



2022 Annual Report for Cynon Valley South Ministry Area

These reports have been compiled and approved by our ministry area council.

Our new governance structure of the ministry area began in January 2022 with much trepidation as parishoners had to say goodbye to the parish system and to greet a new way of being the local church, connected more deeply

with other congregations. The transition team that set up our ministry area agreed that we would keep a steady pace in drawing our congregations together in order to increase mutual trust as we all adapt to the new ways of being church.

By the end of the 2022 we had set up out joint finances, registered as a charity, had a great, prayerful working relationship between the clergy and had undertaken together new joint projects in mission and church life. We welcomed Fr Stuart Ghezzi to the clergy team in May and gave oversight to the congregations of Cwmbach and Mountain Ash following Canon Michael Jones' ill health. The clergy met weekly and agreed to work together, encouraging the following characteristics within the ministry area:

To be daring in our vision setting

To lead through servant-heartedness

To interact with calmness

To express shared responsibility in mission and ministry

Amidst the ministry area's diversity, to show Christ's grace.

Our lay chair, Tanya Bennett confidently assumed her new position as supporting the clergy and overseeing the Ministry Area Council (MAC). As expected, there was a succession of obstacles to overcome as the diocese sought to establish new patterns in ministry, but the MAC faced each challenge, drawing on the experience and resilience of our congregations. When our Archdeacon's Visitation took place in December, we were congratulated as having well-considered plans and vision for taking our ministry area life forward in deepening our faith and encouraging others to come to faith.

Each congregation was encouraged to deepen connections with the community, with warm hubs set up, new youth groups, connections with all our primary schools made, new Messy Church and Sunday schools and new Study and prayer groups. We all linked into our communities to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth, receiving a letter of thanks from King Charles. We welcomed delegates from a ministry area in the Lutheran Church of Sweden who will be linked with us in 2023 and during Ascensiontide we joined with Thy Kingdom Come in praying for 5 people we know to come into Faith in Christ. A ministry area website became the new focus for communication, supported by facebook pages and regular 'magazine updates' and a monthly prayer diary.

Coming out of the Lockdowns meant that a significant number of some congregations were slow in returning to services and therefore some congregations faced financial challenges, needing to draw on reserves. Our ministry area Treasurer, Rhys Evans, coordinated the congregational treasurers' day to day financial overviews and we undertook discussions with the diocesan senior leadership team in relation to increases to our Fairer Share - despite our average attendee numbers decreasing to 188 in 2022, the diocese was continuing to use a figure of 266 from pre-pandemic information.

Supporting one another with the new data systems used to capture information, we created a robust system for a new central account to deal with clergy expenses, Gift Aid, Fairer Share, joint photocopying and projects we are undertaking together. Similarly, our safeguarding procedures were integrated, with the appointment of Tina Williams as our safeguarding officer and the introduction of the My Church People data base which will be used in 2023 for the integration of safeguarding training and checks.

Despite the natural challenges from our congregations recognising the changes in our structure we are celebrating our new approaches to working together and sharing in God's mission.

2022 Annual Report Aberaman & Cwmaman

During 2022 we began to see a lifting in lockdown and a slow return to normality, over the year it has been great to welcome people back to church and take part once again in the life of the congregation. With this said the past year has kept our congregation busy.

It has been great once again to celebrate the church's year through our worship coming together as we did before the pandemic for the various feasts and solemnities throughout the year. We have also visited the Cathedral as a congregation for the Chrism Mass, and again as part of the Ministry Area in October. Last year we hosted the first Ministry Area Confirmation, young people and adults from across the Ministry Area came together to be confirmed by Bishop June.

Our ministry with young people has been concentrated around the Monday evening Mass with lots of families attending the service and through this has started to play an active part in the life of our Congregation.

Throughout the year we have had many fundraising events from the summer and winter fayres to a Pentecost picnic, barbeques, and afternoon teas. Again it has been wonderful to begin to come together as we once did.

The newly formed linen guild has also played a very big part in fund raising by spending a great deal of time making different items to sell at Christmas and Easter. They have also spent time in carefully restoring lots of the vestments and frontals for church. Thank you to all those who dedicate so much time and effort in ensuring the success of these events.

The community art group have continued to meet in the crypt through the year and also Tenovus have used the crypt for their meetings and the church and grounds for their summer fundraising event.

During 2021 the difficult decision was made to close S Joseph's Church, Cwmaman, this was made official in January 2022 and during the year the task of preparing the final inventory took place. Many items from the church have been moved to S Margaret's where they will continue to be used and will help in the re-ordering of the church. Other items have been given to S John Baptist Church in Wales High School to be used in their School Chapel. As a congregation we now look forward to the challenge of reordering our building in the coming years.

