**	**919**	**5,274**
Net movement in funds	**964**	**(1,500)**	**1,454**	**—**	**919**	**4,972**
All assets at 01 January 2021	**6,493**	**20,810**	**300**	**—**	**27,603**	**22,632**
All assets at 31 December 2021	**7,458**	**19,310**	**1,754**	**—**	**28,522**	**27,603**
Represented by						

Unrestricted						
General fund	7,458	—	—	—	7,458	6,493
Designated						
Appeals & Special Projects	—	872	—	—	872	872
Building & Maintenance	—	5,205	—	—	5,205	5,205
Pop In Group Ministry	—	100	—	—	100	100
Reserve Fund	—	13,000	—	—	13,000	14,500
Toddler Group Ministry	—	133	—	—	133	133
Restricted						
Family Meal	—	—	200	—	200	—
Gayle s Leaving Present	—	—	—	—	—	50
POW Restricted fund	—	—	225	—	225	250
Zip Boiler Buy And Install	—	—	1,329	—	1,329	—

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Statement of assets and liabilities - 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	4,962	3,785	(983)	—	7,763	8,429
Lloyds Savings Account -	2,381	15,525	4,725	—	22,632	21,933
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**7,458**	**19,310**	**3,742**	**—**	**30,510**	**30,476**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	1,988	—	1,988	2,873
Totals	**—**	**—**	**1,988**	**—**	**1,988**	**2,873**
Grand total	**7,458**	**19,310**	**1,754**	**—**	**28,522**	**27,603**

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2020

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	4,481	3,785	163	—	8,429	1,972
Lloyds Savings Account -	1,898	17,025	3,010	—	21,933	20,693
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**6,493**	**20,810**	**3,173**	**—**	**30,476**	**22,781**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,873	—	2,873	149
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,873**	**—**	**2,873**	**149**
Grand total	**6,493**	**20,810**	**300**	**—**	**27,603**	**22,632**

Fund movement by type - 2021

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenance						
Designated	5,205	—	—	—	—	5,205
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,205**
Family meal - Family Meal						
Restricted	—	200	—	—	—	200
Sub-total for Family meal	**—**	**200**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**200**
Gaylepres - Gayle s Leaving Pre						
Restricted	50	—	50	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gaylepres	**50**	**—**	**50**	**—**	**—**	**—**
POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	250	—	25	—	—	225
Sub-total for POWRES	**250**	**—**	**25**	**—**	**—**	**225**
PoW - Place Of Welcome						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PoW	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Pop in Chr - Christmas Meal Pop I						
Restricted	—	250	250	—	—	—
Sub-total for Pop in Chr	**—**	**250**	**250**	**—**	**—**	**—**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministr						
Designated	100	—	—	—	—	100
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**100**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**100**
Projects - Appeals & Special Pr						
Designated	872	—	—	—	—	872

Sub-total for Projects	**872**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**872**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	14,500	—	—	(1,500)	—	13,000
Sub-total for Reserve	**14,500**	**—**	**—**	**(1,500)**	**—**	**13,000**
Toddlers - Toddler Group Minist						
Designated	133	—	—	—	—	133
Sub-total for Toddlers	**133**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**133**
ZIP Boiler - Zip Boiler Buy And I						
Restricted	—	1,329	—	—	—	1,329
Sub-total for ZIP Boiler	**—**	**1,329**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,329**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	6,493	49,863	50,398	1,500	—	7,458
Sub-total for General	**6,493**	**49,863**	**50,398**	**1,500**	**—**	**7,458**
Grand total	**27,603**	**51,642**	**50,723**	**—**	**—**	**28,522**

Fund movement by type - 2020

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenan						
Designated	5,205	—	—	—	—	5,205
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,205**
Gaylepres – Gayle's Leaving Pre						
Restricted	—	50	—	—	—	50
Sub-total for Gaylepres	**—**	**50**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**50**
HallChairs - Church Hall Chairs						
Restricted	1,500	—	1,500	—	—	—
Sub-total for HallChairs	**1,500**	**—**	**1,500**	**—**	**—**	**—**

MinAssist - Ministry Assistant						
Restricted	—	10,928	14,887	3,959	—	—
Sub-total for MinAssist	**—**	**10,928**	**14,887**	**3,959**	**—**	**—**
POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	—	—	—	250	—	250
Sub-total for POWRES	**—**	**—**	**—**	**250**	**—**	**250**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministry						
Designated	100	—	—	—	—	100
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**100**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**100**
Projects - Appeals & Special Projects						
Designated	872	—	—	—	—	872
Sub-total for Projects	**872**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**872**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	14,500	—	—	—	—	14,500
Sub-total for Reserve	**14,500**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14,500**
Toddlers - Toddler Group Ministry						
Designated	100	33	—	—	—	133
Sub-total for Toddlers	**100**	**33**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**133**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	355	52,079	41,428	(4,209)	—	6,493
Sub-total for General	**355**	**52,079**	**41,428**	**(4,209)**	**—**	**6,493**
Grand total	**22,632**	**63,090**	**57,815**	**—**	**—**	**27,603**

