

ARDAL GWEINIDOGAETH BRO CELYNNIN

MINISTRY AREA

England & Wales · Charity number 1185028

Details

Other names	PARISH OF BRO CELYNNIN, PLWYF BRO CELYNNIN
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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL, IN THE PARISH.

Activities: Bro Celynnin is a Ministry Area of the Diocese of Bangor of the Church in Wales. It comprises five medieval churches in the town of Conwy and the lower Conwy Valley, west of Afon Conwy: St Mary and All Saints', Conwy; St Benedict's, Gyffin; St Celynnin's, Llangelynnin ('the Old Church'); St Mary's, Caerhun; and St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin. For details, please see <https://caruconwy.com>.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Conwy

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£296,875	£467,287	-	-
2023-12-31	£175,390	£184,098	-	-
2022-12-31	£152,686	£200,071	-	-
2021-12-31	£206,138	£144,572	-	-
2020-12-31	£114,873	£158,692	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Dr Kevin Stuart Ellis	Chair	2025-02-23
Barbara Elizabeth Richmond Baldon		2023-07-18
Christopher John Mostyn Roberts		2016-05-25
Dr Rosemary Titterton		2024-05-09
Heather Frances Thompson		2019-04-29
Ian James Thompson		2024-05-09
Joan Audrey Flood		2025-06-16
Lynn Christine Jones		2022-04-24
Mark Geoffrey Holliland		2023-04-25
Michael Evelyn Young MSc MBA		2017-11-09
Patricia Margaret Anne Fysh		2023-04-25
Sarah Swallow		2025-06-16
Simon Roderick Baldon		2016-05-25
Sylvia Carradus		2024-05-09
Tarnya Marie Newell Roughsedge		2025-06-16
The Rev. Eryl Haf Parry		2016-05-25
The Rev. Susan Blagden MTh		2019-04-29

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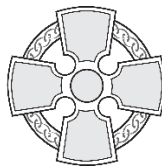
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Annual Report and Financial Statement

Ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn diweddaru 31 Rhagfyr 2024
For the year ending 31 December 2024

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1. Structure, governance and management

Structure

The Bro Celynnin Ministry Area is one of nine Ministry Areas of the Bangor Synod and one of 27 that comprise the Diocese of Bangor in the Church in Wales (CiW). Bro Celynnin was formed in 2016 by uniting four parishes in the Conwy County Borough in the area comprising Conwy town and the north-western part of the Conwy Valley, west of Afon Conwy and extending in the south to Tal y Bont and Llanbedr y Cennin.

The name commemorates St. Celynnin, a son of the legendary prince Helig ap Glanawg and brother of Rhychwyn (of Llanrhychwyn) and Peris (of Llanberis). A holy well at Hen Eglwys Llangelynnin, in the Carneddau mountains is believed to be where Celynnin preached and baptised in the 6th Century.

The Ministry Area maintains and enjoys the use of five medieval churches (four Grade I listed and the other Grade II*): St Mary's and All Saints' Conwy; St Benedict's, Gyffin; St Mary's, Caerhun; and St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin, all of which hold weekly services, and the Llangelynnin Old Church, Henryd, where monthly services are held from Easter to October. Other property managed by Bro Celynnin are the Church Hall, Conwy, and the graveyards of two former churches: St Agnes', Conwy (demolished ca. 1972) and the Llangelynnin New Church, Llangelynnin, Rowen (deconsecrated ca. 1987).

To complement our gathered congregations, Bro Celynnin is committed to Pioneer Ministry; our initiative, *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking in the North Wales landscape, launched in 2020, has continued to flourish and grow.

Leadership

Bro Celynnin remained in a state of vacancy throughout 2024, a condition which began on 13 August 2023. The Trustees and congregations are deeply grateful for the support offered during this period by the Archdeacon, the Ven David Parry, and Area Dean, the Rev. Canon Tracy Jones. On 23 February 2025 the congregations of the Ministry Area were delighted to witness the induction of our new Vicar, The Rev. Dr Kevin Ellis, at St Mary's Church, Conwy.

The Ministry Area Council

The MAC is a parochial church council governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in Wales. The members of the MAC are the Trustees of the Charity. With the incumbent, the MAC is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area. The MAC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the CiW, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution. Membership of the MAC is defined in the CiW Constitution and comprises ex-officio members, members appointed by the incumbent, and members elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) by those of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. All persons over the age of 18 who attend services and are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and seek

election to the MAC. At the end of 2024, there were 126 persons on the Electoral Roll (2023: 129).

The details of the Charity, including the list of Trustees, objectives, outline of public benefit, and administrative details, are presented in Annex A.

The activities and expenses of Bro Celynnin, notably the parish share and maintenance of buildings, are financed by donations from members of the congregations and from visitors, investment income, legacies and occasional grants, for all of which we are most grateful.

2. Achievements and Performance in 2024

2.1 Worship and pastoral activity

Parochial worship

Throughout 2024, weekly services were held on Sunday mornings at St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy; St Mary's, Caerhun; and St Peter's, Llanbedr-y-Cennin, and on Wednesday mornings at St Benedict's, Gyffin. Choral Evensong was offered on eight Sundays at St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy, featuring the Ministry Area's choir, Cantorion Celynnin. Numerous other services were held on festival days, Civic Sunday in Conwy, Armistice Day, Remembrance Sunday, for local schools, and many baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Monthly 'Celtic Praise' services were held at St Benedict's until Easter and from November, and at the Llangelynnin Old Church from Easter Day to mid-October.

The Ministry Area Council and congregations are deeply grateful to the many clergy who have willingly given their time to officiate at offices and services.

Average attendances at regular weekly morning services on non-festival days in 2024 were similar to 2023:

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy	43 (2023: 45)
St Benedict's, Gyffin	20 (2023: 21)
St Mary's, Caerhun	19 (2023: 18)
St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin	12 (2023: 12)

Celtic Praise attendance averaged 36 (2023: 41) at St Benedict's and 43 (2023: 38) at Llangelynnin.

Total recorded attendances, at regular services, festival, schools services, other special services, baptisms, marriages and funerals were:

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy	5,103 (2023: 6,562)
St Benedict's, Gyffin	1,273 (2023: 1,426)
St Mary's, Caerhun	1,642 (2023: 1,277)
St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin	5,85 (2023: 638)

Choral Evensong, led by Cantorion Celynnin, was offered on eight Sundays in Conwy, attracting an average attendance of 61. In addition, 180 attended the Evensong that opened the Classical Music Festival and 360 came to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

We welcomed the Prayer Book Society (North Wales Branch), for their Easter and Christmas services, at Conwy and Caerhun respectively.

Worship in the Wild continued to grow both in numbers and range. The offer of a monthly contemplative walk began in 2020, responding to the value many were placing on walking with others through times of isolation and restriction. This form of open, bilingual, and

reflective worship in a Celtic style has been well supported, led by an acoustic group of musicians.

House groups, re-organised into 'Life Groups' in 2023, continued to provide regular fora for guided discussion, contemplation and bible study.

Initiatives in varied formats, begun during the pandemic, continued, notably communications and worship online, including weekly zoom meetings for prayer and contemplation, and weekly broadcasts on YouTube.

Annex B presents more detailed reports from each congregation.

Diocesan and external activities

Bro Celynnin plays a full part in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Bangor, including participation in Synod meetings and through pastoral support. We have shared the skills that we have gained in Pioneer Ministry and evangelism with other local churches and continued to work closely with a neighbouring Methodist congregation in provision for children and families.

We have sought to be generous, open-hearted and outward-looking in all our relationships and use of our resources, to maximise their charitable benefit.

Clerical Leadership

To lead services in 2024 we were fortunate in continuing to enjoy the ministry of the Rev. Eryl Parry and the Rev. Susan Blagden, our Lay Reader Heather Thompson, and the great support of many retired clergy, including the Rev. Michael Harrison, the Rev. Canon Berw Hughes, the Rev. Canon Philip Hughes, the Rev. Anna Humphreys, the Very Rev. Professor Gordon McPhate, and the Rev. Lynn Taylor.

Pastoral care and support

Pastoral support is offered to vulnerable adults and in response to other needs through visiting, groups, special events and courses. Weekly and seasonal Services are carefully planned to be accessible and relevant, with care taken over the quality of welcome, worship and teaching. An example of this is funding a professional British Sign Language interpreter so that Deaf people can be fully included.

Chaplaincy is provided to the Town Council and Royal British Legion, and for a full programme of Civic Events. Foundation Governors are appointed to the two Church Schools in the Ministry Area.

Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are an area of excellence, with pastoral follow-up. We provide chaplaincy and fundraising support to a local children's hospice.

The MA has continued to support the two church schools, through parochial visits and service through the *Open the Book* programme. St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy was widely used for school services, concerts, and events such as the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of St David's Hospice.

Pastoral development – Life Groups and Prayer Groups

There are three life groups, set up in September 2023, each meeting every two weeks, and other groups operating in different formats. Each has developed organically, with its distinct *modus operandi*, but all are learning from scripture, and praying and caring for each other, with occasional social activities. Wherever people are in their walk towards Jesus, we learn and share scripture through Bible study and prayer, which works best served in small interactive groups. These groups are:

St Benedict's led by Tarnya Newell

St Peter's led by Helen and Peter Tattersall

St Mary's, Conwy led by Andy Butler and Ruth Fabby, and previously by Derek Fabby

Deaf-Led Bible Study at Neuadd Ni (St Mary's, Conwy Church Hall), monthly after a British Sign Language supported church service

The Leaders meet every three months to support and pray for each other. Groups follow their own bible study plans, according to people's needs within each group. This has worked well to date, but as the church develops new plans, such as Alpha Course, new or different life groups may develop. Some long-term thinking about how new groups may develop to support new believers in each church community would be worthwhile. This will require volunteers to come forward and undertake some basic training, and perhaps shadowing with an existing group.

The Life Group Leaders appreciate the support of the MAC, in acknowledging the Groups as an important element of our ministry area's service. All who have participated are most grateful to those who have committed to leading the Groups, and to ensuring that people are supported and valued as a part of Bro Celynnin.

An online prayer group meets weekly on Zoom, led by Andy Butler.

2.2 Charitable activity

Frequent charitable fund-raising events were held throughout the Ministry Area during year. Charities supported included Embrace the Middle-East, Christian Aid, Fairtrade, and St David's Hospice.

Bro Celynnin's initiative 'Bags of Love' remains the main focus of charitable outreach. BoL continued to provide monthly food boxes to 90-100 families in need in 2024, as well as to many elderly single people, and individuals temporarily in difficult circumstances. The project operated with some 40 volunteers, drawn from our congregations and communities. In 2024, BoL operated from temporary accommodation while the Church Hall was renovated.

The project has been generously financed by parishioners and grants from the Conwy Town Council, Conwy County Borough Council, local companies, and the National Lottery Community Fund, and supported by donations of food from many generous individuals,

and from church and corporate sources. Their generosity is gratefully welcomed and acknowledged.

2.3 Music

Cantorion Celynnin, the Ministry Area Choir, continued to mature, growing in enthusiasm, proficiency and camaraderie. Some 50 singers were involved in 2024, of which about 35 participated in our monthly Choral Evensongs at St Mary's, Conwy.

In 2024, the choir sung evening services by Herbert Brewer (in D and Eb), Charles Villiers Stanford (in Bb, A and C), Charles Wood, Thomas Tertius Noble and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange. Anthems have included works by S. S. Wesley, Charles Wood, Matthew Owens, Malcolm Archer, William Mathias, Joseph Haydn, Adrian Batten, Frederick Gore Ouseley, Herbert Howells, Henry Balfour Gardiner and Gabriel Faure. We greatly appreciate the support from visiting organists who have played for us this year: Charles Jones, Graham Eccles, and Martin Brown from Bangor Cathedral.

At the beginning of June, the choir presented a well-received concert of works including Vivaldi's Gloria and items by Brahms and Caradog Roberts.

At Christmas, 'Carols round the Trees', part of the St David's Hospice Christmas Tree Festival proved as popular as ever, as was the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, led by the Bishop of Bardsey. We were glad to host Ysgol Porth y Felin's Christmas concert.

St Mary's regular Sunday morning choir has continued to be smaller than pre-pandemic, averaging about 10 choristers on a typical Sunday. For special services, such as Easter Day, Remembrance and Civic Sunday, members of Cantorion Celynnin also participate.

Canu Conwy, the Junior Choir, continued to meet, and contribute to events, but new members have been slow to come forward, due to family, school and social demands.

Many visiting choirs and organisations were welcomed to perform in St Mary's in 2024. Events included a fund-raising concert by local Ukrainians in exile, in April 2024; the Town Orchestra's Summer Concert; and monthly chamber concerts by Ensemble Cymru. Pre-Christmas performances included concerts by the Monteverdi Singers, Bangor University Chamber Choir, and Conwy Town Orchestra,

The Conwy Classical Music Festival again proved to be highly popular, with attendances over the week exceeding 3000. The range of classical music presented, both instrumental and vocal, was broad, and featured performers from across North Wales and leading musicians from further afield. The contributions of all these performers, and the help of the numerous volunteers who assisted with stewarding and organisation, are very warmly appreciated.

2.4 Administration

The Ministry Area Council (MAC) met seven times in 2024, under the supervision and with the kind support of the Area Dean during the period of vacancy.

MAC business in 2024 was largely dominated by the management and financing of the project to renovate the Church Hall of St Mary's, Conwy ('Neuadd Ni'), and by trying to advance other major building works required on our churches, notably repairs to the tower of St. Mary's, Conwy and the re-ordering of St. Benedict's Gyffin. The MAC also dealt with some pressing and expensive graveyard maintenance, notably concerning trees.

The MAC continued to facilitate the parish life and worship of the Ministry Area, supported individual churches and participated in the search for a new incumbent.

The diligent work of the Ministry Area Wardens, the Local Wardens and Treasurers, and those who contributed to the groups and projects within our administration and mission was hugely appreciated, thus allowing the MAC to focus on core essentials.

The contribution of our part-time Parish Administrator, Mrs Nicola Davies-Nolan was significant; Nic continued to provide valuable help in parish organisation, liaison with community groups, publicity and event management, and management of the Church Hall.

2.5 Communications

The Ministry Area website caruconwy.com continued to develop and widen in scope during 2024. The site carries extensive details about current activities in the ministry area and diocese, reflections and short weekly devotional talks.

Mrs Ros Hughes continued to circulate the monthly 'Keeping Church Connected' newsletter, which was very welcome, particularly for the less mobile. Weekly email circulars have proved invaluable in keeping everyone informed of services and events, and broadcasts on YouTube have continued to attract growing numbers.

3. Buildings and churchyards

3.1 Churches of the Ministry Area

Bro Celynnin cares for the following buildings:

- St Mary's and All Saints, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard in the centre of Conwy
 - Church Hall on Rose Hill Street, Conwy
 - St Agnes' Road graveyard.
- St Benedict's, Gyffin, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard on the outskirts of Conwy.
- St Celynnin, Llangelynnin:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard (the Llangelynnin Old Church)
 - Graveyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen.
- St Mary's, Caerhun:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard south of Ty'n-y-groes.
- St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin:
 - Grade 2* listed church and churchyard.

The MAC's policy remains that these churches, which are all in good general order, will all continue to contribute to their communities for the foreseeable future and have the potential to widen their appeal and to grow their congregations. All the churches are buildings of national importance.

Ezra reports

All the work identified as 'Category A - Urgent' of the 2019 quinquennial inspection ('Ezra') report have been completed and many tasks identified in the 'Category B – within 5 years'. Tasks in 'Category C - 5 to 15 years) have been undertaken where it was convenient to do so with Category A and B tasks.

The 2024 Ezra Report was completed by Mrs Bethan Jones, the Diocesan Property Officer and received in May 2024. The estimated costs (ex VAT and professional fees) for the work required are shown in the table below.

The classification of priorities is:

- A: Urgent Works: H&S issues, structural defects, immediate works to arrest damage to highly significant fabric.
- B: Work to be prioritised over the next 5 years.
- C: Significant work to be programmed in/budgeted for over the next 5-15 Years.
- D: Ongoing maintenance work
- E: Aesthetic/decluttering work
- F: Desirable but with no time frame; e.g., works to improve accessibility, WCs, comfort.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Totals
St Mary & All Saints, Conwy	£61,600	£183,430	£47,150	£20,375	-	£10,000	£322,555
St Benedict, Gyffin	£1,000	£25,560	£36,900	£5,640	-	£22,200	£91,300
St Mary, Caerhun	-	£12,000	£37,610	£1,950	-	£11,050	£62,610
St Pedr, Llanbedr-y-Cennin	£1,400	£21,380	£26,000	£1,300	-	£6,000	£56,080
St Celynnin, Henryd,	£500	£21,670	-	£25	-	£1,000	£23,195
Church Hall, Conwy	£5,500	£26,950	£45,075	£9,850	£1,260	£5,000	£93,635
Totals	£70,000	£290,990	£192,735	£39,140	£1,260	£55,250	£649,375

Table of estimated repair costs, Ezra report, 2024

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy

- A demolished section of the north wall of the churchyard remained unrepaired, a matter that engaged the Representative Board and a Party Wall surveyor. It was finally resolved that the wall should be re-built in its original form in early 2025.
- Planning for the long-recommended repairs to the tower continued, including improving access to the clock, renewal of the flat roof, repairs to major cracks and full external repointing. A faculty was awarded for this work and a generous grant towards the cost offered by the Diocese. An application for a National Church Trust grant succeeded in 2025.

St Benedict's, Gyffin

- Re-ordering plans, to include introduction of a toilet, kitchenette, mains drainage, selected Ezra repairs, and moderate re-ordering were subject to further consultation and modification during the year.
- Urgent repairs to the leaking heating system were carried out, and further work on the heating is anticipated.

St Mary's, Caerhun

- Re-ordering plans for St Mary's Caerhun, which were to include moderate reordering of the chancel, north transept and west entrance, and improvement to drainage around the west door, were abandoned.
- The congregation is preparing a faculty application for exterior re-pointing of the gable wall of the south transept and the west wall, as recommended by the 2024 Ezra Report, following which redecorating the interior is more likely to be successful

St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin

- Two electric wall heaters were replaced.
- The Natural Building Company undertook repairs to roof slates and selected re-pointing on the east and west gables.
- The ridge was repointed by the Original Roofing Company in November 2024.

Llangelynnin Old Church

- To address the damp, Faculty 2023-009540 for archaeological excavation to identify the nature of any current drainage, was approved in 2023 and this work began in late 2024.
- Faculty 2020-005990 for external roof repairs and re-pointing to walls, consolidation of existing earth floor, repair of internal lime plaster and redecoration of some windows was approved in 2021, is awaiting the results of the above investigation

3.2 St Mary's Church Hall

- In September 2023, the MAC applied for a grant for renovation of the Church Hall from the Conwy Community Regeneration Key Fund, the local administrator of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The maximum available grant, £249,999 was awarded on 9 February 2024.
- Four architectural practices were invited to tender for the design and supervision of the renovation and Dewis Architecture of Anglesey was appointed.
- Following an extensive consultation process with congregation, neighbours and the wider public, plans for renovation were agreed, following which an open tender process was conducted on the Welsh Government online facility 'Sell2Wales'. Anthony Dever Construction Ltd of Denbigh was the successful bidder.
- Work began on 14 September 2024 and was still in progress at the year-end. (After time and grant extensions awarded by CCBC, the project was completed on time and within budget by 31 January 2025).
- This project has opened up a new chapter in the life of the building, and the Ministry Area. Rebranded as Neuadd Ni, there is a new sense of ownership and access to the facility in a central location in the town, bringing us new community relations, activities and mission opportunities. The completion of this work has resulted in an excellent facility for the town of Conwy and for the church community, and represents a huge achievement that has provided confidence for undertaking other building projects.
- The main components of the work ultimately achieved included renovation of the roof, removal of the old kitchen and construction of a new one within the north extension, improvement of depot facilities for Bags of Love, installation of a new electric heating system and 3-phase supply, replacement of some windows and secondary glazing of others; renewal of the three toilets, improved rear access, external and internal decoration, and re-equipping and re-furnishing. Tasks which were omitted because of budget and time limitations included underpinning of the west entrance and rear extension, insertion of underfloor and ceiling insulation, and acoustic mitigation.

3.3 Churchyards

The historic parish churchyard funds have now run out, reflecting the high costs of recent maintenance and low current income from interments, so maintenance costs are largely financed from unrestricted reserves. A very welcome annual grant from the Conwy Town Council for the three Conwy churchyards, is again gratefully acknowledged.

