

ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1185217

Details

Other names	ST MARY THE VIRGIN PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2019-09-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Promotion of Christianity

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

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£74,229	£82,733	-	-
2023-12-31	£84,028	£89,371	-	-
2022-12-31	£114,889	£73,960	-	-
2021-12-31	£62,914	£60,205	-	-
2020-12-31	£81,344	£74,418	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jonathan Frederick Aldwinckle	Chair	2023-05-28
Alison Pearson		2023-05-28
Anne Margaret Simms		2020-03-15
Colin Taylor		2023-05-28
Dale Chidwick		2019-09-03
David John Hampson		2023-05-28
Dr Keith Michael Pearson		2023-05-28
Jacqueline Lesley Hampson		2023-05-28
Jennifer Ann Sirrell		2019-09-03
Lynn Madden		2024-05-19
PAUL BRIAN RYLANCE		2019-03-01
Patricia Ann Haw		2024-05-19
Paul Roderic Walford		2023-05-28
Penelope Jenkins		2023-05-28
Sue Chidwick		2019-09-03

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Training: Two PCC members began further ministry training. Keith Pearson – began Reader Training in September and Alison Pearson began her course on: ‘an Introduction to Christian Ministry’.

Worship and Music: Our music group plays frequently at 20/20/20 services. Full congregational hymn singing, choir and the playing of the organ continue to be the main method of worship in the other services.

Children and Youth: Sunshine corner, our parent, carer, baby and toddler group closed during 2024 due to the resignation of the leader (to pursue other activities within the village).

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MM continued as manager of the AOC tea rooms in 2024. However, during 2024 it became obvious that the Old Chapel income was insufficient to cover the costs of an official manager. MM is due to stand down in early 2025 and the “management” of the facility will be shared between a number of willing volunteers.

A relaunch is planned for May 2025 with the facility to be known as the Old Chapel Community Centre with a greater emphasis to be put on hiring out for private functions as well as maintaining the two day a week Tea Rooms.

AOC is supported financially by a bequest fund and St Mary's Church. A system of joint accounting with church has been established so that the Treasurer can easily oversee finances.

The AOC Management Committee consists of: Anne Simms, Penny Jenkins, LP, MM, Jackie Hampson and Reverend Jon Aldwinckle. We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who work so hard for its success.

Other village organisations - Chapel Crafters and the Be Cafe have used this as a venue as well. The PCC has held its meetings here and the Parish Administrator has used the office facilities. AOC is also available for private hire.

This has become a wonderful use of a redundant building, and we continue to be grateful for the generous legacy which enabled the Chapel to be purchased by the church, thus providing the whole community with hospitality and fellowship and a continuity of life for a much-loved building. Plaques recording the legacy and giving the mission statement are on display.

New Life Nepal: We continued our support of New Life House - the charitable trust in [REDACTED] Nepal, along with supporters in Thame, Tupsley, and another parish in Hereford diocese.

In June 2024 a new company was established designating New Life Orphanage as a hostel. This will not have the same regulatory difficulties as previously experienced. The hostel is now called [REDACTED].

We receive regular news and updates at PCC meetings. Penny Jenkins has continued to maintain our contact with the Trust, and we thank her for this, although the main management is based in Thame.

Church Attendance: The Electoral Roll is currently 83, entitling us to 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Church services averaged around 50. We continue to work with and share events at St Andrew's, Quatt.

Parish Retreat: A weekend away is being planned for November 2025. Approximately 30 parishioners have booked in.

Bell Ringers: The bell ringers are an active group who practice on a Thursday evening. They ring on some Sundays and at special services/events.

Fundraising and Social Events: We are very grateful to those in the congregation who have arranged to make their offering by Standing Order thereby ensuring a regular income from these sources which has helped enormously in ensuring regular income.

Additional fundraising events during 2024 were:

Pancake Morning including Pancake Races with families who attended – it was half term so the school did not attend as a whole.

Christmas Tree Festival 2024– this was an extremely successful event that brought many different organisations from the village together and also brought many villagers and friends through the Church for the festival and refreshments. It was open longer from Friday through to Monday which seemed to work well.

Harvest Lunch – this was a Bring and Share style and was well attended.

Many members of the congregation and PCC have continued to help with ongoing practical tasks of maintenance and caring and we would again like to take this opportunity to thank **everyone** who plays a part in our church life. Without everyone's efforts in countless ways, our church would not be the spiritual, caring and loving community it is, seeking to make God's kingdom here in Alveley. Thank you so much to you all for all that you do.

David & Jackie Hampson **May 2025**

St Mary's Financial Review for Year Ended 31/12/24

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £74,183, of which £51,707 related to unrestricted voluntary donations. There were no restricted donations received. The freehold property, Alveley Old Chapel, continues to be used primarily as a tea room.

The planned giving through banker's orders increased during 2024 by 12%. Total income, excluding legacy and gift aid, is almost unchanged compared to last year, with decreases in income from Alveley Old Chapel and PCC fees balanced out by increases in voluntary income and fund-raising. Recovered Gift Aid amounted to £8,294 as a result of one claim made during 2024, after two claims totalling £18,536 in 2023.

£62,058 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, including the £40,000 contribution to the diocesan parish share, unchanged from 2023, that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. Overall unrestricted costs represented a decrease of 7% compared to 2023, primarily due to the higher costs in 2023 as a result of an investment of c£8k in an improved sound system within the church.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £8,550 on unrestricted funds, an increase of over £3k compared to the excess of payments over receipts of £5,370 in 2023. The balances carried forward at 31st December 2024 on unrestricted funds totalled £126,983, of which £3,053 relates to the Chapel bank accounts and cash floats.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months of 'usual' unrestricted payments. Currently there is nobody salaried in the church accounts, and, from March 2025, there is no longer a manager at the Chapel. We also maintain a higher reserves figure to cover anything urgent that may come up on the church's quinquennial review, which looks at the condition of the buildings, as suggested by the Church of England guidance on reserves.