Fund Description

Designated Funds

Building Maintenance – for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building
Pop In Group Ministry – donations to help fund outings such as a Christmas Meal
Toddler Group Ministry – to support the work of the Toddler Group
Appeals & Special Projects – monies earmarked for specific projects during the year
Reserve Fund – part of the PCC's Reserves Policy is to keep £14,500 aside as per note in The Trustees Annual Report

Restricted Funds

Christmas Meal Pop In – community provision of Christmas meals
Family Meal – to encourage families to eat together
Gayle's Leaving Present – donations towards Gayle's leaving present.
Place of Welcome - received a one-off donation towards ongoing costs of Place of Welcome
Zip Boiler Buy and Install – new boiler

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2021

- £1,500 was transferred from the Reserve Designated Fund to the General Fund – see Reserves Note on page 2.

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2020

- £3,959 was transferred from the General fund to Ministry Assistant Restricted fund to cover the shortfall in the year.
- £250 was transferred from the General fund to Place of Welcome restricted fund to account for a restricted one-off gift towards the work of Place of Welcome.

Analysis of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank	22,165	—	—	—	22,165	17,601
Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,294	—	—	—	1,294	1,961
Other planned giving	15,503	—	—	—	15,503	14,319
Loose plate collections	518	—	—	—	518	1,580
Tea / Coffee Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	23
Toddler Group Donations	230	—	—	—	230	109
Pop In Group Donations	289	—	—	—	289	123
Place Of Welcome Donations	46	—	—	—	46	—
One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	1,760
Donations appeals etc	1,403	—	—	—	1,403	1,000
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5	—	—	—	5	9,006
Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	10,928
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	1,779	—	1,779	—
Other funds generated	478	—	—	—	478	588
Total	41,930	—	1,779	—	43,709	58,997

Income from charitable activities

Fees for weddings and funerals	1,645	—	—	—	1,645	2,051
Church hall lettings - objectives	—	—	—	—	—	30
Total	1,645	—	—	—	1,645	2,081

Other trading activities

Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	45
Church hall lettings - fund raising	6,285	—	—	—	6,285	1,960
Total	6,285	—	—	—	6,285	2,005

Investments

Bank and building society interest	3	—	—	—	3	7
Total	3	—	—	—	3	7
RECEIPTS TOTAL	49,863	—	1,779	—	51,642	63,090

PAYMENTS

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving to missionary societies	5,148	—	—	—	5,148	—
Ministry parish share etc	33,726	—	—	—	33,726	37,424
Parish Share Support	(2,760)	—	—	—	(2,760)	(4,140)
Ministry Assistant - Salary	—	—	—	—	—	12,093
Ministry Assistant - Pension	—	—	—	—	—	735
Ministry Assistant - HMRC Payment	331	—	—	—	331	1,814
Ministry Assistant - Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	245
Working expenses of incumbent	348	—	50	—	398	144
Working expenses of curate	—	—	—	—	—	67
Vicarage house expenses	102	—	—	—	102	—
Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	24
Education	—	—	—	—	—	50
Church running - insurance	1,428	—	—	—	1,428	1,422
Church office - photocopier	760	—	—	—	760	398
Church office - postage & stationery	—	—	—	—	—	28
Church - Broadband	572	—	—	—	572	460
Church maintenance	6,111	—	—	—	6,111	623
Church service supplies	121	—	—	—	121	818
Refreshment supplies	78	—	265	—	343	135
Place Of Welcome Supplies	—	—	9	—	9	—
Church equipment	895	—	—	—	895	1,647
Church communications	731	—	—	—	731	193
Church running - electric	843	—	—	—	843	847
Church running - gas	968	—	—	—	968	1,580
Church running - water	107	—	—	—	107	100
Church running - heating and lighting	300	—	—	—	300	—
Church running - waste collection	168	—	—	—	168	164
Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	300
Total	49,976	—	325	—	50,301	57,171

Other expenditure

Other outgoing resources / payments	422	—	—	—	422	644
Total	422	—	—	—	422	644
PAYMENTS TOTAL	50,398	—	325	—	50,723	57,815
GRAND TOTAL	(536)	—	1,454	—	919	5,274

