

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, HARDWICK

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: We hold Christian church services, both regular and occasional. We offer pastoral and spiritual support. We provide indoor and outdoor space for reflection.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£83,366	£85,868	-	-
2023-12-31	£52,910	£41,823	-	-
2022-12-31	£46,357	£46,734	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,648	£65,266	-	-
2020-12-31	£231,011	£362,676	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Clare Louise Coates	Chair	2022-10-29
ALISON DENISE MARCUS		
Dr Jeffrey Lyndon Jones		2021-04-25
Dr Katharine Julie Riley		2025-04-13
JANE ELIZABETH MUNCEY		2016-04-24
JANET HAYMAN		2017-04-23
Lois Patricia Frettsome		2021-04-25
Michaela Jane Vyse McNeill		2021-04-25
Prof CHRISTOPHER JOHN BRISTOW FORD		1993-06-01

Accounts



LORDSBRIDGE TEAM
OF CHURCHES



The parishes of Barton, Caldecote with
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Great and Little Eversden, Hardwick,
Harlton, Haslingfield and Toft

St Mary's Church, Hardwick APCM



Sunday 13th April 2025

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 13th APRIL 2025, 10:30 am
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY, HARDWICK
AGENDA

Opening Prayers

I. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14th April 2024
2. To elect the churchwardens

II. THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Present & apologies
2. Minutes of the annual meeting held on 14th April 2024
3. Matters Arising
4. Notice of items to be raised under AOB
5. Review of 2024
 - a. Vicar's Report
 - b. Finances 2024
 - c. Proceedings of the Parish and the PCC
 - Worship, Prayer and Spiritual Life
 - Church Community and Pastoral Care
 - Mission, Outreach and Contribution to Village Life
 - Pippins
 - Community lunches
 - Colour Wheel
 - Events Committee
 - The Cabin
 - The Cabin Financial Report
 - d. Fabric and Churchyard
 - e. LOTS
 - f. Safeguarding
 - g. Lordsbridge Team Report
 - h. Lordsbridge Team Council Report
 - i. Deanery Synod Report
 - j. Eco Church and Wildlife Management Plan
6. Report on the new electoral roll
7. Elections and appointments
 - a. To elect three representatives to the PCC
 - b. To elect a representative to the Deanery Synod for the next three years
 - c. To appoint an independent examiner to the Council
8. Any other business

III. PCC MEETING

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and Standing Committee
2. Budget 2025
3. AOB
4. Confirmation of next meeting

Note: the composition of the Standing Committee will comprise Parish Priest, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected and approved.



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of St Mary's Church, Hardwick

Held on 14th April 2024 at 10:30 in the Cabin

Present: Jane Muncey, Pauline Joslin, Sarah Parker, Kate Riley, Mark Manning, Anne Williams, Jean Jaggard, Anne & Jeff Jones, Sue & Peter Cornwell, Charlie Dyson, Chris Ford, Ali Marcus, Janet Hayman, Brian Coxall, Mary Wilkin, Tricia Maguire, Liz Entwistle, Joan Segrave, Naomi Roy, June Everitt, Lois Frettsome, Thelma Westbury, Howard Bigg

Apologies: None

The Annual report and the minutes of the last APCM had been circulated. These were approved. Thanks were expressed to Clare Bigg for looking after the finances so well over the years.

Janet Hayman and Ali Marcus were re-elected unanimously as Churchwardens. Rev Clare thanked them for their support. She also acknowledged the great support not only from the congregation but from the village.

There was no Deanery Synod report this year as yet. there is still much discussion about the Deanery Plan, but nothing to report.

Janet was thanked for producing the electoral roll.

Peter Cornwell and Chris Ford were unanimously re-elected to the PCC.

Lois Frettsome will continue as the Deanery Synod representative.

Mark Taylor was re-elected as the Financial Independent Examiner.

Much appreciation was given to Rev Clare and her family.

PCC meeting following the APCM

Vice-chair - Jeff Jones

Treasurer - Sue Chase has been co-opted and was thanked.

Secretary - Sue Cornwell will continue for another year.

No budget has been set for 2024 as yet.

As Stephen Coates is now Churchwarden at Caldecote, a new Team Council representative is needed. Also, a Parish representative for the appointment of Team Rector, before June 24th.

The standing committee is Ali Marcus, Janet Hayman, Rev. Clare, Chris Ford, Sue Chase and Sue Cornwell.

Vicar's Report

Rev'd Clare Coates



2024 was, in many ways, a difficult year for us all here at St Mary's. In early March we were shocked and deeply saddened by the news that Clare Bigg, a key and much-loved member of the team here, had suddenly and unexpectedly died. It was a big loss: for her family and friends; for the Church community; and for the village. Clare was a wonderful friend, and I will miss her terribly. She was a very kind, warm, intelligent woman, and she would always have a big smile and a quiet word of encouragement. We were furthered saddened by the sudden deaths of our friends Jean Jaggard (in June) and Janet Barnard in October. All three women were life long, faithful Christians and a real inspiration to us. They had a deep faith

and loved God whole heartedly, serving Him faithfully with great kindness and gentleness all their lives. Their Christian beliefs were at the heart of who they were as people. Their faith really mattered to them, and this was reflected in the way they lived their lives. They are deeply missed by us all. As a church family, we are here for each other and for all our friends in this community, especially in hard times. As Christians, we trust that no matter what we are facing, God will look after us, and that all will be well, even if we cannot understand why things like this happen. Our faith can help us through times of grief and sorrow, and we trust that God is with us. He will be our strength when we have none of our own. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all of Clare's, Jean's and Janet's family and friends, and who knew and loved them.

Early in February, contractor Alastaire Lingard from AJ Restoration came to conduct a thorough plaster survey of the entire ceiling and walls. He also met with Bat expert, Chris Vine, who advised us regarding the bat population. The Building Repairs Team also met with the Diocese of Ely Advisors Graham Pledger (retired Surveyor) and David Grech (retired Architect). We are very grateful to them for their help and advice, and they continued to help us as the project got underway. Alastaire returned in mid-March to complete the internal and external repairs, and the project was completed on time and to budget in early May. Jeff Jones writes more about this project on p33 below. It was with great excitement and joy that we re-opened the church on Sunday 26th May. It was wonderful to worship together again in such a beautiful, spiritual place and to celebrate finishing the repairs project. It was a great honour for me to be part of the team involved in this project. We join an historic line of people who have worked hard to keep our church going and we are so happy that the repair project went so well. Graham Pledger





continued to monitor movement in the church building for the rest of the year (and into 2025) and this is a good reminder to us that our church will always be a work in progress. Thank you to all who worked on this project, including Marlows Scaffolding and local Carpenter, Steve Bond, and of course the Building Repairs Team here at St Mary's, including the late Clare Bigg who was an integral member of our team. Clare was a wonderful, calming presence, especially when things were difficult, and I will always remember her saying: *"We don't need to worry because God is with us. He's helped us before and He will help us again."* And how right Clare was and is, and as a Church community we are

very thankful to God who has watched over us and helped us through this time, which has had its challenges and times of great sadness. We are incredibly grateful for the continuing help and support of the wider community, which has meant so much to us.

There have been continuing signs of growth over the last year, with those coming to church increasing on average. It has been wonderful getting to know new friends in the congregation. Our fundraising events have been particularly well attended and enjoyed. Highlights include our annual Quiz; the Walk, Run, Cycle event in April; our Cheese and wine evening with a talk by David Grech in May; Afternoon Tea in June; and the Big Book Sale and Harvest supper and Ceilidh in October. Sue Cornwell writes more on our fundraising and social events on p28 below. I have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know people in and around the parish, whether at church services and events or through dog walking in the village each day. Being a presence in the community is at the heart of our vision of being a church for the whole community here in Hardwick.

My thanks to the wonderful Ministry Team here: Ali, Janet and Peter, who have been incredibly supportive and encouraging, and who continue to be a joy to work with. A big thank you, too, to the PCC and to the wider church community for your continuing support and friendship. A special thanks must go to Sue Chase from SEC Solutions, who agreed to be our interim Treasurer in 2024 following the sudden death of Clare Bigg. We are incredibly grateful for her advice, support and help.

Many years ago, my family lived in an old Tudor house. It had an inscription over the door: *Honour and glory to God*. The house had been owned and occupied by a predominant Catholic family during the Reformation. It has several priest holes and two chapels, one of which was a secret room at the top of the house where all members of the family would gather for worship. I have often thought about why they chose *Honour and glory to God* as their motto and have given much reflection to these words, which we can find in 1 Timothy 1:17. St Mary's Hardwick has given "honour and glory to God" for centuries and we join our prayers and praise with generations and generations of faithful Christians who have come before us and with those who will come after us. We

are part of a long line of people who have served and cared for our church building and churchyard; and who have loved, prayed and worshipped here. We are playing our small part in helping this church remain at the heart of village life, and in so doing, we are giving honour and glory to God. Over the last year I have seen how much our local church really matters to so many people. Our church is here for the whole community, and it has been and will continue to be a powerful symbol of God's presence here in Hardwick.

We honour and glorify God in all we think, say and do. As a church community we are committed to being welcoming, inclusive, kind, caring, and to helping people in need. I feel very positive about everything we are doing together, and I believe we will continue to grow and thrive. I am so excited about what lies ahead for us in the year, and years, ahead!



Financial Report

Sue Chase



Sue Chase, Treasurer

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St Mary's Church Hardwick Accounts for 2024

Introduction to the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared by Sue Chase of Simple Solutions (Cambs) Ltd on a receipts and payments basis. Sue took over in March of this year after the sad demise of the then Treasurer Clare Bigg who has looked after the PCC accounts for many years.

The accounts were examined by Mark Taylor who continues to be the nominated Independent Examiner.

The PCC uses Natwest for everyday banking requirements. They hold both a current account and a deposit account. The deposit account was set up earlier this year to hold the funds raised for work on the church fabric.

There are two deposit accounts held with CCLA: the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund CB3025074-001 which holds monies designated for the church building and churchyard and the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund CB3025075-001 designated to the Cabin.

There are three main Funds within the remit of the PCC – the General Fund, the Fabric Fund and the Cabin Fund. Each Fund has a separate Financial Statement.

Sue Chase
Treasurer
February 2024

LORDSBRIDGE TEAM
OF CHURCHES



The parishes of Barton, Caldecote
with Childerley, Comberton,
Coton, Dry Drayton, Great and Little Eversden,
Hardwick, Harlton, Haslingfield and Toft

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK**Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2024****GENERAL FUND**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Fund Balance at 1 Jan 24</u>		
Natwest	5,258	7,367
Cash	666	252
CCLA (cabin a/c)	1,502	708
Less uncleared cheques	(480)	(1,083)
	6,945	7,244
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Planned Giving via Parish Giving Scheme	14,910	12,987
Other Planned Giving	4,725	4,900
Open Plate Collections	383	687
Donations	346	742
Gift Aid Recovered	3,871	4,249
Fete takings	2,728	2,538
Other fundraising	2,516	252
Wedding and Funeral fees	3,466	3,595
Ministry Share rebate & grant	282	264
Families Work	141	1,012
Misc		54
TOTAL RECEIPTS	33,368	31,281
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
W and F fees to Ely etc	150	1,251
Fete Costs	0	59
Charitable Giving	120	400
Ministry Share	23,609	22,564
Incumbent's Expenses	525	903
Secretary's Expenses	1,895	1,290
Adult Outreach Resources	0	205
Families work	337	704
YouthMinistry	42	385
Pastoral	55	93
Insurance, fire etc	1,167	1,522
Ministry & services	327	530
Maintenance	192	262
Electricity (church)	706	1,413
Misc	54	0
Accountancy	1,009	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	30,189	31,580
<u>Funds held</u>		
Held in Nat west a/c	13,385	5,258
Held in Cabin Fund CCLA a/c	0	1,502
Held in cash	0	666
Less uncleared cheques	(3,261)	(480)
Balance at 31st Dec 24	10,124	6,945

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK
Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2024

FABRIC FUND

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
<u>Fund Balance at 1 Jan 24</u>	CCLA	23,121		18,484	
	Natwest	6,563		108	
			29,684		18,592
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
	Donations	7,762		5,338	
	Fundraising (see table below)	7,736		5,050	
	Interest	1,034		637	
	Gift Aid	34		424	
	Grant	11,101		2,000	
	Insurance claim	12,564			
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>			40,231		13,449
<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
	Tree survey	348			
	AJ Restorations plaster survey	880			
	AJ Restorations deposit for materials	1,000			
	Bat consultancy	220		895	
	Steve Bond window boards	1,014			
	AJ Restorations labour	9,006			
	Wakeling gutter cleaning	175			
	Bee consultancy	30			
	R J Marlowe	14,352			
	ACR Cleaning	3,240			
	Storage boxes	133			
	CHCT membership	50			
	Foxcotte tree surgery	6,106			
	Coulson repair work	9,166			
	Signwork repair to church sign	150			
	Stone mason letter carving	3,518			
	Skip Hire	260			
	Hydrated Lime	24			
	Lightning conductor			1,228	
	Mower			235	
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>			49,671		2,357
<u>Balance of Fund at 31 December 24</u>					
	Invested in CCLA a/c	14,025		23,121	
	Held in Nat West d/c	6,130		0	
	Held in Nat West a/c	89		6,563	
			20,243		29,684

Summary of Fundraising Events

	Takings	Expenses deducted	PROFIT
WRC	4,314		4,314
Quiz	1,100	38	1,062
Cheese & Wine	1,131		1,131
Afternoon Tea	600		600
Safari Supper	400		400
Xmas Trees	25		25
Easyfundraising	204		204
Total	7,774	38	7,736

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK
Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2024
CABIN FUND

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Fund Balance at 1 Jan 24</u>		
Natwest	0	0
CCLA	<u>2,208</u>	<u>1,914</u>
	2,208	1,914
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Rental Income	9,440	8,092
Bank interest	197	88
Donations & Gift Aid	<u>130</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,767	8,180
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Fees & Licences	659	434
Insurance & fire	1,167	1,094
Utilities	1,411	1,469
Cleaner	1,396	1,480
Consumables	319	151
Cabin grounds	0	917
Inside fitments	342	1,027
Maintenance & servicing	713	549
Legacy items	<u>0</u>	<u>765</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,008	7,886
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec 24</u>		
Held in Nat West a/c	2,060	0
Held in CCLA a/c	<u>3,907</u>	<u>2,208</u>
	<u>5,967</u>	<u>2,208</u>

Mini Restricted Funds 2024

	<u>1st Jan</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>31st Dec</u>
Community Lunch Fund	536	942	153	1,325
Pastoral Fund	10			10
Collection for Jimmys	0	40		40
Collection for Howard	0	2,210	2,210	0
	<u>546</u>	<u>3,191</u>	<u>2,363</u>	<u>1,374</u>

ANNUAL RECONCILIATION WITH NAT WEST BANK (GENERAL FUND)

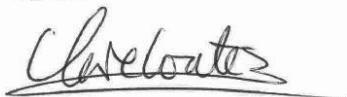
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash at 1st Jan	665.81	251.83
Bank at 1st Jan	12,366.46	7,474.88
Less holding for FF at 1st Jan	(6,562.98)	(107.71)
Less holding for Cabin fund 1st Jan	1,502.02	708.45
Less holding for mini restricted accounts 1st Jan	(545.96)	0.00
Excess Receipts over payments	3,178.99	(298.52)
Cheques from last year now cleared	(479.89)	(1,083.47)
Cheques from this year not cleared	3,260.50	479.89
Held for Fabric Fund 31st Dec	88.63	6,562.98
Held for Cabin fund Dec 31st	2,060.28	(1,502.02)
Held for mini restricted accounts Dec 31st	1,374.41	545.96
Total	<u>16,908.27</u>	<u>13,032.27</u>
Cash at 31st Dec	0.00	665.81
Bank at 31st Dec	16,908.27	12,366.46
Total	<u>16,908.27</u>	<u>13,032.27</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st Dec

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Nat West current a/c	16,908.27	12,366.46
Nat West Deposit a/c	6,129.69	0.00
CCLA Fabric Fund	14,024.93	23,120.83
CCLA Sunday School Fund (aka Cabin fund)	3,907.03	3,710.11
Cash in hand	0.00	665.81
Uncleared cheques	(3,260.50)	(479.89)
Total	<u>£37,709.42</u>	<u>£39,383.32</u>
Fabric Fund	20,243.25	29,683.81
Cabin Fund	5,967.31	2,208.09
General Fund	10,124.45	6,945.46
Mini restricted funds	1,374.41	545.96
TOTAL	<u>£37,709.42</u>	<u>£39,383.32</u>

Approved at the Parochial Church Council Meeting on 24 March 2025

Signed:



Revd Clare Coates

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes to the Accounts

GENERAL FUND:

This was a positive year for the General Fund with income of **£33,368** (£31,281 last year) less expenditure of **£30,189** (£31,580 last year) resulting in a **surplus of £3,179** to add to reserves (deficit of £299 last year).

Income:

Planned Giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw an increase of around £2,000 over the year although other giving (including Gift Aid) saw a fall of £1,253.

Fund Raising specifically for the General Fund increased this year, topping last year by £2,754. This is particularly to be commended in the light of the intense fund raising that took place last year and into this year for the Fabric Fund.

Expenditure:

There were increases in the fees to Ely Diocese and the Lordsbridge Team. The sad death of Clare Bigg early in the year necessitated the PCC employing a professional accountant as Treasurer for the short term until a replacement could be found among the parish. This cost £1,009 for work done during the year. The PCC remained mindful of the need to keep expenses to a minimum and despite the mentioned increases, managed to reduce overall expenses by over £1,000.

There are still some payments relating to the financial year to be made in January which will appear in the accounts for 2025.

Discussion took place at PCC about the merits and drawbacks of accounting on a Receipts and Payments basis rather than an Accrual basis and the vote was taken to change to an Accrual basis from 2025.

The **General Fund** stood at **£10,124** at the end of December 24.

FABRIC FUND

The sterling work done by the Fundraising Team last year continued into 2024 with £7,736 being raised through various activities. This was matched by donations from individuals (£7,762) and further increased by a Grant from the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, the refund of the VAT on the tower work and a sum of £5,000 from the Parish Council to be put towards required tree surgery.

The Tower work was completed and the Church deep cleaned in May.

The Standing Stone at the front of the Cabin was replaced after being accidentally knocked down and an insurance claim was made for the replacement stone and carving.

The Fabric Fund reduced by only **£9,441** despite work amounting to **£49,671** having taken place. The balance at the end of the year of **£20,243** has surpassed all initial expectations and the PCC is appreciative of the hard work required to be in such a positive position.

CABIN FUND

This is the third year that the Cabin has been active and rental income increased by 17% from last year to **£9,770**.

Utilities, insurance and cleaning remained very similar to last year but without the need for additional refurbishment total expenditure fell significantly to **£6,008** (£7,886 last year).

The Cabin Fund saw a **surplus of £3,756** at the year end. A very positive note as it re-enforces the initial belief that the Cabin would be self-supporting.

MINI RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Mini Restricted Funds are not owned by the PCC but are held by them on a temporary basis. The most significant mini fund is the Community Lunch Fund which currently holds £1,325 within the PCC bank account. A record is kept of these funds and the balance known at any time throughout the year.

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St. Mary's, Hardwick

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 - 6 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 {'the Act'}

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulation.

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charities Commission under section 43(7) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements' which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations have not been met or
- 2 To which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

(Signed)



MARK A. TAYLOR

Date

13/3/25

Parish Reports

Worship, Prayer and Spiritual Life

Rev'd Clare Coates, Michaela McNeill and Peter Cornwell

Worship, Prayer and Spiritual Life – Clare Coates



My thanks to Ali and Peter, and Michaela for their continuing support and help throughout the year and for agreeing to lead services that Clare Bigg was previously responsible for. I am incredibly grateful to them.

We maintained the monthly pattern of four Sunday services: Holy Communion on the first, second and third Sundays, with Sunday Club available on first and third Sundays if children attended with their parents; and Morning Worship for all ages every fourth Sunday, led by Ali and Peter. Wild Church continues to be a popular service for families and children, meeting outdoors whatever the weather and exploring God's creation together. Fifth Sundays

provided us with the opportunity to participate in a Team-wide service. The annual Remembrance Service in November was well attended and the ecumenical, area-wide service to mark Christ the King was delivered both online and in person. During Advent we followed a Sunday series 'Song in scripture.' We thought about how our singing to God is an act of worship and celebration, and how it is so central to our worshipping life together, here in Hardwick. A well-attended and much enjoyed Carol Concert was held just before Christmas in December.

The availability of 'Worship at Home' continued to be appreciated by some members of the church for times when they were unable to be at church in person.

The joys and sorrows of life were marked by baptisms and funerals throughout the year. Some of these services were held for families who now live outside the parish but continue to feel a strong connection with this church, and others for parishioners and friends: Clare Bigg, Jean Jaggard and Janet Barnard. There were no weddings in 2024.

Our beautiful churchyard is a special place for walkers and passers-by. My grateful thanks to Jeff, Peter and all the LOTS team for their hard work and dedication, it is hugely appreciated. Special thanks must go to all who kept the church as a welcoming and safe space, notably to Ali, Janet, Lois, Naomi, Stephen and all who quietly served us, through either cleaning or flower arranging throughout the year.

Midweek and Friday Night Prayers – Michaela McNeill

The midweek prayer group meets once a week on Wednesday mornings during term time. Three times a month we are on Zoom and on the first Wednesday of the month we meet in person in the Cabin. The group consists of members from St Mary's and the Evangelical Church in Hardwick plus another person in the village who attends a church in Cambridge. We use a simple form of service depending on the time of year and pray for about half an hour. We take turns in leading. We read out a Psalm and a passage from the New Testament. We also focus our prayer on various issues throughout the world, as well as national and local issues or any other topic that may concern us.

The Friday Night Evening Prayer Group started during the pandemic and has continued on Zoom. We meet every Friday evening from September to June with a break at Christmas. Initially it was led by the Rev Alison Myers but Clare Bigg took over when Alison left to take up her post as Warden at Launde Abbey. With the sad passing of Clare, I have been leading. We have been using a short form of Evening Prayer again depending on the time of year and we are online for about half an hour. The group consists of a small but steady group of loyal and faithful worshippers. It originally started with just members from St Mary's, but I have opened it up to others within the Lordsbridge Team.

Sunday Club – Peter Cornwell

Sunday Club (SC) began the year with two children coming infrequently. They were joined by the three boys during the year, and we initiated what has become known as SC outside. SC outside is supposed to happen approximately fortnightly though the reality is somewhat less often. We have built a cross, done some willow fence weaving and split and replanted snowdrops. Sunday Club inside still happens occasionally.



Wild Church – Peter Cornwell

Wild Church meets on the second Sunday of the month. The flavour and character of Wild Church is very different to the Sunday Club. The most noteworthy difference is that while Sunday Club is for the children without their parents, Wild Church is for families spending time together. The average age of the children for Wild Church is considerably lower than that of Sunday Club.

At Wild Church we look to grow closer to God through the natural world. We usually begin with an introductory activity which leads into the main theme and we finish with a prayer and a session called 'going deeper'.

Our afternoons always start with the prayer:

‘Enter in as if the bark beneath our feet were gold
and all the trees all of wealth untold,
As if a choir, in robes of fire, were singing here,
Nor shout, nor rush, but hush for God is here.’

Both Sunday Club outside and Wild Church reflect the movement in the Church of England towards ‘fresh expressions’. What we are doing is still in its infancy but there are growing signs of success.



Church Community and Pastoral Care

Ali Marcus, Rev'd Clare Coates and Michaela McNeill

Church Community – Ali Marcus

Although St Mary's is a relatively small church, in the words of Rev. Alison Meyers, we continued to "punch above our weight" in 2024 by supporting all ages and stages in Hardwick and demonstrating the love of God by our actions. Support groups and community activities are highlighted in other reports. We grew slightly in numbers during our regular Sunday services, and maintained our Fresh Expressions, Wild Church and Tuesday Toddlers. Clare B whilst she was with us, Rev Clare, Trica and Michaela provided home communion and pastoral support throughout the year

We continued to rejoice that Rev Clare Coates is our incumbent and say a big thank you to her for leading us through a very rocky 2024 where we said goodbye to several much-loved members of our congregation. Clare, Jean and Janet. We prayed for peace and strength for ourselves and their families as we learn to live without them.

In contrast to these losses, it has been wonderful meet and make friends with many new members of our worshipping community young and old. Whilst it was a joy to welcome a visiting family for 6 months, it was very sad to say goodbye to them just before Christmas.

With all this change, the project to repair the church ceiling and continuing to address the action points of the quinquennial report under Jeff's guidance, Peter re-tabled our 7-year plan; a work in progress. As a result, it has been amazing to watch our youngest members grow, and Sunday Club and Wild Church contributed to changes in the church yard and charity fund raising for the homeless. It was very important that we continued to focus on our missions to care for our natural world both in terms of combating climate change and improving biodiversity on our land. LOTS team continued to spear head this work by the sweat of their brows and by planning and sharing out tasks such as splitting snowdrops and planting bulbs but also by starting the planning of an Eco day in 2025. They even instigated a "hot composting box" for the Cabin and started work towards a Silver Wildlife Trust Award.

As one of your Churchwardens, I wish to say a heartfelt thank you to each one of you in our congregation. So many of the things' Churchwardens are responsible for have been shouldered by you. Jeff takes the primary responsibility of maintaining the church and Cabin buildings and keeps tabs on the graves, the Cabin management team run the business of the Cabin, Chris creates the rotas and is a whiz with the sound system, Harry and Sue play the organ for us, Lois does our flowers, LOTS maintain the churchyard, Kate has volunteered to be our treasurer, Jane is our Safeguarding Officer. Time after time, the Events Committee, led by Sue, organise and work hard at fundraising and social events. You all support each other and participate in or help at events. The strength of St Mary's is in the faith, vocation and teamwork of the individuals that make up our community.

