

Wirksworth Team Ministry

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WIRKSWORTH

with the daughter church of

ALL SAINTS, ALDERWASLEY

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ending 31 December 2024**

Team Rector:

Revd Neil Griffiths

Team Vicar:

Post Vacant as from 30th September 2022

Associate Priest

Revd Roderick Prince

Team Curate

Revd Nicholas Radford Powell (Assistant Curate from 29th June 2024)

Revd John Spreadborough (Retired 23rd April 2024)

Assisting clergy

Revd Canon Keith Orford

Revd Canon Martin Hulbert (Died 25th August 2024)

Revd Robert Rhodes (Retired 31st March 2024)

Team Reader

Mrs Elizabeth Thomas (Retired 31st December 2024)

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Ms Louise Oram

Team Office

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Annual Report

January 2024 – December 2024

The annual report of St Mary's the Virgin Parochial Church Council's activities for the financial year ending 31st December 2024.

The vision of St Mary's the Virgin

St Mary's aims to be a Christian Community, which is supportive, confident, joyful, and active in the faith of Jesus Christ and is always hospitably welcoming to the village and visitors.

Background

St Mary's is a late 13th century Grade I listed historic church in the centre of the town of Wirksworth. Daily acts of worship, weekly eucharist services and two evensongs a month on Sundays are held here, along with celebratory and festal services. It is open to the public daily. St Mary's is used by the community for regular events and with a seating capacity of 400 and a fine digital organ, is a popular venue for concerts and exhibitions. The church has a small kitchen and toilet with facilities for the disabled and for baby changing.

St Mary's is a member of the Churches Together in Wirksworth and District (CTWD) group working with churches of other denominations in the town to share the Christian message with the community.

It is a member of the Wirksworth Team ministry (WTM), which consists of 10 parishes around the Wirksworth area. The Team shares a Team Rector, a Team Vicar (position vacant from 30th September 2022), 1 Associate Priest, 1 stipendiary Curate (from 29th June 2024), 1 non-stipendiary Curate (until 23rd April 2024), 3 assisting retired clergy (1 retired 31st March 24 and another died 28th August 2024), 1 Team Reader and 1 Parish Safeguarding Officer with the other member churches.

The Wirksworth Team Ministry position of Team Vicar became vacant as from 30th September 2022 and remained vacant throughout 2024. It is hoped that the position will be filled in 2025 after an intensive recruiting process which started on 3rd October 2023.

Adjacent to the church is the Parish Rooms, now known as The Maltings, parts of which are let on short term leases and is a versatile and historic venue which can be hired for events. The Maltings houses the Wirksworth Team Ministry Office which acts as the administrative hub for the parishes in the Team Ministry.

The Parochial Church Council

The aims of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are to encourage worship by reaching out to the local and wider community, facilitating the regular availability of services, to assist the incumbent where necessary, maintain the fabric and contents of St Mary's via the Patronage Scheme and by raising funds. The PCC also seeks to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastorally, evangelically, socially, and ecumenically as well as co-operating, consulting, and supporting the other churches which form the Wirksworth Team Ministry. The PCC works within the united benefice with other Team Parishes through the Team Council.

Throughout 2024, the PCC have worked to continue to ensure that national, Church of England, Diocesan and Charity Commission safeguarding protocols have been maintained, thus completing their duty of care under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, complying with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

PCC membership:

At the start of 2024, St Mary's PCC consisted of 4 elected members, and 3 ex officio members, rising to 5 elected and 3 ex officio members after the APCM in April. Unfortunately, 1 elected member resigned due to ill health during the year resulting in 4 elected members at the end of the year.

Ex Officio:

Incumbent	Revd N Griffiths
Church Warden:	Post Vacant
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Dr Ian Todd Mrs Sue Todd

Elected Members

Mrs Alison Baird
Mrs Diana Webber (Secretary resigned 21st April 2024)
Mr Humphrey Boam (Treasurer and Standing Committee) (Retired 23rd October 2024)
Mrs Sandra Westerman
Mrs Susan Mosely (from 21st April 2024)

Team Council Representatives

Mrs Diana Webber
Dr Ian Todd

Non Members:

Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Gillian Boam (Retired 23 rd October 2024) Mrs Susan Mosely (from 23 rd October 2024)
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The PCC would like to take this opportunity to extend their thanks to Humphrey Boam for his stewardship of St Mary's accounts during his long tenure as Treasurer, John Neaum for his work as Gift Aid warden and to Gillian Boam who has acted as Electoral Roll officer for many years. Their efforts are gratefully acknowledged.