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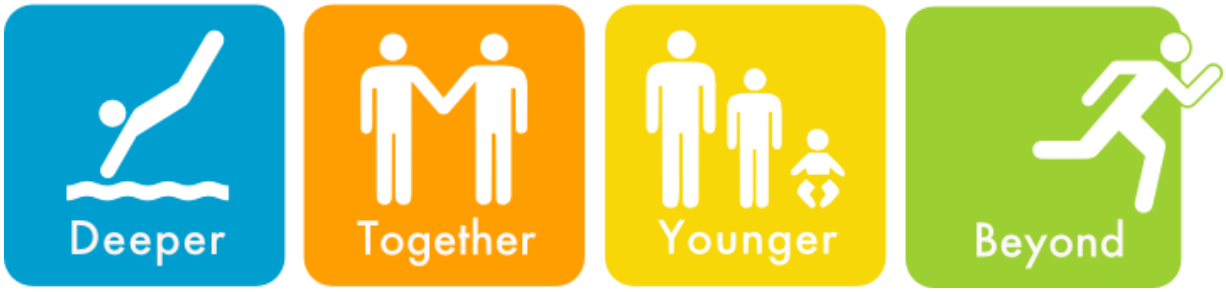
St Matthew's Church

Growing in Christ



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2021

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Growing Deeper

The last six months have continued to show us that heartfelt worship and deepening discipleship can happen in all kinds of ways. Around Christmas we were able to sing together for the first time since the pandemic began by gathering for outdoor carols. Being outside the walls of the building felt significant, and an important witness to our community and those driving through.

Since then we have largely been gathering for worship online and at home until, at Easter, we were able to re-open the building for worship once more. Holy Week included a livestream *Easter Experience* presenting the Easter story in an interactive way for all the family. This was well received and the team did an incredible job writing and presenting, as well as managing the tech behind the camera. Another "first" was a sunrise communion on the car park - such a joy to see the dawn in together as we celebrated Jesus' resurrection around the fire.

More recently, we've emerged with a mixture of worship opportunities, both in person and online. Family Worship has continued to enable families to worship from home. We've also been recording the 10.30am service to put online on a Sunday afternoon - this doesn't seem to have worked very well, so we're reviewing our options for online worship. In person, we currently have a weekly 9am service which includes communion and a 10.30am service which begins outside to include singing.

We don't yet know when indoor singing or refreshments might be possible, but very much look forward to both. Once we can do music indoors we hope to bring back more of a music group to lead our sung worship. We also want to build on the variety of voices we heard in our pre-recorded online worship by growing our team of service leaders and preachers.

Life Groups have continued to play a central role in discipleship, as well as a key place for building relationship and support networks. In recent months groups have largely followed their own pattern according to the needs of their members - this has included working through the *Spiritual MOT* resource and engaging with *The Prayer Course 2*.

Morning prayer still happens each week on Thursdays, and our ambition to prayer walk the whole of the parish is ongoing.

Revd Matt Hird

Growing Together

We have worked hard to stay connected through this difficult time through our online worship, zoom catch ups, in person worship, online youth group, Zoom JAM, life groups, phone calls, doorstep visits and walks around the park. We have delivered small gifts and worship resources to those unable to connect online. Our blessings team have produced gifts and encouragements for many of the church family including those in particular need and those who have just needed a little encouragement when life has hit them especially hard. We have hosted an online quiz, online cooking demonstration, and groups chatting about specific interests like gardening. We have created a whole range of WhatsApp groups where people involved in various areas of church life can stay in touch. Some of us have been able to spend some time together working on the church grounds and it has been so exciting to see teams coming back together to make things like the toddler group happen. Serving together is such an important part of being a family and building relationships and we are excited to see the recent response to opportunities to get involved in whole range of church activities. As well as working alongside one another, a key part of growing together is being intentional in developing our relationships with one another. The

restrictions on meeting in groups has enabled some brilliant opportunities to meet up and chat one to one. Moving forward we hope that this will continue and develop with more of us choosing to spend time getting to know one another on a deeper level.