2022 Annual Report Abercynon

2022 was an exciting time in Abercynon churches with the gradual lifting of Lockdown restrictions allowing us to take forward the plans started in 2021. We look forward to 2023 when St Donat's church will have been open for 125 years.

In St Donat's we undertook the construction of the new café area and kitchen with additional installation of a security system, sound system and TV monitors. We had funding from our own reserves, many church and secular agencies that allowed us to pay for the works, despite the rising costs of construction. The new facility allowed us to revive established groups, develop new projects as the year continued and train up people for food hygiene. It has enhanced our worship giving us more flexibility and the access to technology enabled us to start a Job Club, open mic evening, and Holy Week showings of The Chosen.

Our monthly Messy Church started in May and throughout the year connected us with new local families as we built up a team of 12 Messy Church organisers. From these connections we've been able to link people into church life and pastoral care.

The Social Hour group adjusted its time and has continued to be a valuable source of fellowship providing regular outings for locals.

The foodbank team continues to work hard each week and has seen an increase in the number of clients coming to Abercynon for food and support. The team has worked hard to keep going through all weathers and get used to new IT.

Following visits by The Message Bus in the village, in May we started up a weekly Youth Club which grew week on week to some 30 to 45 teenagers in attendance. We had seasonal invites to church for Yr Ysgol Gymraeg and the Community School with the vicar and engagement officer Simon involved with schools work. Each school holiday activities were organised for children, with film and puppet clubs in the summer.

St Donat's formed a support group for those Sponsoring Ukrainians coming to be housed locally, raising funds and providing care, ending the year with excess cash that will be used in 2023.

At St Gwynno's much effort was put into renovating the grounds and developing a sense of a community garden.

2022 Annual Report Cwmbach

During 2022 we began to see a lifting in lockdown and a slow return to normality, over the year it has been great to welcome people back to church and take part once again in the life of the congregation.

It has been great once again to celebrate the church's year through our worship. During the year we also opened the church with book of condolence and Mass following the death of HM Elizabeth II. We have participated in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer, Mothers' Union prayer diary and Mothers' Union Chaplain's on-line devotions. It was also good to have our Remembrance Sunday service and invite the local community.

During the year we also celebrated our 140th with a Eucharist and buffet lunch in August it was also wonderful to welcome Fr Christopher and other cleric friends to that.

Throughout the year we have had many fundraising events from the nearly new sale, Autumn Fayre, Pancake tea, and Mothers' Union lunches.

We have welcomed the community action group in to use the church hall many times through the year and have continued to support and be involved in their events. We have also continued our support of the Salvation Army food-bank. There is also a good connection between other community groups who use the church hall.

We have been encouraged some new families and young people attending church and some of the young people have begun to read during the service.

As all but one MU members make up the Congregational Committee the smooth running of, and fund-raising for, the church fall on the same group of people. CC members think 'new blood' is urgently required to spread the load.

2022 Annual Report Mountain Ash & Miskin

We gradually picked up church life in Mountain Ash as the year continued, with increasing numbers attending church and a renewal of our connections in the community. In particular, we were excited to be able to relate again to Miskin, Darranlas, Glenboi and Caegarw Primary schools and make contact with Mountain Ash Comprehensive.

The Mothers' Union restarted their meetings and with their support we resumed our monthly church visits to Aberpennar Court, Maesteg House and Troedyrhiw House, enjoying fellowship, singing and prayer.

Through Advent to Christmas we welcomed people into special services, recognising that many people chose to use St Margaret's for their funeral services.

A faculty was obtained for regilding of the reredos and next year we will seek a quinquennial report and consider repairs to the church hall and the church external doors

With sadness we note that Canon Mike Jones needed to take time away from work during 2022, affirming him in Peace and Healing. In his absence, ministry area lead, Vicar Peter, assumed responsibility for pastoral care, church life and mission.

As the year continued, it was clear that we continued to have many people who were still unable to attend church, who had sadly passed, or who were unable to continue in their church giving, with the result that we ended the year £15K in deficit. This spurred us onto to regain our community fundraising, including a successful Christmas Fete.

2002 Annual Report Penrhiwcieber & Matthewstown

The year has been a typically busy one for these communities in the Ministry Area. Following the appointment of Fr. Stuart Ghezzi as focal priest for the congregation here, ministry, mission and fellowship has continued and grown and some of the key events and highlights are mentioned below.

Following the increasing release from National Lockdowns and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, life within our churches has gradually been returning to normal. Sung Mass on a Sunday in St Winifred's has continued and consistently sees good numbers both in the congregation and in Sunday school. With the re-starting of Mass on a Thursday in All Saints in August 2022, the daily mass has now been reinstated and continues to be well attended. Mothers' union meets monthly once more for Mass and their monthly meeting and special services for Fr. Michael Short's 60th Anniversary of ordination, St Winifred's Day and Remembrance Sunday have seen large numbers of people gather to worship together in church.