Anne Simms

Treasurer

May-25

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

I report on accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are attached
Respective responsibilities of the Members and Examiner

As the Charity's trustee, who are members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you control the audit and you are responsible to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 142(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention

MINISTER Rev Jon Aldwinckle
CHURCH TREASURER Anne Simms

CHARITY NUMBER 1185217 Basis of independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a comparison of the accounts presented with the original books or documents in the accounts and a comparison of the accounts presented with the original books or documents in the accounts. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and any other matters which may be relevant to the accounts. I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS St Mary's Church
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(a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements of the Act are not being complied with in connection with the accounts.
(b) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in connection with the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER David Price FCCA
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
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As the Charity's trustees, who are members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has to come to my attention

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Date: 28th May 2025

St Mary The Virgin
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 Receipts and Payments Account
 For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 Statement of Assets and Liabilities
 For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted			Unrestricted			2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	Total funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	£	£
Receipts								
Voluntary receipts								
Planned giving	30,205	-	-	30,205	-	-	30,205	27,009
Collections	8,498	-	-	8,498	-	-	8,498	8,728
All other giving / voluntary receipts	1,878	116	-	1,994	-	-	1,994	1,944
Gift Aid recovered	8,294	-	-	8,294	-	-	8,294	18,536
Activities for generating funds	2,716	-	-	2,716	-	-	2,716	2,018
	<u>51,591</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,707</u>	<u>58,235</u>
Investment income	1,682	89	46	1,817	-	-	1,817	1,218
Church activities	7,118	-	-	7,118	-	-	7,118	10,493
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	13,587	-	13,587	-	-	13,587	14,082
Total receipts	<u>60,391</u>	<u>13,792</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>74,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,229</u>	<u>84,028</u>
Payments								
Church activities								
Parish share	40,000	-	-	40,000	-	-	40,000	40,000
Clergy running expenses	1,136	-	-	1,136	-	-	1,136	1,196
Church running expenses	20,020	-	-	20,020	-	-	20,020	28,617
Chapel running expenses	-	20,675	-	20,675	-	-	20,675	18,945
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>61,156</u>	<u>20,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,831</u>	<u>88,758</u>
Cost of generating funds	902	-	-	902	-	-	902	613
Total payments	<u>62,058</u>	<u>20,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,733</u>	<u>89,371</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	1,667	6,883	46	8,504	-	-	8,504	5,343
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2024	124,741	10,792	49,657	185,190	-	-	185,190	190,533
Transfers between funds in the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2024	<u>123,074</u>	<u>3,909</u>	<u>49,703</u>	<u>176,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,686</u>	<u>185,190</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22nd February 2025 and were signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

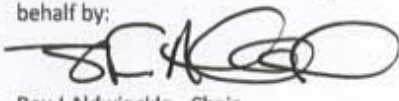

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	2024	2023	Unrestricted Designated funds	Unrestricted General fund	Restricted	Total 2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Buildings				69,622		69,622	69,622
Current Assets							
Debtors							
Bank and cash			3,909	45,801	48,806	98,516	108,294
CBF accounts				10,967	897	11,864	11,013
			3,909	56,768	49,703	110,380	119,307
Current Liabilities							
Other creditors				3,316		3,316	3,739
Net current assets			3,909	53,452	49,703	107,064	115,568
Total assets less current liabilities			3,909	123,074	49,703	176,686	185,190
Movement on Funds							
			<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance carried forward 31/12/2024</u>
			£	£	£	£	£
Restricted							
Church Roof (a)			372	1	-	-	373
Fabric Fund (b)			890	45	-	-	935
St Marys (Link bequest) (d)			48,395	-	-	-	48,395
			49,657	46	-	-	49,703
Designated							
Sunday School (c)			856	-	-	-	856
The Old Chapel			9,936	13,792	20,675	-	3,053
			10,792	13,792	20,675	-	3,909
General			124,741	60,391	62,058	-	123,074
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets consist of the freehold premises at Alveley Old Chapel, which are being held at historic cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Restricted Funds

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.

The Church Roof Fund represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the church roof, for which funds may only be purposed.

The Fabric Fund represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the church fabric, for which funds may only be purposed.

St Mary's (Link Bequest). The bequest was left to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Mary's Alveley, for use by the local church. Funds are to be used for that purpose only.

Unrestricted Funds

Alveley Old Chapel represents the accumulated income and expenditure of Alveley Old Chapel. These are held in a separate bank account, but the Parochial Church Council is the accountable body for them.

The Sunday School fund represents accumulated donations for the Sunday School.

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AOC is supported financially by a bequest fund and St Mary's Church. A system of joint accounting with church has been established so that the Treasurer can easily oversee finances. A joint Management Committee has been established, consisting of Jenny Sirrell, Kirsty Ritzenthaler and AL. During the year, Jon Aldwinckle and Penny Jenkins also joined the committee. We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who work so hard for its success. Other village organisations (Chapel Crafters, Music Club, Alveley Singers) and the Be Cafe have used this as a venue as well and other social events have been held here. The PCC has held its meetings here and the Parish Administrator has used the office facilities. AOC is also available for private hire.

This has become a wonderful use of a redundant building and we continue to be grateful for the generous legacy which enabled the Chapel to be purchased by the church, thus providing the whole community with hospitality and fellowship and a continuity of life for a much-loved building. Plaques recording the legacy and giving the mission statement are on display.

New Life Nepal: We continue to support this charitable trust along with supporters in Thame, Tupsley, and another parish in Hereford diocese.

Our support is currently being used to help provide food, clothing and other essentials. We receive regular news and updates at PCC meetings. Penny Jenkins has continued to maintain our contact with the trust and we thank her for this, although the main management is based in Thame.

Church Attendance: The Electoral Roll is currently 83, entitling us to 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Church services averaged around 50. We continue to work with and share events at St Andrew's, Quatt.

Fundraising and Social Events: We are very grateful to those in the congregation who have arranged to make their offering by Direct Debit thereby ensuring a regular income from these sources which has helped enormously in ensuring regular income.