Jess Hird, Chioma Okafor, Deb Blakemore

Growing Younger

JAM & Youth (Helen Foster, Ann Macmanomy, Rachel Payne)

What's been happening?
- Our leaders have loved hosting family worship online on a Sunday morning for an accessible space for families to explore the Bible, have fun, and worship Jesus together. We've had good feedback from families both part of St Matthew's Church and beyond so will be looking to continue these as we move forward.
- Our KS1 & KS2 Zoom groups started in Autumn meeting every Saturday for some silly fun together and digging into the Bible. These have been well loved through lockdown but as we are starting to unlock we have taken the decision to draw them to a close as less of our children are now free on a Saturday and to support our leaders in reopening our face to face groups.
- Youth has continued to meet fortnightly online for a chance to pray and connect together through games and chat on Zoom. They are now looking at meeting together in the building again.
- We said goodbye to Jessie Alexander, one of our brilliant youth and JAM leaders, as she moved to start her new job in Derby. We are grateful for everything she has given to our young people in her time at St Matthew's.
- We welcomed Dipa, Jay and Gail to the JAM team! Yay!
- JAM is back in person. All our leaders were really excited to be back meeting in a socially distanced format. We had our first session back in the hall on May 2nd. We will now be running a weekly JAM group for up to 15 primary aged children (and changing as the guidance changes).

Where are we going?
- JAM will continue to 'unlock' as the restrictions ease. Please pray for our children who are nervous about returning. Please also pray for our leaders. who are excited to welcome the children back, but also recovering in their own way from the last year.
- Youth will be returning the building - keep an eye out from Rachel Payne via the Youth and Youth Parents WhatsApp for updates!

St Matthew's Baby and Toddler Group (Ann Macmanomy & Jess Hird)

Due to Covid restrictions the Baby and Toddler group remained closed during the Autumn and Spring Term terms. We are grateful to Jess and Helen for starting up a Pre- crawlers group which provided a small group of new mums and their babies with the opportunity to meet and socialise and support one another in these difficult times. Unfortunately, the second lockdown resulted in the closure of this group. Happily, the week after Easter we were able to restart the Baby and Toddler group for one session a week on Monday mornings. We are grateful to our dedicated team who stepped up to clean and prepare the hall, kitchen space and to sort and wash toys in readiness. A special thanks to Zara, Tasha and Jane for their enthusiastic cleaning skills and to Maureen for taking care of the registration process.

The session currently has fifteen adults and their children meeting together with appropriate social distancing. Parents are required to pre-book online and are encouraged to do so on a fortnightly basis, to give thirty parents/ carers the opportunity to attend.

We are pleased to welcome Gail Coley onto the team as well as the offer of support from two of our previous mums who were keen to return as helpers.

We are looking excitedly and optimistically to the future and planning how we can extend our sessions, also how we can use our expanding team to help support other areas of our planned opportunities to serve the community.

It has been real blessing to restart this important ministry and we have been encouraged by the lovely comments and responses on our Facebook page from parents who have attended so far.

Growing Beyond

One of the most exciting ways we have reached beyond our walls this last few months has been as we have met outside to worship. It has felt like a significant and powerful witness to our neighbourhood and one which we hope to continue moving forward. Our Christingle and carol services continued the tradition of engaging with our community despite having to look very different and understandably for smaller numbers.

We have collected a huge amount of charity donations from the congregation which have been donated to the Re-Gen shop, part of the Enterprise Homes Group, which supports homeless people in the city.

A team has worked hard to tidy the church grounds. Clearing litter, cleaning and tending to the borders. We wanted to show our neighbours that we are here and active. As this has been happening it has become clear that there is huge potential to develop the spaces we have around the building and this will be something we will be looking into over the next few months.

Before the third lockdown we were able to run a peer support group for new parents and their babies. We were only able to run a few sessions but they were a blessing to those who came. We have now re-opened our toddler group seeking to further support parents, carers and grandparents. In the coming months we hope to see new and established activities open back up as we seek to serve our community.

As an MLT we have been discussing how we can make the things we do to serve the community more cohesive. How we can be 'a church backing one mission to bless our community with our space, time, love and resources'. We would love to see the church building open and busy every day with a whole range of activities enabling our community to really be blessed by us and our space.

Jess Hird & Deb Blakemore

Vicar's Report

Since our last APCM we've seen another 6 months of changing circumstances due to coronavirus restrictions. We have also seen another 6 months of God's faithfulness and provision, with much to celebrate and give thanks for. I want to thank each and every one of you for being part of the St Matthew's family, and for the many ways you lead and serve as part of the team. There are too many contributions to name individually, but I do particularly want to express my thanks to Jack who, with lots of help from Rebi, Doug and Helen, has looked after our online services and put in many many hours editing and scheduling footage throughout the periods of lockdown enabling us to continue worshipping together.

One of the most significant developments for St Matthew's has been the adoption of our new values. These came out of lots of prayer and conversation as we discerned together the particular values God is calling us to lean into. As people of the kingdom these are the values that guide how we do things:

Family, Welcome, Expectancy, Honour, Authenticity, Team

Recent months have seen a few team changes. Towards the end of last year we said goodbye to our Children & Youth Assistant, Bea Reid, as she moved back to Essex to be nearer to family. In the early part of this year Jack stepped down from MLT and we welcomed Deb and Jess to that team.