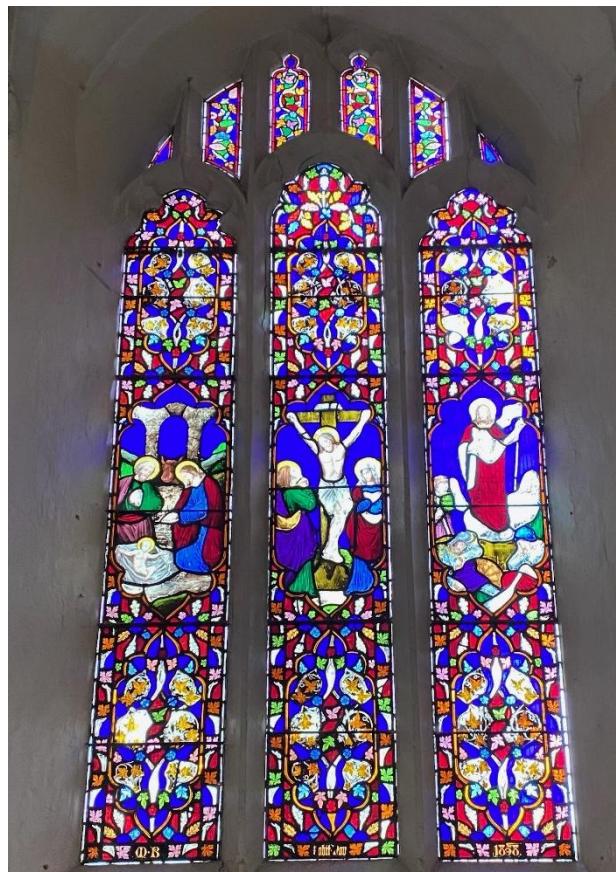
Pastoral Care – Clare Coates

Pastoral contact amongst the church and wider community continued to be made both by the clergy and through an informal network of support. Home communion is available for those who would like to take it.

Home Communions – Michaela McNeill

I resumed taking Home Communion to people this year after not being able to do so during the pandemic. I have continued to take it to Hazel Basham, a former member of the congregation and more recently I have begun to take it to Nora Nunn, again another member of the church who is not able to get to church. With Hazel I had already established a rapport with her, which I had developed prior to the pandemic, and I have continued to do so. With Nora, I made my first visit with Clare Coates in September and I have continued to visit her since then and we have established a good relationship quite quickly. Both Hazel and Nora appreciate the continued connection with the church here and I visit them on a monthly basis.

I was accepted for the Authorised Lay Ministry specialism in Pastoral Awareness in September and I am undertaking the course which runs for ten months. As part of it, I am required to take on a Pastoral Project and with Clare's approval I hope to take Home Communion to Gracefields Care Home. I have been going up to Gracefields once a month with a Worship Group which consists of myself and members of the Evangelical Church.



Mission, Outreach and Contribution to Village Life

Ali Marcus

2024 was a very bittersweet year for all of us in St Mary's. We lost some very special women from our midst, but in terms of our mission and outreach, the most keenly felt was Clare Bigg. As our lay minister, treasurer and back bone of much of our children's work and pastoral care we floundered without her and had to pray and work hard to function without her.

The Church Building- Back to the heart of the community

2024 and we processed our way back into the church building!! Repairs to the church ceiling were finished and services returned to where they belong. Although we have not hosted a wedding yet, funerals and baptisms have been held in the church in 2024. We once again extend our thanks to our sister churches who helped us out at the beginning of the year and Clare and Stephen for being project managers. It really is difficult to do justice to all those who continued to beaver away to get the project over the line.

Can you believe that The Walk Run Cycle, donations and all the events run by the events committee together raised over £15,000 in 2024. It really was a busy year and especially pleasing that so many "Hardwickians" joined in with our events. And although fundraising was the incentive to push through with so many events, we need to celebrate the degree to which we fulfilled our mission to support and contribute to a happy healthy community in Hardwick. A big thank you to the Events Committee.

In terms of welcoming the village into the church building and hopefully encouraging them to come back in, Christmas 2024 was particularly successful. The Christingle service, school Christmas services, the Christmas tree festival along with Carols and the Carol Service were all very well attended.

Cabin Use- Fulfilling the brief of Hospitality, Wholeness, Encounter

Despite the accident which felled our standing stones depicting our mission of Hospitality, Wholeness and Encounter, in 2024 we continued to get good feedback about the cabin as a venue for clubs, activities, parties, and family gatherings with users specifically commenting on the tranquillity and peace of the setting- special thanks to LOTS for looking after the garden- but also the very special atmosphere inside the building. Many people struggle to pinpoint what it is about the building that they particularly value. They speak of feeling relaxed and welcome and being able to leave their troubles behind. Let's keep God at the heart of the building.

The running of the Cabin which has become the hub of much of our mission and outreach is down to the Cabin Management team. In 2024 the team was led by Jeff, who continued to look after the building, with Anne being the bookings secretary and Clare B the treasurer until she died in March, followed by Sue Chase and Ali. We can not underestimate how much time and hard work these members of St Mary's have put

into running the cabin and allowing us to actively pursue our mission to share and demonstrate the love of God in our Community.

The breakdown of cabin usage in 2024 by type of use is shown in the Cabin report using numbers of people attending different activities. Overall, it was used for 27.3% of its availability which is less than in 2023. There is room for further groups to meet and for us to extend our outreach if we wish to.

Brief Summary of groups that are run by or supported by St Mary's Church

Bumps and Babies in the Cabin (led by Ali)

In 2024, Bumps and Babies in the Cabin met 48 weeks out of the 52. After a slow start, the 2024 cohort built up steadily and there were 6-8 families in each session with a total of 12 families supported over the year. There is good evidence that it achieved its aim of supporting families during the "transition to parenthood" by providing a comfortable and secure space for new parents to become confident caring for their babies whilst promoting the development of new friendships and a robust support network within and around Hardwick. Ali keeps an eye on the group Whats App and there is much sharing of information and meet ups arranged outside of the group meeting in the Cabin.

Cabin Art Group (Caroline Edgley)

This well-established group continues to meet in the Cabin every two weeks to practice either their own creative projects or something offered to the group on the day. Between 3 and 7 attend.

Summer afternoons

Despite losing Clare who had taken on the leadership of this well-established outdoor café with children's activities during 6 sessions in August, Summer Afternoons was again very successful again in 2024. Sue headed up the team this year and we need to ensure that we plan well for 2025 so that we can sustain Summer Afternoons in the future

Events Committee (led by Sue)

How can we even start to thank our events committee for doing the planning and donkey work of all our church events? They work tirelessly whether for fundraisers for the Church (Fete, quiz nights, cheese and wine evening, book stall) or "not for profit" community events (Bonfire night party, Carol singing around the fire, coffee mornings, summer afternoons cakes and drinks) to name a few. These people are, alongside Clare C, the faces of St Mary's church- welcoming, caring and inspiring. They form the core of our community outreach and are great bakers too!!

Tuesday Toddlers – Clare Coates

Families were deeply saddened by Clare Bigg's sudden death in March. Clare had led this group for many years and was very much loved by all who came. Revd Clare stepped in to lead for the rest of the Spring term, and after a break during the Summer,

re started the group in September, with the help of Janet Hayman. The group has thrived, and we now have on average seven children a week during term time, and many new families have joined the group. Each week we have bible themed craft, a Bible story and lots of time to chat and play. Children and adults enjoy singing together and the morning is rounded off with a snack!



Pippins Report



Anne Jones

Pippin's opened in June 2014 and we continue to open on the first Saturday of every month from 10am – midday and it is very popular, as we cater for all ages. There is always a good atmosphere, friendliness and a real buzz, with lots of chatter – certainly our way of serving the community! It has gone from strength to strength, and it has been known for people to be queuing outside the door to come in.

Sadly, in March, Clare Bigg, one of our Management Committee died unexpectedly and has been a great loss to us all. We were very pleased to be able to provide the refreshments for the funeral wake, which was greatly appreciated by her husband Howard and their children Alex and Michael.

We have a very keen and supportive team of 17 bakers and 30 helpers (although not all the helpers are 'regulars') who offer their services each month. We pride ourselves with our wide selection of homemade cakes, cookies and biscuits, all at a very reasonable price. We try to have seasonal refreshments for Christmas and Easter. The bakers are reimbursed for the cost of the ingredients only, which enables us to keep our costs down as we are a non-profit making enterprise. Due to increased food prices, we have increased our prices slightly. Any profit that is made is used to further improve our facilities and donated to groups or individuals in the village or further afield, worthy of our support. This year (January - December 2024) we made the following donations:

Sponsored the Writing Competition in the Hardwick Happenings - £40 (book vouchers)

Donated towards the installation of outdoor electrics at Hardwick Community Primary School – £200

The assets for the year ending December 2024 were £2188.05 in the bank and £81.30 cash in hand.

In June, Pippin's celebrated its 10th birthday with a birthday cake, birthday balloons and children's activities at Pippin's. The team of bakers and helpers also celebrated at the Cabin with a BBQ and a lovely selection of desserts.

The Management Committee consists of Kate & Steve Gaze (Evangelical Church), Anne Jones (Community Association), Clare Coates (St Mary's Church), Julie Coulson, Jane Chudleigh and Gino Starace, our Treasurer.

"Pippins is a real success story and a welcome addition to the things that go on in the village."



Hardwick Community Lunches

Anne Jones

The Community Lunches, held in the Cabin four times a year, were started at the beginning of 2023 and they continue to be very popular and successful with 40 - 50 people attending. We provide a two-course meal with coffee and at Christmas, we provide a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. We advertise in the Hardwick Happenings. We still have the same band of helpers and two co-opted husbands. We do not charge but ask for a donation. The money raised has been used to purchase equipment to improve the facilities and we have a healthy reserve which we have not decided what to do with at the moment. We continue to have a quiz and a raffle and since June, the proceeds have been donated to various charities...

June – Cancer Research UK

September – Motor Neurone Disease

December – Salvation Army

This leads us on to 2025 and the next lunch is on March 26th. So, if you want to join us for our Community Lunches, you have to get in early as news travels fast and it is becoming a popular event in the calendar.



The Colour Wheel Report

Nicky Kerr

The Colour Wheel has been running successfully for six years since its inception in 2019.

The Cabin remains an excellent venue for hosting the group, providing a secure, safe, and accessible space. Its peaceful surroundings contribute to an atmosphere of tranquillity and mindfulness, enhancing the experience for attendees.

At the heart of the group is a commitment to reducing loneliness and isolation within our village. Open to all members of the local community, the Colour Wheel offers a welcoming space for social connection and mindful colouring activities. The group primarily consists of residents from Hardwick, with some attendees from Comberton and Toft, averaging around ten participants per session. All materials are provided, and refreshments are served midway through each session. A voluntary £4 donation helps to cover the cost of hall hire, refreshments, and general running expenses. These donations have been sufficient to meet all financial needs.

Many attendees prefer using chairs with armrests for added comfort and support. Thanks and appreciation to the Cabin Committee for arranging additional chairs, they will make a significant difference to the experience of those who attend.

Over the past year, the group has welcomed three new regular attendees. Many participants have faced personal challenges, including illness and bereavement, and the group has provided them with much-needed support and encouragement. The Colour Wheel continues to be a valued and uplifting space for all who take part.



The Events Committee Report

Sue Cornwell, Events Committee Chair

A big thank you to all who have supported the fundraising events this last year. All have proved to be successful and a total of nearly £8,500 has been raised. It has been very encouraging to welcome many new friends, neighbours and families from outside the Church congregation.

In addition to the annual events - the Quiz night, Fete, Harvest Supper and Book Sale - we had a second Cheese & Wine evening with a very interesting, illustrated talk on English architecture by David Grech, a retired conservation architect. The afternoon tea in June was well attended and raised an amazing £600. We had a 'stall' at the Village Garage sale, enjoyed another Safari Supper and a Bonfire party on November 5th. A new fundraiser this year was 'How posh is your palate' - an evening of great fun when we discovered that expensive brands are not always the tastiest. Our thanks to Kate and family who organised this. We also held a 'Chocolate House' workshop, with thanks to Lynn Reynolds who brought all the materials and was very patient when there were near disasters and managed to put things right. I think quite a few children and grandchildren enjoyed the fruits of our labours! We also ran the Summer Afternoons in August and the Christmas Tree festival in December. It was a poor year for gardeners and the plant and produce stall did not do so well - hopefully 2025 will be better.

A list of all the planned events for this next year has been circulated and printed in the Hardwick Happenings so we hope for lots of support for the events and, as always, we would be delighted to have offers of help at any of them, but particularly for the fete in May.



The Cabin

Jeff Jones, Cabin Management Team Chair

Hospitality, Wholeness, Encounter

Cabin Management Team: Jeff Jones (Chair), Anne Jones (Booking Secretary), Sue Cornwell (Minute Secretary), Peter Cornwell, Ali Marcus, Nicky Kerr, Rev Clare Coates.

2024 was another very successful year for the Cabin, being extensively used, virtually every day. Users are so complimentary about the building and its facilities and how welcoming it feels. People find the surrounding area, including the pond, both pleasant and tranquil, as well as being so functional.



There has been an extensive list of users during year, such as family parties, funeral wakes, a wedding, exercise classes and art and craft sessions. the Cabin is now also used for several other activities (see *list of users below*). The Cabin was again used for weekly services until the re-opening of the church in May. Moreover, it also enabled the events committee to continue running fundraising activities and functions towards the cost of renovating the church.

Unfortunately, in March there was a serious negative issue. Whilst parking her car to attend a pilates class, a lady lost control of her car and drove into the building significantly damaging the brick plinth and the above wall. Two of the three decorative standing stones were smashed and the third knocked over. Fortunately, nobody was injured and despite a bowed wall in one of the toilets, the building was still usable. A quote of £9166 for repairing the building was provided by Coulsons, the original builders and Pipa Westoby provided a quote of £3518 to re-carve the smashed stones and re-erect all three. The building was repaired in August, but the stones had still not been replaced at the end of the year. Our insurance company agreed to cover all costs, less an excess of £250; reclamation of this will be pursued once the work on the stones is completed. Another difficult issue during the summer of 2024 was repeated infestations of ants.

Cabin users in 2024

Voluntary Village Groups

Bumps & Babes
Colour Wheel
Cabin Creative Arts
Brownies
LOTS Coffee
Friendship Club

Exercise Classes

Pilates
Zumba
Yoga
Ballet
Swing Fit
West Coast Swing Training
Gong Sound Bath
Taiko Drumming Workshop
Martial Arts (Wing Chun)

Village Group Committee Meetings

Hardwick Women's Institute
St Mary's Events
Hardwick Allotments
Hardwick Parish Council
Hardwick Community Centre Working Group

Village Social Group

Pippins
Hardwick Women's Institute

Business Meetings & Workshops

History Off The Page
Christmas Wreath Making

St Mary's Church Groups

Tuesday Morning Toddlers
Wild Church
Wednesday Morning Prayers/Coffee
Parochial Church Council
Ministry Meetings

Lordsbridge Team

Lordsbridge Core Team

Families

Baptism Celebrations
Funeral Wakes
Children's Parties
Family Gatherings
Weddings

Village Socials & Events

Talks
Church Fete
Coffee Mornings
Music Evening
All Souls & Christingle Teas
Guy Fawkes Party
Cheese & Wine
Carol Service
Summer Afternoons
Community Lunches
Giant Book Sale
Walk, Run, Cycle

The Cabin Financial Report

Ali Marcus

We start with the financial break down of the Cabin finances through 2024:

Cabin Running Fund			
Assets at 01/01/2024 £2,208			
		BUDGET 2024	Actual %
Receipts	Rental Income	8,000	9,440 118%
	Donations & GA & bank interest	1,000	130 13%
Total		£9,000	£9,570 106%
		BUDGET 2024	Actual %
Payments	Licences & fees inc Hallmaster	450	659 147%
	Insurance, fire & mini maintenance	2,000	1,881 94%
	Utilities	2,000	1,411 71%
	Cleaner	1,600	1,340 84%
	Consumables	300	319 106%
	Outside	550	0 0%
	Inside fitments	300	342 114%
Total		£7,200	£5,952 83%
	Legacy expenses (pond fence)	800	
TOTAL		£8,000	£5,952
Balance of Fund at 31 December 24		£3,208	£5,826

As you can see, the Cabin finances are good evidence that the Cabin is a much loved and well used facility for the community. Rental income in 2024 was close to £1,500 greater than we projected. I have included a breakdown of the usage in the pie chart below. I think we have again achieved our aim of creating a warm and welcoming community space for the benefit of the whole village as well hospitality facilities for the Church building and our own community outreach. We continue to get regular feedback from users that they value the warmth, light, modern facilities and outlook of the hall.

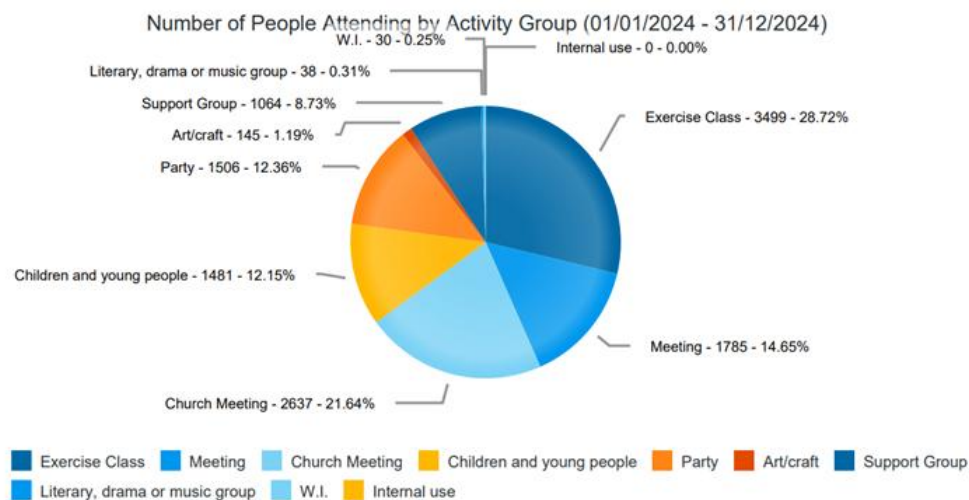
Although we do not want to rely on donations to balance the books, we received significant donations from grateful users and from within our congregation. Further testament to the value that the building adds to individual experiences.

The balance in the fund at the end of the year is close to double from the start of the year, which has given us confidence that we can build a reserve ready for inevitable future maintenance, repairs and improvements in the next few years.

There is much invisible hard work which is volunteered to the running of the Cabin and contributes to the building being financially viable. We must acknowledge the huge amount of time and attention devoted to the building by:

- Anne who manages all the bookings including showing people around and opening and locking up after events.
- Jeff who fixes, paints and sorts out all the maintenance for the building
- Sue who does the shopping and also opens up and locks up regularly
- And every week the LOTS team look after the garden and the pond.

Of course, last year was challenging for the Cabin Running Committee with Clare's sudden and tragic death leaving us without a treasurer. We send our heartfelt thanks to Sue Chase for stepping in and holding the fort whilst Ali learnt the ropes of invoicing Cabin users.



Fabric and Churchyard

Jeff Jones

Church Fabric



With the church closed and services continuing in the Cabin, we began the year eagerly waiting to begin the plaster repair work on the church. With the help of Russell Marlow of Marlows Scaffolding, a tower scaffold was hired in early February and Alistaire Lingard of A J Restoration, a skilled lime plasterer, carried out a detailed inspection of every ceiling panel of the nave, as well as the ceiling of the chancel and the dislodged stone moulding at the apex of the east window. Alistaire produced a very detailed report on the nave ceiling, with approximately half of the panels, mostly on the south side, requiring repair or complete replastering. In many instances the wooden lathe backing also needed replacing. Fortunately, the ceiling of the chancel

appeared to be sound and the stone moulding, although found to quite safe, needed to be re-bedded. A bat survey was required and advice sought in relation to preventing the disturbance of any resident bats. With adequate funds available from donations and a huge fundraising effort, the repair project began with the erection of secure scaffolding at the west end of the nave for Alistaire to commence work on 11th March. During the following seven weeks all the necessary repairs to the nave ceiling were carried out, the dislodged stone-window moulding was re-bedded. Also, the crack and replastering adjacent to the vestry door was carried out.

As the scaffolding was on site, the project also included some urgent re-plastering and re-pointing on the outside of the church, which had been reported following the 2022 quinquennial inspection. The roof flaunching, where the roof and walls meet, on the porch, nave and chancel were repaired and replastered with lime mortar and the coping stones on the parapets re-pointed. Additionally, the crack in the east wall was repaired, along with a considerable amount of repointing on that wall.

All work was completed and the scaffolding removed by 15th May. The following week, the church underwent a professional deep clean and was reopened with a service on 26th May. Despite the cost exceeding £30,000, at the end of the project the Fabric fund still had a healthy balance.

Unfortunately, during July the interior of the church was plagued by a swarm of bees from a nest inside the north wall of the chancel. After seeking advice and much discussion, it was decided not to intervene and the problem gradually resolved itself.

Illuminated stars on the church tower and the lychgate for the Christmas period has become a village tradition and again was well received.

Churchyard

Once again, the churchyard has been well cared for by the LOTS team, for which numerous favourable comments have been received. Additionally, Brian Coxall has kept the Rose Garden neat and tidy,

A survey of the lime trees by Oakes and Watson in January showed that for safety reasons all the trees required dead wood removing within the next six months. Two quotes were received and with a significant difference, it was decided to engage Foxcotte Tree Surgery to carry out the work. This was done in April with a total cost of £5692. However, with a favourable change in the law regarding the legality of parish councils making donations to churches, a grant of £5000 was gratefully received from Hardwick Parish Council towards the cost.



LOTS

Peter Cornwell

There are now seven members of the LOTS team. We meet weekly to mow, dig, cut, prune, plant, paint and many other jobs which are thrown our way. For example, during fete week there are often jobs which we can do in preparation.

The work is accompanied by liberal doses of coffee and biscuits and the chance to discuss village politics and issues from the wider world as well as books, films, TV, theatre and where to go for a good meal. Thanks to David, David, Jane, Jeff, Jorge, Morris and Peter.



Safeguarding

Jane Muncey, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding is a way to support the mission of the Church. It is not just DBS checks and trainings it is how we react to other people, how we look after them. We think often in respect to children, but it also refers to adults who may be vulnerable, either permanently or temporarily due to some crisis in their lives.

Even though there have been reports of lapses of safeguarding within the wider church, at Parish level we have continued to be diligent regarding the safeguarding processes.

An in person safeguarding training was held here to enable a number of members of the Church community to complete the basic level of training.

The safeguarding dashboard is a useful tool that sends reminders when DBS checks and trainings are due for renewal.

Several people have now used the digital ID checks and in most cases have found it useful and time saving as there is no need to arrange a meeting to do the face-to-face ID checks, however the option to do face to face checks remains, for those cases where the digital ID check does not work or if a personal approach is preferred.

Role descriptions, risk assessments and policies are regularly reviewed, for volunteers, and for events planned by our Church.



The Lordsbridge Team – Report for 2025 APCMs

The Lordsbridge Team parishes continued to share in mission and ministry across 2025. Joys across the team included the continuation of a variety of services weekly, including Forest and Wild Churches, as well as many events, activities and outreach opportunities across the parishes. We celebrated our curate, Rev'd Barnabas Leeke, being made priest in the summer, as well as the licensing of Rev'd Chris Westgarth as Associate Priest. Our lay ministry teams continue to grow and flourish, with Lynne Saylor (Harlton) being made ALM in Preaching. We have continued to enjoy celebrating life events of baptisms and weddings in our communities, and sadly, sharing many funerals. Challenges across the team have included fundraising for building works and ministry share in several parishes, and the ongoing Team Rector vacancy, particularly for the vacant parishes. We continue to work through the appointment process for a Team Rector.



The Priesting of Rev'd Barnabas Leeke, Team Curate.

From L to R: Rev'd Steve Clark, Rev'd Chris Westgarth, Rev'd Priscilla Slusar, Becca Herrick, Rev'd Barnabas Leeke, Rev'd Claire Robertson, Rev'd Clare Coates

The Team exists to enable the *support and collaboration* of the parishes. It continues to do this in a number of ways, including but not restricted to:

- Administration and Communication: Becca Herrick works 15 hours a week for the Team, supporting parishes and clergy, with communications, occasional offices, fees, safeguarding and more.
- Weekly Core Team Meetings for the Lead Ministers, Team Curate, Team Support Minister, and Administrator: Clare Coates, Charles Fraser, Becca Herrick, Barnabas Leeke, Claire Robertson, and Priscilla Slusar. These provide much needed mutual support and collegiality.
- Financial Co-operation: Ministry share, central administrative costs, and support for WCCYM.
- Opportunities to gather and share across the Team: For example, at Team Services, at Team Chapter meetings, at Team Council, at courses and groups that run across parishes, and in many more informal ways that support one another.

February 2025

The Lordsbridge Team Council - Report for 2025 APCMs

Sue Nelms, Secretary, Lordsbridge Team Council

The Lordsbridge Team Council meets three times as year. As you can imagine, much of this year's discussions have been around the current vacancy for a Team Rector and Team Vicar for Comberton and Toft. Acting Team Rector Claire Robertson has calmly guided us forwards and hopefully by the time you read this, we will have had some good news about the vacancy.

People who attended the Lordsbridge Team Council AGM in February had the opportunity to feed into the recruitment process by sharing with the team their thoughts around what the role of Team Rector/Vicar involved and their thoughts on what the skills needed to carry that out. There were an awful lot of things to consider which may be one reason why we are finding it so difficult to attract the right person.

At that meeting long-term Team Treasurer Erica Bithell from Barton stood down and we are employing Sue Chase, who also works on other parish accounts, in the role. She has also taken over administration of Team Administrator Becca's payroll which will represent a saving over time.