Additional fundraising events during 2023 were:

Christmas Tree Festival

Alveley Band Concert

Organ and violinist recital by Andrew Crabtree

Many members of the congregation and PCC have continued to help with ongoing practical tasks of maintenance and caring and we would again like to take this opportunity to thank **everyone** who plays a part in our church life. Without everyone's efforts in countless ways, our church would not be the spiritual, caring and loving community it is, seeking to make God's kingdom here in Alveley. Thank you so much to you all for all that you do.

David & Jackie Hampson May 2024

St Mary's Financial Review for Year Ended 31/12/23

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £84,000 of which £58,234 related to unrestricted voluntary donations. There were no restricted donations received. The freehold property, Alveley Old Chapel, continues to be used primarily as a tea room.

The planned giving through banker's orders unfortunately decreased during 2023 by 9%, primarily due to the death of a major contributor. Total income, excluding legacy and gift aid, increased by 4% compared to last year, mainly due to an increase in income at Alveley Old Chapel, which included a grant of £973. The arrival of a new incumbent early in the year has led to the reintroduction of fund-raising events. Recovered Gift Aid amounted to £18,536 as a result of two claims made during 2023, after one had been delayed from 2022.

£70,426 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, including the £40,000 contribution to the diocesan parish share, unchanged from 2022, that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. Even though we had reduced clergy expenses in 2022, overall unrestricted costs represented an increase of 23% compared to 2023, partly due to the reintroduction of clergy expenses and increased church running costs, but mainly due to a sizeable investment of c£8k in an improved sound system within the church.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £5,370 on unrestricted funds, a similar figure to the excess of payments over receipts of £5,630 in 2022. The balances carried forward at 31st December 2023 on unrestricted funds totalled £135,533, of which £9,936 relates to the Chapel bank accounts and cash floats.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months of 'usual' unrestricted payments. Currently there is nobody salaried in the church accounts, and the Chapel bank balance is still sufficient to cover the manager's salary. We also maintain a higher reserves figure to cover anything urgent that may come up on the church's quinquennial review, which looks at the condition of the buildings, as suggested by the Church of England guidance on reserves.

Anne Simms
Treasurer May-24

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN
(LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION)

I report on accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Members and Examiner

As the Charity's trustees, who are members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(2)(b) of the Act, whether or not the accounts have come to my attention.

MINISTER Rev Jon Aldwinckle

CHURCH TREASURER Anne Simms

CHARITY NUMBER 1185217

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a comparison of the accounts presented and a comparison of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures under section 145(2)(b) of the Act do not require an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS St Mary's Church
Alveley Village
Shropshire
WV15 6ND

BANKERS Barclays Bank PLC
Leicester
Leicestershire
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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- To prepare accounts which are true and correct in all material respects and to comply with the accounting requirements under section 145(2)(b) of the Act

(b) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER David Price FCCA
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Date: 29th Mar 2024

ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)**

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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Date: 29th May 2024

**St Mary The Virgin
Alveley Parochial Church Council
Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total funds	
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving	27,009			27,009	29,585	
Collections	8,728			8,728	7,455	
All other giving / voluntary receipts	435	1,509		1,944	52,648	
Gift Aid recovered	18,536			18,536		
Activities for generating funds	2,018			2,018	669	
	56,726	1,509	-	58,235	90,357	
Investment income	1,133	58	27	1,218	795	
Church activities	10,493			10,493	12,855	
Other income						
Sales		14,082	-	14,082	10,882	
Total receipts	68,352	15,649	27	84,028	114,889	
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share	40,000			40,000	40,000	
Clergy running expenses	1,196			1,196	25	
Church running expenses	28,617			28,617	17,278	
Chapel running expenses		18,945	-	18,945	14,684	
Mission giving and donations			-	-	1,853	
	69,813	18,945	-	88,758	73,840	
Cost of generating funds	613			613	120	
Total payments	70,426	18,945	-	89,371	73,960	
Excess of receipts over payments	2,074	3,296	27	5,343	40,929	
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023	124,655	16,248	49,630	190,533	149,604	
Transfers between funds in the year						
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2023	122,581	12,952	49,657	185,190	190,533	

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th May 2024 and were signed on behalf of:

Rev J Aldwinckle - Chair

St Mary The Virgin
Alveley Parochial Church Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		<u>Unrestricted Designated funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted General fund</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Buildings	69,622		69,622		69,622	69,622
Current Assets						
Debtors						
Bank and cash	10,793	48,696	48,805	108,294	113,389	
CBF accounts		10,161	852	11,013	10,799	
		10,793	58,857	49,657	119,307	124,188
Current Liabilities						
Other creditors			3,739		3,739	3,277
Net current assets		10,793	55,118	49,657	115,568	120,911
Total assets less current liabilities		10,793	124,740	49,657	185,190	190,533

Movement on Funds

		<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance carried forward 31/12/2023</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
Restricted						
Nepal New Life						
Church Roof		371	1			372
Fabric Fund		864	26			890
St Marys (Link bequest)		48,395				48,395
		49,630	27			49,657
Designated						
Sunday School		856				856
Sunshine corner						
Choir		2,160		2,160		
Friends fund						
The Old Chapel		13,232	15,649	18,945		9,936
		16,248	15,649	21,105		10,792
General		124,655	68,352	68,266		124,741
Total		190,533	84,028	89,371		185,190

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9th May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Rev J Aldwinckle - Chair

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets consist of the freehold premises at Alveley Old Chapel, which are being held at historic cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Restricted Funds

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.

The Nepal New Life Fund is for donations received for the project we support in Nepal. The balance of the fund as at 31st December 2023 is nil (2022: nil), and a separate charity now exists, in which to channel these funds.

The Church Roof Fund represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the church roof, for which funds may only be purposed.

The Fabric Fund represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the church fabric, for which funds may only be purposed.

St Mary's (Link Bequest). The bequest was left to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Mary's Alveley, for use by the local church. Funds are to be used for that purpose only.