Highlights of ministry from the last 6 months include:

- Another online Alpha course
- Gathering for conversations on racial justice, parenting and more
- Being invited in to East Park Court again for services - I now go in twice a month to hold a separate service for each floor, and am beginning to master the art of playing guitar while wearing my apron and latex gloves! I also had the privilege of sitting with residents coming to the end of their life and singing to them.
- Funeral ministry continues to be a wonderful privilege and opportunity to share the hope we have in Jesus with families in their grief
- Helping the local schools commemorate the anniversary of the first lockdown
- Walking round the park with Pastor Gilroy from Mount Shiloh church
- Seeing such incredible teams mobilise to tend the church grounds, relaunch the Baby & Toddler Group and re-open JAM groups, with others now planning for other midweek ministries like the Pop In too.
- An increased focus on the community around us.

Looking ahead, it seems clear that there will be much that is familiar to us just as there will be new developments. The new normal is likely to be an ongoing state of adapting to our circumstances, and we should see this as a good thing. It will make us more responsive to the needs of those around us and more ready to take the opportunities God presents us.

There is still so much we don't know about what things will look like, but there are some exciting conversations before us in the coming months:

- How will we grow in blessing our community with our love, time, space and resources?
- How do we take a more coordinated approach to our midweek ministries, seeing them all as aspects of the same mission to bless our community and see others come to know Jesus?
- How can we make the most of our grounds by developing our outdoor space?
- How will we improve our hall facilities? This may include a makeover of the storerooms, but could easily encompass other aspects too.

Revd Matt Hird

Treasurer's Report

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 using the Receipts and Payments basis and then scrutinised by an external Independent Examiner. The key headlines for the year ending 31st December 2020 are:

Our full year income amounted to £63,090
Our expenditure in the year was £57,815.
We therefore had an excess of receipts over payments of £5,274. It should however be noted that we have yet to pay our tithe for 2020, which will be in the region of £5000, meaning we about break even at the end of the year. Year end funds available amounted to £27,603.

2020 was a particularly challenging year with the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and the consequent national lockdowns. Income dropped considerably and particularly from hall rental, fees for funerals and weddings, and giving via loose plate and envelopes. However, we saw an increase in other forms of giving such as standing orders, JustGiving and one-off donations. Whilst some of the expenditure fell during the year, there was still an unplanned shortfall.

Accordingly The PCC took the difficult decision to end the Ministry Assistant post. The Diocese offered to waive the Parish Share for 1½ months which has been most welcome, and will be taken against the Share for 2021.

In 2021 several members have responded by beginning to tithe and increasing the amount of their tithe and things look a little brighter than we anticipated at the start of the year, however we still face considerable financial difficulties if we are not to operate from a place of scarcity.

Brian Palmer

Churchwardens' (Fabric) Report

It's only been half a year since the last APCM, and for the most of this time the building has remained closed due to government guidance. We are aware of a number of areas in which the church building needs attention, and have plans to make improvements over the next 12 months. However, over both Christmas and Easter we were able to meet in the car park to sing together, which was a great joy for those involved.

But reopening the church building took a considerable amount of effort and time, and there were many volunteers that stepped up to ensure we could open safely. Headed up by Jess Hird, we opened because of the hard work of Jay, Denis, Chet, Doug, Dawn, Ann, Jane, Helen, Roger, Zara, Tasha, Brandon, Lacey, as well as others. Without these people springing to action, we likely would not have been able to open, so we are grateful for their generosity, and their continued pro-activity.

Another area that we have seen brilliant voluntary work take place has been with regards to our finances. Brian has diligently wrestled the church finances into order, enabling the PCC to have an accurate picture of the finances throughout the 18 months. This has not been an easy task,

and we are grateful for Brian's patience and abilities. Lynne has also once again enabled the church to claim gift aid, a crucially important role that she has done excellently.

Lynne and Roger have consistently shown up to in person services to count the offering, and they have been indispensable in making that system run smoothly. Roger himself is an honorary-warden, this year and the last too! Keeping tabs on the heating, bins and helping run services behind the scenes. There are many unsung heroes at St Matthew's, but Roger stands out as a consistent, friendly, and faithful team member.

All of these people have made being wardens in the past year much easier than it would have otherwise been. We are so grateful for those named here, but know that we cannot name everyone that has been part St Matthew's during this year.