Schools have returned to church for festivals and events this year, and Perthcelyn, Penrhiwcieber, Pengeulan and Ynysboeth Primary schools have all visited for Christmas and Harvest events amongst other things and school

assemblies led by Fr. Stuart have once more returned, along with Engagement Officer Simon Evans running the 'Flourish' project in some of the schools in the community.

Our outreach projects have continued to be well utilised and much needed within the community. Period products through the Hey Girls partnership continue to be collected on a frequent basis from Church which is currently open during the mornings Monday through Friday. The requests that Baby Basics receives has increased throughout the year and Moses baskets packed full of essentials for new mums in need continue to be provided when requested by health visitors.

Since early Autumn 2022, the launch of our Personal Care Resource has seen over 30 backs packed with essential hygiene products given out through community events and the local schools - this continues to be something that is needed and well received by those who make use of being able to access such projects.

Fit and Fed in conjunction with Lee Gardens Pool has continued to grow with volunteers from the church community preparing food and helping with activities for children during the school holidays. During the colder and wetter months, this has been held in the Church Hall, providing a warm dry space for the events.

Socially, the vibrancy of our social calendar has continued and has slowly returned to normal. Bingo has begun once more on a Monthly basis during the spring, summer and autumn months and numbers have continued to grow each time. Coffee Mornings, Cheese and Wine evenings, afternoon teas, teddy bears picnics and ice cream parlours amongst many other things have been the highlight during the year 2022-23.

St Winifred's Church currently needs essential repairs to the East Wall and a significant amount of money needs to be raised to complete this work. A sponsored Zip wire which saw Fr. Stuart and Sophie on the Tower Colliery Zip wire for sponsorship has been one of the highlights of the early autumn.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN

2022

Diocese
LlandaffParish
Mountain Ash and Miskin

Church

Number of Legacies received 2

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
planned giving	91227.34	420.50	91647.84
donations	11485.73	1747.00	13232.73
money raising	66920.67	1770.00	68690.67
tax refunds - gift aid	18272.24	0	18272.24
tax refunds - gasds	4519.75	0	4519.75
grants	78398.09	13000.00	91398.09
fees	7718.00	0	7718.00
investments	313.95	0	313.95
investment income	1165.67	0	1165.67
for mission	2982.72	1008.19	3990.91
other	9439.00	0	9439.00
other incoming resources	0	0	0
loose collections	10579.88	0	10579.88
legacies	51370.15	0	51370.15
legacy gifts - no. rec'd: _____	0	0	0
Total for Income	354393.19	17945.69	372338.88
parochial expenses of clerics	10725.15	0	10725.15
support for ministry other	605.15	0	605.15
mission : parish	0	0	0
charitable activities	0	0	0
maintenance of churches	54632.98	3452.00	58084.98
general parish expenses	7778.82	75.00	7853.82
maintenance of services	5810.30	0	5810.30
ministry share	0	0	0
parish share	162382.71	0	162382.71
capital payments	24523.13	0	24523.13
maintenance of other property	18823.57	14588.27	33411.84
exceptional expenditure	51866.00	0	51866.00
mission and grants home/world	5576.36	1568.40	7144.76
mission: home/world	100.00	0	100.00
cost of money raising	1527.06	0	1527.06
mission and grants parish	5290.11	1661.98	6952.09
mission: parish	98.98	0	98.98
Total for Expenditure	349740.32	21345.65	371085.97
Net Income/Expenditure	4652.87	-3399.96	1252.91
Balance as at 1st Jan	369194.27	108303.49	477497.76
Any transfers made between UF and RF	1249.00	-1249.00	0.00
Any other recognised gains or losses	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	4652.87	-3399.96	1252.91
Balance as at 31 Dec	375096.14	103654.53	478750.67

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South

For the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 5 .

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and Examiner:

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

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

Independent Examiner's Statement:

[Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below – delete if income less than £250,000]

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

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

Independent Examiner: S Lawrence

Signature: 

Date: 21 April 2023

Name: Young and Phillips Limited

Qualification: FCCA

Address: Inspiration House, Williams Place, Cardiff Road, Upper Boat, Pontypridd

THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH

Annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022

Charity no. 1198411

Young and Phillips Limited
Inspiration House
Williams Place
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CF37 5BH

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Charity name: The Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South

Charity Number: 1198411

Trustees:

Appointed

Tanya Bennett	Chair	09 February 2022
Rev Stuart Ghezzi	Trustee	11 May 2022
Andrea Harvey	Trustee	03 April 2022
Rev Matthew Gibbon	Trustee	09 February 2022
Alun William Jones	Trustee	09 February 2022
Diane Francis Jones	Trustee	09 February 2022
Rev Peter Andrew Lewis	Trustee	09 February 2022
Rhys John Evans	Trustee	09 February 2022
Canon Michael Kevin Jones	Trustee	09 February 2022
Mary Elizabeth Hindmarch	Trustee	09 February 2022
Jennifer Magaret Close	Trustee	09 February 2022
Beth Holloway	Trustee	09 February 2022
Jill Bowen	Trustee	09 February 2022
John Harman	Trustee	09 February 2022
Karen Ann Morgan	Trustee	09 February 2022

Accountants:

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1198411

Set out on pages

1 - 5

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The ACCA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Young & Phillips

Date:

21/04/2022

Name:

Young and Phillips Limited

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Certified Accountants - ACCA

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Donations and gifts	125,762.42	6,750.50	119,011.92
Legacies	51,370.15		51,370.15
Fundraising	16,331.08		16,331.08
Generated funds	1,148.01		1,148.01
Rental income	13,316.50		13,316.50
Publication sales	175.70		175.70
Fees receivable	6,058.00		6,058.00
Sale of assets	750.00		750.00
Charity support	16,595.93		16,595.93
Parish share rebate	8,288.01		8,288.01
Sundry Income	2,025.04		2,025.04
Grants receivable	105,328.08	10,000.00	95,328.08
Insurance claims	7,196.00		7,196.00
Investment Income	1,484.96		1,484.96
Total Income	<u>355,829.88</u>	<u>16,750.50</u>	<u>339,079.38</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>			
Diocesan share	153,514.71		153,514.71
Clergy Expenses	8,123.05	554.00	7,569.05
Maintenance of service	4,133.60		4,133.60
Vergers, organist & choir	700.00		700.00
Music & performance	350.01		350.01
Youth activity	2,470.76		2,470.76
Publications	960.02		960.02
Mission and evangelism	1,008.22		1,008.22
Parish Mission	2,353.01	2,035.19	317.82
Fundraising costs	1,592.06		1,592.06
Church Sundries	1,592.53	75.00	1,517.53
Heat and light	25,516.48		25,516.48
Water	4,733.03		4,733.03
Telephone	812.95		812.95
Broadband	201.01		201.01
PSA	891.13		891.13
Website	259.06		259.06
Office sundries	729.10		729.10
Equipment lease	3,433.78		3,433.78
Insurance	9,868.36		9,868.36
Subscriptions	20.00		20.00

Repairs	45,308.73	18,296.28	27,012.45
Security	1,235.97		1,235.97
Yard maintenance	2,366.96		2,366.96
Equipment repairs	2,396.73	438.99	1,957.74
Bank charges	46.31		46.31
Charity support	7,224.76		7,224.76
Depreciation	3,562.02		3,562.02
Total expenditure	<u>288,462.88</u>	<u>21,399.46</u>	<u>267,063.42</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure	67,367.00	- 4,648.96	72,015.96
Opening reserves	<u>477,497.76</u>	<u>208,303.49</u>	<u>269,194.27</u>
Closing reserves	<u>544,864.76</u>	<u>203,654.53</u>	<u>341,210.23</u>

Represented by:

Lloyds bank Treasurers account	6,491.23
Co-operative Bank	6,539.18
Co-operative Bank	7,233.29
Current account	59,941.25
Lloyds bank Treasurers account	5,419.40
Virgin Money	10,932.40
Lloyds Business Bank Instant	20,000.00
Cambridge and counties bank 3rd bond maturity	20,704.17
Cambridge and counties fixed rate 2 yr bond	20,248.63
Cambridge and counties fixed rate 3 yr fixed rate bond	30,000.00
Lloyds Business Bank Instant	31,386.29
Lloyds Bank Inst - Special projects account	166,157.56
Lloyds Business Bank Instant	3,092.50
NS & I Investment account	47,428.46
Lloyds bank Treasurers account	41,487.42
Shares	1,846.33
Café Project	51,866.00
Fixed asset additions	14,248.09
Creditors	- 157.44
	<u>544,864.76</u>

THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH

Balance sheet as at 31st Decemeber 2022

Fixed assets

Tangible assets	66,114.09
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Current assets

Investments	1,846.33
Cash and bank	477,061.78
	<u>478,908.11</u>

Liabilities

Creditors	157.44
	<u>478,750.67</u>

<u>544,864.76</u>

Reserves brought forward	477,497.76
Surplus of income over expenditure	67,367.00
	<u>544,864.76</u>

Restricted funds	203,654.53
Unrestricted funds	341,210.23
	<u>544,864.76</u>