Unrestricted Funds

Alveley Old Chapel represents the accumulated income and expenditure of Alveley Old Chapel. These are held in a separate bank account, but the Parochial Church Council is the accountable body for them.

The Sunday School fund represents accumulated donations for the Sunday School.

The Choir fund represents accumulated donations for the Choir. During the year and as agreed at the PCC meeting the opening balance of £2,160 was subsequently transferred to a separate Choir fund to be held outside of the PCC.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
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Date: 29th May 2024

ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1185217

Accounts

Annual PCC report 2022

The church of St Mary the Virgin, Alveley, is a Grade II* listed building within the village conservation area. The church dates back to 1140 and is of considerable architectural beauty and historical interest. The United Benefice consists of the churches of St Mary the Virgin, Alveley, and St Andrew, Quatt. It is in the Bridgnorth Deanery within the Diocese of Hereford and situated in the county of Shropshire.

The address for correspondence is:

David & Jackie Hampson, [REDACTED]

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Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex-officio (Clergy, Readers, Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Representatives, Alveley Old Chapel Manager) – the latter because Alveley Old Chapel is under the ownership and jurisdiction of the church. Others are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representative Rules.

During 2022 the following have served as PCC members:

<u>Incumbent:</u>	Vacant
<u>Retired Clergy:</u>	Rev Dr Wendy Rylance
<u>Reader:</u>	Mrs Sue Chidwick
<u>Church Wardens:</u>	Mr Peter Fry Mrs Jenny Sirrell
<u>Deanery Synod Reps:</u>	Mrs Kirsty Ritzenthaler (Safeguarding Officer) Vacancy Vacancy
<u>Alveley Old Chapel Manager</u>	JL/MM (caretaker manager)
<u>Elected Members:</u>	Mr Dale Chidwick (Deputy Churchwarden / Electoral Roll Officer) Mrs Julie Fry Mr David Hampson (Joint PCC Secretary) Mrs Jackie Hampson (Joint PCC Secretary) Mrs Anne Simms (PCC Treasurer/Gift Aid Officer) Mrs Penny Jenkins Mr Colin Taylor Prof Paul Rylance Mrs Carol Wall (Deputy Churchwarden)

Aims and Purposes of the PCC: St Mary's PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is now a Registered Charity.

Considerable work has been put in throughout 2022 by the PCC and others to ensure the successful appointment of our new vicar, Rev Jon Aldwinkle.

During 2022 our Retired Clergy, Rev Dr Wendy Rylance, has taken services at both Alveley and Quatt and for this we are extremely grateful to her. We are also grateful to Reader Sue

Chidwick and others who have stepped forward to lead and take part in Sunday services so that worship can take place in church each Sunday.

Following the Covid19 restrictions we have been able to reinstate the popular Wednesday Holy Communion, 20/20/20 and Family Services along with refreshment provision.

Objectives and Activities: The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and become part of the parish community of Alveley. To facilitate this work it is important to maintain the fabric of the church. The Quinquennial Report highlighted various issues to be addressed and these continue to be attended to by the Churchwardens. This year has continued to be challenging and demanding on all levels.

Safeguarding: To ensure that all are cared for safely, we have a Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Kirsty Ritzenthaler, and any concerns over personal welfare and safety should be addressed to her.

Pastoral Care and Visiting: this has been restricted by the absence of a vicar, though members of the PCC have visited some homes in the village.

Prayer Ministry: praying with and for people at any time. People in need are considered at each PCC.

Worship and Music: Our music group plays frequently at services. Full congregational hymn singing, choir and the playing of the organ has resumed.

Children and Youth: Sunshine corner, our parent, carer, baby and toddler group continues on Monday mornings and it is hoped to reintroduce Messy Church and Youth Club provision. The Open the Book sessions at Alveley Primary School have also resumed.

Small groups: held in homes, draw adults to explore the Christian faith and lead them to learn more from Bible study and discussion.

Men's outreach: "Breakfast in the Old Chapel" a meal and an outside speaker to present men with the message of Christ outside the church has unfortunately not yet resumed after Covid19.

Alveley Old Chapel: a church-owned and governed establishment in the redundant Methodist Chapel which continues to grow in strength and popularity with the whole village. Coffee, tea, cakes and light lunches are available on three days a week and there is a lovely garden to sit in on sunny days.

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AOC supports itself financially and a system of joint accounting with church has been established so that the Treasurer can easily oversee finances. A joint Management Committee has been established, consisting of Jenny Sirrell, Kirsty Ritzenthaler, SP and AL. We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who work so hard for its success. Other village organisations (Chapel Crafters, Music Club, Alveley Singers) and the Be Cafe have used this as a venue as well and other social events have been held here. The PCC has held its meetings here and the Parish Administrator has used the office facilities. AOC is also available for private hire.

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Church Attendance: The Electoral Roll is currently 83, entitling us to 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Church services averaged around 36. We continue to work with and share events at St Andrew's, Quatt.

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Unfortunately, no additional fundraising has been arranged this year.

Many members of the congregation and PCC have continued to help with ongoing practical tasks of maintenance and caring and we would again like to take this opportunity to thank ***everyone*** who plays a part in our church life. Without everyone's efforts in countless ways, our church would not be the spiritual, caring and loving community it is, seeking to make God's kingdom here in Alveley. Thank you so much to you all for all that you do, especially during these difficult times.

David & Jackie Hampson May 2023

St Mary's Financial Review for Year Ended 31/12/22

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £66,478 of which £41,962 related to unrestricted voluntary donations. Restricted donations were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The freehold property, Alveley Old Chapel, continues to be used primarily as a tea room.

The planned giving through banker's orders unfortunately decreased during 2022 by 27%, primarily due to certain contributors leaving the area, together with the sad passing of others.

Total income, excluding legacy, increased by 1% compared to last year, due primarily to Alveley Old Chapel finally reopening for the whole year, along with a slight increase in church fees from weddings and funerals.

Unfortunately, the church was without an incumbent for the entire year and the wardens were therefore unable to commit to any additional services / events, so no additional fund-raising events were organised.