4 regular PCC meetings occurred in 2024, plus the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Council meeting which was held on 21st April 2024.

The average attendance for PCC meetings in 2024 was 83%.

Sub-Committees of the PCC

The Maltings Steering Committee

The Maltings Steering Committee manages the bookings of the Maltings, attends to its maintenance, and seeks to attract new users to the building. It advises the PCC members, who remain trustees.

Home Communion

Home Communion is delivered as required, and there are plans to restart pastoral visiting in 2025.

Electoral Roll

The number on the Electoral Roll on 31 December 2024 was 66.

Occasional Offices

There were 5 baptisms, 2 weddings and 22 funerals at St Mary's during 2024.

Parochial Church Council Report for the Year ending 31 December 2024

1. *The Church Fabric*

Unfortunately, as St Mary's was without a church warden in 2024, basic housekeeping tasks were completed by a part time caretaker and cleaner throughout the year. Immediate essential repairs were managed by the PCC, with a focus on the preparation of an application for funding to initiate the Faith, Folk, and Foundation project to complete the major repairs required on the transept roofs.

2. *Churchyard Biodiversity*

In compliance with the terms of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant to repair the nave roof, the churchyard continues to be managed with biodiversity in mind. The current mowing plan which combines a close-mown expanse of grass with a flower-rich meadow by the council is working well and has been received positively by the townspeople. Information boards are planned.

3. *The Maltings*

The Maltings continues to thrive as a community resource, benefitting from income from office rentals and regular bookings such as table tennis, clogdancing, choir, band and U3A groups. Private bookings are on the increase with it being used for diverse functions such as celebratory parties, model train exhibitions, sound checks and recording for groups, the hub for a wizarding weekend, beer festival and indoor market. Souper Surprise continues to provide a significant income as well as giving an opportunity for trustees and clergy to engage with the community. There has been an increase in usage of the Maltings for mission with activities such as prayer groups, Mother's Union, Messy Church, Souper Surprise and Leading your Church into Growth meeting there. There is now a more corporate feel to the building due to the redecoration of two office spaces, stairs, landing, corridors and doors, new handles being fitted and the soap dispensers being upgraded. The steering group work hard to maintain the building and feel confident that the Maltings will remain a valuable and cherished asset for the community for the future.

4. *Mission and Ministry*

a. *Church Services*

St Mary's Sunday services include weekly morning eucharist services and two evensongs a month, plus weekday morning and evening prayer on Zoom. A variety of services throughout the year ensure that the seasons, holy days, festivals, and commemorations are celebrated. The following is a snapshot of the diverse services that have occurred during 2024. A 'Meet the Magi' service was a feature for Epiphany, with a pulpit exchange between Revd Neil Griffiths and Revd Judith Tatton-Smith of the United Reform Church during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. An Ashing service marked the commencement of Lent, culminating in Festal services to celebrate Easter. In May, the traditional procession around the town to bless the wells, played a significant role in the annual well dressing celebrations. In July, the Team welcomed Revd Nicholas Radford-Powell as Team Curate. The Clypping service at the start of September marked the start of the Wirksworth Festival, with the annual Civic Service at the end which featured a focus on volunteering, resulting in an impressive 'volunteer wall' displayed in the church. After Harvest in October, November had a packed schedule of All Souls Memorial, Remembrance and Safeguarding Sunday services.

Advent Carols on the theme of 'Darkness into light' featuring an extended Wirksworth Community Choir initiated the festive build up, which also saw a variety of events which included a Posada, Wirksworth Community Advent calendar in the shop windows, as well as the more traditional services to include Crib, Carol and Midnight Mass services culminating in eucharist on Christmas Day. The final Sunday of the year saw a Team Service being held in which a farewell was said to the Team Lay Reader Liz Thomas, who stepped down after 30 years of service. St Mary's was without a regular Musical Director and organist for 2024, however, a group of volunteer organists covered most of the services. St Mary's PCC wish to thank all of those who gave up their time to ensure that music remained a feature throughout the year.

b. Messy Church

Messy Church took place twice a term in the Maltings during 2024, with different bible-based themes and fun activities for children to enjoy who attend with their parents. All the sessions included a meal, which the children sit down and share. In 2024, the themes included Joseph and his coat of many colours, the Olympics, and 'What a wonderful world', all devised and organised by Sue and Ian Todd who are assisted by a group of enthusiastic volunteers.

c. Make a Joyful Noise services.