During 2024 an informal group convened to compile a simple set of guidelines for our churchyard maintenance, focusing particularly on churchyard safety (trip hazards, safety of gravestones, etc); the management of trees, maintenance of walls, and grass cutting. These are based on the general advice provided by the CiW and others. The group strives to ensure that areas of each churchyard will be managed to promote biodiversity, following the guidance set out by the nation-wide 'Caring for God's Acre' organisation.

Routine maintenance has continued at all seven churchyards, mostly limited to keeping the grass cut, either by volunteers or a contractor. The Trustees are especially grateful to the Friends of St Agnes, a local community group that diligently maintains the large northern section of St Agnes cemetery.

The stability of all gravestones was checked by teams in the autumn, and a digital database set up, which will provide the framework for subsequent annual checks.

A survey of all the churchyard trees was undertaken by chartered arboriculturist Steve Cutmore in June 2024 and reports for each churchyard produced. Possible internal fungal decay of one tree at Gyffin, four at Rowen, and two at Llanbedr were identified, and these were subsequently checked by sonic testing, and found to be sound. His recommendations for mild pruning were carried out.

Two major tree incidents occurred in 2024. At Gyffin, in February, a mature Lawson Cypress shed a large branch, which was removed by Underhill and Son. S Cutmore later advised that the tree would not recover, and it was removed in 2025. At the Llangelynnin New Church, in December, a large beech on the western boundary of the graveyard fell in a severe storm. It was removed by Adam Davies in January 2025.

4 Finance

4.1 Finance sub-committee

The Finance Sub-committee met five times in 2024. Prominent issues considered and/or actioned during 2024 included:

- Monitoring of investments in the Common Investment Fund of the Church in Wales and investment of accumulated cash.
- Fundraising for church and charitable purposes.
- Management of the Church Hall renovation project.
- Routine and emergency maintenance of churches and churchyards.
- Transition to the MyFundAccounting system.

4.2 Accounts

Since 2017 our accounts have been independently inspected by Breeze and Co., of Llandudno, for whose care and valuable advice over the years we are most grateful. To standardise across the Diocese, it was decided that for 2024 the annual accounts should be independently inspected by Williams Denton Cyf of Bangor. The independently inspected Receipts and Payments accounts for 2024 are presented below in Annex A.

For the first time, our annual accounts have been produced from the software package MyFundAccounting, the preferred accounting system of the Church in Wales. The work of Ms Kelly Edwards at the Diocesan Finance Office in entering all our data into the system was immensely helpful.

This year the account includes receipts and payments for the Church Hall renovation project (3.2 above). Although the account shows a deficit of £132,558, this was offset in January 2025 by the receipt of another tranche of the UKSPF grant, for £164,987.

Points of interest shown by the underlying data include the following:

Receipts

- Although Planned Giving, by Gift Direct and standing orders, is 7% up on 2023, total giving (Planned + Plate + Donations + Misson) is down by 6%.
- Other generated income is slightly down but Investment Income is up 5%.
- Loose plate receipts have increased as some churches have resumed circulating the collection plate round during services, rather than leaving it at the entrance.

Expenses

- Bro Celynnin paid its full quota (parish share, BMF) for 2024, £88,500.
- Churchyards maintenance at £10,800 was again high, largely because of work on tree maintenance, with limited corresponding income. The £4,500 grant from the Conwy Town Council for the three Conwy churchyards, and a private donation of £5,000 are warmly acknowledged.
- Almost all Exceptional costs are for the church hall renovation project.
- Costs of maintenance of churches was much the same as 2023.

Reserves

At the end of 2024, liquid reserves held in bank balances totalled £113,092.79. This was temporarily more than our preferred range because a large payment was due to the building contractor.

Investments

The price of shares in the Common Investment Fund (CIF) of the Church in Wales rose by 5.48% over 2024. One Trust was liquidated during the year, partly to provide match-funding for the Church Hall project, and the total value of our investments at year-end was £576,970.

Grants received

The list of grants is shown in Annex A. This includes a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, administered by Conwy County Borough Council, through the Conwy Community Regeneration Key Fund, for Project Ref: CRKF003 – ‘A Hall for All’, for the renovation of St Mary’s Church Hall (3.2 above). The total award was £249,999 and the remainder was fully paid in 2025 on completion of the project.

Several of the other grants listed were given to support the Bags of Love project and to assist re-furnishing of the Church Hall.

The Ministry Area is most grateful for the generosity of the many grantors.

Planned-giving

The numbers of individuals or couples giving regularly via Gift Direct or by standing order at end-2024 was 52 (2023: 56).

Exceptional expenses

More than half of the total expenses for 2024 are for the renovation of St Mary’s Church Hall. This work was funded largely by the grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, administered through the Conwy Community Regeneration Fund, and by generous match funding of £70,000 from funds of the Bangor Diocesan Trust. The grant-funded project ended on 31 January 2025, and the following summarises the project account:

UKSPF grant	249,999
Match funding – Diocese	70,000
Match funding – Bro Celynnin	<u>77,025</u>
	397,204

Bags of Love project

The project continued smoothly in 2024, despite having to operate from a temporary depot while the Church Hall was renovated. Key data are:

Expenses (food purchased)	£24,156	(2023: £21,509)
Donations and grants	£18,210	(2023: £33,894)
Balance of fund at year-end	£16,273	(2023: £22,477)

We continue to be grateful to more than 40 volunteers who give so much of their time to run this project, and for many very kind personal donations, and for donations or grants

from the Conwy Town Council and the Conwy County Borough Council, Cymdeithas Gwledd, and from local supermarkets and many other local firms, notably BOCS Self Storage.

4.3 Financial administration

Reserves and investments policy

The policy of Bro Celynnin is that, taking all bank accounts together, readily available unrestricted resources should be maintained at four to six months of expected annual expenditure. Accumulated resources significantly exceeding this target will be invested in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund to provide income to support the Ministry Area's mission and objectives. If approved by the Trustees, investments may be liquidated to maintain services and to support projects relevant to the MA's mission and objectives.

Risk management

An assessment of the main operational risks is presented in Annex C.

Financial controls

Payments and receipts, received in cash, by cheque or bank transfer are managed according to the Charity Commission Guidance: *Internal Finance Control for Charities (CC8)*.

The Diocese has instructed Ministry Areas to move book-keeping onto the system adopted by the CiW, MyFundAccounting, and the 2024 accounts have been produced for the first time with this system. The system allows all transactions to be allocated to different funds, for example to a specific church, to the Churchyards Fund, Bags of Love, Neuadd Ni, or to one of the special Restricted Funds whose use is limited to a specific church or purpose. Separate accounts can readily be produced on request for each fund or bank account.

The MAC appreciates the help and advice provided by the Diocesan Finance Office under Owain Pritchard and the services provided by the Church in Wales, notably the management of investments and the Gift Direct planned giving service.

The Treasurers, the MAC and all our church community were greatly saddened by the death in April 2024 of John Anderson OBE. John had been a constant, kind and immensely knowledgeable support as local Treasurer at Llanbedr for many years. We are most grateful for the diligent help and support from the other local Treasurers, Gwynn Griffith, Rosemary Titterton and Jenny Young.

Mike Young
MA Treasurer

Annex A

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1185028

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA**

Williams Denton Cyf
Chartered Certified Accountants
Glaslyn
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BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The clergy and Trustees of Bro Celynnin are responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area, and for the operation and maintenance of its five churches and associated churchyards, two separate graveyards and the Church Hall, Conwy.

Bro Celynnin is resilient and creative in fulfilling its mission, maintains a diverse programme of traditional and contemporary worship, and seeks new community partnerships and innovative approaches to outreach. We seek to offer worship and participatory events that appeal to all sectors of the community.

Public benefit

Bro Celynnin is focused on providing public benefit as a charity, through churches rooted in the communities they have served for many centuries, by:

- providing resources and 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;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Churches in the Parish of Bro Celynnin to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole;
- encouraging wider participation in its activities from all sectors of the community;
- supporting the work of two Church in Wales Primary Schools and providing religious instruction as requested;
- maintaining its five medieval church buildings, a church hall and seven graveyards.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year the Restricted and Unrestricted funds have decreased while the Endowment funds have increased. The Restricted element has decreased by £710 from £165,714 in December 2023 down to £165,004 as at December 2024. The Unrestricted reserves have decreased by £137,177 down from £602,676 in December 2023 down to £465,499 at December 2024. The Endowment reserves have increased by £5,329 up from £57,121 in December 2023 to £62,450 in December 2024.

Overall the total reserves have decreased by £117,682.

Reserves policy

The Ministry Area strives to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover four to six months of annual expenditure.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Ministry Area is Governed by the Constitution of The Church in Wales, a copy of which can be viewed on their website.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed either by the Vicar, or by being nominated by a Trustee, and then being appointed by a vote during a Ministry Area Council meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1185028

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Principal address

The Vicarage
Rose Hill Street
CONWY
LL32 8LD

Trustees

S Carradus (appointed 9.4.24)
I J Thompson (appointed 9.5.24)
Dr R Titterton (appointed 9.5.24)
B E Richmond Baldon (appointed 18.7.24)
M G Holliland (appointed 25.4.23)
L J D Davidson Flood (appointed 9.5.24)
P M A Fysh (appointed 25.4.23)
L C Jones (appointed 24.4.22)
Rev. S Blagden (appointed 29.4.19)
D J Fabby (appointed 9.5.24)
H F Thompson (appointed 29.4.19)
M E Young MSc MBA (appointed 9.11.17)
C J Mostyn Roberts (appointed 25.5.16)
S R Baldon (appointed 25.6.16)
Rev. E H Parry (appointed 25.6.16)
Rev Dr K S Ellis (appointed 1.4.25)

Independent Examiner

Williams Denton Cyf
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



M E Young MSc MBA - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bro Celynnin Ministry Area

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bro Celynnin Ministry Area (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Owain Ap Elfed ACCA

Williams Denton Cyf
Chartered Certified Accountants
Glaslyn
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LL57 4FE

Date: 28 October 2025

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	88,528	7,131	-	95,659	94,102
Charitable activities						
Parish Activities	5	158,617	14,710	-	173,327	38,842
Other trading activities	3	13,258	1,663	-	14,921	29,976
Investment income	4	12,968	-	-	12,968	12,471
Total		<u>273,371</u>	<u>23,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296,875</u>	<u>175,391</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	6	278	-	-	278	6,161
Charitable activities						
Parish Activities	7	123,931	21,281	-	145,212	127,342
Church Property		314,515	7,282	-	321,797	50,595
Total		<u>438,724</u>	<u>28,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>467,287</u>	<u>184,098</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>26,676</u>	<u>5,849</u>	<u>5,329</u>	<u>37,854</u>	<u>38,230</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)						
Transfers between funds	11	(138,677)	790	5,329	(132,558)	29,523
		<u>1,500</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(137,177)</u>	<u>(710)</u>	<u>5,329</u>	<u>(132,558)</u>	<u>29,523</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		<u>602,676</u>	<u>165,714</u>	<u>57,121</u>	<u>825,511</u>	<u>795,988</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>465,499</u>	<u>165,004</u>	<u>62,450</u>	<u>692,953</u>	<u>825,511</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

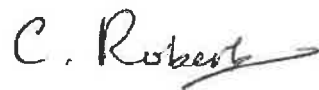
**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	10	374,843	139,677	62,450	576,970	735,846
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash at bank		90,656	25,327	-	115,983	89,665
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>90,656</u>	<u>25,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,983</u>	<u>89,665</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>465,499</u>	<u>165,004</u>	<u>62,450</u>	<u>692,953</u>	<u>825,511</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>465,499</u>	<u>165,004</u>	<u>62,450</u>	<u>692,953</u>	<u>825,511</u>
FUNDS	11					
Unrestricted funds					465,499	602,676
Restricted funds					165,004	165,714
Endowment funds					<u>62,450</u>	<u>57,121</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>692,953</u>	<u>825,511</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



M E Young MSc MBA - Trustee



C J Mostyn Roberts - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Investments

Investments are included at market value.

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Planned giving	40,140	37,514
Donations	29,286	18,129
Loose collections	8,198	7,420
Legacies	2,000	5,000
For mission	1,256	8,837
Tax refunds	<u>14,779</u>	<u>17,202</u>
	<u>95,659</u>	<u>94,102</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees	6,764	19,061
Money raising	5,914	10,563
Other income	<u>2,243</u>	<u>352</u>
	<u>14,921</u>	<u>29,976</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment income	<u>12,968</u>	<u>12,471</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Activity		
Parish Activities		
Grants	<u>173,327</u>	<u>38,842</u>

Included in the Grant total of £38,842 for 2023 is:

National Lottery Community Fund £10,000
 Diocese of Bangor (architect fees, Gyffin) £3,207
 Commonwealth War Graves Commission (Caerhun) £23
 Cartrefi Conwy £1,000
 Conwy Town Council, for Bags of Love £1,000
 Conwy Town Council for St Mary's tower repairs £6,360
 Denbighshire CC RIF grant, training for Worship i.t.w. £3,041
 Listed Buildings Places of Worship Scheme (Gyffin) £1,174
 Cymdeithas Gweldd £1,250
 Denbighshire CC RIF grant, training for Worship i.t.w. £324
 Diocese of Bangor (architect fees, Caerhun) £2,576
 Gwynt y Mor energy grant (Church Hall) £750
 Tesco Groundwork Community Grant £1,125
 Blakemore Foundation (Spar) £300
 Conwy Classical Music Festival £800
 Conwy Classical Music Festival (picture restoration) £400

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

BOCS Self Storage (Guto Lewis) £5,000
St David's Leisure (via Cymdeithas Gwledd) £500
Commonwealth War Graves Commission £12

Included in the Grant total of £173,327 for 2024 is:

Archdeacon Grant £500
ASDA £1,000
Bangor Diocesan Trust £70,000
Blakemore £100
C&C Catering Equipment £1,000
Commonwealth War Graves Commission £22
Conwy Borough County Council £850
Commonwealth War Graves Commission £12
Cymdeithas Gwledd Charity Dinner £5,200
Ecclesiastical £260
EMB LTD - LPW £1,136
Groundwork UK £375
UK Shared Prosperity Fund administered by Conwy County Borough Council £85,012
Conwy Town Council £4,500
Conwy County Borough Council for the Bags of Love Fund £3,000
Listed Buildings Places of Worship Grant Scheme £360

6. RAISING FUNDS**Other trading activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Purchases	<u>278</u>	<u>6,161</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Parish Activities	145,212
Church Property	<u>321,797</u>
	<u>467,009</u>

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024****8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	78,900	15,202	-	94,102
Charitable activities				
Parish Activities	8,191	30,651	-	38,842
Other trading activities	18,626	11,350	-	29,976
Investment income	<u>12,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,471</u>
Total	<u>118,188</u>	<u>57,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,391</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	6,161	-	-	6,161
Charitable activities				
Parish Activities	104,025	23,317	-	127,342
Church Property	<u>22,213</u>	<u>28,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,595</u>
Total	<u>132,399</u>	<u>51,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,098</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>38,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,230</u>
NET INCOME	24,019	5,504	-	29,523
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	578,657	160,210	57,121	795,988
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>602,676</u>	<u>165,714</u>	<u>57,121</u>	<u>825,511</u>

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2024	735,846
Disposals	(174,612)
Revaluations	<u>15,736</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>576,970</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	<u>576,970</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>735,846</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	602,676	(138,677)	1,500	465,499
Restricted funds				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	23,741	(5,968)	(1,500)	16,273
Proceeds of Caerhun Chuch Hall Fund	62,169	3,406	-	65,575
Conwy Chancel Repair Fund	24,924	1,365	-	26,289
Bro Celynnin Churchyard Fund	191	(191)	-	-
Gyffin David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund	46,735	1,078	-	47,813
Care & Maintenance of Caerhun Church	-	1,000	-	1,000
St Mary Maintenance Fund	7,954	-	-	7,954
Llanbedr Church Maintenance Fund	-	100	-	100
	165,714	790	(1,500)	165,004
Endowment funds				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	57,121	5,329	-	62,450
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>825,511</u>	<u>(132,558)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>692,953</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	273,371	(438,724)	26,676	(138,677)
Restricted funds				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	15,303	(21,271)	-	(5,968)
Proceeds of Caerhun Chuch Hall Fund	-	-	3,406	3,406
Conwy Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	1,365	1,365
Bro Celynnin Churchyard Fund	7,091	(7,282)	-	(191)
Gyffin David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund	-	-	1,078	1,078
Care & Maintenance of Caerhun Church	1,000	-	-	1,000
Llanbedr Church Maintenance Fund	110	(10)	-	100
	23,504	(28,563)	5,849	790
Endowment funds				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	-	-	5,329	5,329
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>296,875</u>	<u>(467,287)</u>	<u>37,854</u>	<u>(132,558)</u>

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	578,657	24,019	602,676
Restricted funds			
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	10,739	13,002	23,741
Proceeds of Caerhun Chuch Hall Fund	62,169	-	62,169
Conwy Chancel Repair Fund	24,924	-	24,924
Bro Celynnin Churchyard Fund	191	-	191
Gyffin David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund	59,233	(12,498)	46,735
St Mary Maintenance Fund	<u>2,954</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,954</u>
	160,210	5,504	165,714
Endowment funds			
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	57,121	-	57,121
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>795,988</u>	<u>29,523</u>	<u>825,511</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	118,188	(132,399)	38,230	24,019
Restricted funds				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	45,843	(32,841)	-	13,002
Gyffin David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund	-	(12,498)	-	(12,498)
St Mary Maintenance Fund	<u>11,360</u>	<u>(6,360)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>57,203</u>	<u>(51,699)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,504</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>175,391</u>	<u>(184,098)</u>	<u>38,230</u>	<u>29,523</u>

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	578,657	(114,658)	1,500	465,499
Restricted funds				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	10,739	7,034	(1,500)	16,273
Proceeds of Caerhun Chuch Hall Fund	62,169	3,406	-	65,575
Conwy Chancel Repair Fund	24,924	1,365	-	26,289
Bro Celynnin Churchyard Fund	191	(191)	-	-
Gyffin David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund	59,233	(11,420)	-	47,813
Care & Maintenance of Caerhun Church	-	1,000	-	1,000
St Mary Maintenance Fund	2,954	5,000	-	7,954
Llanbedr Church Maintenance Fund	-	100	-	100
	160,210	6,294	(1,500)	165,004
Endowment funds				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	57,121	5,329	-	62,450
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>795,988</u>	<u>(103,035)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>692,953</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	391,559	(571,123)	64,906	(114,658)
Restricted funds				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	61,146	(54,112)	-	7,034
Proceeds of Caerhun Chuch Hall Fund	-	-	3,406	3,406
Conwy Chancel Repair Fund	-	-	1,365	1,365
Bro Celynnin Churchyard Fund	7,091	(7,282)	-	(191)
Gyffin David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund	-	(12,498)	1,078	(11,420)
Care & Maintenance of Caerhun Church	1,000	-	-	1,000
St Mary Maintenance Fund	11,360	(6,360)	-	5,000
Llanbedr Church Maintenance Fund	110	(10)	-	100
	80,707	(80,262)	5,849	6,294
Endowment funds				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	-	-	5,329	5,329
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>472,266</u>	<u>(651,385)</u>	<u>76,084</u>	<u>(103,035)</u>

BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Purpose of Restricted Funds

St Benedict's, Gyffin - David Thomas Hughes Legacy Fund

For charitable church purposes and to fund repairs in connection with St Benedict's Church.

St Benedict's, Gyffin - Church Hall Fund

For the provision of relevant parish educational, residential, or meeting places; or 'any other intellectual moral or social wants of neighbouring population'.

St Mary's Conwy - Chancel Repair Fund

For the maintenance of the Chancel of St Mary's Church.

St Mary's, Conwy - Choir Fund

For the choir expenses.

St Mary's, Conwy - Maintenance Fund

For the maintenance of St Mary's Church.

St Mary's, Caerhun - Proceeds Of Caerhun Church Hall Fund

For charitable purposes of the parish.

St Mary's, Caerhun - Care & Maintenance of Caerhun Church

For the maintenance of Caerhun Church.

St Mary's, Caerhun - St Mary's Legacies

For charitable purposes of St Mary's Church.

Bro Celynnin - Churchyard Fund

For the maintenance of the churchyards.

Bro Celynnin - Charitable Fund

For charitable and educational purposes.

Bro Celynnin - Bags Of Love Fund

Within the Charitable Fund to support families, the elderly, isolated and other people in need with a monthly food shop.

St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin - Church Maintenance Fund

For the maintenance of the churches.

St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin - Mrs Laura Fair Fund

For the general purposes of St Peter's Church.