We were very grateful for £51,770 of bequests received, including £48,395 received from Jean Link's estate. This is a restricted legacy. £57,423 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, including the £40,000 contribution to the diocesan parish share, unchanged from 2021, that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

Even though we had reduced clergy expenses in 2022, overall unrestricted costs still represented an increase of 6% compared to 2021 due to increased church running costs caused by increased fuel costs and repairs, such as remedial tree-work. In addition Chapel running costs.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £5,629 on unrestricted funds, compared to an excess of receipts over payments of £2,658 in 2021. The balances carried forward at 31st December 2022 on unrestricted funds totalled £140,903, of which £13,232 relates to the Chapel bank.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months of 'usual' unrestricted payments. Currently there is nobody salaried in the church accounts, and the Chapel bank balance is still sufficient to cover the manager's salary. We also maintain a higher reserves figure to cover anything urgent that may come up on the church's quinquennial review, which looks at the condition of the buildings, as suggested by the Church of England guidance on reserves.

Anne Simms

Treasurer

May-23

St Mary The Virgin
Alveley Parochial Church Council
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted			2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	29,585	-	-	29,585	40,368
Collections	7,455	-	-	7,455	5,547
All other giving / voluntary receipts	3,813	440	48,395	52,648	2,052
Gift Aid recovered	-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds	669	-	-	669	361
	<u>41,522</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>48,395</u>	<u>90,357</u>	<u>48,328</u>
Investment income	777	2	16	795	575
Church activities	12,855	-	-	12,855	10,884
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	10,882	-	10,882	3,127
Total receipts	<u>55,154</u>	<u>11,324</u>	<u>48,411</u>	<u>114,889</u>	<u>62,914</u>
Payments					
Church activities					
Parish share	40,000	-	-	40,000	40,000
Clergy running expenses	25	-	-	25	1,925
Church running expenses	17,278	-	-	17,278	12,155
Chapel running expenses	-	14,684	-	14,684	6,015
Mission giving and donations	-	-	1,853	1,853	-
	<u>57,303</u>	<u>14,684</u>	<u>1,853</u>	<u>73,840</u>	<u>60,095</u>
Cost of generating funds	120	-	-	120	110
Total payments	<u>57,423</u>	<u>14,684</u>	<u>1,853</u>	<u>73,960</u>	<u>60,205</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	(2,269)	(3,360)	46,558	40,929	2,709
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022	129,084	17,448	3,072	149,604	146,895
Transfers between funds in the year	6	(2,160)	2,160	-	-
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2022	<u>124,655</u>	<u>16,248</u>	<u>49,630</u>	<u>190,533</u>	<u>149,604</u>

Rev. J. Stowman - Clerk

St Mary The Virgin
Alveley Parochial Church Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Designated funds	Unrestricted General fund	Restricted	Total 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Buildings	3	69,622	-	69,622	69,622
Current Assets					
Debtors					
Bank and cash	16,248	48,336	48,805	113,389	71,438
CBF accounts		9,974	825	10,799	10,711
	16,248	58,310	49,630	124,188	82,149
Current Liabilities					
Other creditors		3,277	-	3,277	2,167
Net current assets	16,248	55,033	49,630	120,911	79,982
Total assets less current liabilities	16,248	124,655	49,630	190,533	149,604

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance carried forward 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted	4				
Nepal New Life	1,848	5	(1,853)	-	-
Church Roof	371	-	-	-	371
Fabric Fund	853	11	-	-	864
St Marys (Link bequest)	-	48,395	-	-	48,395
	3,072	48,411	(1,853)	-	49,630
Designated	5				
Sunday School	856	-	-	-	856
Sunshine corner	-	-	-	-	-
Choir	-	-	-	2,160	2,160
Friends fund	-	-	-	-	-
The Old Chapel	16,592	11,324	(14,684)	-	13,232
	17,448	11,324	(14,684)	2,160	16,248
General	129,084	55,154	(57,423)	(2,160)	124,655
Total	149,604	114,889	(73,960)	-	190,533

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 4th May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev J Aldwinkle - Chair 

NOTES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Accounts

St Mary the Virgin Alveley

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During 2021-2022 the following have served as PCC members:

Incumbent: Rev Neil Dunlop (until Nov 2021)

Retired Clergy: Rev Dr Wendy Rylance

Reader: Mrs Sue Chidwick

Church Wardens: Mr Peter Fry

Mrs Jenny Sirrell

Deanery Synod Reps: Mrs Kirsty Ritzenthaler (Safeguarding Officer)

Vacancy

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Alveley Old Chapel Manager Mr John Lowe

Elected Members: Mr Dale Chidwick (Deputy Churchwarden / Electoral Roll Officer)

Mr Fred Cooper

Mrs Pauline Cooper

Mrs Julie Fry

Mrs Hilary Fleming (PCC Secretary)

Mr David Hampson

Mrs Jackie Hampson

Mrs Anne Simms (PCC Treasurer/Gift Aid Officer)

Mrs Penny Jenkins

Mrs Lynn Madden

Mrs Jean Marshall

Prof Paul Rylance

Mrs Carol Wall (Deputy Churchwarden)

Other Officers: Ms Lisa Dhillon (Independent Examiner)

Mrs Vickie Dunlop (Parish Administrator until Nov 2021)

Aims and Purposes of the PCC: St Mary's PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is now a Registered Charity.