Team Council finances have remained stable over the last year, but the Diocesan parish share request for 2025 have brought financial tensions in various parishes to the surface and the various parish Treasurers have met with and continue to meet with the Rural Dean to consider this situation.

I would like to thank Rev Claire Robertson for her work as Acting Team Rector and Team Administrator Rebecca Herrick for all of her hard work – we are so blessed to have her in place.

Bourn Deanery Synod Report

Rebecca Cowburn, Deanery Secretary

Meetings and talks:

Bourn Deanery Synod met three times during 2024 (in Toft in March, Harlton in June and Cambourne in October 2024). This year we have focussed on **lay ministry**, including a session led by local Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) who shared their experience of training and ministry, and a talk on the more general ministry and outreach that can be undertaken by all within their parishes. We also considered aspects of **governance** and **working together in ministry** that contribute to outreach. One speaker outlined a novel approach to governance where PCCs can be restructured (where needed) into 'Groups' of PCCs (while still remaining within their Team), in a way that allows the pooling of effort, resources and expertise between the parishes, and helps to release more time and energy for outreach and local ministry. A further talk was on working well together in ministry and was expertly illustrated by the Rev'd Claire Robertson and her sister, Antoinette, playing duets on a single piano. The talks were open to all within the Deanery to attend.

News from the Deanery:

Regular updates were provided by the Teams/churches on their own activities through the year. Recent developments have included the creation of a 'bereavement café', which provides a lunch once a month for those who are bereaved, and 'eco-engagement' which includes growing fresh produce for the local food bank and rewilding (for outreach and community good) at Cambourne, a post-sermon music group in one of the Lordsbridge churches, that has seen increased engagement from young people, and an ALM-led service to encourage local ministry within the Papworth Team.

Both Cambourne Church and the Lordsbridge Team now have a dedicated Children and Families worker/Licensed Lay Minister to work with young people. The Lordsbridge Team reported increased engagement by young people with WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries) – the Team hosts a youth café once a month with WCCYM and the young people attend youth services at Cambourne. WCCYM have also continued to work closely with schools in West Cambridge, offering pastoral and spiritual support, and across churches and the local community.

Within the Teams there has also been a continued focus on reaching the homebound – the Papworth Team holds a weekly phone-based church service and the Lordsbridge Team hosts a weekly Zoom call for those in their Teams (and beyond) that are unable to travel to church. The Synod has also helpfully been kept apprised of developments with the two new housing developments within the Deanery (Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne), as they have arisen.

Personnel changes:

Following the departure of the Lordsbridge Team Rector, the Rev'd David Newton, the position of acting Team Rector was undertaken by the Rev'd Claire Robertson and, more recently, by the Rev'd Clare Coates. The Rev'd Chris Westgarth was licensed as associate priest in the Lordsbridge Team during 2024. The Rev'd Nigel di Castiglione announced his retirement (due to take place in July 2025) and his intention, ahead of then, to step down as Rector and to take up the vacant Team Minister role in the Papworth Team, so that the recruitment process for a new Rector could commence in advance of his retirement, which it has since done.

Diocesan Synod representation:

We welcomed a number of new members to Deanery Synod in June 2024 and said farewell to some longstanding members. This year also saw the establishment of a Deanery Synod Standing Committee, to help guide the content of future Deanery Synod meetings, and the election of 3 clergy members (the Rev'd Nigel di Castiglione, the Rev'd Geoff Dodgson and the Rev'd Charles Fraser) and 4 lay members (Barry Burles, Cathy Michell, Russell Cowburn, Rebecca Cowburn) to represent Bourn Deanery on Ely Diocesan Synod. Regular updates on the work of both Diocesan Synod and General Synod have been provided to Deanery Synod.

Further details of the 2024 meetings can be found in the Deanery Synod Minutes.

Forward look:

It is intended that Deanery Synod meetings in 2025 will look at ways to encourage youth, children's and schools' work within the Deanery, as well as some further work on governance.

To Note - Membership of Bourn Deanery Synod

A number of churches within the Deanery do not currently have a representative on Bourn Deanery Synod. Please can we encourage you to nominate one at your Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or at a following PCC meeting. The work is not onerous and we understand that members may not be able to attend all of the meetings during the year. Membership enables your PCC to have a voice on Deanery Synod and beyond, and it helps us as we seek to encourage one another and to share the good news of Jesus across the Deanery. Please do contact Rebecca Cowburn (Secretary, Bourn Deanery Synod) if you have any questions: rcowburn@googlemail.com.

Electoral Roll

Janet Hayman, Electoral Roll Officer

We had a mixed year for the electoral roll. We unfortunately lost quite a few people for different reasons, but did gain some new people on the roll. At the end of December 2024 the number on St. Mary's electoral roll was 45.

If anyone would like to join the roll please let Janet know.

	Surname	Christian Name
1	Austin	Kate
2	Barnard	Anthony (Jim)
3	Basham	Hazel
4	Bennett	Elizabeth
5	Butler	Carole
6	Campbell	Anne
7	Coates	Stephen
8	Coates	Julie
9	Coates	David
10	Cornwell	Peter
11	Cornwell	Susan
12	Coxall	Brian
13	Cutmore	Charlotte
14	Dowman	Jane
15	Entwhistle	Elizabeth
16	Everitt	June
17	Ford	Christopher
18	Frettsome	Lois
19	Gardner	Lucy
20	Gardner	Graham
21	Harding	Helen
22	Hayman	Janet
23	Jones	Anne
24	Jones	Jeffrey
25	Joslin	Pauline
26	Lankester	Charlotte
27	Maguire	Nigel
28	Maguire	Patricia
29	Maguire	Sharon
30	Manning	Mark
31	Marcus	Alison
32	McMahon	Sharon
33	McNeill	Michaela
34	Muncey	David
35	Muncey	Jane
36	Nunn	Nora

37	Parker	Sarah
38	Roy	David (Tom)
39	Roy	Elizabeth Naomi
40	Segrave	Joan
41	Tinkler	Elizabeth (Liz)
42	Webb	Liz
43	Westbury	Thelma
44	Wilkin	Mary
45	Williams	Anne



Eco Church and Wildlife Management Plan

Peter Cornwell

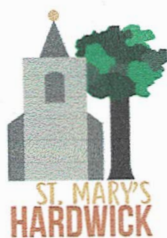
2025 saw the completion of the St Mary's Eco Management report. The report is available to read at the Cabin and on the web site. This coming year we will be applying for the Wildlife Trust Silver award. Earlier in the year we were awarded the A-Rocha Silver Award. The A-Rocha award covers such things as ministry and buildings as well as eco matters.

A steering committee has been formed to plan the third Eco Event in the village. This time we have joined forces with Dry Drayton. The Eco event will be held on the 27th September.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the development of the site during the year: the LOTS team, the congregation, Wild Church and the Sunday club.



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St Mary's Church Hardwick Accounts for 2023

Introduction to the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared by Clare Bigg on a receipts and payments basis.

The General Fund is held in Nat West Account 23839325 (sort code 600423)

The Fabric Fund is held in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund CB3025074-001 (formerly 614119001D). The fund is designated for major maintenance of the church building and churchyard.

The Cabin Fund is restricted to all receipts and payments relating directly to the Cabin. At present this fund is held within the Nat West account and CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund CB3025075-001 (formerly 614119002D). A separate current bank account for the Cabin may be set up in due course.

Both the deposit accounts can only be paid into or withdrawn from via the Nat West account, so all transactions have to first go through the General Fund.



Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St. Mary's, Hardwick

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 - 6 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 {'the Act'}

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulation.

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charities Commission under section 43(7) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements' which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations have not been met or
- 2 To which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

MARK-A. TAYLOR

(Signed)  ACMA

Date 6/3/24

St Marys Church Hardwick

Financial statement for the FABRIC FUND for 2023

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 1st Jan</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£10,765.80	£18,484.24
	held in Nat West a/c	£2,296.13	£107.71
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£13,061.93</u>	<u>£18,591.95</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Donations		£1,791.00	£5,338.44
Fundraising (see table below)		£3,654.08	£5,050.27
Interest		£192.44	£636.59
Gift Aid		£327.50	£424.00
Grant			£2,000.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>£5,965.02</u>	<u>£13,449.30</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Memorial garden extension		£360.00	
Donation to Wintercomfort		£75.00	
Bats			£895.00
Lightning conductor			£1,227.94
Mower			£234.50
<u>Total</u>		<u>£435.00</u>	<u>£2,357.44</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>			
	Invested in CCLA a/c	£18,484.24	£23,120.83
	Held in Nat West a/c	£107.71	£6,562.98
		<u>£18,591.95</u>	<u>£29,683.81</u>
<u>Fundraising money to Fabric Fund</u>			
	Takings	Expenses deducted	PROFIT
Concert	£1,085.85	£136.20	£949.65
Quiz	£1,015.22	£227.04	£788.18
Cheese & Wine	£1,168.40	£268.03	£900.37
Coffee morning	£267.73		£267.73
Harvest Ceilidh	£1,070.00	£261.00	£809.00
Giant Books	£1,323.75	£43.10	£1,280.65
Easyfundraising	£54.69		£54.69
Total	£5,985.64	£935.37	£5,050.27

Financial Statement for the Cabin Running Fund 2023

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
<u>Balance of fund at 1st Jan</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£5,648.97	£0.00	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£2,114.03	£1,913.95	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£7,763.00</u>		<u>£1,913.95</u>
<u>Receipts</u>				
	Rental Income	£6,949.00	£8,091.99	
	Bank interest	£8.37	£87.71	
	Donations & Gift Aid	£2,292.00		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£9,249.37</u>		<u>£8,179.70</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
	Fees & Licences	£283.80	£433.95	
	Insurance & fire	£1,196.36	£1,094.41	
	Utilities	£757.05	£1,468.50	
	Cleaner	£1,556.00	£1,480.00	
	Consumables	£336.46	£150.86	
	Cabin grounds	£1,236.90	£916.97	
	Inside fitments	£344.55	£1,026.54	
	Maintenance & servicin	£392.40	£549.33	
	Legacy items	£8,994.90	£765.00	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£15,098.42</u>		<u>£7,885.56</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£0.00	£0.00	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£1,913.95	£2,208.09	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,913.95</u>		<u>£2,208.09</u>

Mini Restricted Accounts 2023

	<u>1st Jan</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>31st Dec</u>
Community Lunch Fund	£0.00	£700.95	£165.00	£535.95
Pastoral Fund	£0.00	£140.00	£129.99	£10.01
Loan of SumUp to Parish Council	£0.00	£3,257.86	£3,257.86	£0.00
WinterComfort	£0.00	£130.50	£130.50	£0.00
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	£0.00	£410.55	£410.55	£0.00
Total				£545.96

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2023

GENERAL FUND

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
<u>Balance at 1st Jan</u>			
Held in Nat west a/c	7838.28	7367.17	
Held in cash	254.56	251.83	
Held in CCLA Cabin a/c		708.45	
Less uncleared cheques	-790.98	-1083.47	
Total	<u>7301.86</u>		<u>7243.98</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Planned Giving via Parish Giving Scheme	11766.06	12987.15	
Other Planned Giving	4185.00	4900.00	
Open Plate Collections	1050.24	686.82	
Donations	674.83	742.44	
Gift Aid Recovered	4120.00	4248.97	
Fete takings	2645.61	2537.79	
Produce and plant stall	5.00	252.29	
Wedding and Funeral fees	3862.00	3595.00	
Ministry Share rebate & grant	858.32	264.21	
Families Work	831.21	1012.35	
Launde trip	570.00		
In and Out	574.55		
Misc		54.00	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>31142.82</u>		<u>31281.02</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
W and F fees to Ely etc	2074.00	1251.00	
17 Cost of fete	196.64	59.39	
18 Charitable Giving	639.00	400.00	
19 Ministry Share	21162.94	22563.93	
21 Incumbent's Expenses	31.78	902.63	
21 Secretary's Expenses	1213.80	1289.96	
22 Adult Outreach Resources	238.30	204.51	
22 Families work	882.17	703.67	
22 YouthMinistry	381.73	384.64	
23 Pastoral costs	0.00	93.46	
23 Insurance, fire etc	1744.78	1521.93	
23 Ministry & services costs	521.76	529.55	
23 Churchyard costs	81.22	262.18	
23 Electricity (church)	757.09	1412.69	
Misc	126.45		
Launde	574.49		
25 In and Out	574.55		
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>31200.70</u>		<u>31579.54</u>
<u>Balance at 31st Dec</u>			
Held in Nat west a/c	7367.17	5257.52	
Held in Cabin Fund CCLA a/c	708.45	1502.02	
Held in cash	251.83	665.81	
Less uncleared cheques	-1083.47	-479.89	
Total	<u>7243.98</u>		<u>6945.46</u>

ANNUAL RECONCILIATION WITH NAT WEST BANK (GENERAL FUND)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash at 1st Jan	254.56	251.83
Bank at 1st Jan	15783.38	7474.88
Less holding for FF at 1st Jan	-2296.13	-107.71
Less holding for Cabin fund 1st Jan	-5648.97	708.45
Excess Receipts over payments	-57.88	-298.52
Cheques from last year now cleared	-790.98	-1083.47
Cheques from this year not cleared	1083.47	479.89
Held for Fabric Fund 31st Dec	107.71	6562.98
Held for Cabin fund Dec 31st	-708.45	-1502.02
Held for mini restricted accounts Dec 31st		545.96
Total	<u>7726.71</u>	<u>13032.27</u>
Cash at 31st Dec	251.83	665.81
Bank at 31st Dec	7474.88	12366.46
Total	<u>7726.71</u>	<u>13032.27</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st Dec

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Nat West current a/c	£7,474.88	£12,366.46
CCLA Fabric Fund	£18,484.24	£23,120.83
CCLA Sunday School Fund (aka Cabin fund)	£2,622.40	£3,710.11
Cash in hand	£251.83	£665.81
Uncleared cheques	-£1,083.47	-£479.89
Total	<u>£27,749.88</u>	<u>£39,383.32</u>
 Fabric Fund	 £18,591.95	 £29,683.81
Cabin Fund	£1,913.95	£2,208.09
General Fund	£7,243.98	£6,945.46
Mini restricted funds		£545.96
TOTAL	<u>£27,749.88</u>	<u>£39,383.32</u>

Report to accompany the accounts 2023

Headline balances:

As of 31 Dec 2023 our assets comprise

General Fund £6,945

Fabric Fund £29,684

Cabin Fund £2,208

General Fund:

To have ended the year with a deficit of only £300 is a positive achievement considering the high energy prices in 2023 and the squeeze on incomes nationally. Huge thanks to those who give regularly to the church despite the pressure on personal finances, and especially to those who were able to join the Parish Giving Scheme. With the church closed for repair for much of the year, it was no surprise to see a reduction in plate collections. Despite the church closure, income from parish fees for weddings and funerals was not down, in part due to the generosity of other local churches.

The apparent increase in the vicar's expenses compared to 2022 is due to the fact that we had no vicar for 11 months of 2022! Other expenditure was much in line with previous years apart from the hike in electricity prices.

These accounts only record **Charitable Giving** from PCC funds. It doesn't include collections paid direct to the charity. Details of all charitable giving in 2023 are below.

Charity	From PCC funds	Special Collection	Total	Occasion
Action Aid	£120		£120	
Wintercomfort	£80	£130.50	£205.50	Carol service and Harvest
Children's Society	£50		£50	Christingle
A Rocha	£50		£50	Eco Church
Hardwick Community Hub	£100		£100	
Turkey Earthquake DEC Appeal		£410.55	£410.55	
TOTAL			£936.05	

Mini Restricted Funds

Essentially this money is not 'ours', we just hold it for a while for someone else. It includes collections for charity as above. We lent our SumUp machine to a fundraiser for the village community hub, and we are holding the community lunch fund. There is also a small pastoral fund.

FABRIC FUND

Huge thanks to the Events Committee and donors (including the Jack Patston Charitable Trust, birthday fundraisers and other individual donations large and small) who have raised over £13,500. We are going to need it! We are well on our way to reaching our target of £30,000 for the repair of the ceiling with something left over. As well as repair to the lightning conductor, we have had to pay for two bat surveys plus advice to ensure that we fulfil our responsibilities for endangered species.

CABIN FUND

It is very encouraging that for a second year our rental income more than covers routine expenditure. This gives us confidence in the sustainability of the Cabin, and we should be able to build up a more substantial repair fund over the next couple of years. Rental charges were increased for the first time in September 2023. The change was for one-off bookings which create more work compared to regular groups. The hourly rate for the main hall was increased by £2 per hour to £10 for Hardwick residents, and £12 for non-residents. The flat rate kitchen fee was increased to £10 to reflect how well-equipped our kitchen now is. We believe this still represents very good value for money. As planned in our vision for the Cabin, we are able to subsidise the rental of community groups that we especially want to see operating.

The final 'legacy' item was the pond fence. We spent more than expected (again) on the Cabin grounds with the Cabin sign, new mower and parking sleepers. We also overspent on inside fitments with the new shelving in the store and trunking for the audio. All these improvements have been appreciated, and these overspends should not be recurrent. Increased prices for electricity sadly might be ongoing. Warm thanks to the people who made these enhancements to the Cabin happen.

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LORDSBRIDGE TEAM
OF CHURCHES



The parishes of Barton, Caldecote with
Childerley, Comberton, Coton, Dry Drayton,
Great and Little Eversden, Hardwick,
Harlton, Haslingfield and Toft

St Mary's Church, Hardwick APCM

Sunday 23rd April 2023

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ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

10:30 am

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY, HARDWICK

AGENDA

Opening Prayers

I. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 March 2022
2. To re-elect the churchwardens

II. THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Present & apologies
2. Minutes of the annual meeting held on 20 March 2022
3. Matters Arising
4. Notice of items to be raised under AOB
5. Review of 2022
 - a. Vicar's report
 - b. Finances 2022
 - c. Proceedings of the Parish and the PCC
 - Worship, prayer and spiritual life
 - Church community and pastoral care
 - Mission, outreach and contribution to village life
 - Events
 - Pippins
 - The Cabin
 - d. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - e. Safeguarding
 - f. Lordsbridge Team
 - g. Deanery Synod
6. Report on the new electoral roll
7. Elections and appointments
 - a. To elect three representatives to the PCC
 - b. To elect a representative to the Deanery Synod for the next three years
 - c. To appoint an independent examiner to the Council
8. Any other business

III. PCC MEETING

1. Appointment of vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer and standing committee
2. Budget 2023
3. AOB
4. Confirmation of next meeting Monday 31 July at 7:30pm in the Cabin

Note: the composition of the Standing Committee will comprise Parish Priest, Church Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected and approved.

Minutes of the APCM of St. Mary's Church Hardwick, April 3rd 2022 at 10:40

Present. Clare & Howard Bigg, Mary Wilkins, Tricia Maguire, Carole Butler, Janet & Jim Barnard, Naomi Roy, Brian Croxall, Kate Riley, Sue & Peter Cornwell, Janet Hayman, Anne & Jeff Jones, Lois Frettsome, Joan Segrave, Thelma Westbury, Liz Tinkler, Liz Entwistle, Chris Ford, Mark Manning

1. Stand-out moments of 2021 (or how to survive Covid!)

Despite Covid restrictions Church life carried on as normally as possible. There were many outstanding moments, Alison Myer's leaving lunch and the celebration of her Ministry which bought so much to the life of St. Mary's, her enthusiasm, leadership, and vision, and though she is greatly missed, we have been left so much stronger and able to cope with the interregnum. Easter celebrations, The opening of the Cabin, by the Bishop, followed by lunch and the afternoon tea. The outdoor services, The garden safari, The summer afternoons, and Wild Church (making charcoal, and the sawdust kiln), and the sound of children once more on site. The joint service with the Evangelical Church following the successful Eco weekend, Harvest Supper held in the Cabin, Carol singing in the rain, and Paul's farewell round the camp fire. The Christmas Tree Festival, Christingles, Christmas services, switching on the lights of the stars on the tower and lych gate, the pleasure of families meeting together, being able to join in the singing of hymns in church again. The visiting clergy covering the interregnum. Sue thanked all those volunteers who have helped with the events.

2. Comments and questions on the annual Report.

Clare thanked everyone who contributed to the report, and that she had received the material before the deadline. There is a lack of photos, but there are many of the various events that can be seen online.

3. Formal approval of the accounts for 2021.

The accounts have been circulated. Thanks to a loving and giving God and a generous congregation, the running costs of the church and Hall have been covered. The appeals for Toilet and Tap Twinning, and the Cabin Stones have more than passed expectations. She agreed to stay on as Treasurer.

Clare was thanked for her work on the accounts, and the acceptance of the 2021 accounts was proposed by Chris Ford and Seconded by Sue Cornwell.

Mark Taylor was unanimously appointed independent Examiner for 2022.

4. Election 1 PCC Member.

Jeff Jones re-elected, un-opposed. Proposed by Anne Jones, and seconded by Clare Bigg.

The post of secretary is still vacant,

5. Elections of Church Wardens.

Ali Marcus- re-elected unopposed Proposed by Peter Cornwell and Seconded by Chris Ford.

Janet Hayman-re-elected unopposed Proposed by Patricia Maguire, seconded by Mary Wilkins. Janet and Ali were thanked for all that they do.

Janet thanked everyone for their help and support during Covid and the Interregnum, it was very much appreciated.

6.Reps for Deanery Synod, Team Council, safeguarding officer, Community Assoc. rep.

(Info-these are not elected posts)

Lois Frettsome agreed to continue as Deanery Synod Rep, and Community Association Rep. Team Council Rep is Clare and Jane Muncey will continue as safeguarding Officer. The meeting expressed their thanks to Jane for taking on this job.

7 Electoral Roll report.

There are currently 48 people on the electoral roll

8. A.O.B. No Matters arising.

9. The meeting closed at 11.00am

10. Date of next meeting tba.

Vicar's Report

Revd Clare Coates

On October 29 2022, I was licensed as Team Vicar to the Lordsbridge Team, and as lead Minister with responsibility for Hardwick, Dry Drayton, and Caldecote. The final two months of 2022 passed in a whirlwind of activity and worship. My grateful thanks to the Ministry Team Clare Bigg, Ali Marcus and Janet Hayman who have all been incredibly supportive and encouraging, and who have been a joy to work with. A big thank you too for the welcome all of you have given my family and I. You have made us feel at home, and we are very grateful.

A little church with a very big heart

There are huge strengths here, testimony to the church having been well run by both laity and clergy over many years. Numbers attending are good, and lots families are coming to our Wild Church services, Tuesday Toddlers and Bumps and Babes. The Cabin is a wonderful community amenity used by many for lots of different activities, not just church events.

There are challenges, of course, too. We are working hard to keep the church in good maintenance and repair. In particular, a lot of time and effort has focused on ensuring historic plasterwork and ceilings are going to be repaired. To that effect, we have had discussions with the Diocese and Historic England who have given us advice. We have also established a building repair committee which is currently commissioning various repairs and associated surveys.

There are huge opportunities too as we endeavour to live out our vision as a little church with a very big heart, reaching out into our wider community.

Church family

Growing God's Kingdom within a growing village is at the heart of our vision, appealing to all sections of the community from the very youngest to the very oldest. Everyone is welcomed and cherished, and we aim to share God's love with others in everything we do in an open and positive way. The church is a centre for community activities through the Cabin, and we aim to build on this excellent foundation. An exciting development for 2023 is a seasonal lunch club for our older members and their friends.

Children and Families

We are building links with families via the school and through the very popular monthly Wild Church services. We are also exploring the possibility of trying Forest Church in the Summer holidays, as an outdoor all age service round the Cabin. We have recently re-started third Sunday all age services and are looking at offering a pet service in the summer months.

Community

As Christians, we are called to be salt and light in our community; to be welcoming and inclusive and in our daily lives to live out our faith in little acts of love and kindness. We may be a small church, but we have a big heart. I feel incredibly excited about the future and for what the Lord has in store for our church family.

Financial Report Clare Bigg

The full accounts for 2022 are provided separately.

Fabric Fund

Fabric Fund Summary	
Balance at 1 st Jan 2022	£13,062
Income	£5,965
Expenditure	£435
Balance at 31 st Dec 2022	£18,592

This Fund covers major expenditure on the church building. It was our intention this year to significantly augment the fund with necessary Quinquennial repairs in mind. This we did, thanks to generous donations and sterling work from the Events Committee. The Jubilee Supper, Safari Supper, Harvest Supper, Giant book sale, Quiz and Christmas Tree Festival raised £3,654 – a first class total. Expenditure covered the annual donation to Winter Comfort from the Christmas Tree Festival plus the extension to the memorial garden.

Cabin Running Fund

Cabin Running Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2021		£7,763
Rental Income	£6,949	
Donations, Gift Aid and bank interest	£2,300	
Total income		£9,249
Expenditure – licences, insurance, fees etc	£1,480	
Expenditure – cleaning	£1,556	
Expenditure - utilities	£757	
Expenditure – consumables	£336	
Expenditure - fitments	£345	
Expenditure – maintenance and servicing	£392	
Expenditure – Cabin grounds	£10,232	
Total expenditure		£15,098
Balance at 31st Dec 2021		£1,914

The Cabin accounts are not typical this year because of the substantial spend on the Cabin grounds. This included the patio, turfing, additional planting and willow pollarding, as well as the final instalment on the Cabin stones. These improvements have enhanced the site and spending on the Cabin grounds in the future will be more like one tenth of this. We are grateful for the donations which helped make the patio and turfing possible. Our rental income more than covers the ongoing running expenses which bodes well for sustainability.

General Fund

It is good to be able to report that, despite a difficult year, we nearly broke even.

Donations form the bulk of our income, and we are most grateful for this. In particular, we appreciate those who use some form of planned giving which helps us budget wisely. This will be especially important in 2023 as costs rise, especially electricity, and our commitment to the Ministry Share increases again. Members of the congregation who are not yet using the Parish Giving Scheme, but would like to support the church in this way, should speak to the treasurer.

General Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2021		£7,302
Income – Planned Giving	£15,951	
Income – other giving & donations	£1,725	
Income – Gift Aid	£4,120	
Income – wedding and funeral fees	£1,788	
Income - fundraising	£2,454	
Income – children & families	£831	
Income – Launde trip	£570	
Income - other	£1,433	
Total income		£28,872
Expenditure – charitable giving	£639	
Expenditure – ministry share	£21,163	
Expenditure – clergy & admin expenses	£1,246	
Expenditure – costs of ministry/outreach	£620	
Expenditure – relating to church services	£522	
Expenditure – children and families	£882	
Expenditure – relating to the building	£2,583	
Expenditure - Launde	£574	
Expenditure – other	£701	
Total Expenditure		£29,930
Balance at 31st Dec 2021		£7,244

Fundraising via the fete was also a significant help to the finances, as were donations from families made at the Summer afternoons, toddler group and Wild Church. These donations covered nearly all our expenditure on children, including the new set of drawers in the Cabin meeting room and the Roots material for Sunday Club. The miscellaneous income came from the ministry share rebate, a grant from the Diocese to help with energy costs and some collections made for specific purposes (see below).

Charitable giving by the church significantly exceeds the £639 given from PCC funds. Together in 2022 we gave £120 to Action Aid, £200 to the Lisa Kent trust, £368 to Water Aid, £150 to Winter Comfort, £60 to the Children's Society, £162 to the Diocesan Mission Fund and £2261 to the Ukraine Appeal. This totals an impressive £3321.

As treasurer, I would like again to express my appreciation of the generosity of the St Mary's community. Whenever there is a need, people step forward to help meet it. This makes my task a whole lot less stressful! We do face financial challenges in the year ahead as costs rise, while money is tight for many, but working together within the grace of God we can move forward in hope.

Parish Reports: Worship, Prayer and Spiritual Life

Clare Coates and Clare Bigg

Highlights from Sunday services in 2022 include:

Easter Sunday all-age service with the prayer cross for Ukraine decorated with flowers by the children. This was followed by the dedication of the Cabin stones.

The joint service with HEC for the Queen's platinum jubilee.

The joint outdoor service for the Eco weekend.

Clare Coates' induction service at the end of October.

The choir singing at the carol service.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Lordsbridge chapter and others who came to take services during the vacancy.

The church was open for private prayer and reflection at the start of the Ukraine war, on Good Friday, after the Queen's death and for the Wave of Light (remembering babies gone too soon).

Midweek Prayer

Praying is one of the things we are called to do, but many of us find it hard. Some of us find it easier to pray in company and we have three very different ways of doing this.

a) On Tuesdays fortnightly at midday a group of up to 6 people meet in the Cabin to pray in silence. Howard leads this meditation group.

b) On Wednesday mornings at 9.00am, a group of up to 12 people from 3 churches meet to pray together. There is a short, structured liturgy and time for open prayer, and in particular we pray for the village and the work of the churches here. We meet mainly on zoom, but once a month we meet in the Cabin or the church and have coffee afterwards.

c) On Friday evenings a group of up to 10 people meet on zoom to say Night Prayer together, a short 10-minute service following a liturgy which changes with the seasons. We always pray for people facing difficult times, and for those we love, naming them silently before God.

Wild Church

This takes place once a month on a Sunday afternoon. We have managed so far to be outside every time, though we've needed at times to wrap up well, and rig up a cover in the trees as a shelter. Having the campfire helps! Memorable activities include snowdrop planting, working with clay, snail racing, blackberry and apple crumble making, thinking about roots and throwing frankincense on the fire. It was also special to welcome the family of a child who was baptised this year in St Mary's. Our main aim continues to be 'to engage playfully, actively and creatively in God's natural world.' What we see around the site, experience of the weather and learn about nature helps us develop our sense of wonder. We plan to build links between what we do and the Bible stories we hear in a way that helps us grow in faith. Over the year 16 different families have come to at least one session; each session averaged 10 children and 10 adults. Some families attend a different church on Sunday mornings, while for other families Wild Church is their only church. The team was Peter Cornwell, Ali Marcus, Clare Bigg, Lucy Gardner, Beth Keenan (from October) and Clare Coates (from November).

Parish Reports: Church Community and Pastoral Care

Clare Coates and Clare Bigg

Although we were in vacancy for most of 2022, the church community remained strong, with everyone stepping up to support one another. In particular, our trip to Launde Abbey at Easter was a special way of building up relationships. As well as spending time with each other, we explored the site at Launde with Alison and Boyd Myers and we made a wonderful altar frontal to add to our collection. It captured the peace and stillness of Launde and our joy in the natural world.

The moorhen family also brought us together as we watched the progress of the young ones from cute fluffy chicks through gawky adolescence to maturity. Who knew that moorhens have pastoral gifts?!

The biggest joy for the community in 2022 was welcoming Clare Coates as our new vicar at the end of October. Although not immediately able to move into the Rectory, Clare and her supportive family made a big impact right from the start at the church bonfire party, leading singing round the campfire. God has answered our prayers in bringing Clare to us and we look forward to growing as a community under her leadership and care.

Parish Report: Mission, Outreach and Contribution to Village Life

Bumps and Babies in the Cabin (Ali Marcus)

The aim of the group remains to support families during the “transition to parenthood” providing a comfortable and secure space for new parents to become confident caring for their babies whilst promoting the development of new friendships and a robust support network within and around Hardwick.

There is no specific structure to the sessions. Every adult is welcomed with a drink and a slice of toast (some don't get breakfast before leaving). We chat about everything and anything although once comfortable in the space, parents tend to share the latest news regarding sleep (or lack of it), their baby's development and thoughts on weaning with the parent sat close to them. It is lovely to see the more experienced parents, gently providing tips and tricks to the newer parents. Having my midwife's scales out for parents to do a “self-weigh” of their baby has been particularly popular. I try to ensure the group think about local issues and events as they come around to ensure the adults get every opportunity to get involved in the community in Hardwick.

I am pleased to say that word of mouth has been the primary way in which people get to hear about Bumps and Babies in the Cabin and the group has flourished in 2022 with on average 6 families attending each session. Some weeks we only get one or two and other weeks 8 or nine!! Given that there is the baby and toddler group running at the school at the same time as Bumps and Babies in the Cabin, the success of the group has been very pleasing. Parents always comment on the warmth, comfort and attractiveness of the Cabin. Several families have graduated to Tuesday Mornings. Many wish to hire the cabin for family parties and attend events such as Summer Afternoons.

As expected there is a churn of families as the babies become mobile and/or parents go back to work. The youngest baby was 4 weeks and the oldest 14 months. Overall in 2022, the group supported 16 families. With the lifting of COVID restrictions, it has been good to be able to accommodate mobile babies if parents want to stay with the group for a while longer prior to going back to work. However, I do not encourage this as the group is geared towards the early days of parenting.

The decision not to have a specified session fee has been proved to be acceptable so far. Two families have quietly told me that this has been very important to them. Income from donations by those attending in 2022 covered the discounted hall hiring fees and I have been able to replace broken toys and buy a second set of fitting cups with the income. I carried a float of £55.20 into 2023 and might be able to start paying a regular fee for hiring the hall by the end of the year if numbers continue to grow.

Tuesday Mornings in the Cabin (Clare Bigg)

22 different families came to the toddler group at least once in 2022, and weekly attendance averaged 5 children and 7 adults. The team in 2022 has been Helen Harding, Clare Bigg and

Beth Keenan (from October). The original rationale for starting this toddler group was to provide an opportunity to experience something of 'toddler church' that we could invite baptism families to. We also see ourselves as offering an inexpensive, friendly and supportive group where carers of all faiths and none can bring their small children to enjoy company and play. It is a mix of community, hospitality, and Christianity and the most important message we want adults and children alike to hear is that **they are loved** -- by God and by us – and they matter.

The morning starts and finishes with free play for the children, and coffee and chat for the adults. We provide a craft activity which links to the story if possible. In the middle of the session we have our story and song time. We start with the same gathering song 'Welcome Everybody' each time so the children know to go and sit in the story circle. Most of our songs are repeated regularly and have actions that pre-verbal children can join in with. They are not all explicitly Christian, but often have themes of welcome, love and blessing. For the Bible story we often use the Diddy Disciples material which is big on revamped nursery rhymes and the children are encouraged to join in as well as listen. The following prayer activity might make use of bubbles, or small wooden hearts, or felt flowers: the children have something to do, while adults are invited to pray if that is their practice. We finish with a snack for the children and a question for the adults to ponder. To be honest, it doesn't always pan out as intended: prep time is sometimes squeezed, and toddlers are toddlers!

Colour Wheel (Nicky Kerr)

The Colour Wheel has been going for almost four years since starting in August 2019.

The Cabin continues to be an excellent venue to host this group of mostly elderly and retired people, being secure, safe and very accessible. The surroundings lean to tranquillity and mindfulness and many have commented on the beautiful surroundings and functionality of the building.



Loneliness and isolation in our village is at the heart of the group. It is open to anyone from the local community to meet up and enjoy, participating in a wide selection of mindful colouring. The group has been attended by a variety of people mostly from Hardwick and a few from Comberton and Caldecote, with 12 people attending on average. Material is provided and refreshments are served halfway through the session. A voluntary £3 donation help to cover the hiring of the hall, refreshments and running cost. Since the PCC has reduced the cost to hire the hall, the Colour Wheel has been able to cover all expenses with the donations given by those attending.

The group have lost two of its regular members, who sadly passed away in 2022 and three new people have joined. A BBC reporter came to visit and will be doing a documentary as well as broadcasting the radio interview on BBC Cambridgeshire.

Summer Afternoons (Clare Bigg)

It was lovely to be able to enjoy the Summer Afternoons again without too much anxiety about Covid. The site adapts well to welcoming a large number of families – it is always a good opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Many thanks to the band of cake-bakers who kept us well supplied with delicious refreshments, and to all the helpers who prepped and supervised activities for the children. Table-tennis was a new addition to the repertoire, and enjoyed by older guests. This year we were not able to make use of the campfire because of the fire risk in the exceptionally long drought.

Parish Report: Events Committee

Sue Cornwell

The Committee - Sue Cornwell (Chair), Thelma Westbury (Minutes), Joan Segrave, Ali Marcus, Caroline Edgley, Anne Jones, Lois Fretsomes, Kate Riley.

Although not strictly an 'Event', the first happening of 2022 was the unveiling of the 3 carved stones outside the Cabin in March with the wording "Hospitality, Wholeness and Encounter". These have been much admired and clearly show our aims on outreach.

Also in March, we held the first coffee morning in the Cabin, raising money for Ukraine. This was a great success with over £2000 being sent to the DEC Humanitarian appeal.

The plant and produce stall re-opened but there was less support this year; covid restrictions had been relaxed and the weather was not conducive to gardening.

At the end of April, we had a very successful away day to Launde Abbey, resulting in a new altar frontal based on the wonderful peace felt in and around the Abbey.

May saw the annual Church Fete which was well supported and raised over £1800 but as ever, we would have wished for more help setting up, taking down and on the stalls - maybe next year!

On June 3rd, we held an early evening 'Jubilee supper' which was much enjoyed. Then in July, a safari supper which was a great evening, dining with friends old and new and enjoying great meals.

Summer afternoons followed in August and we were blessed with lovely weather so we had lots of families and others making the most of the Cabin and the grounds and enjoying children's activities plus home bakes, tea, coffee etc. over all six sessions.

In September, we provided the refreshments at the Eco Event, organised jointly by St Mary's and the Hardwick Evangelical Church and the Hardwick Climate Action group. Another very successful event with excellent speakers and lots of eco-friendly stalls with things to do and things to buy.

The harvest supper was held at the Cabin in October - again, a delicious meal and a ceilidh with the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band. Always a good evening. Fortunately, the weather was kind to us and we were able to use a marquee on the area outside the french doors. However, space was definitely at a premium and we have (almost) decided to use the school hall again next year. Also in October we had the second 'Giant Book Sale' - an all-day event which attracted readers from other villages as well as being well-supported by the local community. As last year, we had far more books donated than were sold, so the remaining books were donated to East Anglian Children's Hospice shops.

Rev. Clare Coates and her family were welcomed to Hardwick (and the Lordsbridge Team) with a bring and share supper after Clare's induction by Bishop Dagmar.

Bonfire night saw the fire pit in use again and hot dogs, hot chocolate, parking and singing were much enjoyed. It was great to have Harry Coates on guitar and Mary and Bobby leading the singing. The only fireworks were sparklers, but we also benefited from several brilliant (and noisy) local displays.

This year we had sixteen Christmas trees decorated for the Festival at the beginning of December, on the theme of 'musicals'. The church looked lovely and those visiting really appreciated the work that had gone into the trees. It was too cold and wet on the Sunday to sing carols outside, so the Eversden Brass band set up in the Cabin and we enjoyed listening to them and singing favourite carols, helped by mulled wine and mince pies. 50% of the profit was sent to Winter Comfort and the rest went into the Church Fabric fund. A really great event, despite the weather.

The last event of the year was the Christingle service and tea - the latter taking place in the Cabin. It was lovely to see the children's faces when they arrived to a candlelit room and tables set out with party ware, food and drinks.

As ever, the Events Committee would like to thank all those who have supported us this year. There are only eight of us, so we are extremely grateful for the help given in so many ways. We have some great events planned for 2023 and look forward to your support - if you know of any others who would be willing to be 'roped in' please let us know. Many hands make light work!

Parish Reports: Pippins
Anne Jones



Pippin's opened in June 2014 and we continue to open on the first Saturday of every month from 10am – midday and it is very popular, as we cater for all ages. There is always a good atmosphere, friendliness and a real buzz, with lots of chatter – certainly our way of serving the community! It has gone from strength to strength and it has been known for people to be queuing outside the door to come in.

We have a very keen and supportive team of 15 bakers and 22 helpers, some have left but we were able to recruit new members to the team, who offer their services each month. We pride ourselves with our wide selection of homemade cakes, cookies and biscuits, all at a very reasonable price. We try to have seasonal refreshments for Christmas and Easter. The bakers claim the cost of the ingredients only, which enables us to keep our costs down as we are a non-profit making enterprise. Any profit that is made is used to further improve our facilities and donated to groups or individuals in the village or further afield, worthy of our support. This year (January - December 2022) we made a donation of £300 to Ukraine.

The assets for the year ending December 2022 were £1775.02 in the bank and £90.56 cash in hand.

We celebrated Pippin's success with a social at the Cabin in May, including a Chinese meal, from Dry Drayton and home-made desserts which was a very pleasant evening.

We were very sorry to say farewell and thank you to David & Julie Gaze, who had been part of the Pippin's Team for most of its life but they felt it was time to hang up the dishcloth and tea towel! We were pleased to give them a voucher for afternoon tea in Stove when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Sadly, David has since died this year (2023).

Pippin's took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in December, hosted by St Mary's Church.

The Management Committee consists of Kate & Steve Gaze (Evangelical Church), Anne Jones (Community Association), Clare Bigg, Julie Coulson and Gino Starace, our Treasurer.

"Pippins is a real success story and a welcome addition to the things that go on in the village."

Parish Reports: The Cabin

Ali Marcus

Hospitality, Wholeness, Encounter

Cabin Management Team: Chair Peter Cornwell, Treasurer Clare Bigg, Booking Secretary Anne Jones, Minutes Sue Cornwell, Ali Marcus, Nicky Kerr, Jeff Jones

2022 was the first whole year that the Cabin was restriction free to users after the pandemic. It has been well used with bookings on almost every day of the year and some days having 5 bookings one after the other. We continue to get really good feedback regarding the warmth, light, good condition and functionality of the spaces. Users particularly value the atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.

Once again, we wish to acknowledge the huge amount of work that Anne has put in to managing bookings and showing users around. Thank you Anne. Thanks also go to Clare for managing invoices and our finances and Jeff for being the Cabin's handy man.

Bearing in mind our mission is to provide a welcoming space for everyone and to encourage community getting together to support each other, the profile of the user groups has been very pleasing. We host parent and baby/toddler groups, Brownies and Rainbows, a Forest school for those outside of mainstream education, exercise, art, craft and book groups, a therapeutic colouring group, numerous family gatherings and children's parties. We are able to comfortably host village functions and events and church events for the village that mark the seasons and national celebrations. The meeting room has been well used by various village committees and local business meetings.

It is also important to note that the Cabin has greatly enhanced the ability of St Mary's Church to host events for the village, as well as enabling the Lordsbridge Team to meet and work in a comfortable space.

Although we started the year with a functional and very popular community space here in the cabin, we have continued to raise money and work towards improving the facilities.

Work indoors includes:

- Installation of picture rails in the hall by Cambourne Carpentry- thanks to Jeff for painting them. This has enable users to decorate the hall or display posters without damaging the walls.
- Moving four piles of 8 chairs into the hall, freeing up space in the table store which has greatly improved access to the tables and chairs. There have been no complaints from users as to this new arrangement.
- Purchasing additional cutlery and crockery for the cabin to provide matching place settings for at least 60 people which we hope will be useful for church functions including community lunches and also for people wishing to hire the Cabin for wakes, baptisms and wedding celebrations. This was enabled by cabin users applying for a grant from Forresters and donations.

- Returning tables to GoPak for repair due to a design fault. Thanks to Peter for sorting out what proved to be a mammoth logistical task.

Work in the garden has continued. We now have:

- Shed 3 up and running for the storage of furniture used outdoors as well as lighting and other bits and bobs. Thanks to LOTS team for installing shelving in the sheds. As we can all appreciate, storage is particularly important in a community facility.
- A patio which has proved to be a useful space for activities without generating mud!!! It has been particularly successful in preventing injuries when the ground is wet and soft and we are seating people outside. The chair legs no longer sink in the mud and so far no-one has fallen!! Thanks go to James Wakeling and his team for the excellent job.
- Turf laid around the patio thanks to a generous donation.
- Garden furniture which remains on the patio and can be used for outside refreshments in the good weather. We are very grateful for these donations.
- Strings of lights which add to the ambience and functionality of the garden for evening events.
- A path up to the firepit and enlargement of the bark area around the firepit. Both have been successful additions to the garden, especially for Wild Church and other camp-fire events. They have prevented a mud bath being created in poorer weather. Thanks to James Wakeling and the LOTS team for their work on this.
- Standing stones crafted by Pippa Westoby which are a poignant and a beautiful reminder to everyone what the Cabin was built for. They were unveiled after St Mary's Easter Service with champagne and cake- in true St Mary's style.
- A black bin for rubbish, although we continue to request the users take their rubbish home with them. We are hoping to get a recycling bin this year.
- A new flower bed next to shed 2 designed by Louisa Gilhoy which we hope will add to the biodiversity of the site.
- The pond work is now finished with the Willow trees having been pollarded. We look forward to the regrowth in the spring and summer and hopefully a more wildlife friendly habitat in the future.
- We are still awaiting the maintenance work on the pond fence, which has been held up for various reasons.
- We have yet to create and install the signage in the church yard and garden mapping out the area.

We are looking into ways to generate the electricity we use from renewable sources such as wind and solar. This looks like it will be a project for the future.

Peter stepped down from the team at the end of the year and Jeff has kindly offered to be Chair.

Cabin users in 2022 and the number of bookings they had in 2022.

Voluntary Village groups

- Book Club: 10
- Bumps and Babies: 48
- Colour Wheel: 25
- Cabin Creative arts 17
- Craft group: 17
- Rainbows: 34
- Brownies: 34
- LOTS: 20 recorded

Exercise classes

- Pilates: 120
- Zumba: 38
- Yoga: 22

Education

- Private tuition: 13
- Woodventurers: 55

Village group committee meetings

- WI: 11
- St Marys Events: 7
- Allotment: 7
- Parish Council: 12
- Jubilee organisers: 3
- HCCWG: 5

Village Group socials:

WI, Pippins,

St Mary's Church groups:

- Tuesday Morning Toddlers: 38
- Wild Church: 12
- Meditation: 17
- Morning prayers/coffee: 11
- PCC: 6
- Ministry meeting: 4

Lordsbridge Team

- Resource hub: 35
- Lordsbridge Core and Team Council: 38
- Youth meetings: 3

Families

- Weddings
- Baptisms/Christenings: 3
- Wakes: 2
- Childrens Birthday parties: 22
- Family gatherings/adult birthdays: 12

Village socials and events

Village Eco event, Church fete, Platinum Jubilee, Pancake day, music evening, coffee morning, Christingle tea Party, Bonfire Party, Harvest Supper, All Souls tea, Carol Service refreshments, Safari Supper, Summer afternoons (6), Christmas Tree festival

One off Workshops: 6

Business/directors meetings: 8

Misc: 7

Finance report for the Cabin at St Mary's AGM

Report on 2022

It is very encouraging that our rental income of just under £7k more than covers routine expenditure of just over £6k. This gives us confidence in the sustainability of the Cabin. The 'legacy' items were shed #2, the patio and the final instalment for the Cabin stones. These are not recurrent items and were in part financed from the remainder of the Cabin building fund. We spent more than expected on the Cabin grounds with the willow pollarding, turfing and additional planting. Again, none of these should be regular drains on the Cabin finances (unlike birdseed!). Warm thanks to the people who made gifts to help fund these enhancements to the Cabin grounds which we have all appreciated.

Financial Statement for the Cabin Running Fund 2022

			<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Balance of fund at 1st</u>				
<u>Jan</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£5,648.97	£3,292.16	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£2,114.03	£0.00	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£7,763.00</u>	<u>£3,292.16</u>
<u>Receipts</u>				
	Tfer from Comm Hall Fund		£3,404.78	
	Rental Income	£6,949.00	£3,502.50	
	Bank interest	£3.74		
	Donations & Gift Aid	£2,292.00	£1,042.40	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£9,244.74</u>	<u>£7,949.68</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
	Fees & Licences	£283.80	£302.59	
	Insurance & fire	£1,196.36	£503.52	
	Utilities	£757.05	£634.60	
	Cleaner	£1,556.00	£1,224.00	
	Consumables	£336.46	£136.43	
	Cabin grounds	£1,236.90	£135.65	
	Inside fitments	£344.55	£82.93	
	Maintenance & servicing	£392.40	£459.12	
	Legacy items	£8,994.90		
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£15,098.42</u>	<u>£3,478.84</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st</u>				
<u>Dec</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£0.00	£5,648.97	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£1,909.32	£2,114.03	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£1,909.32</u>	<u>£7,763.00</u>

Fabric Report

Jeff Jones

2022 was not a good year for St Mary's; the very hot dry summer appeared to have a detrimental effect on the building. As the summer progressed and the clay soil below the medieval walls became depleted of moisture, it heaved and new interior plaster cracks appeared and historic cracks widened, suggesting some movement to the structure of the building. The Quinquennial Inspection in October, picked up on this, as well as pointing out a multitude of other costly issues requiring attention. Much of this necessary work, of course, had been postponed from the previous inspection in 2017, in order that all our effort could be concentrated on the huge task of building 'The Cabin.' Unfortunately, just before Christmas, when a period of severe frosty weather was followed by a rapid thaw, several pieces of mortar fell from the inside of the porch whilst the church was in use for a carol service. For safety reasons, all remaining loose masonry was removed, along with an area of loose plaster inside the church adjacent to the vestry door. Additionally, just after Christmas a piece of loose plaster fell from the ceiling in the south-west corner of the nave, which necessitated cordoning off this area. Consequently, the year finished with the prospect of the church fabric requiring serious attention in 2023.

The churchyard was again well cared for by the LOTS team (Peter Cornwell, Jeff Jones, Dave Muncey and David Morgan) with many favourable comments being made, especially when the snowdrops appeared in the spring. Also, Brian Coxall ensured that the rose garden was kept neat and tidy. The work to extend the memorial garden was carried out in the spring, so there is now provision for the interment of ashes for many years. To comply with the Wildlife Trust bronze award status, some areas of grass, nettles and cow parsley were again left uncut at certain times, to encourage spring and summer flowers and provide habitat for insect visitors.

From early December until Epiphany, stars on the tower and lychgate were illuminated and was again well received by the village community.

Safeguarding Report
Jane Muncey

The PCC have now competed and updated, where appropriate, the DBS check and safeguarding training.

Although most of the volunteer roles within St Mary's are filled by people who have held other roles in St Mary's and therefore they already have up to date DBS checks and training. When new people are recruited for roles involving children and vulnerable adults, they are asked to complete the DBS checks and to complete the safeguarding training.

The updated Action Plan is presented regularly to PCC meetings. There are currently no Urgent items on the Action Plan requiring action.

12 April 2023

The Lordsbridge Team – Report for 2023 APCM

David Newton

For much of 2022 the 'Lordsbridge Team Ministry' (The Rector and Team Vicars) was down a Team Member. The local teams in Hardwick and Dry Drayton worked hard and exceptionally well to maintain the mission and ministry of their parishes whilst in vacancy.

David Newton was legally licensed as the Team Rector in July, which enabled us to then begin to advertise for a new Team Vicar. It was an absolute joy to welcome the Rev'd Clare Coates as the Lead Minister for Caldecote with Childreley, Dry Drayton, and Hardwick in October. And she has begun her ministry amongst us with wisdom and energy.

The Team exists to enable the *support and collaboration* of the parishes. It does this in a number of ways, including but not restricted to:

- Administration and Communication. Rebecca Herrick does 15 invaluable hours for the Team. Her work supports parishes and clergy, with communications, occasional offices, fees, safeguarding and more.
- Weekly "Core" Team Meetings for the Lead Ministers, Team Support Minister, and Administrator. (Clare Coates, Charles Fraser, Becca Herrick, David Newton, Claire Robertson, and Priscilla Slusar). These provide much needed mutual support and collegiality.
- Financial cooperation – with ministry share, central administrative costs, and support for WCCYM.
- Opportunities to gather and share across the Team. For example, at Team Services (including on Zoom), at Team Chapter meetings (which in 2022 included a wonderful gathering at Dry Drayton pub in the Autumn), at Team Council, at courses and groups that run across parishes, and in many more informal ways that support one another.