Purpose of Endowment Funds

General Endowment Fund

For the endowment received from the Estate of Dilys Elizabeth Glynne to support Bro Celynnin and St Mary, Conwy.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Annex B: Reports from the congregations

St. Mary's Church, Conwy

During the interregnum services weekly Sunday morning services continued, led mostly by Heather Thompson or Rev. Susan Blagden, by the Area Dean, or by several local retired clergy including Rev. Canon Berw Hughes, Rev. Lynn Taylor, Rev. Anna Humphries, Rev. Mike Harrison, and Rev. Prof. Gordon McPhate. Our thanks go to all for sustaining our continued worship during this difficult period.

Many other services and events took place during the year, notably seven baptisms, five weddings and six funerals, including those of two faithful members of the congregation. Commemorative events included the annual Civic Service, Remembrance Sunday and the RNLI's 200th Anniversary Service, all of which brought welcome new faces bring into our church. We were particularly pleased to host Ysgol Porth y Felin children and staff for their Easter, Harvest, Christmas services.

Our monthly services of Choral Evensong continued, and Cantorion Celynnin continued to grow in enthusiasm, proficiency and camaraderie.

We hosted many concerts throughout the year and another very successful Classical Music Festival in July, when we were delighted to welcome performers and visitors from across North Wales and northwest England,

Once again, the Christmas period was busy, beginning with carols around the tree during the Christmas Tree Festival, when the church was filled with decorated trees from numerous local organisations, schools and churches. Our Nine lessons and Carols Service, this year led by the Bishop of Bardsey, was our best attended service of the year.

The church was kept open from April to October, thanks to our loyal and enthusiastic welcoming team. They welcomed visitors from many different countries, and counted a total of 22,040 visitors during the season.

Joan Flood and Paul Wakely

St. Mary's Church, Caerhun

Services were held weekly throughout the year at Caerhun, variously led by Rev. Susan Blagden, by our Lay Reader Mrs Heather Thompson, and by several retired clergy, including Rev. Mike Harrison, Rev. Dr. Lynn Taylor and Rev. Anna Humphries. The wardens and congregation are deeply grateful for this support.

Four funerals were held, including that of Barry Jones, a member of our congregation, and John Anderson O.B.E., Deputy Lieutenant of Caernarvonshire and former owner of Caerhun Hall and a Churchwarden at St. Mary's.

Three weddings took place during the year.

We were delighted to host The Prayer Book Society for their Christmas Carol Service, with the welcome support of Cantamus Choir.

Several convivial social and fund-raising events included two coffee mornings and the Harvest Supper. We raised £1200 for our nominated charity for 2024, Embrace the Middle East, and over £100 for The Royal British Legion at our Remembrance Sunday Service.

Routine maintenance of church and churchyard continued. A project is in preparation, in line with the 2019 Ezra recommendations, to replace some of the cement-based mortar on the south and west gables of the church with an approved lime-based mortar.

Jenny Young and Simon Baldon

St Benedict's Church, Gyffin

Wednesday morning services continued during the vacancy, and we were glad to welcome many visiting or retired clergy to officiate at Holy Communion: Rev. Mike Harrison, Rev. Dr Lynn Taylor, Rev. Canon Berw Hughes and Rev. Canon Phil Hughes, and occasionally our Archdeacon the Ven. David Parry. Sometimes, services of Morning Worship were held, led by our Reader, Mrs Heather Thompson.

Attendance at the Wednesday services was generally twenty or more.

Wednesday services were often preceded by a small singing group led and accompanied on the guitar by Terry Mart and others, with songs from Mission Praise and other sources. Hymns were accompanied on the pipe organ.

The church was opened on Wednesdays (from 10am to 1pm), throughout the year, and also between May to October on Mondays (10 am to 12 noon) and Fridays (2 to 4 pm).

Services of Celtic Praise, led by Rev. Eryl Parry (Pioneer Enabler) and accompanied by five or six instrumentalists were held on Sunday evenings, monthly from November to March. These services typically explored a series of themes and often featured a visiting speaker.

We participated in the Conwy Arts Festival in September 2024, with Terry Mart's art group and Liz Clough mounting an exhibition in St Benedict's of about forty works of art as part of the Conwy Art Trail. This resulted in many extra visitors and the sale of four paintings by Liz, who generously donated half the proceeds to St Benedict's.

Planning of the church reordering is being progressed by a group comprising Joan Devereux, Rosemary Titterton and Heather Thompson. The works will focus on the installation of kitchen and toilets in the south transept, some re-ordering, and will include selected Ezra-recommended repairs.

The churchyard has been strimmed regularly by a local contractor. The twelve Irish yew trees along the roadside wall on the south side have been reduced in height, thanks to a generous donation. Volunteers were then able to remove years-old ivy growth from the trees.

The mature Lawson cypress tree next to the churchyard path lost a very large bough in a wind-storm in January 2024. Contractors removed the fallen timber and reduced the height of the remaining stems by for safety.

Investigation of flooding in the boiler room led to the discovery of an underfloor leak. Lengths of rusted pipe were replaced, and the heating system was serviced.

Other routine maintenance has continued satisfactorily.

Ian Thompson and Sylvia Carradus - Local Wardens

St. Peter's Church, Llanbedr-y-Cennin

Sunday morning services continued, generally with a congregation of 12, although the number dwindled towards the year-end. Long term reduction in numbers is ascribed to the changing demographics, with a growing number of second homes and Airbnbs locally, an aging population, with few young families, and pressures on time. Consequently, the church is no longer the centre of village or community life, and this needs to be addressed.

The church has been maintained satisfactorily, with repairs to the roof, ceiling and exterior pointing during the year, and replacement of some heaters. The churchyard is maintained well, sometimes by a kind volunteer, sometimes by a contractor.

St Celynnin's Church, Henryd - the Old Church

This much-loved church remains open throughout the year to welcome pilgrims, visitors and worshippers. Sunday services were held monthly from dawn on Easter Day to September, and attracted congregations of 35-40, including children.

The condition of the church is monitored monthly. The interior needs re-decorating and the beaten earth floor needs repair in places, and we hope to address these once further investigation of damp along the north wall has been investigated.

Worship in the Wild and Celtic Praise

Worship in the Wild and Celtic Praise, both of which are offered monthly, form a kind of 'nomadic worship community' and attract people of different denominations and none. All are seeking to be resourced personally by something outside their home church experience, to deepen faith through connection with the outdoors, a return to faith or to belong again to a church community (where that has been lost), or simply to take the first steps of a faith journey. Although there's a core of regular participants and a growing number of people taking responsibilities, the essential nature of this kind of community is not congregational.

A significant feature of every gathering is that there are people coming for the first time or have made an effort to visit. There is a steady flow of enquiry via caruconwy.com and regular communications via a private Facebook group: 'Worship in the Wild (Conwy)' There is growing national interest in the wider theme of 'pilgrimage' and we are very happy to be featured in a newly released resource produced by the Arthur Rank Centre for rural churches, and be featured on Radio Cymru (Yr Oedfa, August 2024), and BBC Radio Wales's 'Celebration' (September 2024).

Worship in the Wild

With the exception of December, we continued to offer a monthly contemplative walk, on every first Sunday, to many different places in the Ministry Area and beyond (see <https://caruconwy.com/worship/worship-in-the-wild/>). We have prided ourselves on not yet repeating a route!. In September, four of us passed our 2-day assessment as 'Lowland Leaders', which, with the training seven of us received in 2023 from the Mountain Training Association, significantly improved our knowledge and confidence.

Celtic Praise

The 2024 season in Llangelynnin took the theme of pilgrimage, with an ever-growing number choosing to join the led walk from the Sychnant Pass. A range of outside speakers, including Rev. Neville Naidoo (University Chaplain) and Jill Ireland (Outdoor Chaplain), helped us focus on 'building community' in our winter series at St Benedict's Gyffin.

I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication of a host of people who make all of this happen – the walk leaders, speakers, music group, the home team in St Benedict's, those who provide welcome and guidance up to Llangelynnin, and provide parking and hospitality nearby.

Rev. Eryl Parry

Annex C – Risk analysis

Bro Celynnin Ministry Area: outline assessment of core risks					
			Factors (after mitigation)		
Risk	Effect of risk	Mitigation measures	Likelihood	Impact	Combined
Mission and organisation			(1= low; 10= high)		
Gradual reduction of congregational numbers	Failure to deliver mission and objectives Loss of income	• Continual outreach and energetic, proactive mission by clergy and congregations	3	5	15
Loss of key personnel, notably clergy	Failure to deliver mission and objectives	• Continual efforts to attract and motivate key congregational leaders • Effective recruitment at times of transition	2	5	10
Poor management and ineffective goal setting	Demotivation of clergy and volunteers, leading to decline of congregations, loss of income and failure to deliver objectives	• Clear statement of purpose and management process via Mission, Property and Finance Development Plans • Maintenance of clear, frequent and positive communications by various channels	1	4	4
Safeguarding	Injury to individuals; reputational damage; internal dismay	• Safeguarding officer appointed, reporting to MAC • Training, and regular monitoring of certification of MAC and other volunteers • Regular consultation with Diocesan Safeguarding Officer	1	5	5
Property					
Injury to people and third party property, arising from our built properties or churchyards	Personal injury, damage to third party property	• Regular inspections (Ezra Report) to identify risks and required maintenance • Phased programme of recommended maintenance • Regular routine monitoring of the general state of buildings and churchyards and rapid emergency maintenance when necessary • Appropriate insurance	1	4	4
Damage to our buildings	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	3	6
Damage to our churchyards	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	1	2
Finance					
Loss of financial resources through fraud	Inability to maintain property and to cover expenses, including the Parish Share	• All investments held independently by CiW • Only dual authorisation of payments possible • Spending limits set • CC <i>Internal Finance for Charities Guidance</i> followed	1	3	3
Failure to maintain income levels	Drawing down of resources, loss of investment income, ultimately leading to financial failure	• Encouragement of giving by traditional and innovative means • Promotion of legacies • Regular applications for Gift Aid and GASDS, and VAT refund grants • Money raising events • Financing special projects by strategic fundraising	3	3	9
Unexpected significant expenses	As above	• Careful budgeting and monitoring of controllable expenses • Keeping to building maintenance schedules	2	3	6

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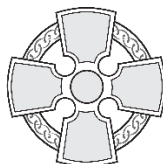
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Annual Report and Financial Statement

Ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn diweddaru 31 Rhagfyr 2023
For the year ending 31 December 2023

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Structure, governance and management

Structure

The Bro Celynnin Ministry Area is one of nine Ministry Areas of the Bangor Synod and one of 27 that comprise the Diocese of Bangor in the Church in Wales (CiW). Bro Celynnin was formed in 2016 by uniting four parishes in the Conwy County Borough in the area comprising Conwy town and the north-western part of the Conwy Valley, west of Afon Conwy and extending in the south to Tal y Bont and Llanbedr y Cennin.

The name commemorates St. Celynnin, a son of the legendary prince Helig ap Glanawg and brother of Rhychwyn (of Llanrhychwyn) and Peris (of Llanberis). A holy well at Hen Eglwys Llangelynnin, in the Carneddau mountains is believed to be where Celynnin preached and baptised in the 6th Century.

The Ministry Area maintains and enjoys the use of five outstanding medieval churches (four Grade I listed and the other Grade II*): St Mary's and All Saints' Conwy; St Benedict's, Gyffin; St Mary's, Caerhun; and St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin, all of which hold weekly services, and the Llangelynnin Old Church, Henryd, where monthly services are held from Easter to October. Other property managed by Bro Celynnin are the Church Hall, Conwy, and the graveyards of two former churches: St Agnes', Conwy (demolished ca. 1972) and the Llangelynnin New Church, Llangelynnin, Rowen (deconsecrated ca. 1987).

To complement our gathered congregations, Bro Celynnin is committed to Pioneer Ministry; our initiative, *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking in the North Wales landscape, launched in 2020, has continued to flourish and grow.

The Ministry Area Council

Bro Celynnin is administered by a Ministry Area Council (MAC), a parochial church council governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in Wales. The members of the MAC are the Trustees of the Charity. With the incumbent, the MAC is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area. The MAC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the CiW, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution. Membership of the MAC is defined in the CiW Constitution and comprises ex-officio and appointed members, and members elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) by those of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. All persons over the age of 18 who attend services and are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and seek election to the MAC. The MAC met six times in 2023.

At the end of 2023, there were 129 persons on the Electoral Roll.

In addition to the two Ministry Area Church Wardens each congregation nominates local (sub) wardens, many of whom are also members of the MAC.

Since 13 August 2023, the MA has been in vacancy, following the preferment of the Rev David Parry as Archdeacon of Bangor.

The MAC has been greatly supported by our new part-time Parish Administrator, Mrs Nicola Davies-Nolan, appointed in June 2023.

Aims and purposes

The clergy and Trustees of Bro Celynnin are responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area, and for the operation and maintenance of its five churches and associated churchyards, two separate graveyards and the Church Hall, Conwy.

Objectives and activities

Bro Celynnin is focused on providing public benefit as a charity, through churches rooted in the communities they have served for many centuries, by:

- providing resources and 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;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Churches in the Parish of Bro Celynnin to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole;
- encouraging wider participation in its activities from all sectors of the community;
- supporting the work of two Church in Wales Primary Schools and providing religious instruction as requested;
- maintaining its five medieval church buildings, a church hall and seven graveyards.

Bro Celynnin is resilient and creative in fulfilling its mission, maintains a diverse programme of traditional and contemporary worship, and seeks new community partnerships and innovative approaches to outreach. We seek to offer worship and participatory events that appeal to all sectors of the community.

The activities and expenses of Bro Celynnin, notably the parish share and maintenance of buildings, are financed by donations from members of the congregations and from visitors, investment income, legacies and occasional grants, for all of which we are most grateful.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, mission and fellowship

Parochial worship

Throughout 2023, weekly services were held on Sunday mornings at St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy; St Mary's, Caerhun; and St Peter's, Llanbedr-y-Cennin, and on Wednesday mornings at St Benedict's, Gyffin. Choral Evensong was offered on eight Sundays at St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy, featuring the Ministry Area's choir, Cantorion Celynnin. Numerous other services were held on festival days, Civic Sunday in Conwy, Armistice Day, Remembrance Sunday, for local schools, and many baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Attendances at services in all churches grew slightly in 2023. Average attendances at regular weekly morning services on non-festival days in 2023 were:

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy	45 (2022: 43)
St Benedict's, Gyffin	21 (2022: 19)
St Mary's, Caerhun	18 (2022: 17)
St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin	12 (2022: 11)

Total recorded attendances, at regular services, festival, schools services, other special services, baptisms, marriages and funerals were:

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy	6,562 (2022: 5,712)
St Benedict's, Gyffin	1,426 (2022: 1,383)
St Mary's, Caerhun	1,277 (2022: 1,466)
St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin	638 (2022: 744)

Monthly 'Celtic Praise' services were held at St Benedict's until Easter and from October, and at the Llangelynnin Old Church from Easter to October. This form of open, bilingual, and reflective worship in a Celtic style has been well supported, led by an acoustic group of musicians. Llangelynnin's hill-top remoteness and pilgrimage appeal, combined with its ancient roots as a place of worship draws people from far and wide, from different denominations and those searching faith; Celtic Praise attendance averaged 41 (2022: 44) at St Benedict's and 38 (2022: 37) at Llangelynnin.

Choral Evensong, led by Cantorion Celynnin, was offered on seven Sundays in Conwy, attracting an average attendance of 50. In addition, 237 attended the Evensong that opened the Classical Music Festival and 320 came to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

We welcomed the Prayer Book Society (North Wales Branch), for their mid-summer and Christmas services, at Caerhun and Llanbedr respectively.

Worship in the Wild has continued to attract a new and active congregation. The offer of a monthly contemplative walk began in 2020, responding to the value many were placing on walking with others through times of isolation and restriction. Since then, a walk has never been repeated, such is the abundant choice offered by an area of outstanding beauty and

variety. Organised Lowland Leader training was provided for several group leaders, generously financed by Community and Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC).

During the year the house groups were re-organised into 'Life Groups', and provide regular fora for guided discussion, contemplation and bible study.

The MAC and congregations are deeply grateful to several clergy who willingly give their time to officiate at offices and services.

Initiatives begun during the pandemic continued, notably communications and worship online, including weekly zoom meetings for prayer and contemplation, and weekly broadcasts on YouTube, which have typically attracted between 200 and over 400 views.

Diocesan and external activities

Bro Celynnin plays a full part in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Bangor, including participation in Synod meetings and through pastoral support. We have shared the skills that we have gained in Pioneer Ministry and evangelism with other local churches and continued to work closely with a neighbouring Methodist congregation in provision for children and families.

We have sought to be generous, open-hearted and outward-looking in all our relationships and use of our resources, in order to maximise their charitable benefit.

Pastoral leadership

In August 2023, the Rev David Parry relinquished his position as Vicar and Ministry Area Leader, on his preferment as Archdeacon of Bangor. The MAC and congregations have felt the loss of his inspiring parochial leadership, but have continued to enjoy and appreciate his support and advice, as our new Archdeacon.

During 2023, the Rev David Parry continued to serve as a Trustee of Bangor Diocesan Trust and the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Rev Eryl Parry continued to serve periodically as a Chaplain for the Bardsey Island Trust, and served as Pioneer Priest in this and adjacent Ministry Areas. She has continued to strengthen the volunteer visitor team and works actively with Conwy County Borough Council in promoting spiritual and cultural activity locally.

Pastoral care, support and charitable activity

Pastoral support is offered to vulnerable adults and in response to other needs through visiting, groups, special events and courses. Weekly and seasonal Services are carefully planned to be accessible and relevant, with care taken over the quality of welcome, worship and teaching. An example of this is funding a professional British Sign Language interpreter so that Deaf people can be fully included.

Bereavement counselling was re-organised during the year, and training provided to nominated individuals from each church, by visiting clergy.

Chaplaincy is provided to the Town Council and Royal British Legion, and for a full programme of Civic Events. Foundation Governors are appointed to the two Church Schools in the Ministry Area; the Rev David Parry continued as chair of one of the Governing Bodies.

Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are an area of excellence, with pastoral follow-up. We provide chaplaincy and fundraising support to a local children's hospice.

Bro Celynnin initiative 'Bags of Love', which provides monthly food boxes to 90-100 families in need, continued to grow in 2023. The project operates with many volunteers, from our congregations and communities, and has been generously financed by parishioners and grants from the Conwy Town Council, Conwy County Borough Council, local companies and the National Lottery Community Fund. Their support is gratefully welcomed and acknowledged.

Frequent charitable fund-raising events were held throughout the Ministry Area during year. Charities supported include Christian Aid, Fairtrade, Macmillan and St David's Hospice.

The Vicar and parishioners have continued to support the two church schools, through parochial visits and service through the *Open the Book* programme. St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy was widely used for school services, concerts, and events such as the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of St David's Hospice.

Social and cultural

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy has an active group of volunteers to welcome and guide the many summer visitors who, with concert attendances over the year, were estimated at nearly 20,000. St Benedict's, St Mary's Caerhun and St Peter's are open every day between Easter and October. All the churches participated in Cadw's Open Doors programme in September.

The Conwy Church Hall continued to be well used, both for church gatherings and community events. Renovation and development of its facilities to enable wider use by the community is anticipated in 2024.

Music

The two choirs launched in 2022 continued to grow in numbers and confidence, 'Canu Conwy' for 8-12-year-olds and 'Cantorion Celynnin' for monthly Choral Evensong and special services in St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy. Cantorion Celynnin was invited to lead Choral Evensong at Bangor Cathedral in August.

Cantorion Celynnin draws members from the churches of Bro Celynnin, and attracts in singers from a wider area, some with church affiliations and some without. About 45 singers are involved, with generally about 30 singers at each event. The choir grew in

confidence over the year and performed a growing repertoire of music, including evening services by Herbert Brewer, Basil Harwood, Charles Wood, C V Stanford (in B♭ and C), Thomas Tertius Noble and Orlando Gibbons. Anthems have included works by S. S. Wesley, Thomas Attwood, Charles Wood, Ernest Bullock, Johannes Eccard, Malcolm Archer, and Gabriel Faure.

At the well-supported Service of Nine Lessons and Carols the choir numbered nearly 50, and included several ex-choristers home for Christmas. The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Rev Andrew John, led the service, which attracted a capacity congregation. As usual, the choir led the 'Carols round the Trees' event organised as part of the St David's Hospice Christmas Tree Festival.

The choir toured locally in 2023, singing evensong at Bangor Cathedral, and at Betws y Coed and Llanelian Churches.

We greatly appreciate the support from visiting organists who have played for us this year: Charles Jones, Graham Eccles and particularly Martin Brown from Bangor Cathedral.