We have continued to enjoy working with Rev Neil Dunlop and his wife Vickie within the joint benefice. We have been blessed by his ministry and that of Vickie, not only to regular churchgoers but to the whole community. They have been greatly regarded by the whole parish. Vickie continued in the role of Parish Administrator; on an informal basis again this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and closure of Alveley Old Chapel for the period of the

pandemic. We were saddened to hear of Neil's decision to move on to the Chaplaincy of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust in November. We are immensely grateful to them both for all they have contributed to parish life in their time with us and wish them and the family well for the future. We will be holding an open parish meeting to discuss our pastoral needs on May 14th in the Old Chapel and hope to hold interviews for a new incumbent in September. Our Retired Clergy, Rev Dr Wendy Rylance, has undertaken to cover services at both Alveley and Quatt and for this we are extremely grateful to her. We are also grateful to Reader Sue Chidwick and others who have stepped forward to lead and take part in Sunday services so that worship can take place in church each Sunday. They have also been responsible for providing online worship when we were not able to gather in the church building due to Covid19 restrictions. We have not yet been able to reinstate Sunday 8am Holy Communion and the popular Wednesday Holy Communion services. We have recently begun to operate the full 20/20/20 and Family Services along with refreshment provision. We have recently been greatly saddened to learn of the death of Reader Emeritus Barrie Jenkins and remain very grateful for his service to our church.

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The PCC has been able to meet in person following lockdowns although it has not been able to adhere to the regular pattern of bi-monthly meetings.

It is hoped that as regulations have eased we will be able to resume our usual activities. We acknowledge that this will not be an easy task and that many of our community have endured loss and loneliness and suffered in many ways. Hopefully we can retain some of the technological methods of communication we have come to rely on during the pandemic. We have been cheered by the fact that several younger people in the congregation have recently come forward to take on responsibility for elements of our worship.

To ensure that all are cared for safely, we have a Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Kirsty Ritzenthaler, and any concerns over personal welfare and safety should be addressed to her.

Worship Planning: has continued to take place to plan Sunday services, making the best use of gifts and learning from each other.

Pastoral Care and Visiting: has had to take place technologically and at a distance but is now resuming in person.

Prayer Ministry: praying with and for people at any time. People in need are considered at each PCC meeting and a prayer meeting has taken place online on Sunday evenings.

Worship and Music: This has been limited to a small music group at services and the use of recorded music. Full congregational hymn singing and the playing of the organ has resumed along with occasional participation of the Choir

Children and Youth: Sunshine corner, our parent, carer, baby and toddler group has resumed on Monday mornings and it is hoped to reintroduce Messy Church and Youth Club provision. The Open the Book sessions at Alveley Primary School have resumed.

Small groups: held in homes, draw adults to explore the Christian faith and lead them to learn more from Bible study and discussion. These have continued with appropriate Covid precautions and personal contact has been maintained informally.

Men's outreach: "Breakfast in the Old Chapel" a meal and an outside speaker to present men with the message of Christ outside the church and a regular "Chaps' Lunch" in local pubs, fostering fellowship and social needs, have been very popular pre-pandemic but sadly these activities have been casualties of the pandemic. However it is hoped to recommence them when possible.

Alveley Old Chapel: a church-owned and governed establishment in the redundant Methodist Chapel which had continued to grow in strength and popularity with the whole village. Coffee, tea, cakes and light lunches are available on three days a week and there is a lovely garden to sit in on sunny days. AOC supports itself financially and a system of joint accounting with church has been established so that the Treasurer can easily oversee finances. A joint Management Committee has been established, consisting of Jenny Sirrell, Kirsty Ritzenthaler, SP and AL. We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who work so hard for its success. Other village organisations (Chapel Crafters, Music Club, Alveley Singers) and the Be Cafe have used this as a venue as well and other social events have been held here. The PCC has held its meetings here and the Parish Administrator used the office facilities. AOC is also available for private hire. It is hoped that all these activities will be able to resume as soon as possible. This has become a wonderful use of a redundant building and we continue to be grateful for the generous legacy which enabled the Chapel to be purchased by the church, thus providing the whole community with hospitality and fellowship and a continuity of life for a much-loved building. Plaques recording the legacy and giving the mission statement are on display

New Life Nepal: We continue to support this charitable trust, along with supporters in Thame, Tupsley, and another parish in Hereford diocese. We receive regular news and updates at PCC meetings. We are endeavouring to strengthen the link with NLN and regular meetings are held with representatives of the supporting parishes. Penny Jenkins has continued to maintain our contact with the trust and we thank her for this, although the main management is based in Thame.

Church Attendance: The Electoral Roll is currently 84, entitling us to 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Church services averaged around 30 with a similar number sharing online services when they were shared. We continue to work with and share events at St Andrew's, Quatt. Online services were a shared provision.

Fundraising and Social Events: We are still very aware of our ambitious parish promise made a few years ago and had to reduce our offer last year as it was felt that the sum promised previously could not be sustained and we have continued this this year. We are very grateful to those in the congregation who have arranged to make their offering by Direct Debit thereby ensuring a regular income from these sources which has helped enormously in ensuring regular income. Obviously there has been no opportunity for additional fundraising again this year.

Compiling this report has made so obvious the varied and vibrant activities in which our church family has engaged. We hope and pray that steadily through the coming year we are able to resume these activities with renewed enthusiasm and commitment. Many members of the congregation have continued to help with ongoing practical tasks of maintenance and caring and we would again like to take this opportunity to thank **everyone** who plays a part in our church life. Without everyone's efforts in countless ways, our church would not be the spiritual, caring and loving community it is, seeking to make God's kingdom here in Alveley. Thank you so much to you all for all that you do, especially during these difficult times.

Hilary Fleming (PCC Secretary)

March 2022

Financial Review for Year Ended 31/12/21

Based on the draft accounts, donations from regular giving, church collections & fundraising are up £4k compared to last year. We are very grateful to our congregation for continuing their financial support through such difficult times. In addition, fee income was up almost £3k, with the welcome return of a few weddings during 2021. However, overall income was down c£18k from last year. The main reasons being:

- a) £9.2k Gift Aid reclaim in 2020 (re tax year ending 05/04/20). There has been a delay in completion of the next Gift Aid claim, while we improve supporting documentation, and it is hoped that the next claim will be completed by summer 2022.
- b) £5.45k received from the Howard Thompson Trust in 2020.
- c) £5k council grant received by AOC in 2020.
- d) £2.9k received in 2020 from the Sheila Margaret Maiden Loan Trust, together with £1.5k of unclaimed verger fees 'donated' in 2020.
- e) £1.4k decrease in AOC income. Although open for a similar amount of time to 2020, there was the obvious cautiousness that comes after a pandemic.