Throughout 2024 Make a Joyful noise services organised by the Team Worship Group were held in different churches round the team, giving the opportunity for poetry, readings, favourite hymns, and worship songs delivering the Christian message to be enjoyed in a less formal format.

5. Special Events, and Fundraising

St Mary's is increasingly being used by the community for regular events to include concerts and exhibitions. The acoustics lend it well to orchestral and choral concerts, with many choirs and orchestras returning on an annual basis to perform their music. 2024 saw the first jazz based and music by candlelight concerts thereby enabling a wide range of people to enjoy both the music and venue. The PCC would like to record thanks to Ian and Sue Todd who have taken on the task of arranging the bookings for St Mary's on behalf of the PCC. Another first in 2024 was a General Election Hustings, which resulted in a packed church eager to hear from the eight potential candidates. The church is also a popular venue during the Wirksworth Festival in September, housing artists displaying their work, with refreshments on the Saturday provided by St Mary's in aid of the roof fund. It also provided the venue for the Wirksworth Wizarding Day costumed character event.

6. Giving, outreach, ecumenical events

Churches Together in Wirksworth and District (CTWD)

Along with joint discussion groups, the CTWD team came together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and a pulpit exchange in January, plus an Easter Egg hunt in St Mary's churchyard. St Mary's was the venue for some of the CTWD ecumenical services throughout 2024. These were paused during the winter months, but it is hope that they will be restarted in 2025.

Christian Aid

2024 marked 50 years of Christian Aid in Wirksworth, and the Christian Aid group is proud to continue to work ecumenically as a mission-arm of CTWD. It is one of the contributing organisations affiliated to the UK Disaster Emergency Committee and their contributions to the Appeals for Disasters included bringing relief to people caught up in the Israel – Palestine conflict, through contacts in the Palestinian Christian Churches.

Their Golden Jubilee was celebrated in grand style at the Shrove Tuesday lunch at The Maltings where the Jubilee challenge was issued: 50 x 50 pence coins to be collected in a jar, which raised over £1100. Christian Aid week in May was launched at a service in the United Reformed Church. As in the last few years a delivery only facility for CA envelopes was offered, with a request that full envelopes be returned to various places around the town.

Other fund-raising events included a Summer Party in August, hosting the Charities Fair at Wellspring in November and selling Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the Wirksworth Christmas Farmer's Market in December.

Schools

Eight of the schools in the town and villages of our Team are visited on a regular basis to deliver faith-based collective worship: Bonsall, Elton, Wirksworth Infants, Kirk Ireton, Carsington, Middleton, Wirksworth Juniors and Brassington, amounting to over 500 children.

Coffee and Chat

This takes place every Monday at Waltham House, providing a stimulating environment for elderly people to meet.

Outreach

The Jigsaw Foodbank collection continues to be well-supported throughout with over 500 families in need receiving food parcels. The Harvest season saw a large collection of donated food items not only from the Team churches but also from the schools donated to the project. The Mother's Union contributed to towards the Wirksworth campaign to give local Wirksworth families a better Christmas.

St Mary's Future: Hopes and Concerns

St Mary's continues to hold weekly Sunday morning Eucharist services and two Evensongs a month, along with life event and celebratory services as required. Attendance numbers are being maintained, but it must be admitted that growth is limited and this impacts on revenue, particularly with regards to the cost of utilities. The introduction of a Sum-up machine in the church has increased the revenue flow via contactless donations and there is always a positive response to fundraising efforts. However, fundraising and fabric matters particularly the repair of the Transept roofs remain a strong focus for PCC meetings.

It is acknowledged that there will continue to be challenges for the year ahead including filling vacant posts on the PCC and the raising of revenue to support and maintain the fabric of the building to an effective level, so it can continue as a resource that serves the community.

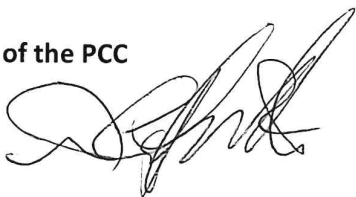
Nevertheless, and above all, the PCC aim is to continue with the work of growing church and building community, thereby resulting in transformed lives.