Canu Conwy, the Junior Choir, has continued to meet, and contributes to events, but new members are slow to come forward, due to other family, school and social demands

Many choirs and organisations sought to use St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy for their concerts. These included groups from the Guildhall School of Music, the Welsh Choir of North America, the Monteverdi Singers, Bangor University Chamber Choir, The Telling, and Conwy Town Orchestra.

The Conwy Classical Music Festival once again proved to be highly popular with attendances over the week of over 3,000. The whole gamut of classical music, both instrumental and vocal, was on display and featured performers from North Wales, as well as leading musicians from further afield. Highlights of the week included concerts and recitals by local pianist Tina Mason-Scheuermann, Zoe Beyers (Leader of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra), the Choir of King's College, London, the Chelys Consort of Viols, and many soloists.

Communications

The Ministry Area website caruconwy.com continued to develop and widen in scope during 2023. The site carries extensive details about current activities in the ministry area and diocese, reflections and short weekly devotional talks.

Our weekly email mailing list, our presence on Facebook and Twitter, and our YouTube channel all carried regular messaging.

For those not easily connecting to the internet a newsletter with devotional material, service times and news continued to be circulated monthly.

Buildings and churchyards

Properties of the Ministry Area

Bro Celynnin cares for the following properties

- St Mary's and All Saints, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard in the centre of Conwy
 - Church Hall on Rose Hill Street, Conwy
 - St Agnes' Road graveyard.
- St Benedict's, Gyffin, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard on the outskirts of Conwy.
- St Celynnin, Llangelynnin:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard (the Llangelynnin Old Church)
 - Graveyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen.
- St Mary's, Caerhun:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard south of Ty'n-y-groes.
- St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin:
 - Grade 2* listed church and churchyard.

The MAC's policy remains that these churches, which are all in good general order, will continue to contribute to their communities for the foreseeable future and have the potential to widen their appeal and to grow their congregations. All the churches are buildings of national importance.

The Property Development Plan to frame the maintenance of these properties, prepared in 2019 according to Diocesan guidelines, will be updated after the next 5-year 'Ezra' report, to be published in 2024.

All the work identified as 'Category A - Urgent' of the last Ezra report has been completed and many tasks identified in the 'Category B – within 5 years'. Tasks in 'Category C - 5 to 15 years) have been undertaken where it was convenient to do so with Category A and B tasks.

Donald Insall Associates completed plans for selective and sensitive reordering of St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy, St Benedict's and St Mary's, Caerhun and this design work, and the associated faculty application process.

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy

- The clock room and upper part of the tower interior were cleaned, and new window grills inserted to prevent bird infestation.
- A re-ordering project was included in the scope of a Diocesan application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for financing to restore and reorder three major Grade 1 churches of the Diocese (the 'Stones Shout Out' project), but this failed to receive funding. Preparations for an independently managed project for St Mary's began in 2023, focusing on maintenance of the tower.

St Benedict's, Gyffin

- Re-ordering plans for St Benedict's, to include introduction of a toilet, kitchenette, mains drainage and moderate re-ordering were subject to further consultation and modification during the year.

Llangelynnin Old Church

- Despite Ezra-recommended repairs to the two buttresses, the interior continues to suffer from damp, which has affected the interior decoration. Faculty 2020-005990 for external roof repairs and re-pointing to walls, consolidation of existing earth floor, repair of internal lime plaster and redecoration of some windows was approved in 2021, but so far only the external roof repairs have been addressed.
- To address the damp, Faculty 2023-009540 for archaeological excavation to identify the nature of any current drainage, was approved in 2023 and this work will start in 2024.

St Mary's, Caerhun

- Re-ordering plans for St Mary's Caerhun, which were to include moderate reordering of the chancel, north transept and west entrance, were subject to further consultation, which was continuing at the year-end.

St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin

- Maintenance has been limited to occasional electrical work and checks.
- Work on the roof and ceiling torching was scheduled for January 2024.

Conwy Church Hall

- A planning application to Conwy County Borough Council for the modification and development of the derelict playground behind the Church Hall, for the benefit of church and community, prepared by the Diocesan Llan Project, was not approved. The scope of work and approach is being reconsidered. (The Llan Project is a Church in Wales initiative to promote church growth and evangelism, through facilitating new opportunities for communities and individuals to engage with the church).
- In September 2023, the MAC applied for a substantial grant for renovation of the Church Hall from the Conwy Community Regeneration Key Fund, the local component of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), and the result of his application was still awaited at year-end.

Churchyards

The historic parish churchyard funds have now run out, reflecting the high costs of recent maintenance and low current income from interments, so maintenance costs are largely financed from unrestricted reserves. Very welcome annual grants from the Conwy Town Council for the three Conwy churchyards, are gratefully acknowledged. In addition, a very generous private donation was received for tree maintenance at St Agnes cemetery, which was greatly appreciated.

St Mary's and All Saints', Conwy

A section of the north wall has collapsed or been demolished and negotiations regarding repairs, which are subject to faculty, are in hand. The churchyard is maintained by a small group of volunteers. Most of the pathways through the churchyard have been adopted by the council and are designated public footpaths.

St Agnes' Graveyard

St Agnes' graveyard extends over approximately 3.5 acres on the east side of St Agnes Road, Conwy, adjacent to and north of the Town Council's St Agnes' Road Cemetery. It is an attractive site, sloping to the east, with many mature trees. Interments are limited to existing graves. The oldest (northern) part of the churchyard has been cleared in recent years by the active Friends of St Agnes, who continue diligently and faithfully to maintain that section. Between this northern sector and the Town Cemetery lies a narrow zone maintained by Bro Celynnin. There are nine Commonwealth War Graves Commission graves. The condition of the churchyard is now good, although reconstruction of sections of the walls is desirable. To encourage wildlife, a section is cut only once annually.

Graveyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen

Although the church is now privately owned, the graveyard remains open to the public and is maintained and the gravestones checked regularly by the MAC. A small Friends group was formed in 2022 to undertake periodic maintenance.

Environmental management

Bro Celynnin joined the nation-wide 'Caring for God's Acre' scheme, which provides guidance and support for environmental management of churchyards. Wildlife observation days were held at all the churches during the summer and the reports forwarded to a national database. This initiative drew in many participants from the surrounding communities.

Administrative Information

Trustees (members of the Ministry Area Council)

		<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>			
<i>Incumbent</i>	The Rev D A Parry	25/05/16	13/08/23			
<i>Clergy</i>	The Rev E H D Parry	25/05/16				
	The Rev S Blagden	29/04/19				
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Mrs H F Thompson	29/04/19				
<i>Peoples' Warden</i>	Mr C J M Roberts	25/04/23		(original election 25/05/16)		
<i>Vicar's Warden</i>	Mr M E Young (& Treasurer)	07/06/23		(original election 9/11/17)		
<i>Elected members</i>	Mr S R Baldon	25/05/16				
	Mrs C M Clews	25/05/16	25/04/23			
	Mrs R I Mitchell	25/05/16				
	Mr J A Shakespear	25/05/16				
	Ms S M Swallow	23/04/18				
	Mrs J L Young	23/04/18	25/04/23			
	Mrs M Tobin	29/04/19				
	Mrs E M Clough	26/04/21				
	Mrs J Devereux	26/04/21	25/04/23			
	Mr D J Fabby	25/04/22				
	Mrs L C Jones	25/04/22				
	Mr M Holliland	25/04/23				
	Miss L Davidson-Flood	18/07/23				
	Mrs P Fysh	18/07/23				
	Mr G Griffith	18/07/23				
<i>Ex officio</i>	Mrs E A Bowen (Secretary)	27/04/17	20/01/23			
	Mrs B Baldon (Secretary)	25/04/23				

Charity Number 1185028

Administrative address The Vicarage
Rose Hill Street, Conwy, LL32 8LD

Independent Examiner Malcolm Evans FCA
Breeze and Co
9 Lloyd Street, Llandudno, LL30 2UU

Bankers NatWest Bank, Llandudno, LL30 2WY
Barclays Bank, Llandudno, LL30 2SH

Architect Donald Insall Associates, Conwy, LL32 8RF

Parish Administrator and Safeguarding Officer Mrs Nicola Davies-Nolan (part-time)

Finance

Finance sub-committee

The Finance Sub-committee met three times in 2023. Financial issues considered and/or actioned during 2023 included:

- Banking: continued rationalisation of accounts.
- Monitoring of investments in the Common Investment Fund of the Church in Wales and investment of accumulated cash.
- Fundraising for church and charitable purposes.
- Routine and emergency maintenance of churches and churchyards and advancement of potential re-ordering projects.
- Moving to the MyFund Accounting system.

Accounts

For our level of income, the Charity Commission requires presentation of annual accounts in the Receipts and Payments format (Form CC16) and independent inspection, rather than audit. The independently inspected Receipts and Payments accounts for 2023 are presented in Annex A.

The nominal surplus shown for the year is £29,522. However, Receipts include £38,230 realised from the sale of investments held in the Common Investment Fund of the CiW. The effective deficit is therefore £8,708.

Other points to note include:

- Total voluntary giving, the first four income categories (ie excluding Donations for Mission), was close to that of 2022, although Planned Giving decreased for the second year.
- Donations received for Mission declined.
- Income includes a kind legacy from our late Secretary, Mrs Jane Bowen.
- Grants from many sources increased significantly, as shown in the table below.
- Increased churchyard income reflects a much-appreciated grant from the Conwy Town Council and a very generous private donation towards the cost of tree surgery in St Agnes' graveyard.
- The Church Hall made a slight loss this year of £231.
- The Ministry Area paid its agreed 2023 parish share of £83,500 in full to the Bangor Diocesan Board of Finance. Bro Celynnin has always contributed its agreed quarterly tranche on schedule.

Grants

Grants received totalled £43,342 in 2023, and the Ministry Area is deeply grateful for generosity from so many sources, as shown in the following table.

Grants received in 2023		Public - national	Public - local	Corporate	Other
27/01/23	National Lottery Community Fund	10,000.00			
26/01/23	Diocese of Bangor (architect fees, Gyffin)				3,206.61
15/02/23	Commonwealth War Graves Comm. (Caerhun)	22.50			
20/02/23	Cartrefi Conwy		1,000.00		
21/02/23	Conwy Town Council, for Bags of Love		1,000.00		
21/02/23	Conwy Town Council for St Mary's tower repairs		6,360.00		
27/02/23	Denbighshire CC RIF grant, training for Worship i.t.w.		3,041.40		
13/03/23	Listed Buildings Places of Worship Scheme (Gyffin)	1,174.40			
14/03/23	Cymdeithas Gwledd			1,250.00	
27/03/23	Denbighshire CC RIF grant, training for Worship i.t.w.		324.31		
30/03/23	Diocese of Bangor (architect fees, Caerhun))				2,575.54
06/06/23	Gwynt y Mor energy grant (Church Hall)			750.00	
26/06/23	Tesco Groundwork Community Grant			1,125.00	
24/07/23	Blakemore Foundation (Spar)			200.00	
08/09/23	Conwy Classical Music Festival				800.00
16/10/23	Conwy Classical Music Festival (picture restoration)				400.00
09/11/23	BOCS Self Storage (Guto Lewis)			5,000.00	
10/12/23	Blakemore Foundation (Spar)			100.00	
27/12/23	St David's Leisure (via Cymdeithas Gwledd)			500.00	
	Total (as per 'Grants - exceptional')	11,196.90	11,725.71	8,925.00	6,982.15
					38,829.76
15/12/03	Commonwealth War Graves Comm. (Llanbedr) (as per 'Grants - recurring')	12.00			12.00
04/10/23	Conwy Town Council (listed under 'Churchyards fees')		4,500.00		4,500.00
					43,341.76

Cash reserves

At the year end, liquid reserves held in bank balances totalled £86,543 (Section B1 of the Accounts), within our preferred range of 4-6 months annual expenditure.

Planned-giving

The numbers of individuals or couples giving regularly via Gift Direct or by standing order to the General Fund at end-2023 was 56 (2022: 62).

Investments

The value of shares in the Common Investment Fund (CIF) of the Church in Wales rose by 5.6% over the year. Some investments were liquidated, notably to cover architects' fees and part of the parish share, and the total value at year end was £738,968, as set out in Section B3 of the Accounts.

Financial administration

Reserves and investments policy

The policy of Bro Celynnin is that, taking all bank accounts together, readily available unrestricted resources should be maintained at four to six months of expected annual expenditure. Accumulated resources significantly exceeding this target will be invested in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund with the objective of providing income to support the Ministry Area's mission and objectives. If approved by the Trustees, investments may be liquidated to maintain services and to support projects relevant to the Ministry Area's mission and objectives.

Risk management

Bro Celynnin's income is below the threshold, above which a detailed risk assessment is required to be reported. Nevertheless, a simplified risk assessment that identifies the main risks is presented in Annex B, and this will be amplified and developed as the MA's initial Mission, Finance and Property Development Plans are further advanced.

Financial controls

Payments and receipts, received in cash, by cheque or bank transfer are managed according to the Charity Commission Guidance: *Internal Finance Control for Charities* (CC8).

Funds management

Restricted funds

Bro Celynnin's resources include these funds for specific purposes:

Fund	Purpose
<i>Bro Celynnin</i>	
Churchyards Fund	Maintenance of churchyards
Charitable Fund	Charitable and educational purposes
<i>St Mary's, Conwy</i>	
Choir Fund	Choir expenses
Chancel repair fund	Maintenance of the Chancel of St Mary's
<i>St Benedict's, Gyffin</i>	
Church Hall Fund	Provision of relevant parish educational, residential or meeting places; or 'any other intellectual moral or social wants of the neighbouring population'
David Thomas Hughes Fund	Charitable church purposes and repairs in connection with St Benedict's
<i>St Mary's, Caerhun</i>	
Caerhun Church Hall Fund	Charitable purposes of the parish (income unrestricted)
St Mary's legacies	Charitable purposes of St Mary's
<i>St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin</i>	
Mrs Laura Fair Fund	General purposes of St Peter's

Bags of Love Fund (within the Charity Fund)

Demand on the fund increased over the year and now 90-100 families are supported, and a faithful team of 15-20 people help with purchasing, delivery and fund-raising. We continue to be grateful for many very kind and generous personal donations, and for donations or grants in 2023 from Asda, Blakelock Foundation, BOCS Self Storage, Cartrefi Conwy, Conwy Town Council, Cymdeithas Gwledd, Evenrock Ltd, Spar, Tesco and the National Lottery Community Fund.

Corporate and personal donations remained at much the same level as 2022, and the fund was further strengthened by the £10,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. Monthly expenditure averaged £1,524 from January to November, but jumped to £2,407 in December. The surplus in the fund has more than doubled since last December, and stands at £22,313.

Churchyards Fund

The Churchyards Fund continues in deficit, due largely to tree surgery at the Llangelynnin New Church, reported last year (£19,020), and at the similarly un-endowed St Agnes Graveyard in 2023 (£7,994).

M E Young
Ministry Area Treasurer

Annex A Receipts and Expenses Accounts, 2023

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of the Bro Celynnin Area Ministry Council.

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Ministry Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 9 May 2023

M D Evans FCA

Breeze & Co Chartered Accountants
9 Lloyd Street, Llandudno,
Conwy LL30 2UU



Receipts and payments, 2023

For the period
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023

Unrestricted
funds
to the nearest
£

Restricted
funds
to the nearest £

Endowment
funds
to the nearest £

Total funds
to the nearest
£

2022
to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Voluntary income

Loose (plate) collections

7,420

0

0

7,420

8,816

Planned giving

35,334

2,180

0

37,514

39,114

Offertory box / wallsafe

14,342

0

0

14,342

9,212

Donations

3,787

0

0

3,787

6,951

Mission

1,966

6,871

0

8,836

20,851

Funeral collections

0

0

0

0

0

Tax refund (GiftAid & GASDS)

16,051

1,151

0

17,202

15,295

Legacies

0

5,000

0

5,000

8,823

Grants - recurring

12

0

0

12

23

Grants - exceptional

8,179

30,651

0

38,830

7,680

Generated income

0

0

0

0

0

Money Raising (excluding Church Hall)

5,191

350

0

5,540

3,618

Money Raising - Church Hall receipts

5,022

0

0

5,022

6,577

Fees for Offices

8,061

0

0

8,061

6,878

Investment income, including bank interest

12,471

0

0

12,471

10,441

Other incoming resources

0

0

0

0

0

Rents

150

0

0

150

150

Churchyard fees

0

11,000

0

11,000

8,000

Net agency income

202

0

0

202

258

Sub total (Gross income for AR)

118,188

57,203

0

175,390

152,686

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Llanbedr and Gyffin

38,230

0

0

38,230

16,690

0

0

0

0

0

Sub total

38,230

0

0

38,230

16,690

0

Total receipts

156,418

57,203

0

213,620

169,376

A3 Payments					
Support for Ministry					
Parish share, paid directly to Diocese	83,500	0	0	83,500	83,500
Parish share, paid from churches via Bro Celynnin	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy expenses	4,382	0	0	4,382	5,538
Parish activities	0	0	0		0
Maintenance of services [wine, etc]	1,678	0	0	1,678	2,596
General parish expenses [stationery, meetings, etc]	10,198	0	0	10,198	3,398
Church property	0	0	0		0
Maintenance of churches, inc insurance	20,339	6,360	0	26,699	21,796
Churchyard maintenance	1,854	9,524	0	11,378	24,865
Maintenance of other property	20	0	0	20	838
Exceptional	0	12,498	0	12,498	24,172
Grant giving and support	0	0	0		0
Mission spending - parish	939	22,667	0	23,605	25,565
Mission spending - UK/world	1,760	650	0	2,410	2,747
Other resources expended	0	0	0		0
Costs of money-raising (exl. Church Hall)	908	0	0	908	702
Cost of money raising - Church Hall expenses	5,253	0	0	5,253	4,104
Capital payments	0	0	0	0	0
Net agency payments	1,532	0	0	1,532	216
Other miscellaneous expenses	36	0	0	36	33
Sub total	132,399	51,699	0	184,098	200,071
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment of surplus cash in CIF	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	132,399	51,699	0	184,098	200,071
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,018	5,503	0	29,522	-30,695
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,830	26,192	0	57,022	87,716
Cash funds	54,848	31,695	0	86,543	57,021

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of 2023

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds at end-December 2023	Conwy	6,150	7,954	-
	Gyffin	0	0	-
	Caerhun	7,935	0	-
	Llanbedr	16,772	0	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin hub)	23,990	23,741	-
	Total cash funds	54,848	31,695	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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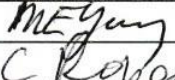
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Conwy	-	-	-
	Gyffin	-	-	-
	Caerhun	-	-	-
	Llanbedr	-	-	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin)	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Value 1/1/23	Current value (31/12/23)
B3 Investment assets	Conwy		44,439	47,782
	Gyffin		-	-
	Caerhun		352,664	372,337
	Llanbedr		41,420	36,323
	Bro Celynnin (admin)		293,868	282,527
			732,391	738,968

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Printer		1,500	284
	Caerhun sound system		7,722	1,955
	Gyffin sound system		4,688	1,187
	Conwy sound system		9,063	2,294

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Outstanding cheques	General	0.00	
	Receipts not yet credited	General	0.00	
	Loan to Conwy	General		
	Outstanding cheques	Churchyards	0.00	
	BMF adjustments	General	0.00	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M E Young	09/05/2024
	C J M Roberts	09/05/2024

Annex B – Risk analysis

Bro Celynnin Ministry Area: outline assessment of core risks			Factors (after mitigation)		
Risk	Effect of risk	Mitigation measures	Likelihood	Impact	Combined
Mission and organisation			(1= low; 5= high)		
Gradual reduction of congregational numbers	Failure to deliver mission and objectives Loss of income	• Continual outreach and energetic, proactive mission by clergy and congregations	3	5	15
Loss of key personnel, notably clergy	Failure to deliver mission and objectives	• Continual efforts to attract and motivate key congregational leaders • Effective recruitment at times of transition	2	5	10
Poor management and ineffective goal setting	Demotivation of clergy and volunteers, leading to decline of congregations, loss of income and failure to deliver objectives	• Clear statement of purpose and management process via Mission, Property and Finance Development Plans • Maintenance of clear, frequent and positive communications by various channels	1	4	4
Property					
Injury to people and third party property, arising from our built properties or churchyards	Personal injury, damage to third party property	• Regular inspections (Ezra Report) to identify risks and required maintenance • Phased programme of recommended maintenance • Regular routine monitoring of the general state of buildings and churchyards and rapid emergency maintenance when necessary • Appropriate insurance	1	4	4
Damage to our buildings	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	3	6
Damage to our churchyards	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	1	2
Finance					
Loss of financial resources through fraud	Inability to maintain property and to cover expenses, including the Parish Share	• All investments held independently by CiW • Only dual authorisation of payments possible • Spending limits set • CC <i>Internal Finance for Charities Guidance</i> followed	1	3	3
Failure to maintain income levels	Drawing down of resources, loss of investment income, ultimately leading to financial failure	• Encouragement of giving by traditional and innovative means • Promotion of legacies • Regular applications for Gift Aid and GASDS, and VAT refund grants • Money raising events • Financing special projects by strategic fundraising	3	3	9
Unexpected significant expenses	As above	• Careful budgeting and monitoring of controllable expenses • Keeping to building maintenance schedules	2	3	6

Annex C – Bags of Love Fund

Bags of Love / Bagiau Cariad									
Summary financial report, November 2020 to December 2023									
		Nov-Dec 2020		2021		2022		2023	
Brought forward			0.00		4,496.86		6,394.98		10,092.12
Expenses									
Equipment				207.97		327.93		314.80	
Energy vouchers								250.00	
Food parcels distributed *		478.14		15,337.91		16,133.05		20,127.44	
Total expenses			478.14		15,545.88		16,460.98		20,692.24
Receipts									
Grants - Nat. Lottery Community Fund				8,000.00		0.00		10,000.00	
Grant - Cartrefi								1,000.00	
Grants - Conwy Town Council		3,333.00		500.00		0.00		1,000.00	
Grants - local companies & organisations		1,000.00		4,100.00		8,218.00		8,275.00	
Events and collections				446.00		2,086.92		1,429.60	
Personal donations (excl waived costs)		535.00		3,665.00		8,211.00		9,340.70	
Gift Aid on 80% personal donations, est		107.00		733.00		1,642.20		1,868.14	
Total receipts			4,975.00		17,444.00		20,158.12		32,913.44
Surplus carried forward			4,496.86		6,394.98		10,092.12		22,313.32
* Excluding value of food donations									

Accounts



Ardal Weinidogaeth
Bro Celynnin
Ministry Area

Elusen/Charity 1185028

Adroddiad Blynyddol a Datganiadau Ariannol
Annual Report and Financial Statement

Ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn diweddaru 31 Rhagfyr 2020
For the year ending 31 December 2022

20 Hydref 2023 / 20 October 2023



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Structure, governance and management

Structure

The Bro Celynnin Ministry Area is one of nine Ministry Areas of the Bangor Synod and one of 27 that comprise the Diocese of Bangor in the Church in Wales (CiW). Bro Celynnin was formed in 2016 by uniting four parishes in the Conwy County Borough in the area comprising Conwy town and the north-western part of the Conwy Valley, west of Afon Conwy and extending in the south to Tal y Bont and Llanbedr y Cennin.