Costs incurred were £14k lower than the previous year, the main difference relating to a £10k drop in our Diocesan share from £50k last year to £40k in 2021. Our Diocesan share remains unchanged at £40k in 2022. Other 'savings' related to a £1k reduction in AOC running costs, reduced repair costs and fewer admin costs and rector expenses, with both Neil & Vickie waiving some of their costs.

Overall our excess of receipts over payments has dropped from c£7k in 2020 to c£3k in 2021.

Anne Simms
Treasurer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN
ALVELEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ST MARY THE VIRGIN
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	40,368	-	-	40,368	26,901
Collections	5,547	-	-	5,547	11,222
All other giving / voluntary receipts	1,848	-	154	2,052	15,375
Gift Aid recovered	-	-	-	-	9,217
Activities for generating funds	361	-	-	361	6,164
	48,124	154	50	48,328	68,879
Investment income	573	1	1	575	431
Church activities	10,884	-	-	10,884	7,537
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	3,127	-	3,127	4,497
Total receipts	59,581	3,282	51	62,914	81,344
Payments					
Church activities					
Parish share	40,000	-	-	40,000	50,000
Clergy running expenses	1,925	-	-	1,925	2,320
Church running expenses	12,155	-	-	12,155	14,638
Chapel running expenses	-	6,015	-	6,015	7,171
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	-	-
	54,080	6,015	-	60,095	74,129
Cost of generating funds	110	-	-	110	289
Total payments	54,190	6,015	-	60,205	74,418
Excess of receipts over payments	5,391	(2,733)	51	2,709	6,926
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2021	124,134	19,740	3,021	146,895	139,969
Transfers between funds in the year	6 (441)	441	-	-	-
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2021	129,084	17,448	3,072	149,604	146,895

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Fixed Assets						
Buildings	3	-	69,622	-	69,622	69,622
Current Assets						
Debtors		-	-	-	-	-
Bank and cash		17,448	53,580	410	71,438	68,666
CBF accounts		-	8,049	2,662	10,711	10,709
		<u>17,448</u>	<u>61,629</u>	<u>3,072</u>	<u>82,149</u>	<u>79,375</u>
Current Liabilities						
Other creditors		-	2,167	-	2,167	2,102
Net current assets		<u>17,448</u>	<u>59,462</u>	<u>3,072</u>	<u>79,982</u>	<u>77,273</u>
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Movement on Funds

	Note	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward 31/12/2021 £
Restricted	4					
Nepal New Life		1,847	1	-	-	1,848
Church Roof		371	-	-	-	371
Fabric Fund		803	50	-	-	853
		<u>3,021</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,072</u>
Designated	5					
Sunday School		856	-	-	-	856
Sunshine corner		-	-	-	-	-
Choir		-	-	-	-	-
Friends fund		-	-	-	8	-
The Old Chapel		18,884	3,282	(6,015)	441	16,592
		<u>19,740</u>	<u>3,282</u>	<u>(6,015)</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>17,448</u>
General		124,134	59,581	(54,190)	(441)	129,084
Total		<u>146,895</u>	<u>62,914</u>	<u>(60,205)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,604</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 18th September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jenny Sirrell - Chair

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will not be an easy task and that many of our community have endured loss and loneliness and suffered in many ways. Hopefully we can retain some of the technological methods of communication we have come to rely on at this time to keep in touch with each other and look forward to when we can meet again face to face.

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It is sad to record that this splendid asset has been completely closed throughout the year and we are grateful to AL and KL for overseeing the security of the

building and also for setting up an outdoor book and jigsaw puzzle exchange when the Mobile Library had to stop visiting the village.

New Life Nepal: We continue to support this charitable trust, along with supporters in Thame, Tupsley, and another parish in Hereford diocese. We receive regular news and updates at PCC meetings. We are endeavouring to strengthen the link with NLN and regular meetings are held with representatives of the supporting parishes. Penny Jenkins has continued to maintain our contact with the trust and we thank her for this.

Church Attendance: The Electoral Roll is currently 86, entitling us to 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Church services outside averaged 30-40 with a similar number sharing online services. We continue to work with and share events at St Andrew's, Quatt. Online services have been a shared provision.

Fundraising and Social Events: We are still very aware of our ambitious parish promise made a few years ago and have had to reduce our offer this year as it was felt that the sum promised previously could not be sustained. We are very grateful to those in the congregation who have arranged to make their offering by Direct Debit thereby ensuring a regular income from these sources. Obviously there has been no opportunity for additional fundraising this year.

Compiling this report has made so obvious the varied and vibrant activities in which our church family engages. We hope and pray that steadily through the coming year we are able to resume these activities with renewed enthusiasm and commitment. Many members of the congregation have continued to help with ongoing practical tasks of maintenance and caring and we would again like to take this opportunity to thank **everyone** who plays a part in our church life. Without everyone's efforts in countless ways, our church would not be the spiritual, caring and loving community it is, seeking to make God's kingdom here in Alveley. Thank you so much to you all for all that you do.

Hilary Fleming (PCC Secretary), March 2021

St Mary's APCM / Trustee Financial Review for Year Ended 31/12/20

2020 was an understandably tough year for everybody. At St Mary's, we have been fortunate and incredibly grateful for the ongoing financial support we have received, both in terms of increased regular gifts direct to our bank account, parishioners playing 'catch up' with regular giving as soon as they returned to church and the generosity shown with 'one-off' donations on our Gift Day.

Fund-raising activities were curtailed from March 2020 onwards, with the bulk of our £6k of fundraising coming from the Gift Day in September. An incredible effort to be only £3k down from the previous year. PCC fees from weddings & funerals were up £1k but, with only one wedding during the year, the figures serve as a sad reflection of the human loss and tragedy experienced within our community during this pandemic.

Alveley Old Chapel has been closed for the majority of 2020, although running costs continue. However, we were fortunate to receive a £5k business grant from Shropshire County Council, which more than covered the deficit but, of course, we face further ongoing costs in 2021.