Summary

The PCC continues to be indebted to all those who contribute their time, their skill or financially to keep the church open and serving the community. It is appreciated that this has not always been easy, however, it has been very worthwhile, for such efforts have given both the PCC and the community a glimpse of God's work in action.

On behalf of the PCC

Signed



Date

23/10/2025

Wirksworth Team Ministry Safeguarding Report 2024

The Wirksworth Team Ministry (WTM) Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and nine WTM Parochial Church Councils (PCC) and one Daughter Church Council (DCC) continued their work throughout 2024 to ensure that safeguarding progress, policies, and compliance are maintained to provide a safe and welcoming space for all. This has included:

Adopt, implement, and display.

All PCCs and the DCC have been provided copies of the House of Bishop's 2017 'Promoting a Safer Church' document for adoption as their safeguarding policy to be displayed alongside the CofE and Diocese of Derby's requisite safeguarding notices in their churches. Each PCC and DCC have also received copies of the Recruitment of Ex Offenders policy (specific to their church) for adoption and a policy for use of social media. Details of how to report any safeguarding issues are detailed on notices in the churches and via Team Talk.

Review and report progress.

Safeguarding is a standing item at Team Council, PCC/DCC and Annual Parish Council Meetings which allows the PSO to regularly update the Team with information from the monthly Diocese of Derby Safeguarding team led 'PSO drop in' and training sessions. Each of the WTM parishes has its own Parish Safeguarding dashboard and hub, which the PSO maintains on their behalf. This allows safeguarding and training progress to be accurately recorded and ensures that PCC/DCC members maintain compliance with safeguarding standards.

Safer recruiting and training

Over 75% of the WTM PCC and DCC members hold a clear and valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check appropriate to their role (Guidance published by Diocese of Derby dated 15th May 2024 refers). PCC/DCC members and volunteers have all been made aware of the necessity to ensure that they are current in safeguarding training appropriate to their role and how to access it. Ensuring that all PCC and DCC members and volunteers within the WTM achieve the correct level of training will be a focus for 2025.

PSO Actions for 2025

Continue to work with Team Council, PCCs and DCC to ensure that there is robust compliance with national safeguarding standards and to ensure that volunteers complete appropriate safeguarding training, and DBS checks as required. Involve and engage the wider Church community in the Safeguarding process, highlighting its importance within the Christian Faith. Liaising with the members of clergy and Team Rector during the year to discuss ongoing concerns, review policies, procedures and practices relating to Safeguarding including safer recruiting as required. Identify those who are working as volunteers, particularly those making pastoral visits and ensure that their working practices are safe, both with regards to Safeguarding but also in terms of physical security. Encourage all PCCs and DCC to complete an annual review of church activities.

The PSO would like to thank all WTM PCC and DCC members and volunteers for their assistance in Safeguarding matters in 2024. Their positive response has ensured that there has been compliance with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance in relation to safeguarding children and those that are vulnerable as required in section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Louise Oram
Wirksworth Team Ministry Parish Safeguarding Officer

Team Council Report 2024

Team Council met in person in July and November during 2024, with an extraordinary meeting in April to approve the proposed Team Vicar profile.

Much of the business for the Team Council meetings in 2024 were concerned with advertising for a new Team Vicar, which despite a satisfying amount of online interest, had yet to result in any suitable candidates. The process will continue into 2025.

On 1st July 24, the clergy were augmented by the arrival of the Team Curate, Revd Nicholas Radford-Powell. Sadly, the clergy numbers were reduced by the resignations of Revd Robert Rhodes, and Revd John Spreadborough, and by the death of Revd Canon Martin Hulbert.

There was some discussion throughout the year regarding the Five Marks of Mission and how PCCs could engage with them effectively. Revd N Griffiths' analysis was that in the main, the WTM churches were good at responding to needs of others but could improve with regards to promoting mission. Currently, Team-wide this centres on the Make a Joyful Noise services throughout the parishes and it was felt that this is an element that could be improved on. To this end, it is proposed to hold a Mission 25 event in 2025 with the objective of engaging with the people of Wirksworth across the age spectrum through a range of sessions not only for the community but also within the schools. With increased mission engagement, it is hoped that there will be an increased uptake in filling PCC posts.