The name commemorates St. Celynnin, a son of the legendary prince Helig ap Glanawg and brother of Rhychwyn (of Llanrhychwyn) and Peris (of Llanberis). A holy well at Hen Eglwys Llangelynnin, in the Carneddau mountains is believed to be where Celynnin preached and baptised in the 6th Century.

The Ministry Area uses and maintains five medieval church buildings (four Grade I listed and the other Grade II*): St Mary and All Saints' Conwy; St Benedict's Gyffin; St Mary's Caerhun and St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin hold weekly services, and a monthly service is held at the Llangelynnin Old Church from Easter to October. To complement our gathered congregations, Bro Celynnin is committed to Pioneer Ministry; our initiative, *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking in the North Wales landscape, launched in 2020, has continued to flourish and grow. Other property managed by Bro Celynnin are the Church Hall, Conwy, and the churchyards of two former churches: St Agnes' Conwy (demolished ca. 1972) and the Llangelynnin New Church, Llangelynnin, Rowen (deconsecrated ca. 1987).

The Ministry Area Council

Bro Celynnin is administered by a Ministry Area Council (MAC), a parochial church council governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in Wales. The members of the MAC comprise the Trustees of the Charity. With the vicar, Rev David Parry, the MAC is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area. The MAC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the CiW, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution, which defines the membership. Membership of the MAC is defined in the CiW Constitution and comprises ex-officio and appointed members, and members elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) by those of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. All persons over the age of 18 who attend services and are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and seek election to the MAC.

In addition to the two Ministry Area Church Wardens each congregation nominates local (sub) wardens, most of whom are also members of the MAC.

The MAC met three times in 2022.

Aim and purposes

Led by the vicar, the Rev David Parry, Bro Celynnin is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area.

Bro Celynnin is responsible for the operation and maintenance of its five churches and churchyards, two separate churchyards and the Church Hall, Conwy.

Objectives and activities

Bro Celynnin is focused on providing public benefit as a charity, through churches rooted in the communities they have served for many centuries, by:

- providing resources and 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;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Churches in the Parish of Bro Celynnin to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole;
- encouraging wider participation in its activities from all sectors of the community;
- supporting the work of two Church in Wales Primary Schools and providing religious instruction as requested;
- maintaining its five medieval church buildings, a church hall and seven graveyards.

Bro Celynnin is resilient and creative in fulfilling its mission, maintains a diverse programme of traditional and contemporary worship, and seeks new community partnerships and innovative approaches to outreach. We seek to offer worship and participatory events that appeal to all sectors of the community.

Bro Celynnin and its activities, including the maintenance of its buildings, are financed almost entirely by donations from committed members of the congregations and by occasional grants, for all of which we are most grateful. Bro Celynnin aims to contribute in full its agreed annual share of Diocesan expenses and will seek to raise money to finance this and its own operational and charitable expenses.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, mission and fellowship

Parochial worship

Throughout 2022, weekly services were held on Sunday mornings at St Mary's, Conwy; St Mary's, Caerhun; and St Peter's, Llanbedr-y-Cennin. The Wednesday morning service, previously offered at St Mary's, Conwy was switched to St Benedict's, Gyffin. Choral Evensong was offered on five Sundays at St Mary's, Conwy, featuring the Ministry Area's choir, Cantorion Celynnin. Numerous other services were held on festival days, Civic Sunday in Conwy, Armistice Day, Remembrance Day and others.

Average attendances at weekly morning services on non-festival days in 2022 were:

St Mary's, Conwy	43
St Benedict's	19
St Mary's, Caerhun	17
St Peter's	12

Choral Evensong, led by Cantorion Celynnin, was offered on five Sundays in Conwy, attracting an average congregation of 51. In addition, 195 attended the Evensong that opened the Classical Music Festival and 280 came to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Monthly 'Celtic Praise' services were held at St Benedict's until Easter and from October, and at the Llangelynnin Old Church from Easter to October. This form of open, bilingual, and reflective worship in a Celtic style has been well supported, led by an acoustic group of musicians. Llangelynnin's hill-top remoteness and pilgrimage appeal, combined with its ancient roots as a place of worship draws people from far and wide, from different denominations and those searching faith; Celtic Praise attendance averaged 44 at St Benedict's and 39 at Llangelynnin.

Our programme *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking and worship in the North Wales landscape has also attracted a new and active congregation. The offer of a monthly contemplative walk began in 2020, responding to the value many were placing on walking with others through times of isolation and restriction. Since then, a walk has never been repeated, such is the abundant choice offered by an area of outstanding beauty and variety.

The Vicar, MAC and congregations are deeply grateful to several clergy who willingly give their time to officiate at offices and services.

Initiatives prompted by the pandemic continued, notably communications and worship online, including weekly zoom meetings for prayer and contemplation, and weekly broadcasts on YouTube, which have typically attracted between 200 and over 400 views.

Diocesan and external activities

Bro Celynnin plays a full part in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Bangor, including participation in Synod meetings and through pastoral support. We shared the skills that we have gained in Pioneer Ministry and evangelism with other local churches and continued to work closely with a neighbouring Methodist congregation in provision for children and families.

We have sought to be generous, open-hearted and outward-looking in all our relationships and use of our resources, in order to maximise their charitable benefit.

During 2022, The Rev David Parry continued to serve as a Trustee of Bangor Diocesan Trust and the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Rev Eryl Parry continued to serve periodically as a Chaplain for the Bardsey Island Trust, and served as Pioneer Priest in this and adjacent Ministry Areas. She has continued to strengthen the volunteer visitor team and works actively with Conwy Town Council.

Pastoral care, support and outreach

Pastoral support is offered to vulnerable adults and in response to other needs through visiting, groups, special events and courses. Weekly and seasonal Services are carefully planned to be accessible and relevant, with care taken over the quality of welcome, worship and teaching. An example of this is funding a professional British Sign Language interpreter so that Deaf people can be fully included.

Chaplaincy is provided to the Town Council and Royal British Legion, and for a full programme of Civic Events. Foundation Governors are appointed to the two Church Schools in the Ministry Area; the Rev David Parry continued as chair of one of the Governing Bodies.

Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are an area of excellence, with pastoral follow-up. We provide chaplaincy and fundraising support to a local children's hospice.

Bro Celynnin initiative 'Bags of Love', which provides monthly food boxes to up to 80 families in need, continued to grow in 2022. The project has been generously financed by parishioners and grants from the Conwy Town Council, Conwy County Borough Council, local companies and the National Lottery Community Fund.

The Vicar and parishioners have continued to support the two church schools, through parochial visits and service through the *Open the Book* programme. St Mary's, Conwy was widely used for school services, concerts, and events such as the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of St David's Hospice.

Social and cultural

St Mary's, Conwy has an active group of volunteers to welcome and guide the many summer visitors who, with concert attendances over the year, were estimated at nearly 20,000. St Mary's Caerhun and St Peter's are open every day between Easter and October and St Benedict's is open intermittently. All the churches participated in Cadw's Open Doors programme in September.

The two choirs launched in 2022 continued to grow in size and confidence, 'Canu Conwy' for 8–12-year-olds and 'Cantorion Celynnin' for Choral Evensong and special services in St Mary's Conwy. Cantorion Celynnin was invited to lead Choral Evensong at Bangor Cathedral in August.

The Conwy Classical Music Festival was held for the first time since the pandemic, in St Mary's Conwy over eight days in July. This was an outstandingly successful event, drawing large audiences to hear performers from across Wales and Northwest England in a varied programme of instrumental, vocal, choral and orchestral concerts.

The Conwy church hall continued to be well used, both for church gatherings and community events, and plans were initiated to renovate and develop its facilities to enable wider use by the community.

Communications

The Ministry Area website caruconwy.com was strengthened and its scope widened during 2022. This vibrant and comprehensive site carries extensive details about current activities in the ministry area and short weekly devotional talks.

Our weekly email mailing list, our presence on Facebook and Twitter, and our YouTube channel all carried regular messaging.

For those not easily connecting to the internet a newsletter with devotional material, service times and news was produced and circulated monthly.

Buildings and churchyards

Properties of the Ministry Area

Bro Celynnin cares for the following properties

- St Mary's and All Saints, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard in the centre of Conwy
 - Church Hall on Rose Hill Street, Conwy
 - St Agnes' Road graveyard.
- St Benedict's, Gyffin, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard on the outskirts of Conwy.

- St Celynnin, Llangelynnin:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard (the Llangelynnin Old Church)
 - Graveyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen.
- St Mary's, Caerhun:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard south of Ty'n-y-groes.
- St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin:
 - Grade 2* listed church and churchyard.

The MAC considers that these churches, which are all in good general order, will continue to contribute to their communities for the foreseeable future and have the potential to widen their appeal and to grow their congregations. All the churches are buildings of national importance.

A Property Development Plan to frame the maintenance of these properties has been compiled, according to Diocesan guidelines,

The condition of these buildings and a summary of the major 'Ezra' buildings survey of 2018/19 were presented in the 2021 Annual Report. All the work identified as 'Category A - Urgent' has been completed and many tasks identified in the 'Category B – within 5 years'. Tasks in 'Category C - 5 to 15 years) have been undertaken where it was convenient to do so with Category A and B tasks.

Donald Insall Associates were commissioned in 2021 to draw up plans for selective and sensitive reordering of St Mary's Conwy, St Benedict's and St Mary's, Caerhun and this design work, and the associated faculty application process, was still continuing at the year-end. The project for St Mary's Conwy was included in the scope of a Diocesan application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for financing to restore and reorder three major Grade 1 churches of the Diocese (the 'Stones Shout Out' project).

The Diocesan Llan Project began work on plans to clear and develop the derelict playground behind the Church Hall, for the benefit of church and community, and to renovate the interior of the Church Hall. This is part of a Church in Wales initiative to promote church growth and evangelising, through facilitating new opportunities for communities and individuals to engage with the church.

Churchyards

Churchyard maintenance is largely financed by a restricted fund, resourced by interment fees, personal donations, and, for the three Conwy churchyards, a very welcome annual grant from Conwy Town Council. In addition to the graveyards adjacent to the five churches, the Ministry Area is responsible for two others:

St Agnes' Graveyard

St Agnes' graveyard extends over approximately 3.5 acres on the east side of St Agnes Road, Conwy, adjacent to and north of the Town Council's St Agnes' Road Cemetery. It is an attractive site, sloping to the east, with many mature trees. Interments are limited to existing graves. The oldest (northern) part of the churchyard has been cleared in recent

years by the active Friends of St Agnes, who continue diligently and faithfully to maintain that section. Between this northern sector and the Town Cemetery lies a narrow zone maintained by Bro Celynnin. There are nine Commonwealth War Graves Commission graves. The condition of the churchyard is now good, with part cut only annually, to encourage wildlife.

Churchyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen

Although the church is now privately owned, the churchyard remains open to the public and is maintained and the gravestones checked regularly by the MAC. A small Friends group was formed in 2022 to undertake occasional maintenance.

Environmental management

Bro Celynnin joined the nation-wide 'Caring for God's Acre' scheme, which provides guidance and support for environmental management of churchyards. Wildlife observation days were held at all the churches during the summer and the reports forwarded to a national database. This initiative drew in many participants from the surrounding communities.

Property maintenance in 2022

Routine and emergency maintenance included the following:

- St Mary's, Conwy: Cleaning of the upper part of the tower and preparation for window maintenance. This work was part-funded by a generous grant from the Conwy Town Council, which is responsible for the clock.
- St Benedict's: minor electrical upgrades; consulting engineering investigations related to drainage and heating.
- St Mary's, Caerhun: replacement of oil tank.
- St Peter's: assessment for repairs to the roof and ceiling
- St Agnes graveyard: repairs to a gate pillar damaged by a vehicle.
- Rowen graveyard (Llangelynnin New Church): felling and pruning of boundary trees.

Administrative Information

Trustees (members of the Ministry Area Council), with dates of appointment

		<i>Joined</i>	<i>Retired</i>
<i>Incumbent</i>	The Rev. D A Parry	20/05/2016	
<i>Vicars and Curates</i>	The Rev. E H D Parry	20/05/2016	
	The Rev. S Blagden	29/04/2019	
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Mrs H F Thompson	29/04/2019	
<i>(MA) Church Warden</i>	Mrs E A Mills	20/05/2016	25/04/2022
<i>Elected members</i>	Mr S R Baldon	20/05/2016	
	Mrs C M Clews	20/05/2016	
	Mr S C Fysh	20/05/2016	25/04/2022
	Mrs R I Mitchell	20/05/2016	
	Mr C J M Roberts	20/05/2016	
	Ms S M Swallow	23/04/2018	
	Mrs J L Young	23/04/2018	
	Mrs M Tobin	29/04/2019	
	Mrs E M Clough	26/04/2021	
	Mrs J Devereux	26/04/2021	
	Mr D J Fabby	25/04/2022	
	Mrs L C Jones	25/04/2022	
<i>Co-opted member</i>	Mr J A Shakespear	20/05/2016	
<i>Ex officio</i>	Mrs E J Bowen (Secretary)	27/04/2017	
<i>Ex officio</i>	Mr M E Young (Treasurer)	09/11/2017	

Charity Number 1185028

Administrative address The Vicarage
Rose Hill Street, Conwy, LL32 8LD

Independent Examiner Malcolm Evans FCA
Breeze and Co
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Finance

Finance sub-committee

The Finance Sub-committee met three times in 2022. Financial issues considered and/or actioned during 2022 included:

- Banking: continued rationalisation of accounts, moving further towards online banking.
- Monitoring of investments in the Common Investment Fund of the Church in Wales and investment of accumulated cash.
- Closure of three ancient charities and absorbing these into a new Charity Fund.
- Fundraising for charitable purposes.
- Routine and emergency maintenance of churches and churchyards and assessment of potential re-ordering projects.

Accounts

For our level of income, the Charity Commission requires presentation of annual accounts in the Receipts and Payments format (Form CC16) and independent inspection, rather than audit. The independently inspected Receipts and Payments accounts for 2022 are presented in Annex A.

The deficit shown for the year is £30,695. However, included in Receipts are the balances of old charity accounts liquidated during the year, with the consent of the Charity Commission, and added to our restricted Charity Fund. These are:

- Charity number **237010 Lewis Owen (Conway Share)**, established in his will of 4th September 1623 “for distribution among the poor who shall be blind and over 60 years old.”
- Charity number **237011 Arnold Murgatroyd**, established in his will proved on 5th April 1945 “for distribution among the poor of all denominations at Christmas in shares to be not less than 10/- per person.”
- Charity number **237012 Margaret Williams**, established in her will of 25th June 1811 “for the benefit of the poor at Easter”.

The total balance of these three charities was £16,690.39 so the operational deficit is effectively understated by this amount.

The deficit has been impacted by major unusual expenses this year, including:

Emergency tree work at Rowen churchyard	19,020
Architects' and consultants' fees for Gyffin and Caerhun	15,077
Caerhun oil tank	5,760

Other points to note include, compared with 2021:

- Total voluntary giving, the first four income categories (ie excluding Donations for Mission), increased by 9%. (As the collection plate is no longer proffered in services, the Plate and Offertory Box categories should be considered together).

- Planned-Giving decreased by 4.5%.
- Donations for Mission were up 2.4 times, including £4,718 from local organisations for the Bags of Love project.
- Grants were received from the following:

	£
Cymdeithas Gwledd (for Bags of Love)	3,000
Asda (for Bags of Love)	500
Ecclesiastical Trust (unrestricted)	1,000
Conwy Town Council (for church tower)	2,880
Conwy Town Council (for Conwy churchyards)	3,600
North Wales Wildlife Trust (for Caerhun churchyard)	300
Commonwealth War Graves Commission (for Caerhun)	23
- Churchyard income and expenditure were both unusually high, largely because of expenses and donations relating to work required on trees at the Llangelynnin New Church (the Rowen churchyard).
- Money-raising for the church was slightly down but the amount shown excludes the proceeds of the JustGiving fundraising campaign for the Rowen trees, £3,710, which is included under Churchyard income.
- Church Hall receipts were up 68% and the Hall made a surplus of £2,472.
- The Ministry Area paid its 2022 BMF quota of £83,500 in full.

Cash reserves

At the year end, liquid reserves held in bank balances totalled £57,022 (Section B1 of the Accounts), close to our preferred minimum of 4 months annual expenditure. This was increased in January 2023 on receipt of £31,000 from the part-liquidation of a CIF trust.

Planned-giving

The numbers of individuals or couples giving regularly via Gift Direct or by standing order at end-2022 was 62.

Investments

The value of our investments in the Common Investment Fund (CIF) of the Church in Wales is set out in Section B3 of the Accounts. The total shrank over the year, in line with the stock market:

Financial administration

Reserves and investments policy

The policy of Bro Celynnin is that, taking all bank accounts together, readily available unrestricted resources should be maintained at four to six months of expected annual expenditure (£60,000 – 80,000). Accumulated resources significantly exceeding this target will be invested in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund with the objective of providing income to support the Ministry Area's mission and objectives. If approved by the Trustees, investments may be liquidated to maintain services and to support projects relevant to the Ministry Area's mission and objectives.

Risk management

Bro Celynnin's income is below the threshold, above which a detailed risk assessment is required to be reported. Nevertheless, a simplified risk assessment that identifies the main risks is presented in Annex B, and this will be amplified and developed as the MA's initial Mission, Finance and Property Development Plans are further advanced.

Financial controls

Payments and receipts, received in cash, by cheque or bank transfer are managed in accordance with the Charity Commission Guidance: *Internal Finance Control for Charities* (CC8).