Overall our draft accounts are showing us in the unexpected position of having an excess of receipts over payments of almost £7k. This can be explained by the following 'one-off' items though:

- a) The already mentioned Gift Day raising c£5k.
- b) £5,450 received in December 2020 from the HT Bequest. £450 was to be put towards £1.2k of remedial work on overgrown trees, which unfortunately was not completed until 2021. The rest was a much needed contribution 'to help the church in this uncertain time'.
- c) Almost 3k received in November from a bequest from the SMM Loan Trust.
- d) The aforementioned £5k grant to AOC from Shropshire County Council.

e) The 'donation' of £1.5k of unclaimed verger fees from previous years, as approved by PCC in March 2020.

Without the £20k of 'one-off' gifts / grants etc. above, we would have had a deficit of c£13k, compared to £8k in 2019.

With all the uncertainty still facing us through 2021, the PCC agreed to reduce our Diocese contribution in 2021 from £50k.

Anne Simms

Treasurer, May 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Planned giving	26,901	-	-	26,901	24,409
Collections	11,222	-	-	11,222	17,905
All other giving / voluntary receipts	9,819	5,556	-	15,375	4,353
Gift Aid recovered	9,217	-	-	9,217	9,150
Activities for generating funds	6,164	-	-	6,164	8,790
	<u>63,323</u>	<u>5,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,879</u>	<u>64,607</u>
Investment income	377	18	36	431	705
Church activities	7,537	-	-	7,537	7,596
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	4,497	-	4,497	21,709
	<u>71,237</u>	<u>10,071</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>81,344</u>	<u>94,617</u>
Total receipts					
Payments					
Church activities					
Parish share	50,000	-	-	50,000	50,000
Clergy running expenses	2,320	-	-	2,320	3,440
Church running expenses	14,638	-	-	14,638	22,404
Chapel running expenses	-	7,171	-	7,171	25,489
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>66,958</u>	<u>7,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,129</u>	<u>101,333</u>
Cost of generating funds	289	-	-	289	1,607
	<u>67,247</u>	<u>7,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,418</u>	<u>102,940</u>
Total payments					
Excess of receipts over payments	3,990	2,900	36	6,926	(8,323)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2020	116,681	19,268	4,020	139,969	148,292
Transfers between funds in the year	6 3,463	(2,428)	(1,035)	-	-
	<u>124,134</u>	<u>19,740</u>	<u>3,021</u>	<u>146,895</u>	<u>139,969</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2020					

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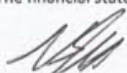
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Unrestricted General fund £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets						
Buildings	3	-	69,622	-	69,622	69,622
Current Assets						
Debtors		-	-	-	-	-
Bank and cash		19,740	48,567	360	68,667	64,044
CBF accounts		-	8,047	2,661	10,709	10,681
		<u>19,740</u>	<u>56,614</u>	<u>3,021</u>	<u>79,375</u>	<u>74,725</u>
Current Liabilities						
Other creditors		-	2,102	-	2,102	4,378
Net current assets		<u>19,740</u>	<u>54,512</u>	<u>3,021</u>	<u>77,273</u>	<u>70,347</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>19,740</u>	<u>124,134</u>	<u>3,021</u>	<u>146,895</u>	<u>139,969</u>

Movement on Funds

	Note	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward 31/12/2020 £
Restricted						
Nepal New Life	4	1,826	21	-	-	1,847
Church Roof		371	-	-	-	371
Fabric Fund		792	11	-	-	803
Churchyard Fund		1,031	4	-	(1,035)	-
		<u>4,020</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,035)</u>	<u>3,021</u>
		3,463	(2,428)			
Designated						
Sunday School	5	856	-	-	-	856
Sunshine corner		-	-	-	-	-
Choir		-	-	-	-	-
Friends fund		2,901	14	-	(2,915)	-
The Old Chapel		15,511	10,057	(7,171)	487	18,884
		<u>19,268</u>	<u>10,071</u>	<u>(7,171)</u>	<u>(2,428)</u>	<u>19,740</u>
General		116,681	71,237	(67,247)	3,463	124,134
Total		<u>139,969</u>	<u>81,344</u>	<u>(74,418)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>146,895</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Neil Dunlop - Chair

**NOTES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

- 1 The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

- 2 The accounts include Alveley Old Chapel. Although the day to day running is under the control of a manager who maintains its financial records, the ultimate responsibility rests with the PCC.

- 3 The fixed assets are the freehold premises at Alveley Old Chapel at cost.

- 4 The Restricted Funds are listed below:

The Nepal New Life Fund is for donations received for the project which we support in Nepal. A separate charity now exists to channel these funds.

The Church Roof Fund represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the church roof, which can only be spent for that purpose.

The Fabric Fund represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the church fabric, which can only be spent for that purpose.

- 5 The Unrestricted Designated Funds:

Alveley Old Chapel represents the accumulated income and expenditure of Alveley Old Chapel. These are held in a separate bank account, but the Parochial Church Council is the accountable body for them.

The Sunday School fund represents accumulated donations for the Sunday School.

- 6 Transfers:

£487 transfer relates to Alveley Old Chapel's proportion of the combined insurance policy paid for by the PCC.

The Churchyard Fund, which was a restricted fund, amounting to £1,035 represents accumulated donations for maintenance of the churchyard. In a meeting held on 10th March 2020, it was agreed by all members that this fund be transferred to the general fund of the PCC.

The Friends Fund, which was an unrestricted designated fund, amounting to £2,915 represents accumulated donations and interest. This was a group that had been discontinued at the beginning of the previous incumbent's tenure. It was agreed by all members on 10th March 2020 that this fund should be transferred to the general fund of the PCC.

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Mary the Virgin, Alveley Parochial Church Council (PCC)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on the attached pages, comprising Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Notes.

Respective responsibilities of the members and examiner

The charity's trustees, who are the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider 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 required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented in those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.



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30 May 2021