Candlemass 2023

The Lordsbridge Team Council - Report for 2023 APCMs

David Newton

The Team Council met three times during 2022, with the AGM in February.

At the AGM Priscilla gave an update on the process for the appointment of the new Team Rector. Subsequently, David was interviewed as the preferred candidate and appointed in May (and instituted in July). There was also a 'round table discussion' on the Deanery Planning process. Those present were invited to consider 3 questions:

1. How does, or could, being part of the Lordsbridge Team help the parishes with
 - a. Governance
 - b. Ministry (thinking about services, outreach and discipleship)
 - c. Finance
 - d. Use and Care of our Buildings
2. Are there any struggles or challenges that come with being part of a Team Ministry?
3. What challenges do we see on the horizon for our parishes?

At the **Meeting in June** parishes shared highlights of the Jubilee weekend. The Team Vicar appointment process was decided, with the Team Council approving the decision to appoint a Team Vicar for Caldecote with Childerley, Dry Drayton and Hardwick. The Council also decided to seek Diocesan approval to become a Charitable Incorporated Organization. (Approval was not granted and the Council has stopped pursuing this end).

In **October** the council conducted a pay review of our administrator, and approved a 9% pay rise to ensure the Team pay the Living Wage. The initial Ministry Share proposal for the parishes was not voted through; Usual Sunday Attendance Figures (which feed into Ministry Share) were reviewed before a revised Ministry Share Proposal was accepted. The Council approved a Ministry Share commitment of £180,112 for the Team. The Council agreed to look into the possibility of benefice wide insurance of our church buildings to see if this might be cheaper. The Council approved Local Fee Guidance for the parishes for 2023.

Particular thanks must be given to Erica for her clear, careful and considered work as Team Treasurer.

March 2023

Bourn Deanery Synod – Summary Report for 2022

Priscilla Slusar

Meetings

Three meetings were held during the year – in March, June, and November.

Meetings were held at the following churches: SS Peter and Paul, Dry Drayton, St Mary's, Comberton and All Saints', Haslingfield. We are grateful for the hospitality that is offered at each meeting, providing refreshments and a warm welcome.

Presentations

The meetings in June and November started with a guest speaker.

In March Mrs Julie Martin, Headteacher at Barton Church of England Primary School spoke to us about the joys and challenges of leading a rural school. She illustrated her excellent talk with a power point presentation showing the school buildings and the work of the pupils.

In June Revd James Shakespeare, Vicar of St John the Evangelist in Cambridge and Bishop's Spirituality Adviser for the Diocese, talked about the central importance of prayer in our lives. He provided some practical approaches to help our prayer lives and indicated the support that is available in the Diocese.

Personnel

At the June meeting congratulations were given to Revd David Newton on his appointment as Rector of the Lordsbridge team of churches.

Prayers were offered for Revd Chris Westgarth for her ordination as priest.

Rob Hawkins and Eden Parris were welcomed – ordinands on placement with the Lordsbridge and Papworth teams respectively.

A428 Developments

Nigel Taylor presented a report at each Synod meeting, describing the development of the new housing along the A428 and considering the implications for ministry in this area. Originally the Diocese had indicated that there was likely to be a Pioneer Minister appointed to this area, but in June it was reported that Bishop's Council felt that they could no longer confirm this because of financial constraints. Concern was expressed about the significant pressure that this would place on the existing ministry teams, especially Revd Bill Miller and the team at Cambourne Church. Representation of our concern has been made to the Archdeacon. We await further information.

News from across the Deanery

At each meeting we receive a short report from each part of the Deanery – Lordsbridge, Papworth, Cambourne and WCCYM. This usually takes the form of a summary of events that have taken place since the last meeting.

At the November meeting each team presented a report which looked forward to some of the worship or ministry events that would be taking place across the Advent or Christmas season.

Deanery Development Planning

This has been a significant part of Synod discussions over the year. The process has not gone smoothly and it has proved to be a challenging issue. Unfortunately, the planned meeting with Bishop Stephen due to take place in May was postponed to June and was then cancelled.

In March the Rural Dean issued a suggested framework for discussion that could be used in parishes, with team councils, lay groups, or with clergy groups. She also followed up with meetings in a variety of contexts across the Deanery.

Over the course of the year the Diocese set out timescales and other formats for the presentation of the plan. They have also provided seminars and further support to help Deaneries complete these plans. At the time of writing, the Diocese have indicated a deadline of 31st July 2023 for completion of these plans. However, they have indicated that the plans should be working documents reflecting ongoing review and modification.

Prayer

Each meeting begins and ends with prayer, and an awareness that we are working together for the Church's mission in our parishes and our communities.

Summary report prepared by Priscilla Slusar, Rural Dean
February 2023

Electoral Roll Report

Janet Hayman

There are currently 50 people on the electoral roll.



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St Mary's Church Hardwick Accounts for 2022

Introduction to the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared by Clare Bigg on a receipts and payments basis.

The General Fund is held in Nat West Account 23839325 (sort code 600423)

The Fabric Fund is held in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund 614119001D. The fund is designated for major maintenance of the church building and churchyard.

The Cabin was built in 2020, and the Cabin Fund is now used for all receipts and payments relating directly to the Cabin. At present this fund is held within the Nat West account and CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund 614119002D. A separate current bank account for the Cabin may be set up in due course.

Both the deposit accounts can only be paid into or withdrawn from via the Nat West account, so all transactions have to first go through the General Fund.

Clare Bigg

23/01/23



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(Signed)  ACMA

Date 7/2/2023

Notes for the PCC to accompany the accounts 2022

General Fund:

I am pleased to report that, in a difficult year, we had a deficit of less than £60. Thanks, as always, to the many people who have given generously so that the worship and work of the church can continue.

Note1: Planned Giving is slightly down this year and may need to be addressed in 2023. Many thanks to all those regular donors who are able and willing to uplift their gifts in the light of inflation. We understand that, for some, the current increase in the cost of living makes finances tight and we appreciate what they are able to give all the more.

Note 2: Now that we are back in church regularly, **plate collections** are back to a more 'normal' level. This has resulted in part in a drop in other **donations**.

Note 3: 2022 saw the return of the **fete** for the first time since 2019, with record takings.

Note 4: The ongoing **book stall** was discontinued post Covid. The **plant and produce stall** was not well used. In part this may be due to the unprecedented heat wave, or perhaps post Covid people had other things to do.

Note 5: As well as our slice of the **Ministry Share** rebate that we get as a team for meeting our commitment in full, we also had a **grant** of £600 from the Diocese to help with rising electricity costs. Most of these additional costs will come in 2023.

Note 6: This money was contributed towards the cost of our awayday to **Launde**. Amazingly, it almost exactly matched the amount that Launde Abbey charged!

Note 7: **In and Out** covers money given for a particular purpose and passed on. This year it includes £228.55 for Ukraine to add to money paid directly to the appeal, £184 for Water Aid (harvest collection) and £162 given at the Licensing service collection for the Diocesan Mission Fund.

Note 8: This is **Charitable Giving** from PCC funds. It doesn't include other giving made via In/Out or collections paid direct to the charity. Details of all charitable giving in 2022 are below.

Charity	From PCC funds	From Fabric Fund	Giving by individuals	Total	Occasion
Action Aid	£120			£120	
Lisa Kent Trust	£200			£200	
Water Aid	£184		£184	£368	Harvest
Wintercomfort	£75	£75		£150	Carol service and Christmas Tree Festival
Children's Society	£60			£60	Christingle
Diocesan Mission			£162	£162	Licensing
Ukraine Appeal			£2261	£2261	Coffee Morning
TOTAL				£3321	

Note 9: The **Ministry Share** is our contribution towards the cost of the Lordsbridge clergy (including pensions, housing etc) plus the Diocesan offices which support the parishes. This increases yearly above the rate of inflation to slowly reduce the subsidy which we currently benefit from. So far, we have met in full the amount requested.

Note 10: **Rector's expenses** are small, since Clare has only been in post a short while, and December expenses are always included in the following year. Next year's budget for this will be £1200.

Note 11: **Families work** includes expenditure on Wild Church, Sunday Club, Tuesday Toddlers and Summer Afternoons. In particular this year we bought the chest of drawers for storage of kit, and restarted our subscription to Roots which provides ideas and lesson plans for Sunday Club. These expenses are offset by donations from the families.

Note 12: **Insurance** costs are now divided 50-50 between the church and Cabin.

Note 13: **Electricity** is also divided 50-50 between church and Cabin. The increased bills have not made a significant impact on the 2022 accounts. The December bill was an eye-watering £548 (after a small government discount) but this will form part of the 2023 accounts. Need to remember that December is always significantly more than other winter months.

Note 14: **Misc** expenditure was our share of the cost of the team vicar advert. Money well spent!

Note 15: In addition to December **cheques not cashed**, there were 3 cheques from the summer uncleared: 1768 for £25.02, 1786 for £14 and 1787 for £40.

FABRIC FUND

Huge thanks to the Events Committee and donors who have increased the fund by over £5,400 to £18,500+. We are going to need it! Discussions about fundraising for the church restoration project will need to be a significant part of 2023.

CABIN FUND

It is very encouraging that our rental income of just under £7k more than covers routine expenditure of just over £6k. This gives us confidence in the sustainability of the Cabin. The 'legacy' items were shed #2, the patio and the final instalment for the Cabin stones. These are not recurrent items and were in part financed from the remainder of the Cabin building fund. We spent more than expected on the Cabin grounds with the willow pollarding, turfing and additional planting. Again, none of these should be regular drains on the Cabin finances (unlike birdseed!). Warm thanks to the people who made gifts to help fund these enhancements to the Cabin grounds which we have all appreciated.

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2022GENERAL FUND

	<u>Balance at 1st Jan</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Held in Nat west a/c	7838.28	6620.35
	Held in cash	254.56	130.71
	Less uncleared cheques	-790.98	-1234.31
	Total	7301.86	5516.75
Code	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	Planned Giving via Parish Giving Scheme	11766.06	12362.47
1+2	Other Planned Giving (note 1)	4185.00	4330.00
3	Open Plate Collections (note 2)	1050.24	355.75
4	Donations	674.83	2679.79
6	Gift Aid Recovered	4120.00	4237.38
9	Fete or Garden Safari takings (note 3)	2645.61	1192.91
	Book and plant stalls (note 4)	5.00	936.74
11	Wedding and Funeral fees	3862.00	3555.50
13	Parish Share rebate & grant (note 5)	858.32	488.48
	Families Work	831.21	515.23
	Launde trip (note 6)	570.00	
	In and Out (note 7)	574.55	3182.01
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	31142.82	33836.26
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
11	W and F fees to Ely etc	2074.00	1811.00
17	Cost of events	196.64	116.73
18	Charitable Giving (note 8)	639.00	277.32
19	Ministry Share (note 9)	21162.94	20602.23
21	Rector's Expenses (note 10)	31.78	278.82
21	Secretary's Expenses	1213.80	1030.92
21	Curate's Expenses		464.68
22	Adult Outreach Resources	238.30	117.96
22	Families work (note 11)	882.17	234.16
22	YouthMinistry	381.73	378.18
23	Pastoral costs	0.00	171.05
23	Insurance, fire etc (note 12)	1744.78	1802.48
23	Ministry & services costs	266.87	191.68
23	Churchyard costs	81.22	87.32
23	Music & Licences	254.89	165.00
23	Electricity (church) (note 13)	757.09	634.61
	Misc (note 14)	126.45	505.00
	Launde (note 6)	574.49	
25	In and Out (note 7)	574.55	3182.01
	TOTAL	31200.70	32051.15
	Balance at 31st Dec		
	Held in Nat west a/c	7367.17	7838.28
	Held in Cabin Fund CCLA a/c	708.45	
	Held in cash	251.83	254.56
	Less uncleared cheques (note 15)	-1083.47	-790.98
	Total	7243.98	7301.86

Financial Statement for the Cabin Running Fund 2022

			<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Balance of fund at 1st Jan</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£5,648.97	£3,292.16	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£2,114.03	£0.00	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£7,763.00</u>	<u>£3,292.16</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	Tfer from Comm Hall Fund		£3,404.78	
	Rental Income	£6,949.00	£3,502.50	
	Bank interest	£8.37		
	Donations & Gift Aid	£2,292.00	£1,042.40	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£9,249.37</u>	<u>£7,949.68</u>
<u>Payments</u>	Fees & Licences	£283.80	£302.59	
	Insurance & fire	£1,196.36	£503.52	
	Utilities	£757.05	£634.60	
	Cleaner	£1,556.00	£1,224.00	
	Consumables	£336.46	£136.43	
	Cabin grounds	£1,236.90	£135.65	
	Inside fitments	£344.55	£82.93	
	Maintenance & servicin	£392.40	£459.12	
	Legacy items	£8,994.90		
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£15,098.42</u>	<u>£3,478.84</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£0.00	£5,648.97	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£1,913.95	£2,114.03	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£1,913.95</u>	<u>£7,763.00</u>

Financial statement for the FABRIC FUND for 2022

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
<u>Balance of Fund at 1st Jan</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£10,765.80	£10,760.19	
	held in Nat West a/c	£2,296.13	£1,348.35	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£13,061.93</u>	<u>£12,108.54</u>	
<u>Receipts</u>				
	Donations	£1,791.00	£282.40	
	Fundraising (see table below)	£3,654.08	£702.28	
	Interest	£192.44	£5.61	
	Gift Aid	£327.50	£38.10	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£5,965.02</u>	<u>£1,028.39</u>	
<u>Payments</u>				
	Memorial garden extension	£360.00		
	Donation to Wintercomfort	£75.00	£75.00	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£435.00</u>	<u>£75.00</u>	
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£18,484.24	£10,765.80	
	Held in Nat West a/c	£107.71	£2,296.13	
		<u>£18,591.95</u>	<u>£13,061.93</u>	
<u>Fundraising money designated to Fabric Fund</u>				
	Takings	Expenses deducted	PROFIT	
June	Jubilee Supper	£790.00	£233.29	£556.71
July	Safari Supper	£510.00	£102.66	£407.34
Oct	Harvest	£949.00	£258.04	£690.96
Oct	Giant book sale	£972.22	£6.42	£965.80
Nov	Quiz	£922.50	£197.22	£725.28
Dec	Xmas tree festiv	£373.33	£146.11	£227.22
	Easy Fundraising	£80.77		£80.77
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£4,597.82</u>	<u>£943.74</u>	<u>£3,654.08</u>

ANNUAL RECONCILIATION WITH NAT WEST BANK (GENERAL FUND)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash at 1st Jan	254.56	130.71
Bank at 1st Jan	15783.38	21979.15
Less holding for FF at 1st Jan	-2296.13	-1348.35
Less holding for Comm Hall Fund at 1st Jan	0.00	-10718.29
Less holding for Cabin fund 1st Jan	-5648.97	-3292.16
Excess Receipts over payments	-57.88	1785.11
Cheques from last year now cleared	-790.98	-1234.31
Cheques from this year not cleared	1083.47	790.98
Held for Fabric Fund 31st Dec	107.71	2296.13
Held for Cabin fund Dec 31st	-708.45	5648.97
Total	<u>7726.71</u>	<u>16037.94</u>
Cash at 31st Dec	251.83	254.56
Bank at 31st Dec	7474.88	15783.38
Total	<u>7726.71</u>	<u>16037.94</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st Dec

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Nat West current a/c	£7,474.88	£15,783.38
CCLA Fabric Fund	£18,484.24	£10,765.80
CCLA Sunday School Fund (aka Cabin fund)	£2,622.40	£2,114.03
Cash in hand	£251.83	£254.56
Uncleared cheques	-£1,083.47	-£790.98
Total	<u>£27,749.88</u>	<u>£28,126.79</u>
 Fabric Fund	 £18,591.95	 £13,061.93
Cabin Fund	£1,913.95	£7,763.00
General Fund	£7,243.98	£7,301.86
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Date

7/2/2023

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St Mary's, Hardwick

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021



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1. Purpose of the PCC

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, socials and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, Cabin and Churchyard.

2. Organisation of the PCC

Incumbent & chair:	Rev. Canon Alison Myers (up to 19 Sept 2021)
Treasurer:	Clare Bigg (LLM) (chair from 20 Sept 2021)
Secretary:	Sue Cornwell (to APCM 2021, vacant from APCM 2021)
Assistant Minister:	Rev. Paul Garnell (Team Curate)
Church Wardens:	Alison Marcus Janet Hayman
Deanery synod rep:	Lois Frettsome (until APCM 2023)
Team Council rep:	Clare Bigg (until APCM 2023)
Elected members:	Michaela McNeill (until APCM 2023) Tricia Maguire (until APCM 2023) Jane Muncey (until APCM 2023) Safeguarding Officer Jeff Jones (until APCM 2022) Naomi Roy (until APCM 2021) Chris Ford (until APCM 2024) Sue Cornwell (until APCM 2021) Peter Cornwell (from APCM 2021 to APCM 2024)

Thelma Westbury was co-opted as minute taker from Sept 2021

The method of appointing the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election on the PCC. There are 43 people on the Electoral Roll.

The below are subcommittees of the PCC:

The Local Ministry Team

In 2021, the local team consisted of Alison (the incumbent), Janet Hayman and Alison Marcus (churchwardens), Paul Garnell (Team Curate), Howard Bigg (Associate Minister), Clare Bigg (Licensed Lay Minister), Peter Cornwell (Sunday Club). Jeff Jones as site manager was invited to attend as needed. The team meets roughly monthly. Generally its scope is to oversee the week-by-week running of the church: primarily organizing services, pastoral care, and the coordination of other church-run activities; and to pray together for church and community. The local ministry team also acts as the standing committee. This is the only committee of the PCC required by law and consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens and two other representatives of the PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions of the Council. Meetings of the standing committee are called only when required.

The Pastoral Team consisted of Paul Garnell (team curate), Tricia Maguire (ALM), Michaela McNeill (ALM), Thelma Westbury, Clare Bigg (to Sept 2021) and Anne Jones.

The Cabin Management Team

The management team in 2021 was Clare Bigg (treasurer), Jeff Jones, Anne Jones (bookings), Peter Cornwell (chair), Sue Cornwell, Ali Marcus and Nicky Kerr, with Alison Myers in attendance if needed.

The Events Committee

The Events Committee consists of Anne Jones, Caroline Edgley, Thelma Westbury, Sue Cornwell, Joan Segrave, Alison Marcus and Lois Frettsome. As rector, Alison is an ex-officio member. It meets around 8 times a year to plan fundraising and social events.

3. Activities of the PCC (and of the church)

a) Preface

Clare writes ...

We thought that 2020 was an exceptional year, but 2021 has also had its challenges. Not least has been the ongoing Covid pandemic. This has been a roller-coaster with anxieties about new variants Delta and Omicron balanced by growing confidence in the vaccine roll-out. Throughout 2021, little has taken place without Covid needing to be factored in.

However, despite Covid, we celebrated the Cabin on the anniversary of its completion and have been thankful again and again for this resource. Read more about this below.

Noticing how difficult online church was for primary aged children, we launched a monthly Wild Church in which we 'engage playfully, actively and creatively with God's natural world'. We have been blessed by having children worshipping again on our site.

2021 also saw the departure of our Rector, Alison Myers, after 11 years as our priest, guide and friend. She has left us in good shape, but we miss her. Read an appreciation of her ministry by Peter below.

Furthermore, our curate Paul Garnell had his final service with us on Christmas Eve. He has moved on to become an army chaplain and will also be missed. Howard has written an appreciation of his contribution to our life.

Clare Bigg has stepped up as Interim Lead Minister for the vacancy with a strong supporting cast from the PCC.

b) Worship, prayer and spiritual life

Clare writes:

Sunday worship

At the very start of January, the church was closed for in-person services and we were back to Worship at Home using zoom, video and audio recordings and printed resources. We were well-prepared for this, but it was none-the-less painful not to be able to meet together in church. But we discover, as always, that God meets us where we are.

Ash Wednesday was celebrated very simply outdoors as one by one we came for ashing and a prayer. Every member of the congregation was given a Lent resource bag which included a booklet of reflections, some supportive ideas for things to try and a heart for Mothering Sunday among other things. Mothering Sunday saw the chestnut tree by the road transformed into a 'happy-sad' tree as decorated hearts remembered mothers we were missing and celebrated all that we had to be thankful for.

Our first Sunday back in church was Palm Sunday – kept short, with no singing, but very sweet. On Easter Sunday we did sing 'Thine be the Glory' – but spaced out outside after the formal end of the service. Again we were thankful for our outdoor space so we could worship outside, weather permitting – remember the debates about how cold was too cold?! Slowly restrictions eased, singing became possible, coffee after the service became possible, but masks have remained. At each stage we have thought carefully about the needs of the medically vulnerable, as well as our need for human contact face to face.

For some, the Lordsbridge zoom service has continued to be a good option and it has developed into a supportive congregation where those who are disabled and/or housebound can meet on equal terms with their fellow Christians. The printed resources are also appreciated by those who cannot join Sunday services for whatever reason.

In September we had a special outdoor service with Hardwick Evangelical church as part of the eco weekend. The services for All Souls and Remembrance Sunday could take place inside, but our carol service was held outdoors round the campfire as Covid made it undesirable to have large numbers inside.





Wild Church was launched in May. It meets monthly on a Sunday afternoon with an average of 12 adults and 10 children attending each month. We have been active: working with clay and dough, making charcoal, painting, planting, observing and creating. Often we meet around the campfire, always we meet outside. We end with a reflective 'going deeper' time when we make connections between what we have done and a Bible passage and we pray (often with our bodies as well as our words). It has been a delight to engage with the children and we finished the year with 8 families coming to the Christingle in church.

Since Alison left we have been blessed by visiting clergy from the Lordsbridge team.

Midweek prayer

Before she left, Alison encouraged us to keep praying, especially for the new priest to be appointed. We pray with members of other churches on Wednesday mornings, usually on zoom but lately once a month in person with coffee afterwards. Weekly night prayer on zoom is appreciated by the 10 or so people who join regularly, and the small meditation group meets fortnightly in the Cabin.

c) Church Community and Pastoral Care

The church community has come together to help ensure that no one is isolated or left without support. Home communions have restarted in a small way. The biggest change has been the departure of our Rector, Alison Myers, and curate Paul Garnell.

An appreciation of the ministry of Alison Myers.

Here Peter reflects on the wonderful eleven years that Alison spent with us.

St. Mary's was very fortunate in having Alison as vicar, then rector, for eleven years. She was a highly skilled and remarkable priest.

Alison chaired the PCC highly efficiently and formally, ensuring smooth management and that policies were clear and correct and that things like the Safeguarding policy were dealt with thoroughly. Her attention to detail and her ability to delegate and bring out strengths in people, easing them into jobs which suited them, were exemplary.

Her work as chair of the Ministry group was also impressive; this is a no-agenda group, more informal, but equally effective. Alison was brilliant at supporting work with children and young people. She was most invaluable in offering help and advice when asked, but also allowing the right degree of autonomy. She was committed to inclusivity, remember when it came to her installation as Team Rector, she included all the children and young people in the service as much as possible. More recently she led on the planning and implementation of the Wild church group. Here her clarity of thinking has been so valuable in establishing the new venture and being specific in determining what, why, who etc.

Alison's membership of the Cabin building team was inspirational. She guided the team (and the congregation) to the completion of a project long dreamed of and we have ended up with a superb building in a unique setting, which is not just a church hall or a community centre, but a hall with vision

at its core, bound up in the three words which even appear on the booking forms: hospitality, encounter and wholeness. When asked about this she will almost invariably say that it was a team effort, to which I would say, yes, but it wouldn't have happened without her encouragement for prayer and reflection, for perseverance in the face of considerable challenges.



These are all teams where I have served with her; they are perfect examples of the successful implementation of the principles of the management of change and the understanding which she has of effective working with people. She knew when to lead, when to chair and when to sit back.

Whilst being very determined, Alison was also willing to compromise on certain things. For example when it came to the removal of pews from the nave, there were some who would have removed them all and she was able to avert bloodshed by pointing out the value of keeping some, but also enlarging the space at the back of the church. It was a wonderful lesson in peaceful church politics.

She was very strong on prayer and spirituality, her sermons and services were always immaculately prepared (and appreciated). Her influence was seen in others who preached here. The standard was consistently high. She promoted and delegated things like the Lent group and the (now defunct) book group but also encouraged personal growth through her blog and by recommending books and courses. Throughout the pandemic she worked on various successful online services and meetings. It was no accident that when applying for the A Rocha award St Mary's scored very highly on teaching and ministry. During her time two members of the congregation became ALMs and one went on to become an LLM.

Alison had huge strengths in thinking creatively, seeing possibilities and supporting ventures; her instigation of Wild Church and Pippins, her support for Toddler Church and the 'Mums and Tums' group, her encouragement for those working on the ecology and bio diversity in the churchyard and around the Cabin, are all examples. She was also very good at cementing relationships of all kinds, such that the present congregation continue to work together very harmoniously. She set the tone.

Alison was extremely well thought of by students and curates on placement here. All have been very complimentary of her and thankful for their placement. It has been inspiring to see students and curates grow in confidence and strength due, certainly in part, to her diligence. Perhaps even more important, Alison was held in very high regard by the congregation and by members of the wider community.

As a private person Alison was lovely, full of life and love of family. She had a great sense of humour, loved literature, art and gardening.

We think of her a lot and wish her every happiness in her new venture as warden at Launde Abbey.

Oh, and we have missed her wicked laugh.

An appreciation of Paul Garnell

Howard writes ...

