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**Bro Celynnin**  
Ministry Area

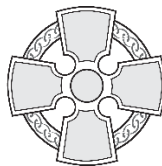
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Annual Report and Financial Statement

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

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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**

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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**

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**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  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Glaslyn  
Ffordd y Parc  
Parc Menai  
Bangor  
Gwynedd  
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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

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### 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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Parc Menai  
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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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	88,528	7,131	-	95,659	94,102
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
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	<u>12,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,968</u>	<u>12,471</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>273,371</u>	<u>23,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296,875</u>	<u>175,391</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
Raising funds	6	278	-	-	278	6,161
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Parish Activities	7	123,931	21,281	-	145,212	127,342
Church Property		<u>314,515</u>	<u>7,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,797</u>	<u>50,595</u>
<b>Total</b>		<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>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>						
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>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(137,177)	(710)	5,329	(132,558)	29,523
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Total funds brought forward		<u>602,676</u>	<u>165,714</u>	<u>57,121</u>	<u>825,511</u>	<u>795,988</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<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**

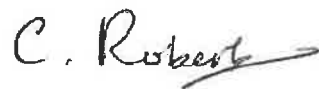
**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

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

## **BRO CELYNNIN MINISTRY AREA**

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

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#### **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**

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

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

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

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

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

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Activity		
Parish Activities		
Grants	<b><u>173,327</u></b>	<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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies	78,900	15,202	-	94,102
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
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>
<b>Total</b>	<u>118,188</u>	<u>57,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,391</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising funds	6,161	-	-	6,161
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Parish Activities	104,025	23,317	-	127,342
Church Property	<u>22,213</u>	<u>28,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,595</u>
<b>Total</b>	<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>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	24,019	5,504	-	29,523
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	578,657	160,210	57,121	795,988
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<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  
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**10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Unlisted investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2024	735,846
Disposals	(174,612)
Revaluations	<u>15,736</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>576,970</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	602,676	(138,677)	1,500	465,499
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	57,121	5,329	-	62,450
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	273,371	(438,724)	26,676	(138,677)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	-	-	5,329	5,329
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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  
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**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	578,657	24,019	602,676
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	10,739	13,002	23,741
Proceeds of Caerhun Church 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
<b>Endowment funds</b>			
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	57,121	-	57,121
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	118,188	(132,399)	38,230	24,019
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,391</u>	<u>(184,098)</u>	<u>38,230</u>	<u>29,523</u>

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**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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	578,657	(114,658)	1,500	465,499
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	10,739	7,034	(1,500)	16,273
Proceeds of Caerhun Church 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
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	57,121	5,329	-	62,450
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	391,559	(571,123)	64,906	(114,658)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bro Celynnin - Bags of Love Fund	61,146	(54,112)	-	7,034
Proceeds of Caerhun Church 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
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Bro Celynnin General Endowment	-	-	5,329	5,329
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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  
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**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](http://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