Jack Hedger & Lee Blakemore

Safeguarding Report

Rebecca Hedger continued to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding continued to be a priority in the life of St Matthew's - during the season of the pandemic safeguarding measures have been adapted for our work with children and young people to ensure it continues to be done safely. The safer recruitment process continued to be followed for all volunteers. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Rebi Hedger

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod is made up of representatives from each parish within a local deanery, St Matthew's is a parish within the Wolverhampton deanery. Deanery meetings are an opportunity for us to hear from guest speakers, usually from the diocese and catch up with news from the other churches in Wolverhampton. They also discuss issues that affect all the parishes in the Deanery. The newly elected Deanery Synod members Jack & Rebi Hedger have only had one meeting to attend since being elected. The main work happening in the Deanery at the moment is the 'Shaping for Mission' which is being undertaken by a smaller steering group - we hope to hear an update about this work at the next meeting.

Jack & Rebi Hedger

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Charity registration number: 1183263

St Matthew's Church

Growing in Christ

Deeper Together Younger Beyond

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020
Charity registration number: 1183263

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Matt Hird, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Matthew. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wolverhampton St Matthew it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Reserves Policy
St Matthews reserve policy was last reviewed at the PCC meeting held on 20th November 2017. The reserve fund was set at £14,500 based on the equivalent of 2 months general running costs at £8,000 with an additional £5,000 to cover emergency building maintenance and a further £1,500 to cover 2 months pf the PCC's contribution to employing a Ministry Assistant. This amount is held in a separate designated fund. Other free reserves at 31 December 2020 were £6,493.

Safeguarding
The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes it fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

The Coronavirus Pandemic

2020 was a particularly challenging year with the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and the consequent national lockdowns, restrictions on routine services, weddings and funerals as well as fundraising and other community events planned during the year. The PCC have tried to remain positive throughout to support the community as well as the fabric of our wonderful church building and hall. Income has dropped considerably and particularly from hall rental, fees for funerals and wedding, and giving via loose plate and envelope. However, we have seen an increase in other forms of giving such as standing orders, JustGiving and one-off donations. Whilst some of the expenditure fell during the year, there is still an unplanned shortfall. The PCC took the difficult decision to end the Ministry Assistant post to reduce the expected shortfall. The Diocese offered to waive the Parish Share for 1½ months which has been most welcome, and will be taken against the Share for 2021.

The clergy have worked extremely hard producing weekly worship sheets and online services/ reflections that have reached a broader audience than the routine congregation. It is hoped that this regular virtual contact has provided support to those most vulnerable.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC usually meet 7 times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC delegates the implementation of our vision statement to the Ministry Leadership Team, who share responsibility for day-to-day leadership with the Incumbent and report back to each PCC meeting. In response to the challenges of the pandemic, PCC established a new Finance Action Team to monitor our financial health and implement measures to improve it.

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated in East Park Way, Wolverhampton, WV1 2DN and is part of the Deanery of Wolverhampton, in the Diocese of Lichfield. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, 14 Sydenham Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2NY. Registered charity number 1183263. Our website address is: https://www.stmatthewswolves.com/

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members	
The Incumbent	The Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman)
Curate	Revd Gayle Greenway (until 14/06/20)
Churchwardens	Lee Blakemore (also elected member from 18/10/20)
	Jack Hedger (also elected member from 18/10/20 and Deanery Synod Rep from 01/12/20)
Deanery Synod Reps	Graham Archer (until 30/11/20)
	Maureen Archer (until 30/11/20)
	Simon French (until 21/05/20)
	Rebecca Hedger (from 01/12/20)
Elected Members	
	Helen Foster
	Rachel Payne
	Dawn Payne
	Charlotte Taft
	Brian Palmer (Treasurer from 28/01/20)
	Martin Beavon (until 29/01/20)
	Clare Beavon (until 29/01/20)
	Jane Norton (until 18/10/20)
	Lynda Harris (until 01/06/20)
	Ian Vawer (until 18/10/20)

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank	Lloyds Bank *Queen Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RF*
Independent Examiner	Sue Schulz *Lichfield DBF, St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD*

Approved by the PCC on 24th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Matt Hird (Chairman)

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Rachel Reid (Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: …….. Date: ……

Sue Schulz

For and on behalf of Lichfield Diiocesan Board of Finance

St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.
Restricted funds comprise of two elements:
a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.
Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Post year End Event

The ongoing worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 virus still represents a significant event since the end of the financial year. However, COVID-19 is considered to be a non-adjusting post year end event and therefore has not been taken into account in preparing these Financial Statements as at 31 December 2020.