Our team curate Revd. Paul Garnell was with us for two and a half years from July 2019 until December 2021. My first encounter with Paul was on a balmy July evening, sitting outside the Blue Lion pub in Hardwick with the PCC. He arrived hot and a tad flustered on a bicycle having lost his way between

Coton and Hardwick! Paul was a one-off. He had an inexhaustible fund of funny stories coming as he did from a background which included the army (Blues and Royals), social care and the Prison Service amongst other walks of life. Paul quickly established himself as a character whom people took to their hearts. His sense of fun and the absurd were infectious. He regularly attended the Hardwick Friendship Club and we saw Paul's great gift of friendship at work there. He helped many in practical ways and his ministry was an outstanding example of how being visible, available, wise and kind builds the church community and the kingdom of God. Paul might sometimes have been unorthodox in his approach to the more formal areas of church life, and occasionally his diary might not have kept up with him, but nobody doubted his strong commitment to the service of others. In church, he took services well, often peppered with humour but without losing reverence and seriousness. His sermons were always well thought out and delivered. He has moved on appropriately to become an army chaplain. Paul, you were a blessing to us and we will never forget you.



d) Mission, outreach and contribution to village life

Bumps and Babies in the Cabin

Ali writes ...

Bumps and Babies in the Cabin was a much-appreciated group in 2021 as evidenced by cards and thank you gifts received and the friendships made. New mothers were identified as a particularly vulnerable group during the pandemic and I was able to provide a COVID secure space for up to 6 mothers with their babies. The under-floor heating kept the babies warm on the floor despite having plenty of fresh air in the room. On average, I had 4 mothers attend each week from January to October from a group of 6 depending what sort of a night they had. Babies ranged in age from 6 weeks to one year and occasionally I was able to accommodate desperate mothers with older babies thanks to donations of playpens to confine the mobile babies.

At the end of October, a combination of mothers going back to work and babies graduating to toddlers meant that only one mother remained in the group and she did not want to come alone. Despite a social media campaign, I could not recruit new members, so I closed up early before Christmas and finished the year on a low note. Hardwick Toddler group restarted in the school in November at the same time and day as Bumps and Babies in the Cabin which raised concern that my group would not compete. However, the Toddler group report they have not had any babies attend since opening and Bumps and Babies in the Cabin has started to grow again at the start of 2022.

Income from donations by the attending mothers in 2022 covered the discounted hall hiring fees. I carried a float of £5 into 2022.

Colour Wheel

Nicky writes ...

The Colour Wheel Group started in August of 2019 meeting at the Sports & Social Club initially and moving to The Cabin at St Mary's in 2020.

The Cabin has been an excellent venue to host this group of mostly elderly people, being secure, safe and very accessible. The surroundings lean itself to tranquillity and mindfulness and many have commented of the beautiful surroundings and functionality of the building.

To address loneliness and isolation in our village is at the heart of the group. It is open to anyone from the local community to meet up and enjoy participating in a wide selection of mindful colouring. No artistic ability or special skills are required and the group is open to absolutely everyone. The group has been attended by a variety of people from the surrounding villages, with 12 people attending on average. Material is provided and refreshments are served half way through the session. A voluntary £3 donation is recommended to cover the hiring of the hall and running cost. I secured a small grant through Care Network in 2020, which has enabled me to cover the costs of hiring the hall and purchasing wheat bags for last winter as windows had to remain open for COVID. Since the PCC have reduced the hiring of the hall costs, the Colour Wheel has been able to cover all cost with the donations given by those attending.

The group has been meeting every two weeks throughout the past lock-down as a support group and has been a life line to many isolated members of our community. It is so rewarding to witness, that many of the members have become friends, now meeting outside of the group and together attend various other activities. Some reach out to help fellow members with odd jobs and all chip in with serving refreshments and cleaning up.

Tuesday Morning Toddlers

Clare writes

We were delighted to eventually restart our Tuesday morning toddler church at the beginning of June. We started by meeting outside – no worries about messy activities! It was great to watch the children gaining in confidence as many of them had had little social contact outside the family. The site worked really well thanks to the garden fence, and LOTS made sure that the campfire circle was suitable for our Bible story, singing and prayer time. Paul gave us a portable speaker for the music, and bubble prayers were a hit.

Eventually the weather drove us into the hall, and this has been a good place to be. Set up and pack down has been quick and easy and one of the windows has provided the focus for story time.

The team consisted of Paul Garnell, Helen Harding and Clare Bigg: we have enjoyed working together. Average attendance has been 7 adults and 5 children.

Summer Afternoons

Clare writes

Having not been able to run the Summer Afternoon café plus activities in 2020, it was wonderful to be back in action for 2021. A combination of Covid worries and disappointing weather meant that numbers were down a bit, but the site came into its own and serving refreshments using the Cabin kitchen and a one-way system worked well. The people who came enjoyed home-made cake in the safety of the

outdoors and the children enjoyed the craft activities and cooking on the fire. Many thanks to all the stalwart helpers.

Events Committee

Sue writes ...

For the first part of the year, we were again limited in our social activities by Covid restrictions.

In May, we re-opened the **Plant & Produce** stall on a lovely new purpose-built 'bench' built by the team at the Phoenix trust in Milton. This a charity which provides a meaningful work experience and develops the social and life skills of young adults with learning disabilities. (They also built the bird table in the Cabin grounds)

We also continued with the '**Book swap**' in the Cabin porch and more jigsaws were added to the shelves.

The collection of items for the **Food Bank** in the Church porch has continued and the contributions shared between the Cambridge branch and those in need in Hardwick.

This is ongoing and we are still very grateful for the support from many, very generous, residents.

In June, we were at last able to put on bigger events, and we began with the **Garden Safari** on the hottest day of the year. Eleven brave people opened their (very different) gardens to visitors, stalls were set up in some of the gardens and refreshments were served from the Cabin. We hope to repeat this in 2023.

We supported the Pre-School 'Garage sale' and sold much of what was left from the Bric a Brac stall the remainder being donated to E.A.C.H. (the East Anglian Children's Hospice) shop in Cambridge.

On 24th/25th July we celebrated **the opening of the 'Cabin at St Mary's'** which is detailed in the Cabin Management Team report - a fantastic weekend.

We were once again able to open the Cabin and grounds on six days in August for the popular **Summer afternoons** with play and activities for children of all ages, plus tea/coffee/squash and home-made cakes and biscuits. It has been lovely to see that adults without children have come along and enjoyed our hospitality.

We provided the refreshments for the very successful **eco event** in September, organised by St Mary's, Hardwick Evangelical Church and the Hardwick Climate Action Group. A very successful event which will be repeated in 2022.

Also in September, we said **goodbye** to Alison, Boyd, Ben and Jacob, wishing them every success in their new life at Launde Abbey where Alison has been appointed Warden.



We held the **Harvest Supper** in October - the first in the Cabin and grounds. Although it was a cold evening, we kept warm dancing, again to the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band. It was a great evening with the campfire lit and fairy lights all around the two marquees. However, the grass has not recovered from the pounding it took, so it looks as though we shall have to go back to the school next time.

An all-day **Giant Book sale** was held in the Cabin. This attracted buyers from the surrounding villages and again, refreshments were provided. All the books which were left were donated to the bookshops at Wimpole Hall and Anglesey Abbey and to E.A.C.H. Again, this will be repeated in 2022.

The camp fire was lit again on **Bonfire Night** and we enjoyed hot dogs, cocoa and parkin etc plus sparklers only.

A big thank you to those who supported the **Christmas tree festival**. There were 18 decorated trees and we were able to send a substantial donation to WinterComfort as well as supporting the Church Fabric

Fund. The weekend finished out by the camp fire with mulled wine, mince pies and a group from the Eversden Brass Band who entertained us and accompanied the singing of carols. A lovely event to conclude another difficult year.

The Events Committee would like to thank all those who have supported us this year in so many ways - baking, serving refreshments, putting up marquees, moving tables and chairs, manning stalls, opening gardens, donating items etc. etc. These events could not happen without your continuing support. Thank you.

Pippin's

Anne writes ...

Unfortunately, during 2021, due to Covid, subsequent lockdown and the worry of mixing with people indoors, Pippin's did not open its doors until October.

However, at Easter we made up 46 Easter boxes of goodies which we distributed to people around the village on Easter Saturday. These were very much appreciated by those who received them. Many thanks to the Pippin's team who made the goodies, packed the boxes and delivered the boxes – a real team effort.

After a lot of thought, we opened our doors on October 2nd with hand sanitiser, masks, one- way systems and waitress service all set up. We had a good crowd of people and that has continued each month. To enable safe distancing, we set up in the Community Room and the hall.

However, from November we have only set up in the hall as we have more room to space out and most people seemed to prefer it. During the November opening, we had a surprise as the fire alarm went off and we had to evacuate the building and the fire brigade arrived! All because of some dust! There is never a dull moment in Pippin's!!

"Pippins is a real success story and a welcome addition to the things that go on in the village."

Kigali link

Clare writes ...

We sent £360 to support our partners in Kigali diocese. This sum was in part raised by enthusiastic bidders as Harvest produce was sold off. We had hoped to get a video link or recording from Kigali for our Harvest service, but this proved to be not possible because of illness.

e) Safeguarding

Jane writes ...

As we return to more face to face meetings and events, and in the rush to get the wheels of our community life going again it is easy to forget how important safeguarding is. Everyone who participates in the life of the church has a responsibility in promoting safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults. We need to continue to include safeguarding in the early stages of planning for events and activities.

These are the Guidelines for Promoting a safer environment and culture;

- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church;
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation;
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons;
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.

- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

I feel that we do follow these guidelines and our church community is the safer because of it.

Safeguarding requirements do change and all PCC members and those in a role which involves work with children or vulnerable adults need to do both the Basic Awareness and Foundation level of training and update every 3 years. The PCC are in the process of renewing and updating their training, which can now be done on line. On completion they are requested to send a copy of the completion certificate to the Parish Safeguarding office so that a record can be kept of training completed and future needs.

The process of updating risk assessments for church activities and role description for the volunteers' with roles in the parish is an ongoing process.

The interval between updating DBS checks and training has changed from every 5 years to every 3 years, as of January this year, which has increased the number of checks that are needed this year.

Becca Herrick has become a DBS checker for St Mary's and has completed a number of checks already.

We use the safeguarding dashboard to show what actions we need to take,

The safer recruitment policy is to ensure that when a new person volunteer to join any of the teams in St Mary's has the required checks and training and is given an interview and role description for their role. However we have had very few new people come to join the various teams within the parish.

Jane Muncey Parish Safeguarding Officer 17/3/22

f. The Cabin at St Mary's

Ali writes ...

Hospitality, wholeness and encounter

The team comprises: Chair Peter Cornwell, Treasurer Clare Bigg, Bookings Secretary Anne Jones, Sue Cornwell, Jeff Jones, Nicky Kerr and Ali Marcus

With COVID restrictions lightening since spring of 2021, clubs, groups, meetings, parties and funerals have all been happening in the Cabin. There has been plenty of positive feedback regarding the facilities. Users particularly comment on the peace, tranquillity and beauty of the site, the warmth and comfort of the space and the excellent kitchen and toilet facilities. Apart from designing our thank you and memorial plaques, there has been little to do in the interior of the building. We continue to pay a cleaner for two hours a week to keep the building spick and span. It has been pleasing that with increased use, there were not many teething troubles/snagging that needed sorting inside. We purchased two electric heaters because with the increased ventilation required to mitigate COVID, some users were getting cold. There were initially problems with the dish washer which are now sorted (thank you Jeff for your perseverance and attention to detail). We made plans to install coving for the pipe work in the storage cupboard and install a picture rail all around the main hall although both are yet to happen.

Outside, much has changed during 2021. With a bit more fundraising and some very generous donations we have extended the car park, installed a fence and gates, installed bird and bat boxes, purchased a memorial bench, ordered a shed for storing outdoor furniture (which was erected this year

and is now in use) and commissioned a trio of sculpted standing stones depicting our mission of hospitality, wholeness and encounter to be displayed by the porch. It was wonderful to finally get the surface water drainage pipe linked up and the concrete headwall taken away in October.

LOTS team continue to improve the site with much effort put into clearing the pond which many groups enjoy looking out over. Managing the grassed area has proved to be a muddy problem which we are still working on. Plans are to extend the patio and focus on seeding/turfing in the autumn

The highlight of the year was a weekend of celebrations to mark the opening of the Cabin. On Sat 24th July we had a service led by the Bishop of Ely followed by a hog roast and Jazz music and there was a display to highlight the story of the project going back 30 years! We invited as many people as we could who had played a major part in designing, building, fundraising, project managing over the years. On Sunday 25th July we showed off the Cabin to users and potential users over afternoon tea.

One of the drivers of the Cabin project was the need to have suitable kitchen and toilet facilities for the church. The old portacabin toilets had become an embarrassment – the doors no longer closed properly and there was only a cold tap which was hard to turn off and could freeze in winter. So once we had our new Cabin, we wanted to help other communities have decent toilets too. People gave generously, and we sent £2040 to fund 7 toilet blocks for churches, schools and refugee camps in Bangladesh, Nigeria, Liberia, Indonesia and Mozambique. In addition we are twinned with taps in Zambia, Ethiopia, Nepal, Guatemala and Kenya. We pray for these communities scattered across the world.

Who is using the Cabin?

At this point, we should pause and say a big thank you to Anne for being our Bookings Secretary. Pretty much daily, she is communicating with hirers and several times a week shows new users the facilities. It is a big job and she does it with efficiency and good grace.

The table below shows a breakdown of who uses the Cabin. We can see that church use is the biggest. Support groups, exercise classes and art/craft groups are roughly equal

On average, the cabin was in use for 25% of opening hours in 2021. Given COVID restrictions, this is not disappointing. However, it would be good if occupancy increases this year to ensure we make sufficient income to build a maintenance fund for the future.

Name	Percentage of use	Duration (hours)
Exercise Class	11.05	139
Meeting	4.95	62.25
Church Meeting	36.46	458.5
Children and young people	16.24	204.25
Party	5.61	70.5
Art/craft	8.01	100.75
Support Group	15.71	197.5
Literary, drama or music group	0.87	11
W.I.	0.20	2.5
Internal use	0.89	11.25

Cabin Finances

Many thanks go to Clare for keeping the books balanced and steering us through financial rough waters without losing sight of our mission to create a space of hospitality, wholeness and encounter. We

g. Church building and churchyard

**Hardwick Climate Action Group, St Mary's Church and
Evangelical Church invite you to:**

Hardwick Eco Event

*at The Cabin, St Mary's Church,
Hardwick*

Saturday 4th September 2021 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Come along to find out how you can reduce
your carbon footprint and help stop the
climate emergency!

<http://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/event>

Exhibitions, Speakers, Stalls, 'Swap' tables, family activities and more.
Entrance free.

Donations towards the cost of the event welcome.
Refreshments available throughout the day
(this is based on locally)

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The year has been notable for the two bronze awards: from A Rocha eco church and the Wildlife trust. Further actions have been taken towards working for the silver awards. Otherwise there has been a continuing progress with the mowing schedule to create managed areas with Spring and Summer flowers. Further work has been done on transplanting

h. Summary financial report

Fabric Fund.

Fabric Fund Summary	
Balance at 1 st Jan 2021	£12,109
Income	£1,028
Expenditure	£75
Balance at 31 st Dec 2021	£13,062

This Fund covers major expenditure on the church building. Income this year came mainly through donations and the work of the Events Committee raising funds via the Harvest Supper and Christmas Tree Festival. The only expenditure was a donation to Wintercomfort. We hope to build up this fund significantly from 2023 onwards to help cover the expected outlay for Quinquennial repairs to the roof. In addition, we will be extending the memorial garden and some work on the trees may be necessary.

Community Hall Building Fund

Community Hall Building Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2021		£22,827
Income		£6,833
Expenditure – Coulson’s	£14,275	
Expenditure - fees	£3,076	
Expenditure – memorials & sculpture	£3,309	
Expenditure - celebration	£1,969	
Expenditure – external works	£3,627	
Total Expenditure		£26,256
Balance at 31st Dec 2021		£3,404

We owed a retention sum to our builder, Coulson’s, plus legal fees relating to the easement for the drainage under the track and Parish Council land. We bought a memorial bench and an ‘In Memoriam’ plaque, and commissioned a stone sculpture to express our vision for the Cabin: hospitality, wholeness and encounter. We paid for the cost of the anniversary celebration and completed external works: the carpark extension, fencing and bat and bird boxes.

Our income came mainly from gifts – given in memory of Douglas Skipper and as an amazing response to an appeal to fund the sculpture and completion of the landscaping.

The balance of the fund was transferred to the Cabin Running Fund on 31st Dec 2021 so that we only have one Cabin fund moving forwards. It will still be used to cover the final payments on the sculpture, third shed, pond fencing and greening the grass.

Cabin Running Fund

Cabin Running Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2021		£3,292
Rental Income	£3,503	
Donations	£1,042	
Total income		£4,545
Expenditure – licences, insurance, fees etc	£807	
Expenditure – cleaner	£1,224	
Expenditure - utilities	£635	
Expenditure – consumables	£136	
Expenditure - fitments	£219	
Expenditure – maintenance and servicing	£459	
Total expenditure		£3,479
Balance at 31st Dec 2021		£4,358

Even though we were able to use the Cabin very little during the first half of 2021 because of the pandemic, we were pleased that rental income covered our running expenses. This gives us confidence that in due course we will be able to build up a modest maintenance fund for the longer term. We acknowledge with gratitude gifts we have received for the equipping of the kitchen, especially that from the family of Tejinder Bhachu. We are also grateful to the Community Association for covering the first year costs of Hallmaster, our booking system.

Insurance costs will increase next year as the bill covering both church and Cabin will be split 50:50 instead of the initial 75:25. Utility costs will also rise, partly because of the national rise in electricity tariffs. In addition, the Wi-Fi costs have been covered initially by a generous donor which will come to an end, and the water bill will be more significant.

General Fund

It is good to be able to report that this fund has a small surplus this year thanks to generous giving and some reduced costs.

Donations form the bulk of our income, and we are most grateful for this. Fundraising is also significant, especially as the book and plant & produce stalls provided a valued resource for the community. 'In and Out' covers collections made for a particular third parties which are then passed straight on. This year it comprised £2035 for toilet and tap twinning, £198 for Kigali, £835 for leaving gifts, £74 for Hardwick Climate Action Group and £40 for The Children's Society.

As always, the most significant part of our expenditure was the Ministry Share which covers the cost of providing our team incumbents plus the back office support from the Diocese. Admin expenses includes our contribution to the Lordsbridge Team for the wages of Becca Herrick. 'Charitable giving' includes our regular gift to Action Aid plus a gift to Kigali in addition to giving via the In/Out heading. The costs of ministry includes a contribution via Lordsbridge to the shared youth work, as well as the party tents. Expenditure on running services includes the 'new to us' projector. We spent a bit less on building costs as we were not heating the church during the cold months at the start of the year.

General Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2021		£5,517
Income – Parish Giving Scheme & Gift Aid	£15,151	
Income – other giving & donations	£9,330	
Income – wedding and funeral fees	£1,745	
Income - fundraising	£2,013	
Income – In and Out	£3,182	
Income - other	£488	
Total income		£31,909
Expenditure – charitable giving	£277	
Expenditure – ministry share	£20,602	
Expenditure – clergy & admin expenses	£1,774	
Expenditure – costs of ministry/outreach	£975	
Expenditure – relating to church services	£788	
Expenditure – relating to the building	£2,524	
Expenditure – In and Out	£3,182	
Total Expenditure		£30,123
Balance at 31st Dec 2021		£7,302

As treasurer, I would like again to express my appreciation of the generosity of the St Mary's community. Whenever there is a need, people step forward to help meet it. This makes my task a whole lot less stressful!

Huge thanks also to our independent inspector of the accounts, Mark Taylor.

4. Lordsbridge Team and Team Council

Clare writes ...

We are grateful that we belong to a team. It has meant that we have been able to have both in-person and zoom services on a Sunday. It also means that while we are in vacancy we have the support of the team clergy both in terms of taking services and in providing encouragement and guidance. Much of the admin is done centrally and in particular we now have the use of iKnow Church as a database and means of emailing groups of people. Robbie Thomson has been key in setting this up for us, and training in its use. Becca Herrick handles the admin for weddings and funerals centrally, as well as acting as a conduit for information within the team. Most youth work happens across the team and is organised and run by the para-church organisation WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries). The work of WCCYM has continued, with services and groups online, and school's work continuing online or face to face where possible.

The Team Council to which each parish sends a representative generally meets 3 times a year. In particular this year it has looked at Data Privacy and Whistleblowing policies as well as thinking about team wide services and resources.

5. Bourn Deanery Synod

Thelma writes

April and July meetings were held on zoom, with November's at Cambourne Church

At the April meeting we welcomed the new Rural Dean Priscilla Slusar. Members of the Deanery all reported on how they were coping with the situation, staying focused and connected with their members, by zoom, telephone, and the Lordsbridge on line video and audio services. Many of our churches are part of local initiatives to provide help for those self isolating, supporting local foodbanks, and collecting prescription drugs, and shopping.

The team is preparing for the vacancy when Alison leaves, in the interim David Newton will act as Team Rector.

The use of individual cups at communion was discussed, and referred back to the PCC's for their views'

The July Meeting discussed the A428 corridor development. Current plans are for the new worshipping community in West Cambourne to be linked with Cambourne church and for the Bourn Airfield community to "grow" more independently. It was agreed that the new Pioneer appointment would begin work in West Cambourne and build links with the Bourne Airfield project. It was hoped that the new post would be filled by the Autumn.

Cambourne church celebrates its 21st anniversary in October.

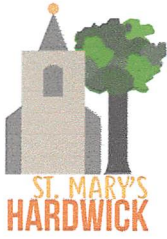
The November Meeting was held in person at Cambourne Church, The Deanery development plan was discussed, with the hope that the laity would lead much of the discussions of where we will be in ten years time with regard to finance, ministry and mission. There was a presentation by Revered Dr Beth Cope, Pioneer minister based in Northstowe, With plans progressing for a new local pioneer minister to support the West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield developments, Beth's talk about her experiences as a new pioneer minister in Northstowe was very timely.

Priscilla reported that the Bishop has funds to support clergy experiencing financial hardship, and if anyone is concerned about the welfare of their clergy, to contact her.

6. Information

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St Mary's Church Hardwick Accounts for 2021

Introduction to the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared by Clare Bigg on a receipts and payments basis.

The General Fund is held in Nat West Account 23839325 (sort code 600423)

The Fabric Fund is held in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund 614119001D

The Cabin was built in 2020, but there were still works to be done in 2021 (mainly outside). In addition there was the final payment to make to Coulson's. All works deemed part of the building project came out of the Community Hall Fund, while running expenses came out of the Cabin Running Expenses Fund. At the end of 2021 the two funds were merged into what will be a single Cabin Fund for 2022. At present this fund is held within the Nat West account and CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund 614119002D. It is intended to set up a separate current bank account for the Cabin in due course.

For the record, the continuing Covid pandemic together with the final Cabin works and the start of an incumbent vacancy, have made the accounts this year atypical.

Both the deposit accounts can only be paid into or withdrawn from via the Nat West account, so all transactions have to first go through the General Fund.



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(Signed)  MARK TAYLOR A.C.M.A.
Date 5/3/2022

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2021GENERAL FUND

	<u>Balance at 1st Jan</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	Held in Nat west a/c	7361.03	6620.35	
	Held in cash	73.73	130.71	
	Less uncleared cheques	-853.32	-1234.31	
	Total			5516.75
Code	<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
	Planned Giving via Parish Giving Scheme	10555.60	12362.47	
1+2	Other Planned Giving	5240.00	4330.00	
3	Open Plate Collections	656.13	355.75	
4	Donations	2300.24	2679.79	
6	Gift Aid Recovered	4771.62	4237.38	
9	Garden Safari takings	0.00	1192.91	
9	Book and plant stalls (note 1)	920.13	936.74	
11	Wedding and Funeral fees	2516.38	3555.50	
13	Parish Share rebate	437.75	488.48	
	Families Work (note 2)	98.45	515.23	
	In and Out (note 3)	475.00	3182.01	
	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>27971.30</u>		<u>33836.26</u>
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
11	W and F fees to Ely etc	1356.70	1811.00	
17	Cost of events	0.00	116.73	
18	Charitable Giving (note 4)	635.00	277.32	
19	Ministry Share	20510.89	20602.23	
21	Rector's Expenses (note 5)	390.27	278.82	
21	Secretary's Expenses	1043.49	1030.92	
21	Curate's Expenses	377.55	464.68	
22	Adult Outreach Resources	137.21	117.96	
22	Families work (note 2)	259.58	234.16	
22	YouthMinistry	391.07	378.18	
23	Adult Ministry costs	116.61		
23	Pastoral costs	13.13	171.05	
23	Insurance, fire etc	1918.05	1802.48	
23	Church Supplies	383.84	191.68	
23	Churchyard costs	47.64	87.32	
23	Music & Licences	159.07	165.00	
23	Electricity (church) (note 6)	820.89	634.61	
	Misc (note 7)		505.00	
25	In and Out (note 3)	475.00	3182.01	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>29035.99</u>		<u>32051.15</u>
	Balance at 31st Dec			
	Held in Nat west a/c	6620.35	7838.28	
	Held in cash	130.71	254.56	
	Less uncleared cheques (note 9)	-1234.31	-790.98	
	Total	<u>5516.75</u>		<u>7301.86</u>
	Check Sum	5516.75		7301.86

General Fund:

Thanks to the generosity of many people, effort from the Events Committee and reduced expenses, we have a surplus this year. Thank you!

Note 1

The plant & produce stall raised £420.14, and the book stall £516.60 – not including the ‘giant’ book sale. In addition both stalls provided an outlet appreciated by the village.

Note 2

‘Families work’ includes donations from attendees of Summer Afternoons and Tuesday Mornings, and expenses incurred by the same

Note 3

‘In and Out’ are gifts made for a specific recipient, and so do not count as ‘church income’.

Kigali at Harvest	£198.25
Toilet and tap twinning	£2034.43
Hardwick Climate Action	£74.17
The Children’s Society	£40
Leaving gifts	£835.16

Note 4

Charitable giving from PCC funds (in addition to ‘In & Out’ donations and the Fabric Fund Winter Comfort donation)

Action Aid	£120
Kigali	£161.75
Toilet Twinning	£5.57

Note 5

Rector’s expenses considerably down due to lockdowns and in post for under 9 months

Note 6

Electricity bill split 50-50 with Cabin. No services in church for the three coldest months had an impact!