Funds management

Restricted funds

Bro Celynnin's resources include these funds for specific purposes:

Fund	Purpose
<i>Bro Celynnin</i>	
Churchyards Fund	Maintenance of churchyards
Charitable Fund	Charitable and educational purposes
<i>St Mary's, Conwy</i>	
Choir Fund	Choir expenses
Chancel repair fund	Maintenance of the Chancel of St Mary's
<i>St Benedict's, Gyffin</i>	
Church Hall Fund	Provision of relevant parish educational, residential or meeting places; or 'any other intellectual moral or social wants of the neighbouring population'
David Thomas Hughes Fund	Charitable church purposes and repairs in connection with St Benedict's
<i>St Mary's, Caerhun</i>	
Caerhun Church Hall Fund	Charitable purposes of the parish (income unrestricted)
St Mary's legacies	Charitable purposes of St Mary's
<i>St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin</i>	
Mrs Laura Fair Fund	General purposes of St Peter's

Bags of Love Fund (within the Charity Fund)

Demand on the fund increased over the year and now 70-80 families are supported, and a faithful team of 15-20 people help with purchasing, delivery and fund-raising. We continue to be grateful for many generous personal donations, and for other donations or grants in 2022 from Asda, Blakelock Foundation, Cymdeithas Gwledd, Evenrock Ltd, Harlech Foods, and Tesco. Both corporate and personal donations have doubled since last year.

The Bags of Love Fund ended the year with a surplus of £7,610 (Annex C), equivalent to 3-4 months expenses.

Churchyards Fund

The Churchyards Fund deficit at year-end was £848. Emergency pruning or felling of mature beech trees surrounding the un-endowed graveyard of the Llangelynnin New Church cost £19,020.

M E Young

Ministry Area Treasurer

Annex A Receipts and Expenses Accounts, 2022

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of the Bro Celynnin Area Ministry Council.

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Ministry Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 25 April 2023

M D Evans FCA

Breeze & Co Chartered Accountants
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Bro Celynnin Ministry Area (combined)

No (if any)

Receipts and payments, 2022

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	2021 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary income					
Loose (plate) collections	8,816	0	0	8,816	6,050
Planned giving	39,114	0	0	39,114	40,951
Offertory box / wallsafe	9,212	0	0	9,212	3,772
Donations	6,951	0	0	6,951	8,065
Mission	1,007	19,845	0	20,851	8,737
Funeral collections	0	0	0	0	0
Tax refund (GiftAid & GASDS)	15,295	0	0	15,295	18,074
Legacies	8,823	0	0	8,823	70,000
Grants - recurring	23	0	0	23	2,035
Grants - exceptional	1,000	6,680	0	7,680	18,814
Generated income	0	0	0	0	0
Money Raising (excluding Church Hall)	3,618	0	0	3,618	9,407
Money Raising - Church Hall receipts	6,577	0	0	6,577	3,905
Fees for Offices	6,878	0	0	6,878	2,104
Investment income, including bank interest	10,441	0	0	10,441	9,461
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0
Rents	150	0	0	150	0
Churchyard fees	0	8,000	0	8,000	4,280
Other	258	0	0	258	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118,161	34,524	0	152,686	205,656
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Transfer from named charity accounts to main charity account	0	16,690	0	16,690	482
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	16,690	0	16,690	482
Total receipts	118,161	51,215	0	169,376	206,138
A3 Payments					
Support for Ministry					
Parish share, paid directly to Diocese	83,500	0	0	83,500	73,559
Parish share, paid from churches via Bro Celynnin	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy expenses	5,538	0	0	5,538	2,299
Parish activities	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance of services [wine, etc]	2,596	0	0	2,596	2,435
General parish expenses [stationery, meetings, etc]	3,398	0	0	3,398	4,629
Church property	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance of churches, inc insurance	21,796	0	0	21,796	20,125
Churchyard maintenance	12,804	12,061	0	24,865	7,775
Maintenance of other property	0	838	0	838	0
Exceptional	18,893	5,279	0	24,172	0
Grant giving and support	0	0	0	0	0
Mission spending - parish	1,245	24,320	0	25,565	22,356
Mission spending - UK/world	2,747	0	0	2,747	2,882
Other resources expended	0	0	0	0	0
Costs of money-raising (excl. Church Hall)	702	0	0	702	3,118
Cost of money raising - Church Hall expenses	4,104	0	0	4,104	5,394
Capital payments	0	0	0	0	0
Net agency payments	216	0	0	216	0
Other miscellaneous expenses	33	0	0	33	0
Sub total	157,573	42,498	0	200,071	144,572
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment of surplus cash in CIF	0	0	0	0	60,000
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	60,000
Total payments	157,573	42,498	0	200,071	204,572
Net of receipts/(payments)	-39,412	8,717	0	-30,695	1,566
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,241	17,475	0	87,716	86,150
Cash funds	30,830	26,192	0	57,021	87,716

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of 2022

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds at end-December 2022	Conwy	7,125	2,954	-
	Gyffin	0	0	
	Caerhun	9,674	0	
	Llanbedr	9,266	0	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin hub)	4,765	23,238	-
	Total cash funds	30,830	26,192	-

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Conwy	-	-	-
	Gyffin	-	-	-
	Caerhun	-	-	-
	Llanbedr	-	-	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin)	-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 1/1/22	Value 31/12/22
B3 Investment assets	Conwy		49,384	44,992
	Gyffin		315,568	285,932
	Caerhun		394,015	352,664
	Llanbedr		46,276	41,420
	Bro Celynnin (admin)			7,936
			805,243	732,944

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Printer		1,500	379
	Caerhun sound system		7,722	2,606
	Gyffin sound system		4,688	1,582
	Conwy sound system		9,063	3,059

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D Parry	25/04/2023
	M E Young	25/04/2023

Annex B – Risk analysis

Bro Celynnin Ministry Area: outline assessment of core risks, 2022					
Risk	Effect of risk	Mitigation measures	Factors (after mitigation)		
			Likelihood	Impact	Combined
Mission and organisation			(1= low; 5= high)		
Gradual reduction of congregational numbers	Failure to deliver mission and objectives Loss of income	• Continual outreach and energetic, proactive mission by clergy and congregations	3	5	15
Loss of key personnel, notably clergy	Failure to deliver mission and objectives	• Continual efforts to attract and motivate key congregational leaders • Effective recruitment at times of transition	2	5	10
Poor management and ineffective goal setting	Demotivation of clergy and volunteers, leading to decline of congregations, loss of income and failure to deliver objectives	• Clear statement of purpose and management process via Mission, Property and Finance Development Plans • Maintenance of clear, frequent and positive communications by various channels	1	4	4
Property					
Injury to people and third party property, arising from our built properties or churchyards	Personal injury, damage to third party property	• Regular inspections (Ezra Report) to identify risks and required maintenance • Phased programme of recommended maintenance • Regular routine monitoring of the general state of buildings and churchyards and rapid emergency maintenance when necessary • Appropriate insurance	1	4	4
Damage to our buildings	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	3	6
Damage to our churchyards	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	1	2
Finance					
Loss of financial resources through fraud	Inability to maintain property and to cover expenses, including the Parish Share	• All investments held independently by CiW • Only dual authorisation of payments possible • Spending limits set • CC <i>Internal Finance for Charities Guidance</i> followed	1	3	3
Failure to maintain income levels	Drawing down of resources, loss of investment income, ultimately leading to financial failure	• Encouragement of giving by traditional and innovative means • Promotion of legacies • Regular applications for Gift Aid and GASDS, and VAT refund grants • Money raising events • Financing special projects by strategic fundraising	3	3	9
Unexpected significant expenses	As above	• Careful budgeting and monitoring of controllable expenses • Keeping to building maintenance schedules	2	3	6

Annex C – Bags of Love Fund

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Accounts



Elusen/Charity 1185028

Adroddiad Blynydol a Datganiadau Ariannol
Annual Report and Financial Statement

Ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn diweddaru 31 Rhagfyr 2020
For the year ending 31 December 2021

31 Hydref 2022 / 31 October 2022



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Structure, governance and management

Structure

The Bro Celynnin Ministry Area is one of nine Ministry Areas of the Bangor Synod and one of 27 that comprise the Diocese of Bangor in the Church in Wales (CiW). Bro Celynnin was formed in 2016 by uniting four parishes in the Conwy County Borough in the area comprising Conwy town and the north-western part of the Conwy Valley, west of Afon Conwy and extending in the south to Tal y Bont and Llanbedr y Cennin.

The name commemorates St. Celynnin, a son of the legendary prince Helig ap Glanawg and brother of Rhychwyn (of Llanrhychwyn) and Peris (of Llanberis). A holy well at Hen Eglwys Llangelynnin, in the Carneddau mountains is believed to be where Celynnin preached and baptised in the 6th Century.

The Ministry Area uses and maintains five medieval church buildings (four Grade I listed and the other Grade II*): St Mary and All Saints' Conwy; St Benedict's Gyffin; St Mary's Caerhun and St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin hold weekly services, and a monthly service is held at the Llangelynnin Old Church from Easter to October. To complement our gathered congregations, Bro Celynnin is committed to Pioneer Ministry; our initiative, *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking in the North Wales landscape, launched in 2020, continued to flourish and grow in 2021. Other property managed by Bro Celynnin are the Church Hall, Conwy, and the churchyards of two former churches: St Agnes' Conwy (demolished c. 1972) and the Llangelynnin New Church, Llangelynnin, near Rowen (deconsecrated c. 1987).

The Ministry Area Council

Bro Celynnin is administered by a Ministry Area Council (MAC), a parochial church council governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in Wales. The members of the MAC comprise the Trustees of the Charity. With the vicar, Rev David Parry, the MAC is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area. The MAC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the CiW, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution, which defines the membership. Membership of the MAC is defined in the CiW Constitution and comprises ex-officio and appointed members, and members elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) by those of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. All persons over the age of 18 who attend services and are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and seek election to the MAC.

In addition to the two Ministry Area Church Wardens each congregation nominates local (sub) wardens, most of whom are also members of the MAC.

The MAC met four times in 2021 (three times on Zoom and once in person).

Aim and purposes

In co-operation with the vicar, Rev David Parry, Bro Celynnin is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area.

Bro Celynnin is responsible for the operation and maintenance of its five churches and churchyards, two separate churchyards and the Church Hall, Conwy.

Objectives and activities

Bro Celynnin is focused on providing public benefit as a charity, through churches rooted in the communities they have served for many centuries, by:

- providing resources and 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;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Churches in the Parish of Bro Celynnin to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole;
- encouraging wider participation in its activities from all sectors of the community;
- supporting the work of two Church in Wales Primary Schools and providing religious instruction as requested;
- maintaining its five medieval church buildings, a church hall and seven graveyards.

Bro Celynnin is resilient and creative in fulfilling its mission, maintains a diverse programme of traditional and contemporary worship, and seeks new community partnerships and innovative approaches to outreach. We seek to offer worship and participatory events that appeal to all sectors of the community.

Bro Celynnin and its activities, including the maintenance of its buildings, are financed almost entirely by donations from committed members of the congregations and by occasional grants, for all of which we are most grateful. Bro Celynnin aims to contribute in full its agreed annual share of Diocesan expenses and will seek to raise money to finance this and its own operational and charitable expenses.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Parochial worship

Following the end of the pandemic restrictions, regular Sunday morning services were resumed in the four principal churches and on Wednesdays at St Mary's, Conwy, and a monthly evening service of Celtic Praise at St Benedict's, Gyffin. Services on the principal festival days are held in all churches in normal times.

Initiatives prompted by the pandemic continued during 2021, notably communications and worship online, including broadcast Sunday services on YouTube, which have typically attracted between 250 and over 450 views.

Our programme *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking in the North Wales landscape, continued to flourish and grow in 2021. Once a month this offers a local, guided 'pilgrimage walk', to an emerging community that enjoys gentle conversation and contemplative prayer.

Regular dramatized assemblies in Welsh and English continue to be provided in local schools by our teams of *Open the Book* volunteers. Church buildings are also used for school services and concerts. We offer an annual programme of adult Bible studies and house groups.

The Vicar, MAC and congregations are deeply grateful to several clergy who willingly give their time to officiate at offices and services.

Diocesan and external activities

Bro Celynnin plays a full part in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Bangor, including participation in Synod meetings and through pastoral support. We shared the skills that we have gained in Pioneer Ministry and evangelism with other local churches and continued to work closely with a neighbouring Methodist congregation in provision for children and families.

We have sought to be generous, open-hearted and outward-looking in all our relationships and use of our resources, in order to maximise their charitable benefit.

During 2021, The Rev David Parry continued to serve as a Trustee of Bangor Diocesan Trust and the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Rev Eryl Parry continued to serve as a Trustee of the Bardsey Island Trust, where she is also a Chaplain, and served as Pioneer Priest in this and adjacent Ministry Areas. She has continued to strengthen the volunteer visitor team and works actively with Conwy Town Council and Conwy County Borough Council, notably in developing a cultural strategy for the Borough.

Pastoral care and support

Pastoral support is offered to vulnerable adults and in response to other needs through visiting, groups, special events and courses. Weekly and seasonal Services are carefully planned to be accessible and relevant, with care taken over the quality of welcome, worship and teaching. An example of this is funding a professional British Sign Language interpreter so that Deaf people can be fully included.

Chaplaincy is provided to the Town Council and Royal British Legion, along with a full programme of Civic Events. Foundation Governors are appointed to the two Church Schools in the Ministry Area; the Rev David Parry continued as chair of one of the Governing Bodies.

Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are an area of excellence, with pastoral follow-up. We provide chaplaincy and fundraising support to a local children's hospice and contribute to a local Food Bank.

Bro Celynnin initiative 'Bags of Love', which provides monthly food boxes to families in need, continued to grow in 2021, generously financed by parishioners and grants from the Conwy Town Council, local companies and the National Lottery Community Fund.

Social and cultural

Church opening was curtailed at the start of the lockdown and only resumed in 2021. St Mary's Conwy and the rural churches again welcomed many thousands of visitors, and previously regular events such the Christmas Tree Festival restarted, with great success. A highly acclaimed series of lunchtime concerts was staged in the summer, drawing performers and audiences from across North Wales and northwest England.

In autumn 2021 we launched two new choirs: '*Canu Conwy*' for 8-12 year-olds and '*Cantorion Celynnin*' for monthly Evensong and special services in St Mary's Conwy.

The Conwy church hall, well used in 2020 as a vaccination centre, was increasing used in 2021, both for church gatherings and community events.

Communications

The Ministry Area website caruconwy.com was strengthened and its scope widened during 2021. This vibrant and comprehensive site carries extensive details about current activities in the ministry area and short weekly devotional talks.

Our weekly email mailing list, our presence on Facebook and Twitter, and our YouTube channel all expanded in their scope and popularity.

Buildings and churchyards

Properties of the Ministry Area

Bro Celynnin cares for the following properties

- St Mary's and All Saints, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard in the centre of Conwy
 - Church Hall on Rose Hill Street, Conwy
 - St Agnes' Road churchyard.
- St Benedict's, Gyffin, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard on the outskirts of Conwy.
- St Celynnin, Llangelynnin:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard (the Llangelynnin Old Church)
 - Churchyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen.
- St Mary's, Caerhun:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard south of Ty'n-y-groes.
- St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin:
 - Grade 2* listed church and churchyard.

The MAC considers that these churches, which are all in good general order, will continue to contribute to their communities for the foreseeable future and have the potential to widen their appeal and to grow their congregations. All the churches are buildings of national importance. In 2021, feasibility studies and consultations were continued or begun, with regard to sensitive and appropriate modifications that might be made in some of our buildings, to improve access and render them more suitable for fulfilling their mission.

The Ezra report

All the buildings were assessed in 2018/19 by conservation architects Donald Insall Associates, appointed by the Diocese, and a 'super-quinquennial' or 'Ezra' report issued. The report has assessed and prioritised the repairs required in five categories, according to urgency.

The authors noted that: ***'As a collection of assets, the Ministry Area of Bro Celynnin is unlikely to be surpassed across the Diocese for the significance and historic value of the buildings contained within it'.***

The Ezra report lists the following strengths of the Ministry Area, relevant to the status and future of its properties:

- the presence within the MA of two significant centres of population in Conwy and Rowen/Tal y Cafn;
- the visibility within a smaller but still significant community of the church at Llanbedr-y-Cennin;

- the energy, commitment, and growth to be seen within churches located in the Ministry Area's villages and hamlets;
- the significance of the 'presence' of the Church in each community mediated through the church building;
- a sustainable model of worship, study and prayer that takes seriously the need to offer diverse acts of worship, study and prayer of the highest quality;
- a model of mission that complements the gathering of the worshipping community at places of worship with a movement to reach out into local communities;
- potential for diversifying usage.

Weaknesses identified in the Ezra report include:

- the financial burden on the congregations of maintaining these properties, which historically and architecturally are of national importance;
- inadequate basic domestic amenities in all churches and limited administrative space.

The estimated costs of recommended repair works are summarised in this table:

Categories of repairs recommended:

- A** H&S Issue or Structural Defect
- B** Work to be prioritised over the next 5 years
- C** Significant Work to be programmed in/budgeted for over the next 5-15 Years
- D** On-Going Maintenance Work
- E** Aesthetic/Decluttering Work

	Conwy	Ch. Hall	Gyffin	L'gelynnin	Caerhun	Llanbedr	TOTAL
A	14,750	2,250	500	0	0	1,000	18,500
B	80,500	13,850	9,000	8,750	5,250	16,250	133,600
C	117,750	18,000	4,250	6,000	5,000	19,750	170,750
D	42,000	500	1,500	500	500	500	45,500
E	5,250	35,750	32,250	1,500	33,000	31,000	138,750
	260,250	70,350	47,500	16,750	43,750	68,500	507,100

These estimates exclude any contingency sum, architect's fee and VAT, and the costs of any reordering or other special projects.

Churchyards

Churchyard maintenance is largely financed by a restricted fund, resourced by interment fees, personal donations, and a very welcome annual grant from Conwy Town Council. The graveyards adjacent to the four parish churches have been regularly maintained.

St Agnes' Churchyard

St Agnes' churchyard extends over approximately 3.5 acres on the east side of St Agnes Road, Conwy, adjacent to and north of the Town Council's St Agnes' Road Cemetery. The church itself has been demolished. It is an attractive steeply sloping site with many mature

trees. Interments are limited to existing graves. The oldest (northern) part of the churchyard has been cleared in recent years by the active Friends of St Agnes, who continue diligently and faithfully to maintain that section. Between this northern sector and the Town Cemetery lies a narrow zone maintained by Bro Celynnin. There are nine Commonwealth War Graves Commission graves and an agreement regarding their maintenance was made with the CWGC in 2019. The condition of the churchyard is now fairly good, although parts remain overgrown, which in part is intentional to encourage wildlife.

Churchyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen

Although the church is now privately owned, the churchyard remains open to the public and is maintained and the gravestones checked regularly by the MAC. During one of the major storms of autumn 2021, an elm tree on the northern boundary fell, just touching the church. Consequently, specialists inspected all the trees that form the churchyard boundary were recommended pruning of most, work which began in early 2022.

Property maintenance in 2021

Plans to advance the recommendations of the Ezra report were still curtailed by the effects of the Covid lockdown, which lasted until March 2021, but the following were achieved in 2021:

- Minor electrical modifications were made to electrical lighting and circuitry at the Church Hall and at Gyffin.
- The work required to facilitate access to the clock and upper part of Conwy tower was assessed.
- Repairs to stonework were made at Gyffin and to a buttress of the churchyard wall at Conwy. Work required to repair another section of the Conwy churchyard wall, which has been demolished, was assessed.
- New signs and poster-cases were erected at the four entrances to Conwy churchyard.
- Tree pruning at St Agnes' churchyard.
- Donald Insall Associates, our architects, began feasibility studies for potential reordering at Conwy, Gyffin and Caerhun. These studies will provide the framework for costing and financing the necessary works.

Administrative Information

Trustees (members of the Ministry Area Council), with dates of appointment

Incumbent	The Rev. D A Parry	(20/5/2016)
Vicars and Curates	The Rev. S Blagden	(29/4/2019)
	The Rev. Canon P Hughes (resigned 26/4/2021)	(29/4/2019)
	The Rev E H D Parry	(20/5/2016)
	The Rev. T H G Saunders (resigned 7/5/2021)	(29/4/2019)
(MA) Church Wardens	Mrs H G Addison (resigned mid-2021)	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs E A Mills	(20/5/2016)
Elected members	Mr C H Addison (resigned mid-2021)	(20/5/2016)
	Mr S R Baldon	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs C M Clews	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs E M Clough	(26/4/2021)
	Mrs M S McP Crawford (resigned 22/9/2021)	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs J Devereux	(26/4/2021)
	Mr S C Fysh	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs R C Hughes (resigned 26/4/2021)	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs R Mitchell	(20/5/2016)
	Mr C J M Roberts	(20/5/2016)
	Mr J A Shakespear	(20/5/2016)
	Dr R C Smith (resigned 26/4/2021)	(20/5/2016)
	Ms S M Swallow	(23/4/2018)
	Mrs H F Thompson	(29/4/2019)
	Mrs M Tobin	(29/4/2019)
	Mrs J L Young	(23/4/2018)
<i>Ex officio</i>	Mrs E J Bowen (Secretary)	(27/4/2017)
	Mr M E Young (Treasurer)	(9/11/2017)
Charity Number	1185028	
Administrative address	The Vicarage Rose Hill Street, Conwy, LL32 8LD	
Independent Examiner	Malcolm Evans FCA Breeze and Co 9 Lloyd Street, Llandudno, LL30 2UU	
Bankers	NatWest Bank, Llandudno, LL30 2WY Barclays Bank, Llandudno, LL30 2SH	

Finance

Finance sub-committee

The Finance Sub-committee met once in 2021, in November, but issued five reports to the MAC during the year.