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	47,986	33	10,978	—	58,997	78,871
Income from charitable activities	2,081	—	—	—	2,081	2,672
Other trading activities	2,005	—	—	—	2,005	4,232
Investments	7	—	—	—	7	19
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	65
Total receipts	**52,079**	**33**	**10,978**	**—**	**63,090**	**85,859**
Payments						
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—	1,030
Expenditure on charitable activities	40,784	—	16,387	—	57,171	125,614
Other expenditure	644	—	—	—	644	569
Total payments	**41,428**	**—**	**16,387**	**—**	**57,815**	**127,213**
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	**10,651**	**33**	**(5,409)**	**—**	**5,274**	**(41,354)**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	4,209	—	4,209	4,421
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,209)	—	—	—	(4,209)	(4,421)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses	**6,442**	**33**	**(1,200)**	**—**	**5,274**	**(41,354)**
Net movement in funds	**6,139**	**33**	**(1,200)**	**—**	**4,972**	**(41,354)**
All assets at 01 January 2020	**355**	**20,777**	**1,500**	**—**	**22,632**	**63,986**
All assets at 31 December 2020	**6,493**	**20,810**	**300**	**—**	**27,603**	**22,632**

Represented by:

Unrestricted						
General fund	6,493	—	—	—	6,493	355
Designated						
Appeals & Special Projects	—	872	—	—	872	872
Building & Maintenance	—	5,205	—	—	5,205	5,205
Pop In Group Ministry	—	100	—	—	100	100
Reserve Fund	—	14,500	—	—	14,500	14,500
Toddler Group Ministry	—	133	—	—	133	100
Restricted						
Church Hall Chairs	—	—	—	—	—	1,500
Gayle’s Leaving Present	—	—	50	—	50	—
Ministry Assistant	—	—	—	—	—	—
POW Restricted fund	—	—	250	—	250	—

The Parochial Church Council of Wolverhampton St Matthew
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2020

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	4,481	3,785	163	—	8,429	1,972
Lloyds Savings Account -	1,898	17,025	3,010	—	21,933	20,693
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**6,493**	**20,810**	**3,173**	**—**	**30,476**	**22,781**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,873	—	2,873	149
Totals	**—**	**—**	**2,873**	**—**	**2,873**	**149**
Grand total	**6,493**	**20,810**	**300**	**—**	**27,603**	**22,632**

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2019

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Current Account -	15	1,751	204	—	1,972	8,376
Lloyds Savings Account -	223	19,025	1,444	—	20,693	55,662
Cash in hand -	115	—	—	—	115	115
Totals	**354**	**20,777**	**1,649**	**—**	**22,781**	**64,154**
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	149	—	149	169
Totals	**—**	**—**	**149**	**—**	**149**	**169**
Grand total	**354**	**20,777**	**1,500**	**—**	**22,632**	**63,985**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building & Maintenan						
Designated	5,205	—	—	—	—	5,205
Sub-total for Building	**5,205**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,205**
Gaylepres – Gayle's Leaving Pre						
Restricted	—	50	—	—	—	50
Sub-total for Gaylepres	**—**	**50**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**50**
HallChairs - Church Hall Chairs						
Restricted	1,500	—	1,500	—	—	—
Sub-total for HallChairs	**1,500**	**—**	**1,500**	**—**	**—**	**—**
MinAssist - Ministry Assistant						
Restricted	—	10,928	14,887	3,959	—	—
Sub-total for MinAssist	**—**	**10,928**	**14,887**	**3,959**	**—**	**—**
POWRES - POW Restricted fund						
Restricted	—	—	—	250	—	250
Sub-total for POWRES	**—**	**—**	**—**	**250**	**—**	**250**
PopInGroup - Pop In Group Ministry						
Designated	100	—	—	—	—	100
Sub-total for PopInGroup	**100**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**100**
Projects - Appeals & Special Projects						
Designated	872	—	—	—	—	872
Sub-total for Projects	**872**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**872**
Reserve - Reserve Fund						
Designated	14,500	—	—	—	—	14,500
Sub-total for Reserve	**14,500**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14,500**

Toddlers - Toddler Group Ministry						
Designated	100	33	—	—	—	133
Sub-total for Toddlers	**100**	**33**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**133**
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	355	52,079	41,428	(4,209)	—	6,493
Sub-total for General	**355**	**52,079**	**41,428**	**(4,209)**	**—**	**6,493**
Grand total	**22,632**	**63,090**	**57,815**	**—**	**—**	**27,603**