Note 7

‘Misc’ includes the party tents, produce stall and new projector.

Financial statement for the Community Hall FUND for 2021

<u>Balance of Fund at 1st Jan</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Invested in CCLA		£70,544.24	£12,108.67
Invested in Shawbrook CAF a/c		£83,796.09	£0.00
Held in Nat West a/c		£271.54	£10,718.29
<u>Total</u>		<u>£154,611.87</u>	<u>£22,826.96</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Bank interest	£381.09		£5.36
Donations & Gift Aid	£34,879.50		£6,219.78
Fundraising	£7.50		£608.76
Grants	£165,396.00		
<u>Total</u>		<u>£200,664.09</u>	<u>£6,833.90</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Fees	£1,230.00		£3,076.40
Coulsons	£313,367.77		£14,275.30
Electricity	£856.65		
Donor plaques & sculpture			£3,309.00
Celebration			£1,968.51
Inside fitting out	£6,256.37		
External works	£6,238.21		£3,626.87
Transfer to Cabin Running Fund	£4,500.00		£3,404.78
<u>Total</u>		<u>£332,449.00</u>	<u>£29,660.86</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>			
Invested in CCLA	£12,108.67		£0.00
Held in Nat West a/c	£10,718.29		£0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£22,826.96</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
<u>Check sum</u>		<u>£22,826.96</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

Financial Statement for the Cabin Running Fund 2021

			<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Balance of fund at 1st Jan</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£0.00	£3,292.16	
	Held in CCLA a/c	0	£0.00	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£3,292.16</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	Tfer from Com Hall Fund	£4,500.00	£3,404.78	
	Rental Income	£645.00	£3,502.50	
	Donations & Gift Aid		£1,042.40	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£5,145.00</u>	<u>£7,949.68</u>
<u>Payments</u>	Fees & Licences	£363.38	£302.59	
	Insurance	£376.88	£503.52	
	Utilities	£0.00	£634.60	
	Cleaner	£427.00	£1,224.00	
	Consumables	£125.18	£136.43	
	Outside	£182.39	£135.65	
	Inside fitments	£378.01	£82.93	
	Maintenance & servicing		£459.12	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£1,852.84</u>	<u>£3,478.84</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	£3,292.16	£5,648.97	
	Held in CCLA a/c	£0.00	£2,114.03	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£3,292.16</u>	<u>£7,763.00</u>

St Marys Church Hardwick**Financial statement for the FABRIC FUND for 2021**

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
<u>Balance of Fund at 1st Jan</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£9,580.83	£10,760.19	
	held in Nat West a/c	£134.96	£1,348.35	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£9,715.79</u>	<u>£12,108.54</u>	
<u>Receipts</u>				
	Donations	£1,515.00	£282.40	
	Fundraising (see note 1)	£2,002.40	£702.28	
	Interest	£44.40	£5.61	
	Gift Aid	£1.25	£38.10	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£3,563.05</u>	<u>£1,028.39</u>	
<u>Payments</u>				
	Ceiling Repair Works	£1,170.30		
	Donation to Wintercomfort		£75.00	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£1,170.30</u>	<u>£75.00</u>	
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£10,760.19	£10,765.80	
	Held in Nat West a/c	£1,348.35	£2,296.13	
		<u>£12,108.54</u>	<u>£13,061.93</u>	

Note 1**Fundraising money designated to Fabric Fund**

		Takings	Expenses deducted	Money to treasurer	Exps paid by treasurer	PROFIT
Oct	Harvest	538.50	302.14	£236.36	£30.00	£206.36
Dec	Xmas tree festiv	379.52	25.00	£354.52	£60.00	£294.52
	Easy Fundraising					£201.40
	<u>Total</u>					<u>£702.28</u>

ANNUAL RECONCILIATION WITH NAT WEST BANK (GENERAL FUND)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash at 1st Jan	73.73	130.71
Bank at 1st Jan	7767.53	21979.15
Less holding for FF at 1st Jan	-134.96	-1348.35
Less holding for Comm Hall Fund at 1st Jan	-271.54	-10718.29
Less holding for CRE fund 1st Jan	0.00	-3292.16
Excess Receipts over payments	-1064.69	1785.11
Cheques from last year now cleared	-853.32	-1234.31
Cheques from this year not cleared	1234.31	790.98
Held for Community Hall fund Dec 31st	10718.29	0.00
Held for Fabric Fund 31st Dec	1348.35	2296.13
Held for CRE fund Dec 31st	3292.16	5648.97
Total	<u>22109.86</u>	<u>16037.94</u>
Cash at 31st Dec	130.71	254.56
Bank at 31st Dec	21979.15	15783.38
Total	<u>22109.86</u>	<u>16037.94</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st Dec

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Nat West current a/c	£21,979.15	£15,783.38
CCLA Fabric Fund	£10,760.19	£10,765.80
CCLA Sunday School Fund (aka Community Hall fund)	£12,108.67	£2,114.03
Cash in hand	£130.71	£254.56
Uncleared cheques	-£1,234.31	-£790.98
Total	<u>£43,744.41</u>	<u>£28,126.79</u>
Fabric Fund	£12,108.54	£13,061.93
Community Hall fund	£22,826.96	£0.00
Cabin Running Fund	£3,292.16	£7,763.00
General Fund	£5,516.75	£7,301.86
TOTAL	£43,744.41	£28,126.79

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Date 5/3/2022

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St Mary's, Hardwick

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020



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The parishes of Barton, Caldecote with
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Great and Little Eversden, Hardwick,
Harlton, Haslingfield and Toft

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Purpose of the PCC

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, socials and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building and Churchyard.

Organisation of the PCC

Incumbent & chair:	Revd. Canon Alison Myers
Treasurer:	Clare Bigg (LLM) (invited)
Assistant Minister (Team Curate)	Revd. Paul Garnell (from July 2019)
Church Wardens:	Thelma Westbury (to APCM 2020) Alison Marcus (from APCM 2020) Janet Hayman
Deanery synod rep:	Lois Frettsome (until APCM 2023)
Team Council rep	Clare Bigg (until APCM 2023)
Elected members:	Michaela McNeill (until APCM 2023) Tricia Maguire (until APCM 2023) Jane Muncey (until APCM 2023) Jeff Jones (until APCM 2022) Naomi Roy (until APCM 2021) Chris Ford (until APCM 2021) Sue Cornwell (until APCM 2021)
Co-opted:	Peter Cornwell (co-opted by PCC in April 2019, continued in 2020) Thelma Westbury (co-opted by PCC in October 2020, to APCM 2021)

The method of appointing the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election on the PCC.

The below are subcommittees of the PCC:

The Local Ministry Team

In 2020, the local team consisted of Alison (the vicar), Janet Hayman and Alison Marcus (churchwardens), Paul Garnell (Team Curate), Michaela McNeill (Authorized Lay Minister), Tricia Maguire (Authorized Lay Minister), Howard Bigg (Associate Minister) and Clare Bigg (Licensed Lay Minister) and Peter Cornwell (Sunday Club).

The team met in a variety of ways during the course of the year including on Zoom. Generally its scope is to oversee the week-by-week running of the church: primarily organizing services, pastoral care, and the coordination of other church-run activities; and to pray together for church and community.

The local ministry team also acts as the standing committee. This is the only committee of the PCC required by law and consists of the incumbent, the churchwardens and two other representatives of the PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions of the Council. Meetings of the standing committee are called only when required.

The Cabin Teams

The building team in 2020 was Ali Marcus, Peter Cornwell, Jeff Jones, Nicky Kerr, Chris Brown (secretary), Clare Bigg (treasurer), and Alison Myers. This team was stood down when the build when the main build phase was completed.

The management team in 2020 was Clare Bigg (treasurer), Jeff Jones, Anne Jones (bookings), Peter Cornwell, Sue Cornwell, Ali Marcus and Nicky Kerr, with Alison Myers.

The Events Committee

The Events Committee consists of Anne Jones, Caroline Edgley, Thelma Westbury, Sue Cornwell, Joan Segrave, Alison Marcus and Lois Frettsome. As vicar, Alison is an ex-officio member. It meets around 5 times a year to plan fundraising and social events.

The activities of the PCC (and of the church)

Preface

Alison Myers writes:

2020 was a year like no other. The pandemic, the lockdowns and restrictions on our daily lives, the closure of church buildings, the need to find other ways of being a church community together, the switch to digital and Zoom and the need to look out for each other have all played their part in making it very different year. And its affects continue.

It has forced us to change and has drawn out creativity and generosity that we may not have realised was there. Some of the changes to our lives and the life of our church community we will reverse as soon as we can, some we may continue to run with.

Perhaps our biggest achievement and change in 2020 has been despite the pandemic not because of it: the erection and opening (unofficially) of the Cabin at St Mary's, after so many years of dreaming, praying and, latterly, fundraising. We did it! And our thanks go to so many who helped in different ways.

In 2020 we learned to be more flexible and creative in personal and corporate worship – using both the outdoor space and Zoom, video and podcasts. For some of us, 'everyday faith' has deepened by using Worship at Home, Facebook reflections, and thought for the week' resources or participating in Zoom Compline during the week. We got to know other congregation members and neighbours in a different way with phone calls and walks. Some of us participated in the Hardwick Network and similar initiatives, including Pippins' cake boxes, offering care as individuals and on behalf of the church and in the Foodbank we enabled others to care too. In 2020, the church, the cabin and its grounds played a greater part in the lives of more people who enjoyed visiting for produce, books, wild-flowers and peace.

We have learned much and are grateful to God and to each other for getting this far.

This report reflects the very different year that we have had.

Worship, Prayer and Spiritual Life

Alison Myers writes:

Sundays and Worship at Home

The year started excitingly with a morning vision and prayer service and 'breaking the ground' prayers in January as the Cabin build started. We articulated the vision for the Cabin and the whole site in terms of 3 Biblical trees representing a place for encounter with God, hospitality for all and the offer of wholeness.

Then in the first lockdown we recognised the importance of 'worship at home', dispersed households though nevertheless still a church community. We contributed too, and benefited from, shared worship and prayer resources – in print, video, audio and social media – created by and for the Lordsbridge Churches (remember the virtual Palm Sunday procession, lighting candles for Easter at home or on the frontline, mini-reflections for Holy Week and Easter on Facebook, video reflections on prayer for 'Thy Kingdom Come' and the week-in-week-out distribution of Sunday prayers and a gospel reflection). Over the summer we held communion services outdoors under the 'cathedral pillars' of our trees, moving carefully indoors, masked and risk assessed, as the weather became chilly. We learned that under Covid-restrictions our building has a capacity of between 25 and 30.

Services in church ceased again in November and we returned to the now well-rehearsed Worship at Home, with some St Mary's members joining the Lordsbridge Sunday Zoom congregation. Our ecumenical, area-wide service at Christ the King was a premiered video this year with music recorded in lockdown to which congregation members contributed. Remembrance Sunday prayers and silence were held outdoors at 11am.

By the time we reached Christmas, and as we anticipated another lockdown, we were able to put into practice all we had learned about 'mixed-mode' church during the year – with the Advent 'Nine days, nine lessons, nine carols' video reflections, an outdoor Vigil with carols and more smaller services over Christmas itself, alongside Worship at Home resources.

Weekday prayer and 'Everyday Faith'

During the year 'Wednesday Morning Prayer for Hardwick and beyond' moved onto Zoom during the year enabling more people to join this ecumenical group. I introduced Night Prayer on Zoom during the first lockdown, initially twice a week, then led by Clare and Howard, once a week.

We have also discovered that creating and distributing print, pre-recorded and social media material has given people a greater range of homegrown resources available on days other than Sunday. This has been appreciated as a complement to Sunday services, and by some who would not or cannot gather on a Sunday morning.

Tuesday Mornings at St Mary's

Clare writes:-

Our toddler group became Monday Mornings at the School in January 2020 because the church was not usable without the supporting facilities of the old cabin. Meeting in a different venue brought some benefits (especially a quicker set-up and pack-down) but we missed the chancel as the story place.

When the pandemic hit, we moved onto zoom with some of the older children – it didn't work so well with the 1 and 2 year-olds. This continued up to the summer holidays, after which the older children had moved on, so Tuesday Mornings was mothballed until toddlers are allowed to meet without social distancing.

Church Community and Pastoral Care

Clare writes:-

The first lockdown made us become more intentional about keeping in touch via the phone, texts, emails, outdoor meet-ups and doorstep conversations. We became especially aware of the importance of finding means of social contact with those living on their own and/or without internet access. We hope that, when all restrictions end, we will take forward a memory of how much a phone call, text or visit can mean.

During the lockdown our prayer calendar was revamped to include points of prayer relating to the pandemic as well as climate change concerns. Praying regularly for one another helps build community in unseen ways.

We have sadly lost two 'fathers of the congregation'. Peter Richardson died aged 92. His funeral was at St Mary's on 6th Nov 2020 and was as packed as was possible in Covid times. Others lined the road to pay their respects. Peter was a resident of Hardwick for many years and a founder trustee of the first Village Hall Committee, and later the Community Association. As such, he was a fount of knowledge about the village. In later years he was very supportive of the Cabin project, always ready to give an encouragement to the team at every setback. He was a strong family man, practical, caring and wise and is survived by his wife Ruth. Douglas Skipper died on 28th Jan 2021, just months short of his 100th birthday. Douglas and Mary lived in Hardwick for 35 years before moving to be close to their son 5 years ago. Douglas was active in both village and church, using his practical skills in the gardening club, at the church fete, helping the WI with competitions among other things, supporting activities for children and getting involved with the Hardwick Happening. He was an approachable, kind man who gave sound advice and practical help with generosity. Both Peter and Douglas were men of quiet faith who led by example. Our prayers are with Ruth and Mary and their families.

This year Thelma Westbury finally laid her church warden mantle down and has become our church warden emeritus. Thelma has served faithfully and cheerfully for more than 35 years. She has always been ready to help, encourage and sort out clergy and lay ministers with patience, grace and a smile. Rain or shine, Thelma has always been there to open the church and get it ready, welcoming all and sundry, and efficiently doing those behind-the-scenes jobs which are so necessary but not always appreciated. There is little Thelma doesn't know about the church and we hope she will pass on her treasure store of knowledge to the next generation. She has left big shoes to fill! We had a special presentation of a medal and gifts for Thelma in church on 20th December to say a heartfelt 'thank you!' Sadly we couldn't have a party at that time – there is much partying to catch up on!

Mission, Outreach and Contribution to village life

Anne writes:-

Hardwick Network

'Hardwick Network is the village's COVID-19 mutual aid community group'. It was set up at the beginning of the first lockdown and enlisted a group of volunteers as part of a whatsapp group, including some members of the congregation at St Mary's Church. It is very ably co-ordinated by Ruth Enge. We were able to help residents of Hardwick with shopping, collecting prescriptions, providing a phone buddy and anything else to help and support the more vulnerable residents. It proved to be a lifeline for some people. Alongside this, we identified a group of older residents who would benefit from a cooked two-course meal once a week, free of charge, which are collected from Over Day Centre and delivered to their homes.

As lockdown continued, Hardwick Network had its own website www.hardwicknetwork.co.uk and developed into a social network too, setting up groups on Zoom for different groups of people in the community. These are... parents with young children, retired people, young professionals, 20s – 40s, a book group and a group playing online games. Again, with social activities on hold, this has proved to be useful for some people.

Hamper scheme

At Christmas time we made up 16 food hampers to accompany those made by the Evangelical Church which were delivered to families in Hardwick, identified by the school, who would appreciate some 'extras' during the festive period., We managed to get a £400 grant from Hardwick Network and we topped it up with food from the Food Bank. A working party met in the Cabin to put the hampers together. These were very much appreciated.

Pippin's

During 2020 we met at Pippin's for only 3 months due to Covid-19. At Christmas time we decided to share some festive cheer with some of the older residents of the village and those people who were missing their monthly cuppa & cake at Pippin's. Many of the bakers made their speciality cakes and biscuits and we made up 48 boxes of goodies which were distributed on the Monday before Christmas. We had very positive feedback with messages on Facebook, phonecalls and thank you notes. Again, something very much appreciated at a time when many were not able to see their families.



Paul writes:-

This past year has been a challenge to maintain contact with those for whom I had weekly in-person meetings, be that via the Friendship Club or walkabouts in the village. The Friendship Club momentarily gathered during the brief easing of lockdown in the summer of 2020, and it was good to meet together, albeit, a number remained at home shielding. Since that time, I have been unable to find capacity in the week to provide the weekly calls offered during Lockdown 1, mostly due to the demands of home-schooling coupled with my interim-lead role for St Peter's, Coton. Telephone calls have been infrequent, but each member of the Friendship Club knows they are being prayed for each week, and there has been the occasional social-distance doorstep knock and chat. In addition, members have been directed to the Lordsbridge Team Worship at Home resources either online or for those without internet access, the opportunity for weekly delivery of the resources. All have been appreciative of the link and support of St Mary's, Hardwick.

Events

Sue writes:-

Unfortunately we were unable to hold any of the usual events in 2020 - no Quiz Night, no Fete, no Harvest Supper, no summer afternoons, no Christmas Tree festival. This was even more disappointing as the lovely 'Cabin at St Mary's' was completed and ready for action. However, in the spring, we opened a Plant & Produce stall in the church porch which proved to be very popular and thanks to the generosity of Hardwick people giving surplus plants and produce from allotments and gardens, we raised a sizeable amount of money. We ran a treasure hunt for families. At Christmas, a 'Super Hamper' was raffled, raising over £800. A collection point for the Cambridge food bank was set up in the church porch. Again, Hardwick residents have been extremely generous, something which was noted by the staff in Cambridge. Since the autumn, the contributions have been shared with the school who have made up food parcels to help those in need in the village. In response to a suggestion from the Hardwick network, a bookstall was set up in the porch of the Cabin for people to buy or exchange books. This has been well received and has raised £200 to date. We do hope that we will be able to put on more events in 2021 - the plant/produce stall and the book exchange will continue as these have proved to be valuable to many in the community - the latter now includes a jigsaw swap.

Thanks to Paul, Tricia, Helen and others for their assistance.

Kigali link

Alison writes:

We celebrated Kigali Sunday with a video service that included a reflection from Bishop Nathan of Kigali and a song recorded in lockdown by the Kigali Cathedral 'Prince of Peace' choir and local Cambourne Community Gospel Choir.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (that is the duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Sharon McMahon writes:-

I write this report as the out-going Safeguarding Officer for Hardwick and Dry Drayton. Jane Muncey is going to take over the ropes. I'd like to thank her for offering to do this, and for taking the time to fulfil the role.

In 2020 and early 2021, a number who had their first DBS check using the new system are finding their checks need to be repeated to keep up to date. This is in hand.

The Parish Dashboard has proved a good way of keeping track of how each parish has fulfilled its safeguarding duty. There are policies to review in 2021, but we are on a good footing. The dashboard is particularly useful when handing over to Jane, as she can see at a glance where we are, and where we are heading next.

Jane has continued to work with me to ensure that all references are taken up and are on file.

Cabin at St Mary's

Ali Marcus writes:-

It is incredible to think that we have now achieved our goal of building a new community hall in spite of all the problems that have occurred in the project and the on-going COVID 19 pandemic. It certainly has been a journey of twist and turns, mountains and valleys!

Apologies for the length of this report but The Cabin build has been a major ongoing project for our church and it is important we recognise the time, money, emotional and intellectual resources that we have all put into it. This report for 2020 starts with a brief refresher of the events of 2019 which were possibly not reported last year due to the pandemic starting.

The working party consisted of Alison Myers, Clare Bigg (Treasurer), Peter Cornwell, Jeff Jones, Nicky Kerr, Ali Marcus (chair), Jim Lewis (who sadly passed away in 2019) and Chris Brown who kindly took minutes for us. It has been a real team effort to make the progress we have.

2019 was a year of much uncertainty and hard work. We were:

- Finalising our building specifications and participating in the design of the building which was drawn up by Ingleton Wood.

- Liaising with the Community Centre project to ensure we would keep our project complementary to that building rather competing with it and possibly jeopardising our own grant applications
- Liaising with the planning department to see if we could access any of the S106 money available to Hardwick. Unfortunately, it was not possible
- Arranging the necessary site surveys to comply with planning conditions.
- Removing of some of the trees along the northern boundary of the site in March 2019 prior to the bird nesting season. This ensured the project could commence in the summer of 2019 if we were successful with Grant applications.
- Waiting and planning for the outcome of the Newt survey. It was a huge relief in May 2019 when we were officially told there were no Newts!
- Working hard to submit grant applications in order raise the build costs of £250,000 so that we could give Coulson's the go ahead to start building. By May we were projecting a total budget of £300,000 including professional fees. We had already raised more than £100,000 by fundraising, donations and pledges and had confirmation of several grants. We had decided to focus most of our efforts on applications for larger grants including Garfield Weston, Amey Cespa and WREN. The amount of work involved in submitting the grant applications should not be underestimated and included a second consultation with the village.

In June 2019 we had submitted enough grant applications that we were able to agree in good faith with Coulson that subject to the applications being successful, we could aim to break ground in September.

In July 2019, whilst creating the detailed plans for the build, Coulson revised the budget and we were devastated that the build cost had increased by approximately 50%, which would require an additional £120,00. With grant applications already made on the basis of £250,000 build costs, the whole project was seriously threatened and we faced the possibility of ending our partnership with Coulson and going back to square one. We took advice from the diocese and building consultants, sought quotes from other builders and prayed. After intense negotiations and compromise on both sides, we agreed to a simplified design of the building and Coulson brought the build cost down to £300,000. At the time, we felt we would be able to cover the £50,000 uplift in the budget by further grant applications with the fall-back position of taking out a mortgage or using loans from some generous individuals. Therefore, we agreed and the project was able to proceed, subject to confirmation of funding.

We felt especially blessed when we heard in the autumn of 2019 that two of our major grant applications were successful and the granters were flexible enough to allow us to revise our financial plan. We were able to give the green light to Coulson and fix a start date.

Thus, 2020 started with detailed planning, and more negotiations with the planning department. After clearing out the old cabin which became the welfare unit for the builders, we broke ground for the project on the 24th January 2020 just before COVID 19 changed our world. Special thanks go to Nicky for her expert advice and eye for detail and Jeff for being our main onsite overseer of the build. Fortunately, the shell went up quickly without any problems and we were able to top out the building making it secure and watertight before work halted when we went into the first lock down of 2020.

Then, once the building trade was deemed safe to continue working in a COVID secure way, work was recommenced and slowly the rest of the build was completed. The keys were handed to us on 29th July 2020 at a socially distanced ceremony. Of course, a major landmark in the build was the removal of the old cabin with thanks to Chivers Farms.

There were pitfalls along the way. It should also be recognised that getting the planning conditions for the building work signed off was not straightforward and took the best part of 18 months to achieve.

Site drainage has always been a difficult condition of the planning permission. Because the ditch which receives our surface water is an Awarded Watercourse, there are regulations regarding the rate at which water must flow into it and specifications for the design of the headwall that must be adhered to. Unfortunately, the Planning Department did not communicate this and at the end of 2020 we still could not understand why there was a problem getting the drainage planning conditions signed off. In December Ali managed to speak to the Drainage Consultant dealing with this for SCDC and with the help of Jeff measured the water depth and relayed the water level specifications for the headwall to Coulson. A new head wall was designed and we finally received confirmation that all the planning conditions were signed off in February 2021.

Additionally, in February 2020, we discovered that a legal agreement called a Wayleave Easement would be needed to pass the drainage pipe under Chivers track and across Parish Council Land to the ditch which is privately owned by ex-patriots. This has been a protracted process, involving detective work to find out who owned the ditch and locate them living abroad, extensive negotiations with the Parish Council and the fact that getting a three-way legal document drawn up takes time. Before COVID times, who would have thought that getting several signatures witnessed would be a problem? We are still trying to get this finalised so that the last of the surface water drainage can be completed.

During the whole of the year Clare kept a tight reign on cash flow and liaised with the grant officers and Coulson to steer us through the complex process of proving value for money. This was a mammoth time consuming and stressful task. Thank you, Clare,

At this point it is worth taking a look back at the finances of the project which Clare has kindly summarised.

Finance of the Cabin 2015 – 2020

Income 2015 - 2020:

Donations from individuals, groups and local businesses and Gift Aid:	£189,059
Fundraising events:	£18,155
Grants:	£192,646
Total:	£399,860

(note roughly 50:50 grant and 'our' money)

Our grant funders were:

Amey £70,000;

WREN (FCC Communities) £63,896;

The Garfield Weston Found'n £20,000;

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust £10,000;

Hill £10,000;

The Shone Trust £7,500;

The Allchurches Trust £5,250;

The Rural Cambridgeshire Fund £5,000

South Cambridgeshire District Council £1000.

Thanks also due to Coulson's for pro-bono work prior to the build, the donor who gave £14,569 to cover the 'Contributing Third Party' funds needed to release the Amey and WREN grants and many others who gave time and expertise to help us on our way.

Expenditure 2015 – 2020

Professional fees, advice, planning:	£31,245
Contributing Third Party payment (to release Amey and WREN grants):	£14,569
Coulson's build:	£313,368
Additional fitting out:	£12,494
Electricity during build:	£857
Transfer to Cabin Running Fund:	£4,500
Total:	£377,033

Still to come retention payment to Coulson's, legal fees re easement, additional landscaping and drainage, memorial bench and board, grant funders plaque.

The final budget for the build is yet to be confirmed with these last bits to tackle but is as presented in the financial report for this meeting. It is a shame that due to COVID 19 we have not been able to use the Cabin as much as planned and we have yet to have our opening celebrations. But those who have been able to use it safely including the OWL Group, Pilates, Yoga, Colour Wheel and Bumps and Babies have all been very happy with the facilities.