The Team Council policies were due for review in February 24, the Team Rector is working on producing updated drafts during 2025.

The Social Team organised a Social and Quiz in October that was only attended by 2 parishes. The Team Worship Group organised 'Make A Joyful Noise' celebrations through the year around the parishes.

The Team Council takes the collective responsibility for safeguarding those most vulnerable seriously. In 2024 DBS checks for those who require them continued to be completed, and all PCCs were encouraged to ensure safeguarding appeared as an item on PCC's agendas and APCMs and that appropriate training was completed. The introduction of the Parish Dashboard and Hub, maintained by the PSO on behalf of the PCCs has greatly assisting with this.

The end of year finance report from Tracy Lewis, Team Treasurer, for the year ended 31st December 2024, showed that income was £23,178.00, with an expenditure of £22,511.00 resulting in a surplus of £667.00. The bank balance is £5770.00. Income throughout 2024 was comparable to 2023, however there is a rise in expenditure in 2024 due to an increase in Team Rector initiatives.

Carsington Deanery Synod Report for APCMs for the year 2024

Good News

At each meeting there is the opportunity to share good news from around the deanery. The news included:

- The licensing of Rev Katrina Jenkins at St Giles and Reverend Bex at Brailsford
- Wirksworth Messy Church and coffee mornings.
- Summer Recitals at St Oswald's, Ashbourne.
- Festival Evensong celebrating Stamford's.
- The Annual Teddy Bears Parachute Jump.
- St Oswald's Hall renovated and reopened following storm Babet.
- Brailsford Church - 6,000 knitted poppies displayed for Remembrance Day.
- Yeaveley Church held a Pimms and Hymns event.
- St James', Bonsall now have a toilet fitted.
- The Wirksworth team held events based on 'What a Wonderful World'.
- A Parish Weekend was held at Masson Mills for Matlock and Darley Dale.
- A Festival of Remembrance was held at the Pavilion, Matlock Bath

Guest Speakers

Throughout the year there were a number of guest speakers:

Bob Goody from Rural Missions spoke about 'Enabling rural churches in God's mission' and wanting to help churches to connect with their community to be more missional in their approach.

Martyn Marples from Church House gave a presentation on "Finance, Myth Busting, Transparency & Support". *Sarah Lacey from Hartington Parish* talked about *Anna Chaplaincy*, which started in 2010. Her role as an Anna Chaplain involves visiting elderly people, going into care homes, and looking for people who are isolated. She is also able to give communion to people in their homes and spend time with the terminally ill.

Reporting back

Nicola McNally reported back from Diocesan Synod, including a presentation from Sam Frith and a financial report. Another Diocesan Synod talked about benefices in vacancy, the 2025 budget, the common fund and Eco Church.

Peter Kelsey reported back from each General Synod, one of which was about Trust and Living in Love & Faith

Other Business

- A 'Deanery Directory' was discussed in which parishes could share details of events and good ideas to provide inspiration and encouragement.
- Claire Critchlow spoke about the Parish Finance & Energy Returns and the Statistics for Mission.
- A conversation was had around Communion.
- The new structure for the Deanery Secretaries and Pa's was discussed.
- Samuel Ojok introduced himself as the new Environmental Engagement Officer, telling us how he can help us become greener.

Finally...

Thanks go to all those who have attended and contributed to the Carsington Deanery Synod throughout 2024. We make every effort to make synods as relevant and interesting as we can and would encourage members to make suggestions for future synods. It is an important cog in the machinery that is the Church of England as it helps us to both *hear from* and *speak to* the church at parish, diocesan and national levels.

Thanks also to those who have hosted our meetings throughout 2024.

Finally, thanks to Emily Woodhouse (Archdeacon's PA) for putting this report together for distribution to our APCMs.