Financial issues considered and/or actioned during 2021 included:

- Banking: an online account was opened at Barclays, with dual authorisation of payments.
- Monitoring of investments in the Common Investment Fund of the Church in Wales.
- Amalgamation of several historical charitable accounts within a new Charity Account.
- Fundraising for charitable purposes. The 2021 Annual Vestry Meeting set an annual target of 5% of income for giving to other charities, in addition to our own expenditure under the Bags of Love project.
- Routine and emergency maintenance of churches and churchyards.
- Church Hall: renewed promotion of this spacious and accessible asset resulted in increased income.
- Reviews of the Property Development Plan and Finance Development Plan.

Accounts

For our level of income, the Charity Commission requires presentation of annual accounts in the Receipts and Payments format (Form CC16) and independent inspection, rather than audit. The independently inspected Receipts and Payments accounts for 2021 are presented in Annex A.

A surplus of £61,566 was realised on the year, although the receipts category includes £70,000 legacy income. These generous bequests, to St Mary's, Conwy, St Benedict's, Gyffin and St Mary's, Caerhun, were from the late Miss Dilys Glynne.

Significant points to note from the accounts include the following (comparisons with 2019 are included as this year was more representative of normal activity than 2020, when both income and expenses were anomalous, due to the pandemic):

Receipts

- The first four receipt categories ('routine' income), taken together, were 14% higher than in 2020 but 18% lower than 2019.
- Planned-giving, which we actively encourage, was 19% higher than in 2020 and 29% higher than 2019.
- 'Giving for mission' was 7x higher than 2019, mostly for Bags of Love.
- 'Money raising' was nearly 6x higher than 2019, largely because of the successful St Mary's Conwy concert series.
- Reduced investment income, compared with 2019, reflected a lower dividend rate of dividend from the Common Investment Fund (CIF) of the Church in Wales; the

encashment of one trust to finance work on St Mary's, Conwy; and our decision to re-invest rather than take the income from one of the Gyffin trusts.

Payments

- The Ministry Area paid its 2021 quota to the Bishop's Ministry Fund ('parish share') in full for Quarters 1-3 and received a £6,000 reduction on the Q4 payment.
- Spending for mission (parish and world) was 6x higher than in 2019, equivalent to 17% of our total income.
- Direct giving to third party charities was equivalent to 5.2% of our total income (including donations made directly to our selected 2021 charity, Impact One Initiative, rather than through Bro Celynnin).
- Costs of money raising mostly comprised fees paid to performers in the concert series (in previous years these costs have been borne separately by the Conwy Classical Music Festival).

Bags of Love

Bags of Love is a food bank project that helps around 60 local families and is financed by generous parishioners and grants from local and national bodies, for which we are most grateful. Grants in 2021 included those from the National Lottery Community Fund, the Conwy Town Council and Evenrock Ltd.. The following summarises the account since inception in 2020:

	Totals			
<i>Expended</i>				
2020	478.14			
2021	14,736.59			
	15,214.73			
<i>Donated to end-2021</i>	22,720.15	(inc Gift Aid to be claimed)		
<i>Surplus at 1 Jan 2022</i>	7,505.42			

Investments

Our investments in the Common Investment Fund and NS&I at end-2021 were valued at £802,048. The share price of the CIF increased by 10.6% over the year and our investments yielded approx. 1.88%.

Restricted funds

Bro Celynnin's resources include these funds for specific purposes:

Fund	Purpose
<i>Bro Celynnin</i>	
Churchyards Fund	Maintenance of churchyards
Charitable Fund	Charitable and educational purposes
<i>St Mary's, Conwy</i>	
Choir Fund	Choir expenses
Chancel repair fund	Maintenance of the Chancel of St Mary's
<i>St Benedict's, Gyffin</i>	
Church Hall Fund	Provision of relevant parish educational, residential or meeting places; or 'any other intellectual moral or social wants of the neighbouring population'
David Thomas Hughes Fund	Charitable church purposes and repairs in connection with St Benedict's
<i>St Mary's, Caerhun</i>	
Caerhun Church Hall Fund	Charitable purposes of the parish (income unrestricted)
St Mary's legacies	Charitable purposes of St Mary's
<i>St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin</i>	
Mrs Laura Fair Fund	General purposes of St Peter's

Reserves and investments policy

The policy of Bro Celynnin is that, taking all bank accounts together, readily available unrestricted resources should be maintained at four to six months of expected annual expenditure (£50,000 – 75,000). Accumulated resources significantly exceeding this target will be invested in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund with the objective of providing income to support the Ministry Area's mission and objectives. If approved by the Trustees, investments may be liquidated to maintain services and to support projects relevant to the Ministry Area's mission and objectives.

Cash resources at the year-end totalled nearly £87,000, which is higher than the above, but with imminent expenditure of some £15,000 expected for the tree work at Rowen.

Risk management

Bro Celynnin's income is below the threshold, above which a detailed risk assessment is required to be reported. Nevertheless, a simplified risk assessment that identifies the main risks is presented in Annex B, and this will be amplified and developed as the MA's initial Mission, Finance and Property Development Plans are further advanced.

Financial controls

Payments and receipts, received in cash, by cheque or bank transfer are managed in accordance with the Charity Commission Guidance *Internal Finance Control for Charities* (CC8). Our current banking arrangement does not provide for online dual-authorisation of payments and the MAC has voted to switch the main account to one that provides for this.



M E Young *Ministry Area Council Treasurer*

Annex A Receipts and Expenses Accounts, 2020

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of the Bro Celynnin Area Ministry Council.

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Ministry Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 25 April 2022

M D Evans FCA

Breeze & Co Chartered Accountants
9 Lloyd Street, Llandudno,
Conwy LL30 2UU



Bro Celynnin Ministry Area (combined)	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments, 2021

For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	2020 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary income					
Loose (plate) collections	6,050	0	0	6,050	6,277
Planned giving	40,951	0	0	40,951	34,254
Offertory box / wallsafe	3,772	0	0	3,772	457
Donations	8,065	0	0	8,065	10,577
Mission	93	8,644	0	8,737	5,138
Funeral collections	0	0	0	0	0
Tax refund (GiftAid & GASDS)	18,074	0	0	18,074	14,441
Legacies	0	70,000	0	70,000	0
Grants - recurring	2,035	0	0	2,035	1,012
Grants - exceptional	1,814	17,000	0	18,814	5,611
Generated income					
Money Raising	9,407	0	0	9,407	2,989
Fees for Offices	2,104	0	0	2,104	4,301
Investment income, including bank interest	8,892	569	0	9,461	11,021
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0	0	300
Church Hall receipts	3,905	0	0	3,905	2,174
Churchyard fees	0	4,280	0	4,280	3,258
Receipts as agent	0	0	0	0	12,371
Other	0	0	0	0	693
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	105,163	100,493	0	205,656	114,873
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	482	0	482	7,600
	0	0	0	0	16,850
Sub total	0	482	0	482	24,450
Total receipts	105,163	100,975	0	206,138	139,323
A3 Payments					
Support for Ministry					
Parish share, paid directly to Diocese	73,559	0	0	73,559	79,559
Parish share, paid from churches via Bro Celynnin	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy expenses	2,299	0	0	2,299	3,320
Other - quarterly BC expense contribution	0	0	0	0	0
Parish activities					
Maintenance of services [wine, etc]	2,435	0	0	2,435	742
General parish expenses [stationery, meetings, etc]	4,629	0	0	4,629	1,466
Church property					
Maintenance of churches, inc insurance	19,556	569	0	20,125	34,133
Churchyard maintenance	1,740	6,035	0	7,775	7,606
Maintenance of other property	0	0	0	0	0
Exceptional	0	0	0	0	4,396
Grant giving and support					
Mission spending - parish	636	21,720	0	22,356	1,999
Mission spending - UK/world	2,882	0	0	2,882	79
Other resources expended					
Costs of money-raising	3,118	0	0	3,118	22
Capital payments	0	0	0	0	0
Church Hall expenses	5,394	0	0	5,394	6,716
Payments as agent	0	0	0	0	13,865
Other miscellaneous expenses	0	0	0	0	4,789
Sub total	116,248	28,324	0	144,572	158,692
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment of surplus cash in CIF	0	60,000	0	60,000	47,752
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	60,000	0	60,000	47,752
Total payments	116,248	88,324	0	204,572	206,444
Net of receipts/(payments)	-11,085	12,651	0	1,566	-67,121
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	63,898	22,252	0	86,150	153,271
Cash funds	52,813	34,903	0	87,716	86,150

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of 2021

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds at end-December	Conwy	11,918.42	0.00	-
	Gyffin	4,340.35	591.00	
	Caerhun	22,315.51	6,000.00	
	Llanbedr	11,071.75	0.00	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin hub)	20,595.29	10,883.79	-
	Total cash funds	70,241.32	17,474.79	-

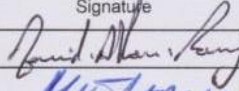
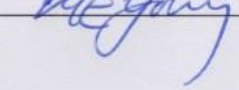
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Conwy	-	-	-
	Gyffin	-	16,690	-
	Caerhun	-	-	-
	Llanbedr	-	-	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin)	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Value 1/1/21	Value 31/12/21
B3 Investment assets	Conwy		25,714	49,383
	Gyffin		245,166	315,568
	Caerhun		356,352	394,015
	Llanbedr		41,852	46,276
	Bro Celynnin (admin)		-	-
			669,085	805,242

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own	Printer		1,500	506
	Caerhun sound system		7,722	3,475
	Gyffin sound system		4,688	2,109
	Conwy sound system		9,063	4,078

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D Parry	20/07/2022
	M E Young	20/07/2022

Annex B

Bro Celynnin Ministry Area: outline assessment of core risks, 2021					
			Factors (after mitigation)		
Risk	Effect of risk	Mitigation measures	Likelihood	Impact	Combined
Mission and organisation			(1= low; 5= high)		
Gradual reduction of congregational numbers	Failure to deliver mission and objectives Loss of income	• Continual outreach and energetic, proactive mission by clergy and congregations	3	5	15
Loss of key personnel, notably clergy	Failure to deliver mission and objectives	• Continual efforts to attract and motivate key congregational leaders • Effective recruitment at times of transition	2	5	10
Poor management and ineffective goal setting	Demotivation of clergy and volunteers, leading to decline of congregations, loss of income and failure to deliver objectives	• Clear statement of purpose and management process via Mission, Property and Finance Development Plans • Maintenance of clear, frequent and positive communications by various channels	1	4	4
Property					
Injury to people and third party property, arising from our built properties or churchyards	Personal injury, damage to third party property	• Regular inspections (Ezra Report) to identify risks and required maintenance • Phased programme of recommended maintenance • Regular routine monitoring of the general state of buildings and churchyards and rapid emergency maintenance when necessary • Appropriate insurance	1	4	4
Damage to our buildings	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	3	6
Damage to our churchyards	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	1	2
Finance					
Loss of financial resources through fraud	Inability to maintain property and to cover expenses, including the Parish Share	• All investments held independently by CiW • Only dual authorisation of payments possible • Spending limits set • CC <i>Internal Finance for Charities Guidance</i> followed	1	3	3
Failure to maintain income levels	Drawing down of resources, loss of investment income, ultimately leading to financial failure	• Encouragement of giving by traditional and innovative means • Promotion of legacies • Regular applications for Gift Aid and GASDS, and VAT refund grants • Money raising events • Financing special projects by strategic fundraising	3	3	9
Unexpected significant expenses	As above	• Careful budgeting and monitoring of controllable expenses • Keeping to building maintenance schedules	2	3	6

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Adroddiad Blynydol a Datganiadau Ariannol Annual Report and Financial Statement

Ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn diweddaru 31 Rhagfyr 2020
For the year ending 31 December 2020

Prepared by:

The Trustees of the Ministry Area

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Vicar's Introduction

It is a great privilege to introduce this annual report and financial statement for 2020. Despite all the centuries of Christian witness and charitable activity represented by our five Medieval church buildings, it was a year of unprecedented challenges. The resilient and creative ways in which we responded to the Covid-19 global pandemic make me enormously proud.

Particular mention needs to be made of the local churchwardens who bore the brunt of keeping the public safe (in the periods where we were able to hold worship or welcome visitors) and of local pastoral care. Working collaboratively, the ministry team, wardens and other key volunteers not only sustained existing relationships but pivoted our ways of communicating and developed several new programmes which have increased our charitable impact.

Bagiau Cariad (Bags of Love) is now flourishing as a response to food poverty and supports more than 50 families each month. It has attracted new volunteers and significant financial donations. Alongside this we were able to fund chrome book devices to be lent by schools to households where access to online learning in lockdown was most difficult. An extensive network of telephone calls, card and flower deliveries and (when it was possible) visits proved to be a vital lifeline for older residents. Handmade bereavement cards were another example of creative mutual support.

Similarly, the engagement of 60 people to write email 'daily reflections' on life in the pandemic, the introduction of a weekly video and a whole suite of online worship and learning groups (including schools work and a joint Lent Group with Canadian Anglicans) showed Bro Celynnin's ability to encourage and shape response to need both quickly and effectively. This was exemplified by *Carolau Conwy (Conwy Carols)* in which 90 diverse community participants and musicians created a daily online 'Advent Calendar' that was viewed nearly 30,000 times.

Two lengthy periods in which all of our buildings had to be closed (and the ongoing restrictions once open) had a massive impact on income. Nevertheless, we discharged all our financial responsibilities and even managed to carry out significant repair work to some of our property, whilst maintaining 7 churchyards as important spaces for public access.

Bro Celynnin is committed to Pioneer Ministry as well as gathered congregations and in 2020 launched *Worship in the Wild*, contemplative walking in the North Wales landscape. In this group, in our online communities and in church buildings we have experienced numerical growth and new life in the worst of times.

David Parry

Structure, governance and management

Structure

The Bro Celynnin Ministry Area is one of nine Ministry Areas of the Bangor Synod and one of 27 that comprise the Diocese of Bangor in the Church in Wales (CiW). Bro Celynnin was formed in 2016 by uniting four parishes in the Conwy County Borough in the area comprising Conwy town and the north-western part of the Conwy Valley, west of Afon Conwy and extending in the south to Tal y Bont and Llanbedr y Cennin.

The name commemorates St. Celynnin, a son of the legendary prince Helig ap Glanawg and brother of Rhychwyn (of Llanrhychwyn) and Peris (of Llanberis). A holy well at Hen Eglwys Llangelynnin, in the Carneddau mountains is believed to be where Celynnin preached and baptised in the 6th Century.

The Ministry Area contains five superb Medieval church buildings (four of them Grade I listed and the other Grade II*). St Mary and All Saints' Conwy; St Benedict's Gyffin; St Mary's Caerhun and St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin hold weekly services, and Llangelynnin a monthly service from Easter to October. Reference has already been made to some of the other forms of worship and activity in this flourishing, creative parish.

Other property managed by Bro Celynnin are the Church Hall, Conwy, and the churchyards of two former churches: St Agnes' Conwy (demolished c. 1972) and the Llangelynnin New Church, Llangelynnin, near Rowen (deconsecrated c. 1987).

Charity registration

Bro Celynnin registered as a charity on 27 August 2019. As this is the first Annual Report, and 2020 was in some respects an unrepresentative year, references are made where necessary to activities and standards pertaining in more normal years.

The Ministry Area Council

Bro Celynnin is administered by a Ministry Area Council (MAC), a parochial church council governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in Wales. The members of the MAC comprise the Trustees of the Charity. With the vicar, Rev David Parry, the MAC is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area.

The MAC is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedures and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the CiW, which provides that before assuming office, every member must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution, which defines the membership.

Membership of the MAC is defined in the CiW Constitution and comprises ex-officio and appointed members, and members elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) by those of the congregation on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. All persons over the age of 18 who attend services and are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and seek election to the MAC.

At the time of the Annual Vestry Meeting on 29 April 2019 there were 157 individuals on the Electoral Roll, of whom 111 were resident in the Ministry Area.

MAC met twice in 2020 (once on Zoom) and five times in 2019. Permission was granted by the Church in Wales not to hold a 2020 Annual Vestry because of the Pandemic.

In addition to the two Ministry Area Church Wardens each congregation nominates local (sub) wardens, most of whom are also members of the MAC.

Administrative Information

Trustees (members of the Ministry Area Council), with dates of appointment

Incumbent	The Rev. D A Parry	(20/5/2016)
Vicars and Curates	The Rev. S Blagden	(29/4/2019)
	The Rev. Canon P Hughes	(29/4/2019)
	The Rev E H D Parry	(20/5/2016)
	The Rev. T H G Saunders	(29/4/2019)
(MA) Church Wardens	Mrs H G Addison	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs E A Mills	(20/5/2016)
Elected members	Mr C H Addison	(20/5/2016)
	Mr S R Baldon	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs C M Clews	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs M S McP Crawford	(20/5/2016)
	Mr S C Fysh	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs R C Hughes	(20/5/2016)
	Mrs R Mitchell	(20/5/2016)
	Mr C J M Roberts	(20/5/2016)
	Mr J A Shakespear	(20/5/2016)
	Dr R C Smith	(20/5/2016)
	Ms S M Swallow	(23/4/2018)
	Mrs H F Thompson	(29/4/2019)
	Mrs M Tobin	(29/4/2019)
	Mrs J L Young	(23/4/2018)
<i>Ex officio</i>	Mrs E J Bowen (Secretary)	(27/4/2017)
	Mr M E Young (Treasurer)	(9/11/2017)
Charity Number	1185028	
Administrative address	The Vicarage Rose Hill Street Conwy, LL32 8LD	
Independent Examiner	Malcolm Evans FCA Breeze and Co 9 Lloyd St Llandudno, LL30 2UU	
Bankers	NatWest Bank Llandudno, LL30 2WY	

Aim and purposes

In co-operation with the vicar, Rev David Parry, Bro Celynnin is responsible for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in its Ministry Area.

Bro Celynnin is responsible for the operation and maintenance of its five churches and churchyards, two separate churchyards and the Church Hall, Conwy.

Objectives and activities

Bro Celynnin is focused on providing public benefit as a charity, through churches rooted in the communities they have served for many centuries, by:

- providing resources and 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;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Churches in the Parish of Bro Celynnin to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole;
- encouraging wider participation in its activities from all sectors of the community;
- supporting the work of two Church in Wales Primary Schools and providing religious instruction as requested;
- maintaining its five Medieval church buildings, a church hall and seven graveyards.

Bro Celynnin is resilient and creative in fulfilling its mission, maintains a diverse programme of traditional and contemporary worship, and seeks new community partnerships and innovative approaches to outreach. We seek to offer worship and participatory events that appeal to all sectors of the community.

Bro Celynnin and its activities, including the maintenance of its buildings, are financed almost entirely by donations from committed members of the congregations and by occasional grants, for all of which we are most grateful. Bro Celynnin aims to contribute in full its agreed annual share of Diocesan expenses and will seek to raise money to finance this and its own operational and charitable expenses.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Parochial worship

In 2020, until the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic and its associated restrictions, regular Sunday morning services were held in the four principal churches and on Wednesdays at St Mary's, Conwy, and a monthly evening service of Celtic Praise at St Benedict's, Gyffin. Services on the principal festival days are held in all churches in normal times.

The interruption in services due to the pandemic began on 22 March 2020. Services resumed at Caerhun and Llanbedr y Cennin on 11 August 2020 and at the Conwy churches in September.

No summer services were held at the Llangelynnin Old Church in 2020, although the church was used for special events, notably the ordination of the Rev Eryl Parry as a Pioneer Priest by the Bishop of Bangor on 10 August 2020.

Prior to the pandemic, innovative use of our historic church buildings, outdoor events and our online presence has contributed to growing congregations and a larger membership (electoral roll).