In 2020, with the end of the building phase in sight, the Community Building Working Party have handed the reigns to the Cabin Management Team headed up by Peter and consisting of Sue, Nicky, Ali, Jeff, Anne (Bookings Secretary), Clare (Treasurer) and Alison. Policies and procedures needed to keep the Cabin running legally and ethically have been designed. Hallmaster has been chosen as a booking system which has been a worthwhile investment. It is a shame that COVID has greatly restricted the use of the Cabin but those who have used it are very happy with the facilities. So far it has been used by Pilates, Yoga, art and crafters, a mindful group, a new parents support group, The OWL support group and other one off hires. We are blessed that we have been able to fall back on the Cabin Running Fund to keep the lights on and the building warm for those who can use it. Hopefully, more groups will be able to use the Cabin in the Summer and we can determine if it will support itself. And, of course, we are looking forward to our postponed opening celebrations in the summer.

Church Building and Churchyard

Fabric of the Church Building

Jeff writes:-

For most of 2020 the church was unused for services, either due to them being prohibited due to the Covid-19 lockdowns or whenever possible by services being held outdoors. Nevertheless, the condition of the building was regularly monitored. When lockdown rules were eased during the summer, the church reopened for private prayer and services. Arranging social distancing of two metres and registering attendees at services, as well as accommodating private prayer and instigating an appropriate cleaning regime, was quite a challenge.

Unfortunately, at the end of November a small piece of ceiling plaster fell into the nave from above the chancel arch, whilst another piece was hanging precariously. With the help of our architect, a

lime plasterer, working from a scaffold tower, was quickly employed to carry out the repair. Services were able to continue and the work was finished well before Christmas. The total cost was £1170.

For the Christmas period, the LOTS team again installed an illuminated star on the lychgate and a larger, more prominent one on the tower, which were well received by the village community.

Churchyard and grounds

Peter writes:-

The team continue to meet each week to do jobs around the church and the Cabin.

Grass cutting

Several years ago we set aside a band of grass round the perimeter of the church yard which is strimmed after the cow parsley has finished and then left for the rest of the year. Similarly there is a triangle of grass behind the Cabin which is left. This triangle, along with other areas, has been set with snowdrops and other Spring flowering bulbs.

Our current award application to the Wildlife Trust will involve a review of the cutting policy. We shall be looking at several possibilities including Spring areas and Summer meadows.

Hedges/ trees

The site is blessed with large numbers of trees and surrounded by hedges. There is a newly planted hedge (bird-friendly native species) between the Cabin and the church. Hedges are trimmed once a year outside nesting times. The hedges are wild life friendly by providing food and shelter for birds, small mammals and insects.

The church is surrounded by mature Lime trees which are kept free of ivy and trimmed at the base each year. The limes are separately maintained by an expert firm.

Other trees on site: several oaks, cherry, field maple, ash (as yet unaffected by ash die back), crab apple, holly. All are well maintained.

The Cabin site is bounded on the west by a plantation of mixed species trees and on the south side by the Rectory hedge. The latter has ample amounts of mature ivy for nesting and autumn food for insects and birds.

Compost

We have three compost bays on rotation.

Flower beds

There are three recently planted flower beds near the Cabin where native species have been chosen with a view to minimum maintenance. They include some herbs which attract important pollinators,

There is a well maintained rose bed by the church porch. This is separately maintained by Brian Coxall.

Bird boxes

We set up a number of bird boxes several years ago. These are now in need of replacing. We shall be seeking advice from the Wildlife trust on boxes. We would also like to investigate the possibility of having a camera in one of the new ones with a relay to the Cabin.

Hedgehogs

We have several large piles of brushwood in the churchyard to attract hedgehogs. There are currently two further piles in the Cabin garden.

Tree stumps

We have several decaying tree stumps and a pile of roots. The roots serve as a play feature but will also attract wild life.

Pond

There is a large fenced pond on site. Some of the fencing is in need of repair. At the time of writing we are seeking quotes with a view to applying for a grant to help with the cost of repair. We have been looking at the possibility of creating a platform for dipping. The pond is not full all year. The pond is currently not managed other than through neglect but it provides drinking water for mammals, insects and birds.

Logs

There are lots of logs on site, some are well decayed. Others have been drilled with 10, 5 and 3mm holes to encourage insect life. A bug hotel has recently been built.

Campfire area

There is a camp fire area where the grass has been replaced by bark.

Snowdrops and Primroses

The site is well served with snowdrops. The team have split and replanted almost two thousand over the last few years, they have colonised particularly well on the north side of the hawthorn hedge next to the drive. The primroses are also growing well on the north bank and there are new clumps emerging to the east of the rose garden.

Nettles

Nettles are retained in the eastern perimeter, a sunny area to attract butterflies. The nettles are cut once a year.

Chemicals and herbicides

No chemicals or herbicides are used on site.

Summary Financial Report

Clare writes:-

The full accounts for 2020 are provided separately. Please email cebigg53@gmail.com if you'd like to see a copy.

Fabric Fund

Fabric Fund Summary	
Balance at 1 st Jan 2020	£9,716
Income	£3,563
Expenditure	£1,170
Balance at 31 st Dec 2020	£12,109

This Fund covers major expenditure on the church building. Income this year came mainly through donations and the work of the Events Committee raising funds via the Quiz Night and Christmas Raffle. The expenditure relates to the repair of the ceiling near the pulpit. We hope to build up this fund to help cover the expected outlay for Quinquennial repairs to the roof.

Community Hall Fund

There has been a LOT of activity relating to this fund to match the activity on the ground as the Cabin was built! We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the many individuals and groups, corporate donors and grant funders who supported the project. See the Cabin report for more details.

The major expenditure was to Coulson's, our builder. We appreciated their partnership with us and acknowledge the pro-bono help and advice they gave in the early stages of the project. They also gave us invaluable assistance as we worked with grant funders, planners and legal services. Thank you.

Other expenditure related to professional fees, fitting out and additional landscaping and electricity. As part of our funding strategy we also transferred £4,500 of Gift Aid money to provide a float for the Cabin Running Fund, knowing that there would be extra costs in the starting up period and less rental income. Little did we know in pre-Covid times the extent to which this would be true!

Community Hall Building Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2020		£154,612
Income – donations & fundraising etc	£35,268	
Income - grants	£165,396	
Total income		£200,664
Expenditure – Coulson's	£313,368	
Expenditure - other	£14,581	
Transfer to Cabin Running Fund	£4,500	
Total Expenditure		£332,449
Balance at 31st Dec 2020		£22,827

The remaining sum will cover what we owe for legal fees and the final tranche owing to Coulson's. There will be enough left to finalise the landscaping and fitting out, commission boards to acknowledge donors and underwrite a small celebration and thanksgiving.

Cabin Running Fund

This was set up using the transfer from the Community Hall Building fund. Because of Covid, it is difficult to assess how costs and income will balance out in the longer term. We have yet to receive bills for water and wi-fi, and the electricity since completion has been wrapped in with the church bill. Inevitably there have been higher costs in supplying Covid cleaning materials, as well as generally having to stock up from scratch. However, we are confident that once the dust settles and the Cabin is in full use, rental income will cover all the regular costs with money to spare to build up a modest maintenance fund.

Cabin Running Fund Summary		
Opening balance		£4,500
Rental Income		£645
Expenditure – licences, insurance, fees etc	£740	
Expenditure – cleaner wages and materials	£552	
Expenditure - utilities	£0	
Expenditure – additional fitting out	£560	
Total expenditure		£1,853
Balance at 31st Dec 2020		£3,292

General Fund

General Fund Summary		
Balance at 1st Jan 2020		£6,581
Income – Parish Giving Scheme & Gift Aid	£13,195	
Income – other giving & donations	£10,329	
Income – wedding and funeral fees	£1,160	
Income - fundraising	£920	
Income - other	£536	
Total income		£26,140
Expenditure – charitable giving	£635	
Expenditure – ministry share	£20,511	
Expenditure – clergy & admin expenses	£1,811	
Expenditure – costs of ministry/outreach	£918	
Expenditure – relating to church services	£543	
Expenditure – relating to the building	£2,787	
Total Expenditure		£27,205
Balance at 31st Dec 2020		£5,517

The pandemic meant that for the most part Sunday collections could not be taken, and the fete (our main fundraiser) was cancelled. I am thankful to be able to report that many of the congregation stepped up as they were able: one-off donations were increased, new donors joined the Parish Giving Scheme and the events committee raised funds by means of the plant and produce stall and tea trail. So although we saw an overall drop in the fund of just over £1000, we fulfilled all our commitments and maintained an acceptable buffer.

Three quarters of our expenditure goes on our ministry share which is what we pay to Ely Diocese to cover clergy costs plus services like safeguarding, training, building advice etc. The costs of ministry includes our contribution towards youth work, work with families and other outreach expenses. Building expenses include insurance and electricity, and obviously the insurance element of this was not reduced by the pandemic. However, clergy expenses were significantly below budget this year.

Looking forward, we need to balance the books in the longer term and hope to do so through the generous support of the congregation.

Lordsbridge Team and Team Council

The Lordsbridge Team Council is the body of lay and ordained people from across the Lordsbridge Team now meets about three times a year in the Coton Parish Room. It has responsibility for communicating good practice, enabling sharing of resources across the churches and as a council of reference for whole team projects.

Clare writes:-

Each of the parishes in the Lordsbridge Team has a representative on the Team Council, and Clare Bigg is the Hardwick rep. The Team celebrated its 10th anniversary this year – sadly not in the let's-have-a-party way we hoped for. However, in true 2020 style, a video was created to mark the occasion and this can still be found on our You-Tube channel. A new logo has also been designed, comprising a cross surrounded by loose circles which allow for additions to be made.

In March 2020 we said farewell to Rev Becca Gilbert and wished her well in her new Cumbrian post. We were also saddened by the death of Rev Michael Langford who contributed much to the church in Dry Drayton. We have welcomed Priscilla Slusar, a retired priest who has wonderfully helped fill the gap left by Becca until a new vicar is in post. Interviews were held at the end of 2020 and the appointment of Revd Claire Robertson to the Team was announced just before Christmas.

The Lordsbridge Resource Hub, manned by Robbie Thomson and Gemma Markettos, has been of significant benefit in 2020. As well as handling routine admin, Robbie's skills have been key in helping us with zoom, audio and video services and enabling others to acquire necessary skills. There is nothing like a pandemic to encourage us to appreciate and develop new IT skills! Gemma left the Resource Hub team at the end of 2020 and we thank her for her input.

Most youthwork happens across the team and is organised and run by the para-church organisation WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries). Teresa Taylor who was the youth work co-ordinator for Lordsbridge, working voluntarily with WCCYM, stepped down from her role in the summer of 2020. The work of WCCYM has continued, with services and groups online, and school's work continuing online or face to face where possible.

The Team holds about £15000 centrally. £5000 is a contingency reserve in case parishes cannot meet their parish share. Another £4000 is allocated to Youth, £2000 to the Resource Hub, £2000 is available for Mission and Ministry projects across the team, and the final £2000 is money given from the diocese for a particular project which has now folded (and so is currently unusable). The Team Council also has safeguarding and equal access regularly on its agenda.

Bourn Deanery Synod

St Mary's is a member of the Bourn Deanery Synod. This report has been provided by the Deanery Synod secretary.

Bourn Deanery Synod met only once during the year (in Nov 2020), due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jan – Feb 2020: At the start of 2020, church activities across the Deanery took place as normal. The Deanery had received a Ministry Share rebate and formal approval from the Bishop's Council for the recruitment of an additional 'pioneer' minister for Bourn Deanery, to develop church communities in Cambourne West (where building work has since commenced) and the Bourn

Airfield developments. From March 2020, the pandemic began to impact every part of church life within the Deanery.

March – Dec 2020:

News from the Deanery: In the Deanery, Cambourne, Lordsbridge and Papworth were all quick to move their church services online when it was no longer possible to hold in-person services in church buildings. They used a range of innovative approaches, including live services on Zoom and Facebook Live, pre-recorded services on YouTube, and services for those not online via the telephone (using PowWow Now) and via audio recordings with paper service sheets. Meetings, Bible Study groups and other activities also moved to Zoom. When possible, a number of churches across the Teams held services out-of-doors. Churches kept in touch with members and their communities in various ways, through regular online bulletins, magazines or weekly pastoral letters; Cambourne church allocated church members to small care clusters for mutual care. Outreach and mission continued via online courses and other activities.

All were also involved in organising and/or supporting local initiatives to help people during the pandemic, including providing food hampers, village volunteers, storing aid donations and delivering food, medication and other services to people within their local communities.

Ministers/clergy in the Deanery: Lordsbridge have been running with a vacancy for most of the year. Revd Becca Gilbert left Lordsbridge in the spring to take up her new post in Cumbria; her move was slightly delayed by the first lockdown. Initial attempts to recruit a new Lordsbridge Team Vicar were delayed by the moratorium on posts at a diocesan level, as finances affected by the pandemic were reviewed. The Bishop's Council, however, agreed in November that the recruitment could proceed and a new Team Vicar, Revd Claire Robertson, was appointed just before Christmas. Lordsbridge were also joined during the year by active retired minister Revd Priscilla Slusar. Revd Paul Garnell (Lordsbridge Team Curate) was ordained priest at Michaelmas in an ordination service in the deanery and Geoff Dodgson (Papworth Team) was ordained deacon.

Area wide youth work: WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries) continued to work with young people in schools throughout the year, moving activities online during lockdown (such as 'Thirst' (the monthly youth service), the summer party, school Christian Union groups, and 'Deeper' (the Sixth Form Discipleship group)). WCCYM also provided a weekend of biblical teaching, group discussion times and activities online for young people (to replace the annual WCCYM weekend away) and created video resources for use in schools. During the year a number of their youth workers were furloughed; WCCYM is continuing to seek individual and church support for their work. Ministers and others from the three Deanery Teams worked with their local schools, online and through video assemblies during the year.

Diocesan Synod update: The Diocesan Synod met twice (via Zoom) in 2020. Key issues covered at these meetings included: the importance of the safeguarding work being undertaken at Ely; discussion of the 'Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together' (part of the 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) process); the financial challenges faced by the Diocese; the production of new Deanery Plans (all Deaneries are currently expected to produce new Deanery Plans by September 2021); and the elections of Deanery representatives to the next Diocesan Synod (2021-2024), which will take place in early-mid 2021.

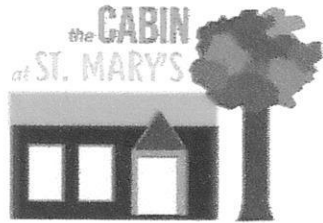
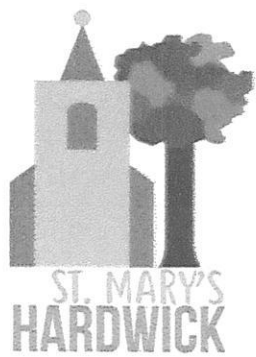
Diocesan Budget for 2020 and 2021: A major shortfall of about £1m in the Diocese's budget occurred in 2020, due to reduced investment income as a result of Covid-19, and a further £1m shortfall is predicted for 2021, from lower Ministry Share payments. A number of churches across the Deanery are concerned about meeting their Ministry Share payments - a lack of fundraising

events and income from weddings in 2020 have contributed to financial pressures. Many PCCs are encouraging parishioners to consider giving regularly by Standing Order, Direct Debit, or via the Parish Giving Scheme, to help sustain church incomes.

At the start of the Deanery Synod meeting, the Rural Dean quoted some words of encouragement from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

“More than anything else, whatever the nation thinks, we know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ, who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures forever.”

Thanks to the following in compiling this report: Sue Cornwell (Events Committee report), Anne Jones (Hardwick Network and Pippins reports), Jeff Jones (Church Fabric and Churchyard Report), Peter Cornwell (Church Building and Churchyard Report), Clare Bigg (Treasurer’s, Church Life, Lordsbridge Council and Tuesday Mornings at St Mary’s Reports), Rebecca Cowburn (Synod Report), Revd. Paul Garnell (Pastoral and Outreach report), Ali Marcus (Cabin at St Mary’s Report) and Sharon McMahon (Safeguarding).



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St Mary's Church Hardwick Accounts for 2020

Introduction to the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared by Clare Bigg on a receipts and payments basis.

The General Fund is held in Nat West Account 23839325 (sort code 600423)

The Fabric Fund is held in a CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund 614119001D

An appeal for funds for a new Community Hall was launched in February 2015. A deposit account with CCLA which was no longer being used was taken over for this Fund. It is officially the Sunday School Account 614119002D, but is generally referred to in the accounts as the Church/Community Hall Fund. In addition we had a 60 day notice CAF account with Shawbrook (number 25868369) for the Community Hall fund which was closed to cover bills in the first quarter of 2020. The construction of this Community Hall (known as The Cabin at St Mary's) was completed in 2020, though there are some items for which invoices are yet to be received. A new Fund for the running expenses, maintenance and rental income for The Cabin has been set up using a transfer of £4500 from the Community Hall fund as agreed in our funding strategy. At present this fund is held within the Nat West account, but it is intended to set up a separate bank account in 2021.

For the record, the Covid pandemic plus the construction of the Cabin (and receipt of substantial grants for the same) have made the accounts this year very atypical.

All the deposit accounts can only be paid into or withdrawn from via the Nat West account, so all transactions have to first go through the General Fund.

Clare 28/01/2021

LORDSBRIDGE TEAM
OF CHURCHES



The parishes of Barton, Caldecote
with Childerley, Comberton,
Coton, Dry Drayton, Great and Little Eversden,
Hardwick, Harlton, Haslingfield and Toft

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Provided in electronic form only:

Community Hall Fund account
Record of monthly planned giving
Cabin Running Expenses account
Cash Summary records
Parish Giving Scheme & Stewardship downloads
Clergy expenses forms

Provided separately in hard copy only

Bank statements from Nat West and CCLA and Shawbrook (CAF)
Paper trail for receipts and payments which were not online.

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Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulation.

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charities Commission under section 43(7) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements' which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations have not been met or
- 2 To which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

(Signed) 

MARK A. TAYLOR "ACMA"

Date 22/2/2021

St Marys Church Hardwick

Financial statement for the FABRIC FUND for 2020

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
<u>Balance of Fund at 1st Jan</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£9,580.83		£1,097.60	
	held in Nat West a/c	£134.96		£5,409.84	
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£9,715.79</u>		<u>£6,507.44</u>
<u>Receipts</u>					
	Donations	£1,515.00		£355.00	
	Fundraising (see note 1)	£2,002.40		£1,928.84	
	Interest	£44.40		£62.77	
	Grant income			£222.00	
	Reclaimed VAT			£1,043.20	
	Gift Aid	£1.25		£250.00	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£3,563.05</u>		<u>£3,861.81</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
	Lightning Conductor check & repair			£520.80	
	Ceiling Repair Works	£1,170.30			
	Donation to Wintercomfort			£132.66	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>£1,170.30</u>		<u>£653.46</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Invested in CCLA a/c	£10,760.19		£9,580.83	
	Held in Nat West a/c	£1,348.35		£134.96	
			<u>£12,108.54</u>		<u>£9,715.79</u>

Note 1

<u>Fundraising money designated to Fabric Fund</u>		Takings	Expenses deducted	Money to treasurer	Exps paid by treasurer	PROFIT
March	Quiz night	1325.87	189.64	£1,136.23	£43.12	£1,093.11
Dec	Raffle	890.00		£890.00		£890.00
	Easy Fundraising	£19.29		£19.29		£19.29
Total						<u>£2,002.40</u>

Financial statement for the Community Hall FUND for 2020

<u>Balance of Fund at 1st Jan</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Invested in CCLA	£70,544.24		£51,457.49
Invested in Shawbrook CAF a/c	£83,796.09		£70,342.74
Held in Nat West a/c	£271.54		£1,579.53
<u>Total</u>		<u>£154,611.87</u>	<u>£123,379.76</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Bank interest	£381.09		£1,105.32
Donations from congregation	£21,600.00		£17,983.00
Donations from wider community	£5,500.00		£5,664.84
Fundraising	£7.50		£473.16
Gift Aid claimed	£7,779.50		£2,438.75
Grants	£165,396.00		£21,250.00
In Memoriam gifts			£500.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>£200,664.09</u>	<u>£49,415.07</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Professional fees	£1,230.00		£18,182.96
Coulsons	£313,367.77		
Electricity	£856.65		
Inside fitting out	£6,256.37		
Outside items	£6,238.21		
Transfer to Cabin Running Fund	£4,500.00		
<u>Total</u>		<u>£332,449.00</u>	<u>£18,182.96</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>			
Invested in CCLA	£12,108.67		£70,544.24
Invested in Shawbrook	£0.00		£83,796.09
Held in Nat West a/c	£10,718.29		£271.54
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£22,826.96</u>	<u>£154,611.87</u>
<u>Check sum</u>		<u>£22,826.96</u>	<u>£154,611.87</u>

Financial Statement for the Cabin Running Fund 2020

<u>Balance of fund at 1st Jan</u>		<u>2020</u>
Held in Nat West a/c	£0.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>£0.00</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Tfer from Com Hall Fund	£4,500.00	
Rental Income	£645.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>£5,145.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Licences inc Hallmaster	£291.38	
Insurance and fire	£376.88	
Fees	£72.00	
Utilities	£0.00	
Cleaner	£427.00	
Consumables	£125.18	
Outside	£182.39	
Inside fitments	£378.01	
<u>Total</u>		<u>£1,852.84</u>
<u>Balance of Fund at 31st Dec</u>	Held in Nat West a/c	<u>£3,292.16</u>

Notes for the General Fund

Note 1 Fete takings

No fete this year!

Note 2

This includes tea trail, and plant and produce stall

Note 3

Cabin rental income now in the Cabin account

Note 4

This is the contributions from participants in Tuesday Mornings

Note 5

This is money collected for a purpose eg for a gift or charity and then paid straight out.

Note 6

Action Aid	£120
Kigali	250
Embrace ME	100
Childrens' Society	115
A Rocha	50
Total	£635

Note 7

Includes rent for school community room for TM and contribution to Hardwick Advent Windows

Note 8

This includes Cabin electricity for Aug - Dec

Note 9

Cabin costs are now in the Cabin account

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARDWICK

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st Dec 2020GENERAL FUND

	<u>Balance at 1st Jan 2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	Held in Nat west a/c	7361.03	7210.97
	Held in cash	73.73	33.03
	Less uncleared cheques	-853.32	-1318.61
	Total	6581.44	5925.39
Code	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	Planned Giving via Parish Giving Scheme	10555.60	4015.00
1+2	Other Planned Giving	5240.00	10040.00
3	Open Plate Collections	656.13	3113.09
4	Donations	2300.24	712.15
6	Gift Aid Recovered	4771.62	3869.53
9	Fete takings (note 1)	0.00	2087.56
	Other fundraising (note 2)	920.13	
12	Cabin income (note 3)	0.00	52.00
11	Wedding and Funeral fees	2516.38	3568.00
13	Parish Share rebate	437.75	449.32
	Families Work (note 4)	98.45	935.93
	In and Out (note 5)	475.00	513.17
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	27971.30	29355.75
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
11	W and F fees to Ely etc	1356.70	1397.00
17	Cost of events	0.00	227.38
18	Charitable Giving (note 6)	635.00	450.70
19	Ministry Share	20510.89	19124.41
21	Rector's Expenses	390.27	637.74
21	Secretary's Expenses	1043.49	456.00
21	Curate's Expenses	377.55	380.16
22	Adult Outreach Resources	137.21	525.03
22	Families work (note 7)	259.58	170.14
22	YouthMinistry	391.07	595.00
23	Adult Ministry costs	116.61	129.19
	Pastoral costs	13.13	
23	Insurance, fire & PAT	1918.05	1828.04
23	Church Supplies	383.84	525.21
23	Churchyard costs	47.64	148.86
23	Music & Licences	159.07	152.00
23	Electricity (church) (note 8)	820.89	1072.90
24,23i	Cabin costs (note 9)	0.00	162.73
25	In and Out (note 5)	475.00	513.17
	Affiliation to other bodies	0.00	204.04
	TOTAL	29035.99	28699.70
	Balance at 31st Dec		
	Held in Nat west a/c	6620.35	7361.03
	Held in cash	130.71	73.73
	Less uncleared cheques	-1234.31	-853.32
	Total	5516.75	6581.44
	Check Sum	5516.75	6581.44

ANNUAL RECONCILIATION WITH NAT WEST BANK (GENERAL FUND)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash at 1st Jan	73.73	33.03
Bank at 1st Jan	7767.53	14200.34
Less holding for FF	-134.96	-5409.84
Less holding for Comm Hall Fund	-271.54	-1579.53
Excess Receipts over payments	-1064.69	656.05
Cheques from last year now cleared	-853.32	-1318.61
Cheques from this year not cleared	1234.31	853.32
Held for Community Hall fund	10718.29	271.54
Held for Fabric Fund	1348.35	134.96
Held for CRE fund	3292.16	
Total	<u>22109.86</u>	<u>7841.26</u>
Cash at 31st Dec	130.71	73.73
Bank at 31st Dec	21979.15	7767.53
Total	<u>22109.86</u>	<u>7841.26</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st Dec

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Nat West current a/c	£21,979.15	£7,767.53
CCLA Fabric Fund	£10,760.19	£9,580.83
CCLA Sunday School Fund (aka Community Hall fund)	£12,108.67	£70,544.24
Shawbrook CAF fund	£0.00	£83,796.09
Cash in hand	£130.71	£73.73
Uncleared cheques	-£1,234.31	-£853.32
Total	<u>£43,744.41</u>	<u>£170,909.10</u>

Fabric Fund	£12,108.54	£9,715.79
Community Hall fund	£22,826.96	£154,611.87
Cabin Running Fund	£3,292.16	
General Fund	£5,516.75	£6,581.44
TOTAL	£43,744.41	£170,909.10

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