Rev Phil Michell
Assistant Area Dean

Financial Review

Unrestricted Funds

1. Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £114,226.
2. £98,272 was spent to provide for the leadership and pastoral ministry of our church. It contributed to the Common Fund and The Wirksworth Team Ministry and running costs.
3. The net result for the year, for unrestricted funds was a deficit of £15,954

Restricted Fund

4. There were five restricted funds within the PCC accounts.
5. The Patronage Fund consists of donations specifically for the upkeep and repair of the church building, and the balance carried forward is £1,028
6. The Bell Fund is specifically for the maintenance of the bells and the balance carried forward is £2,804
7. The Lighting Fund received no donations and remains at £1,312.00
8. The Flower Fund amounts to £664
9. The Roof Fund of £4,000 has been set apart to help with obtain in grants for the roof repairs
10. The sum total of restricted funds amounts to £9,809

Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Wirksworth
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Receipts		63,872	2,263	0	66,136	64,430
Fund raising activities		7,479	0	0	7,479	6,546
Church activities		25,010	0	0	25,010	20,740
Investment income		17,865	0	0	17,865	6,997
TOTAL RECEIPTS	Note 7	<u>114,226</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>116,490</u>	<u>98,712</u>
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities		98,272	1,398	0	99,670	118,881
TOTAL PAYMENTS	Note 7	<u>98,272</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99,670</u>	<u>118,881</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		<u>15,954</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,819</u>	<u>(20,169)</u>
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds	Note 3	<u>241,997</u>	<u>9,809</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>251,806</u>	<u>229,876</u>
Other monetary assets	Note 3	<u>5,602</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,602</u>	<u>12,962</u>
Investment assets	Note 3	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>242,534</u>	<u>242,534</u>	<u>237,107</u>
Assets retained for church use	Note 2	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities		<u>(4,260)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,260)</u>	<u>(1,082)</u>
NET ASSETS / RESERVES		<u>243,339</u>	<u>9,809</u>	<u>242,534</u>	<u>495,682</u>	<u>478,862</u>

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using Receipts & Payments basis, refer to note 6

Note 2

The following assets are recognized but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal

Note 3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
Closing Balances on 31 December 2024					
Cash funds					
Bank current account		73,734	9,809		83,543
Parish Room bank account		12,571			12,571
Alderwasley bank account		3,692			3,692
CBF Deposit accounts		152,000			152,000
		241,997	9,809	0	251,806
Other monetary assets					
Middleton Loan Account		5,602			5,602
Recoverable Income tax		0			0
Debtors		0			0
		5,602	0	0	5,602
Investment assets	Note 4				
Busby bequest / CBF investment fund 10,224 shares				236,406	236,406
Bowmer bequest / CBF investment fund 265 shares				6,128	6,128
		0	0	242,534	242,534
Assets retained for church use		0	0	0	0
Liabilities		(4,260)	0	0	(4,260)
Net Assets / Reserves	Note 6	243,339	9,809	242,534	495,682
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
Opening Balances on 1 January 2024					
Cash funds					
Bank current account		96,538	8,943		105,481
Parish Room bank account		13,282			13,282
Alderwasley bank account		5,112			5,112
CBF Deposit accounts		106,000			106,000
		220,932	8,943	0	229,876
Other monetary assets					
Middleton Loan Account		6,602			6,602
Recoverable Income tax		6,131			6,131
Debtors		229			229
		12,962	0	0	12,962
Investment assets	Note 4				
Busby bequest / CBF investment fund 10,224 shares				231,117	231,117
Bowmer bequest / CBF investment fund 265 shares				5,990	5,990
		0	0	237,107	237,107
Assets retained for church use		0	0	0	0
Liabilities		(1,082)	0	0	(1,082)
Net Assets / Reserves		232,812	8,943	237,107	478,862
Movement in Net Assets/ Reserves during the year		10,527	865	5,427	16,819
Restricted funds	Note 5		As at 1 Jan	As at 31 Dec	Movement
Patronage fund			583	1,028	445
Bell fund			2,336	2,804	468
Lighting fund			1,312	1,312	0
Flower fund			712	664	(48)
Roof / Fabric fund			4,000	4,000	0
			8,943	9,809	865

Note 4

Endowment funds fall into two categories i) permanent and ii) expendable. The Busby bequest is the only 'permanent' endowment listed ie the capital must be maintained; only income arising from the investment may be used. The remainder are 'expendable' ie the capital may, in certain circumstances, be spent.

Note 5

Restricted Funds represent accumulated donations and legacies for patronage, lighting, bell, roof and flowers, which can only be spent for these purposes.

Note 6

Reserves Policy

The unrestricted reserve of £243,339 represents approximately twenty nine months of expenditure based on 2024, which we regard as a sustainable level of reserve for our purposes.