Analysis of receipts and payments

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year

RECEIPTS

Donations and legacies

Gift Aid - Bank	17,581	—	20	—	17,601	20,097
Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,961	—	—	—	1,961	4,933
Other planned giving	14,319	—	—	—	14,319	14,498
Loose plate collections	1,580	—	—	—	1,580	5,618
Tea / Coffee Ministry	23	—	—	—	23	142
Toddler Group Donations	76	33	—	—	109	355
Pop In Group Donations	123	—	—	—	123	693
Place Of Welcome Donations	—	—	—	—	—	67
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,760	—	—	—	1,760	4,287
Donations appeals etc	990	—	10	—	1,000	1,539
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,006	—	—	—	9,006	8,524
Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Recurring grants	—	—	10,928	—	10,928	15,000
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	1,500
Other funds generated	568	—	20	—	588	618
Total	47,986	33	10,978	—	58,997	78,871

Income from charitable activities

Fees for weddings and funerals	2,051	—	—	—	2,051	2,672
Church hall lettings - objectives	30	—	—	—	30	—
Total	2,081	—	—	—	2,081	2,672

Other trading activities

Bookstall sales - fund raising	45	—	—	—	45	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	1,960	—	—	—	1,960	4,215
Cardstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	4
Miscellaneous sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	13
Total	2,005	—	—	—	2,005	4,232

Investments

Bank and building society interest	7	—	—	—	7	19
Total	7	—	—	—	7	19

Other income

Contributions from other churches	—	—	—	—	—	65
Total	—	—	—	—	—	65
RECEIPTS TOTAL	52,079	33	10,978	—	63,090	85,859

PAYMENTS

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	—	—	—	—	—	1,030
Total	—	—	—	—	—	1,030

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	—	9,774
Giving to relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	50
Ministry parish share etc	33,284	—	—	—	33,284	32,315
Ministry Assistant - Salary	—	—	12,093	—	12,093	14,410
Ministry Assistant - Pension	—	—	735	—	735	740
Ministry Assistant - HMRC Payment	—	—	1,814	—	1,814	1,937
Ministry Assistant - Expenses	—	—	245	—	245	498
Working expenses of incumbent	144	—	—	—	144	479
Working expenses of curate	67	—	—	—	67	653
Vicarage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	279
Vicar's telephone	24	—	—	—	24	—
Education	50	—	—	—	50	47
Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	1,415
Church running - insurance	1,422	—	—	—	1,422	1,390
Church office - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	42
Church office - photocopier	398	—	—	—	398	816
Church office - postage & stationery	28	—	—	—	28	329
Church - Broadband	460	—	—	—	460	322
Church maintenance	623	—	—	—	623	1,347
Church cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	391
Church service supplies	818	—	—	—	818	1,465
Toddler group supplies	—	—	—	—	—	58
Refreshment supplies	135	—	—	—	135	505
Place Of Welcome Supplies	—	—	—	—	—	392
Church equipment	147	—	1,500	—	1,647	914
Church communications	193	—	—	—	193	221
Church running - electric	847	—	—	—	847	1,949
Church running - gas	1,580	—	—	—	1,580	2,207
Church running - water	100	—	—	—	100	64
Church running - waste collection	164	—	—	—	164	156
Governance costs examination/audit fee	300	—	—	—	300	300
Church car park - resurfacing	—	—	—	—	—	50,148
Total	40,784	—	16,387	—	57,171	125,614

Other expenditure

Other outgoing resources / payments	644	—	—	—	644	569
Total	644	—	—	—	644	569
PAYMENTS TOTAL	41,428	—	16,387	—	57,815	127,213
GRAND TOTAL	10,651	33	(5,409)	—	5,274	(41,354)

Fund Description

Designated Funds
Building Maintenance – for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building
Pop In Group Ministry – donations to help fund outings such as a Christmas Meal
Toddler Group Ministry – to support the work of the Toddler Group
Appeals & Special Projects – monies earmarked for specific projects during the year
Reserve Fund – part of the PCC's Reserves Policy is to keep £14,500 aside as per the note in the Trustees Annual Report

Restricted Funds

Church Hall Chairs – for the replacement of the chairs in the church hall
Gayle's Leaving Present – donations towards Gayle's leaving present.
Ministry Assistant – receives a grant towards the cost of the ministry assistant
Place of Welcome - received a one-off donation towards ongoing costs of Place of Welcome

Analysis of Transfer between Funds

- £3,959 was transferred from the General fund to Ministry Assistant Restricted fund to cover the shortfall in the year.
- £250 was transferred from the General fund to Place of Welcome restricted fund to account for a restricted one-off gift towards the work of Place of Welcome.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Wolverhampton St Matthew

Registered charity number: 1183263

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: S Schulz Date: 25.5.2021

Sue Schulz

For and on behalf of Lichfield Diiocesan Board of Finance

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