The Vicar and congregations seized the opportunity of the pandemic to develop communications and worship online, which proved a popular and worthwhile initiative. Sunday services and Friday 'coffee mornings' established using Zoom were well supported throughout the period of lockdown. From the beginning of the national lockdown in March, the clergy, lay-readers and others have broadcast Sunday services on YouTube, typically attracting between 250 and over 450 views.

In normal times, regular dramatized assemblies in Welsh and English are provided in local schools by our teams of *Open the Book* volunteers. Church buildings are also used for school services and concerts. We offer an annual programme of adult Bible studies and house groups.

Several weekly house groups, established in 2019, continued and flourished whenever circumstances allowed.

The Vicar, MAC and congregations are deeply grateful to several clergy who willingly give their time to officiate at offices and services. In the summer of 2020 the team welcomed Andy Broadbent, ordinand in training, to Bro Celynnin.

Diocesan and external activities

Bro Celynnin plays a full part in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Bangor, including participation in Synod meetings and through pastoral support. During extended periods in which a neighbouring parish was without a minister, we conducted their Sunday services, funerals and baptisms whilst offering pastoral support in those communities.

We shared the skills that we have gained in Pioneer Ministry and evangelism with other local churches through the *Doing a New Thing* course and continued to work closely with a neighbouring Methodist congregation in provision for children and families. Friendship and practical support were offered to a local Roman Catholic congregation after the closure of their church building and to a newly established Free-Church network in the Valley.

We have sought to be generous, open-hearted and outward-looking in all our relationships and use of our resources, in order to maximise their charitable benefit.

In 2020, The Rev David Parry served as a Trustee of Bangor Diocesan Trust and the Rev Eryl Parry as a Trustee of the Bardsey Island Trust, where she is also a Chaplain. The Rev Susan Blagden served as a Tutor at St Padarn's Institute, Church in Wales.

The Rev Eryl Parry served as Pioneer Priest in this and adjacent Ministry Areas. She focused on developing the volunteer visitor team of over 40 participants, successfully won grants to develop the interpretation panels and multi-lingual literature for the Conwy Visitor Project and managed the restoration of important antique lace panels for display in St Mary's, Conwy. She collaborates closely with Conwy Town Council and Conwy County Borough Council, notably in developing a cultural strategy for the Borough.

Pastoral care and support

Pastoral support is offered to vulnerable adults and in response to other needs through visiting, groups, special events and courses. Weekly and seasonal Services are carefully planned to be accessible and relevant, with care taken over the quality of welcome, worship and teaching. An example of this is funding a professional British Sign Language interpreter so that Deaf people can be fully included.

Chaplaincy is provided to the Town Council and Royal British Legion, along with a full programme of Civic Events. Foundation Governors are appointed to both Church Schools and are active in their life. As chair of one of the Governing Bodies, Rev Parry steered that school through a staffing restructure and appointment of a new Head Teacher.

Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are an area of excellence, with pastoral follow-up. We provide chaplaincy and fundraising support to a local children's hospice and contribute to a local Food Bank.

In December 2020, in response to the privations of the pandemic, Bro Celynnin established 'Bags of Love', an initiative to provide monthly food boxes to families in need, and this project continued in 2021, generously financed by parishioners and a grant from the Conwy Town Council.

Social and cultural

Church opening was curtailed at the start of the lockdown and only resumed in 2021. In 2019, St Mary's Conwy had welcomed 21,000 visitors, including many international tourists, had participated in the twinning of Conwy Town and Himeji, Japan, and was recognised by a *TripAdvisor* award. In normal years, Open Days, Flower Festivals and a Christmas Tree Festival are held in our church buildings.

The Conwy church hall is well used by a range of community users, including a Parent & Toddler group. In 2020, it was used as a vaccination centre.

Communications

The Ministry Area website caruconwy.com was strengthened and its scope widened during 2020. This vibrant and comprehensive site carries extensive details about current activities in the ministry area and short weekly devotional talks.

The number of individuals subscribed to our weekly email mailing list in 2020 nearly trebled to 320 and our presence on Facebook and Twitter greatly increased, along with the launch of a new YouTube channel with 240 subscribers.

Music and the arts

All usual musical activity ceased at the start of the lockdown in March 2020 and until the end of the year was limited in all churches to organ and occasional solo voice or quartet.

The 16th Annual Conwy Classical Music Festival was cancelled, for the first time. This annual event, staged over eight days in July, has in previous years brought together performers from across Wales and northern England. A series of spring and summer concerts was also cancelled.

Throughout Advent, under the direction of Chris Roberts, Music Director of St Mary's, Conwy, the Rev Eryl Parry and local photographer Mark McNulty, Bro Celynnin broadcast an online daily 'Advent Calendar' on YouTube, comprising carols and reflections from our churches, schools and landscapes. To date, this has attracted nearly 29,000 'views'.

The choir and congregation of St Mary's, Conwy recorded two services for BBC Wales, one broadcast on 16 February 2020, and the other postponed until 2021.

Buildings and churchyards

Properties of the Ministry Area

Bro Celynnin cares for the following properties

- St Mary's and All Saints, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard in the centre of Conwy
 - Church Hall on Rose Hill Street, Conwy
 - St Agnes' Road churchyard.
- St Benedict's, Gyffin, Conwy:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard on the outskirts of Conwy.
- St Celynnin, Llangelynnin:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard (the Llangelynnin Old Church)
 - Churchyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen.
- St Mary's, Caerhun:
 - Grade 1 listed church and churchyard south of Ty'n-y-groes.
- St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin:
 - Grade 2* listed church and churchyard.

The MAC considers that these churches, which are all in good general order, will continue to contribute to their communities for the foreseeable future and have the potential to widen their appeal and to grow their congregations. All the churches are buildings of national importance. Some of them offer some scope for sensitive changes, for example by improving access, moderate reordering, careful introduction of modern facilities, decluttering, redecoration or further beautification. These changes should make our churches more attractive to newcomers and raise the morale of existing congregations.

A Property Development Plan was prepared in 2019, following the receipt of the Ezra report, and a Property Sub-committee was established, which met twice in 2020 before the national lockdown.

The Ezra report

All the buildings were assessed in 2018/19 by conservation architects Donal Insall Associates, appointed by the Diocese, and a 'super-quinquennial' or 'Ezra' report issued. The report has assessed and prioritised the repairs required in five categories, according to urgency.

The authors note that: ***'As a collection of assets, the Ministry Area of Bro Celynnin is unlikely to be surpassed across the Diocese for the significance and historic value of the buildings contained within it'.***

The Ezra report lists the following strengths of the Ministry Area, relevant to the status and future of its properties:

- the presence within the MA of two significant centres of population in Conwy and Rowen/Tal y Cafn;
- the visibility within a smaller but still significant community of the church at Llanbedr-y-Cennin;

- the energy, commitment, and growth to be seen within churches located in the Ministry Area's villages and hamlets;
- the significance of the 'presence' of the Church in each community mediated through the church building;
- a sustainable model of worship, study and prayer that takes seriously the need to offer diverse acts of worship, study and prayer of the highest quality;
- a model of mission that complements the gathering of the worshipping community at places of worship with a movement to reach out into local communities;
- potential for diversifying usage.

Weaknesses identified in the Ezra report include:

- the financial burden on the congregations of maintaining these properties, which historically and architecturally are of national importance;
- inadequate basic domestic amenities in all churches and limited administrative space.

The estimated costs of recommended repair works are summarised in this table:

Categories of repairs recommended:

- A** H&S Issue or Structural Defect
- B** Work to be prioritised over the next 5 years
- C** Significant Work to be programmed in/budgeted for over the next 5-15 Years
- D** On-Going Maintenance Work
- E** Aesthetic/Decluttering Work

	Conwy	Ch. Hall	Gyffin	L'gelynnin	Caerhun	Llanbedr	TOTAL
A	14,750	2,250	500	0	0	1,000	18,500
B	80,500	13,850	9,000	8,750	5,250	16,250	133,600
C	117,750	18,000	4,250	6,000	5,000	19,750	170,750
D	42,000	500	1,500	500	500	500	45,500
E	5,250	35,750	32,250	1,500	33,000	31,000	138,750
	260,250	70,350	47,500	16,750	43,750	68,500	507,100

These estimates exclude any contingency sum, architect's fee and VAT, and the costs of any reordering or other special projects.

Churchyards

Churchyard maintenance is largely financed by a restricted fund, resourced by interment fees, personal donations, and a very welcome annual grant from Conwy Town Council. The graveyards adjacent to the four parish churches have been regularly maintained.

St Agnes' Churchyard

St Agnes' churchyard extends over approximately 3.5 acres on the east side of St Agnes Road, Conwy, adjacent to and north of the Town Council's St Agnes' Road Cemetery. The church itself has been demolished. It is an attractive steeply sloping site with many mature trees. Interments are limited to existing graves. The oldest (northern) part of the

churchyard has been cleared in recent years by the active Friends of St Agnes, who continue diligently and faithfully to maintain that section. Between this northern sector and the Town Cemetery lies a narrow zone maintained by Bro Celynnin. There are nine Commonwealth War Graves Commission graves and an agreement regarding their maintenance was made with the CWGC in 2019. The condition of the churchyard is now fairly good, although parts remain overgrown, which in part is intentional to encourage wildlife.

Churchyard of the deconsecrated Llangelynnin New Church, Rowen

Although the church is now privately owned, the churchyard remains open to the public and is maintained and checked regularly by the MAC.

Activities, events and achievements in 2020

Plans to advance the recommendations of the Ezra report were curtailed by the lockdown restrictions but the following were achieved in 2020:

- Electrical inspections and major modifications were made to electrical lighting and circuitry at Conwy and Gyffin.
- Structural issues identified at Conwy, Gyffin and Llangelynnin in the Ezra report, were checked by a certified structural engineer. A programme of regular monitoring of selected wall cracks will be started.
- A timber specialist inspected important structural timbers in the tower of St Mary's, Conwy. No urgent issues were discovered.
- Two buttresses at Llangelynnin, thought to be causing internal damp, were partially rebuilt.
- A small quantity of lead was stolen from the roof at Llangelynnin.
- Donald Insall Associates, our architects, were commissioned to prepare outline specifications for selected Ezra work in all churches and for feasibility studies for potential reordering at Conwy, Gyffin and Caerhun. These studies will provide the framework for designing, costing and financing the necessary works.
- The Diocese commissioned Janet Gough OBE, former Director of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division at the Church of England, to consider five major Grade 1 churches, including St Mary's, Conwy and to advise how these buildings might best be adapted to serve our mission.

Finance

Finance sub-committee

The Finance Sub-committee was able to meet formally only twice in 2020 (5 times in 2019) but issued bi-monthly accounts and reports throughout the year.

Financial issues considered and/or actioned during 2020 included:

- Rationalisation of the many bank accounts;
- Investments in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund;
- Consolidation of historical charitable accounts into an Education Fund and a Charitable Fund;
- Introduction of contactless giving at Conwy and Caerhun and online giving via a website tab;
- Fundraising for charitable purposes;
- Routine and emergency maintenance of churches and churchyards;
- The scope for increasing income from the Church Hall;
- Encouraging planned giving via the CiW Gift Direct facility;
- Design of new signage at all churches and churchyards;
- Revision of the Property Development Plan and Finance Development Plan.

Accounts

For our level of income, the Charity Commission requires presentation of annual accounts in the Receipts and Payments format (Form CC16) and independent inspection, rather than audit. Our accounts have been inspected by Malcom Evans FCA, of Breeze and Co., Llandudno. The inspected Receipts and Payments accounts for 2020 are presented below (Annex A). Significant points include the following:

Receipts

- Total receipts were 24% lower than 2019.
- Total 'routine' income (Plate, Planned Giving, Wallsafe, Donations and Mission) was down 22% (£16,382) compared with 2019. This was in large part due to the closure of the churches to visitors.
- Planned giving rose 8% on the year, reflecting further take-up of the Gift Direct scheme.
- Mission giving rose by more than four times, largely in response to the Bags of Love initiative.

Payments

- Total payments were 9% higher than 2019. Most of this increase is due to essential electrical maintenance, professional engineering inspections, and the restoration of a valuable antique artefact.
- Bro Celynnin met its obligations to the Bishop's Ministry Fund (the 'parish share') in full.

Investments

- Investments in the Common Investment Fund CIF totalled £669,085 at year end, including £47,752.68 accumulated cash added during the year.
- The CIF share price rose by 6.07% over the year and the dividend yield was approximately 2.04%.

Restricted funds

Bro Celynnin's resources include several funds reserved for specific expenditure:

Bro Celynnin Restricted Funds, December 2020	
Fund	Purpose
<i>Bro Celynnin</i>	
Churchyards Fund	Maintenance of churchyards
Charitable Fund	Charitable and educational purposes
<i>St Mary's, Conwy</i>	
Choir Fund	Choir expenses
Chancel repair fund	Maintenance of the Chancel of St Mary's
<i>St Benedict's, Gyffin</i>	
Church Hall Fund	Provision of relevant parish educational, residential or meeting places; or 'any other intellectual moral or social wants of the neighbouring population'
David Thomas Hughes Fund	Charitable church purposes and repairs in connection with St Benedict's
<i>St Mary's, Caerhun</i>	
Caerhun Church Hall Fund	Charitable purposes of the parish (income unrestricted)
St Mary's legacies	Charitable purposes of St Mary's
<i>St Peter's, Llanbedr y Cennin</i>	
Mrs Laura Fair Fund	General purposes of St Peter's

Reserves and investments policy

The policy of Bro Celynnin is that, taking all bank accounts together, readily available unrestricted resources should be maintained at four to six months of expected annual expenditure (£50,000 – 75,000). Accumulated resources significantly exceeding this target will be invested in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund with the objective of providing income to support the Ministry Area's mission and objectives. If approved by the Trustees, investments may be liquidated to maintain services and to support projects relevant to the Ministry Area's mission and objectives.

Risk management

Bro Celynnin's income is below the threshold, above which a detailed risk assessment is required to be reported. Nevertheless, a simplified risk assessment that identifies the main risks is presented in Annex B, and this will be amplified and developed as the MA's initial Mission, Finance and Property Development Plans are further advanced.

Financial controls

Payments and receipts, received in cash, by cheque or bank transfer are managed in accordance with the Charity Commission Guidance *Internal Finance Control for Charities* (CC8). Our current banking arrangement does not provide for online dual-authorisation of payments and the MAC has voted to switch the main account to one that provides for this.



M E Young *Ministry Area Council Treasurer*

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of the Bro Celynnin Area Ministry Council.

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Ministry Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

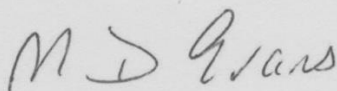
My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare account which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 12 April 2021



M D Evans FCA

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Bro Celynnin Ministry Area

Charity No.
1185028

Receipts and payments, 2020

For the period from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	2019 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary income					
Loose (plate) collections	6,277	0	0	6,277	25,077
Planned giving	34,254	0	0	34,254	31,811
Offertory box / wallsafe	457	0	0	457	8,732
Donations	9,577	1,000	0	10,577	6,265
Mission	20	5,118	0	5,138	1,200
Funeral collections	0	0	0	0	0
Tax refund (GiftAid & GASDS)	14,441	0	0	14,441	21,275
Legacies	0	0	0	0	2,000
Grants - recurring	1,012	0	0	1,012	3,012
Grants - exceptional	2,486	3,125	0	5,611	12,380
Generated income					0
Money Raising	2,989	0	0	2,989	1,605
Fees for Offices	4,301	0	0	4,301	7,486
Investment income, including bank interest	8,186	2,835	0	11,021	14,139
Other incoming resources	0				0
Rents	300	0	0	300	150
Church Hall receipts	2,174	0	0	2,174	7,211
Churchyard fees	0	3,258	0	3,258	1,236
Receipts as agent	12,371	0	0	12,371	7,435
Other	693	0	0	693	396
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	99,537	15,336	0	114,873	151,408
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	7,600	0		7,600	23,785
	16,850	0	0	16,850	0
Sub total	24,450	0	0	24,450	23,785
Total receipts	123,987	15,336	0	139,323	175,193
A3 Payments					
Support for Ministry					
Parish share, paid directly to Diocese	79,559	0	0	79,559	77,923
Parish share, paid from churches via Bro Celynnin	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy expenses	3,320	0	0	3,320	4,640
Other - quarterly BC expense contribution	0	0	0	0	0
Parish activities					0
Maintenance of services (wine, etc)	742	0	0	742	4,891
General parish expenses (stationery, meetings, etc)	1,466	0	0	1,466	2,418
Church property					0
Maintenance of churches, inc insurance	25,333	8,800	0	34,133	25,916
Churchyard maintenance	1,981	5,625	0	7,606	6,558
Maintenance of other property	0	0	0	0	430
Exceptional	4,396	0	0	4,396	0
Grant giving and support					0
Mission spending - parish	1,020	978	0	1,999	2,282
Mission spending - UK/world	79	0	0	79	1,770
Other resources expended					0
Costs of money-raising	22	0	0	22	85
Capital payments	0	0	0	0	0
Church Hall expenses	6,716	0	0	6,716	6,473
Payments as agent	13,865	0	0	13,865	7,308
Other miscellaneous expenses	3,944	845	0	4,789	5,078
Sub total	- 142,443	16,248	0	158,692	145,773
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment of surplus cash in CIF	30,000	17,752	0	47,752	9,345
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	30,000	17,752	0	47,752	9,345
Total payments	172,443	34,000	0	206,444	155,118
Net of receipts/(payments)	-48,456	-18,665	0	-67,121	20,075
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	112,354	40,917	0	153,271	133,196
Cash funds	63,898	22,252	0	86,150.36	153,271

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds at end-December	Conwy	5,837.26	3,928.61	-
	Gyflin	16,044.58	591.00	-
	Caerhun	12,789.23	6,000.00	-
	Llanbedr	10,407.06	0.00	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin)	18,819.95	11,732.66	-
	Total cash funds	63,898.08	22,252.27	-

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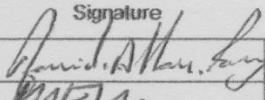
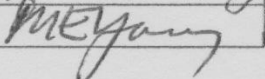
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Conwy	-	-	-
	Gyflin	-	18,696	-
	Caerhun	-	-	-
	Llanbedr	-	-	-
	Bro Celynnin (admin)	5,744	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Value 1/1/20	Current value
B3 Investment assets	Conwy		48,206	25,714
	Gyflin		213,285	245,166
	Caerhun		315,847	356,352
	Llanbedr		29,404	41,852
	Bro Celynnin (admin)		-	-
			606,741	669,085

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Printer		1,580	675
	Caerhun sound system		7,722	4,633
	Gyflin sound system		4,688	2,812
	Conwy sound system		9,063	5,438

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	REV DAVID PARRY	07/04/21
	M E YOUNGS	7/4/21

Annex B

Bro Celynnin Ministry Area: outline assessment of core risks, 2020					
Risk	Effect of risk	Mitigation measures	Factors (after mitigation)		
			Likelihood	Impact	Combined
Mission and organisation			(1= low; 5= high)		
Gradual reduction of congregational numbers	Failure to deliver mission and objectives Loss of income	Continual outreach and energetic, proactive mission by clergy and congregations	3	5	15
Loss of key personnel, notably clergy	Failure to deliver mission and objectives	- Continual efforts to attract and motivate key congregational leaders - Effective recruitment at times of transition	2	5	10
Poor management and ineffective goal setting	Demotivation of clergy and volunteers, leading to decline of congregations, loss of income and failure to deliver objectives	- Clear statement of purpose and management process via Mission, Property and Finance Development Plans - Maintenance of clear, frequent and positive communications by various channels	1	4	4
Property					
Injury to people and third party property, arising from our built properties or churchyards	Personal injury, damage to third party property	- Regular inspections (Ezra Report) to identify risks and required maintenance - Phased programme of recommended maintenance - Regular routine monitoring of the general state of buildings and churchyards and rapid emergency maintenance when necessary - Appropriate insurance	1	4	4
Damage to our buildings	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	3	6
Damage to our churchyards	Financial cost to restore	As above	2	1	2
Finance					
Loss of financial resources through fraud	Inability to maintain property and to cover expenses, including the Parish Share	- All investments held independently by CiW - Only dual authorisation of payments possible - Spending limits set - CC <i>Internal Finance for Charities Guidance</i> followed	1	3	3
Failure to maintain income levels	Drawing down of resources, loss of investment income, ultimately leading to financial failure	- Encouragement of giving by traditional and innovative means - Promotion of legacies - Regular applications for Gift Aid and GASDS, and VAT refund grants - Money raising events - Financing special projects by strategic fundraising	3	3	9
Unexpected significant expenses	As above	- Careful budgeting and monitoring of controllable expenses - Keeping to building maintenance schedules	2	3	6