Note 7 Receipts and Payments Analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving	35,829			35,829	33,382
Collections and other giving	15,708			15,708	11,167
Gift Aid recovered	9,813			9,813	11,773
Funerals	682			682	1,166
Weddings				0	137
Hire of church				0	2,422
Wall safes	1,840			1,840	2,010
Patron fund		1,795		1,795	1,820
Bell fund		468		468	304
Legacies				0	250
	<u>63,872</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>66,136</u>	<u>64,430</u>
Fund raising activities					
Concerts	223			223	450
Soup & Surprise	4,505			4,505	2,520
Other	2,752			2,752	3,576
	<u>7,479</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,479</u>	<u>6,546</u>
Church activities					
Parish rooms income	15,142			15,142	17,151
Fees for baptisms weddings and funerals	7,332			7,332	3,369
Church run concerts	1,151			1,151	0
Other income	1,385			1,385	220
	<u>25,010</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,010</u>	<u>20,740</u>
Investment income					
Bank & CBF interest	9,150			9,150	144
Busby bequest	8,484			8,484	6,317
Bowmer bequest	220			220	164
War stock	11			11	11
UTB Interest				0	361
	<u>17,865</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,865</u>	<u>6,997</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>114,226</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>116,490</u>	<u>98,712</u>
Payments					
Church Activities					
Diocesan parish contribution					
St Mary's	31,400			31,400	18,300
Alderwasley	0			0	(1,400)
	<u>31,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,400</u>	<u>16,900</u>
Church running expenses					
Team ministry	10,197			10,197	8,943
Water	261			261	290
Heating	5,381			5,381	5,730
Lighting	3,503			3,503	937
Insurance	5,840			5,840	3,963
	<u>25,181</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,181</u>	<u>19,863</u>
Church maintenance					
Roof/ Fabric	9,879	1,350		11,229	43,430
Patron				0	4,000
Bells				0	826
	<u>9,879</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,229</u>	<u>48,256</u>
Church services					
Cost of services (altar requirements)	1,138	48		1,186	415
Wedding and funeral expenses/organists	7,056			7,056	4,448
	<u>8,194</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,242</u>	<u>4,863</u>
Church administration					
Parish room running costs	15,853			15,853	22,026
Payroll costs	0			0	0
Training & Sunday school	1,381			1,381	286
Cleaning & Caretaking	4,678			4,678	692
Stationery & Office costs	317			317	688
Subscriptions	100			100	100
Architects Fees	501			501	1,308
Copyright licensing	649			649	397
	<u>23,478</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,478</u>	<u>25,497</u>
Mission and charitable giving	<u>140</u>			<u>140</u>	<u>3,504</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>98,272</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99,670</u>	<u>118,881</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<u>15,954</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,819</u>	<u>(20,169)</u>

Note 8

Receipts and Payments include cash transactions and movements in other monetary assets

Cash and Bank	As at 1 Jan 24	Movement	As at 31 Dec 24
Bank current account	105,710.34	(22,167.48)	83,542.86
CBF Deposit account	98,500.00	48,500.00	147,000.00
Parish room bank account	13,282.40	(711.40)	12,571.00
Alderwasley account	5,111.88	(1,420.05)	3,691.83
Alderwasley CBF account	7,500.00	(2,500.00)	5,000.00
Total Cash and Bank	<u>230,104.62</u>	<u>21,701.07</u>	<u>251,805.69</u>
Other monetary assets and liabilities			
Middleton loan	6,602.00	(1,000.00)	5,602.00
Busby bequest	231,116.59	5,289.89	236,406.48
Bowmer bequest	5,990.40	137.12	6,127.52
Liabilities	(1,082.05)	(3,177.84)	(4,259.89)
Recoverable income tax	6,130.93	(6,130.93)	0.00
Total Other monetary assets and liabilities	<u>248,757.87</u>	<u>(4,881.76)</u>	<u>243,876.11</u>
Total Cash and Other monetary assets and liabilities	<u>478,862.49</u>	<u>16,819.31</u>	<u>495,681.80</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the St Mary the Virgin (St Mary's) Church,
Wirksworth, Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

I report to the members of St Mary's PCC and the trustees of the charity (charity number 1198080) on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC and/or the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

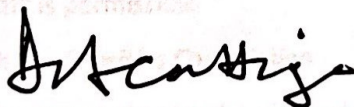
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act Independent Examiner's statement.

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

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

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

Signed:



David Grattidge

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Date: 9th May 2024