The background of the cover is a collage of various church-related images. At the top, there's a stained glass window. Below it, a priest in white vestments is seen from behind, facing a group of people in white robes. To the right, an older man in a suit is playing a stringed instrument. In the middle, a group of people are seated at a long table, possibly for a meal or a meeting. At the bottom, a group of people are seated at round tables in a hall. The entire collage is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. In the upper left corner, there are five colorful crosses: a red one, a purple one, a green one, a white one, and an orange one.

Ardal Weinidogaeth De Cwm Cynon  
The Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South

# Impact Report 2024



# Introduction

Dear friends in Christ,

As we reflect on the past year across the Cynon Valley South Ministry Area, I give thanks to God for all that has been accomplished through your faith, service, and generosity. The 2024 Impact Report offers a glimpse into the many ways we have lived out our calling together as disciples of Jesus in this beautiful part of the Valleys.

This year we were blessed to witness several Confirmations, moments of deep commitment and celebration as individuals publicly affirmed their faith and stepped forward into new chapters of their journey with Christ. It was a joy to stand alongside them in worship and witness, and we continue to hold them in our prayers.

We were also delighted to welcome Fr Philip into our Ministry Area family. His gifts and pastoral heart are already being felt among us, and we look forward to the ways his presence will help shape our life together in the months and years to come.

At the same time, we bid farewell to Fr Stuart, who has served faithfully among us and now moves on to a new season of ministry. We are deeply grateful for his leadership, care, and witness, and we ask for your prayers for both him and the wider Ministry Area as we continue to discern God's calling for our future.

In all things, I remain thankful for each one of you—those who lead, serve, support, and pray.

The life of the Ministry Area would not be what it is without your time, talents, and willingness to share the light of Christ in your communities. As St Paul reminds us:

**“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”**

— Hebrews 10:24-25

May we continue to walk in that light—  
together—in faith, hope, and love.  
Yours in Christ,

Fr Matthew Gibbon  
Ministry Area Leader, Cynon Valley South





# Our Story So Far

## WHO WE ARE

The Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South (Registered Charty No: T198411) is part of the Anglican Diocese of Llandaff serving communities in Aberaman & Cwmaman, Abercynon, Cwmbach, Mountain Ash and Penhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysboeth.

It was officially formed in January 2022 by merging five former parishes. The Cynon Valley South Ministry Area is made up of six individual churches- St Margaret of Antioch in Aberaman, St Donats and St Gwynnos in Abercynon, St Mary Magdalene in Cwmbach, St Margaret of Scotland in Mountain Ash and St Winifred's, Penhiwceiber.

Each church has its own identity and culture, but we are committed to growing God's kingdom through mutual support and the sharing of resources.

2024 was a year of challenge and change, but we were very blessed to welcome Fr Philip Leyshon to join our clergy team.

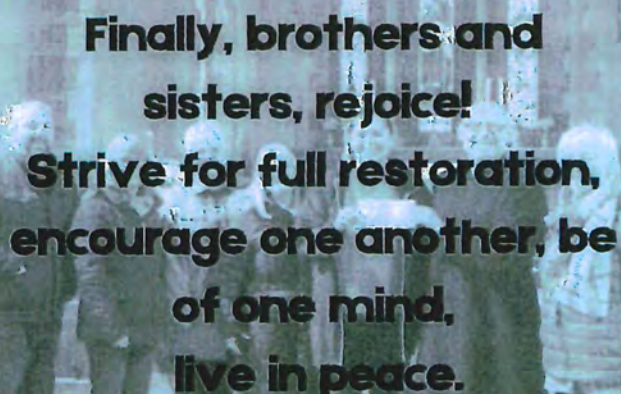
We are indebted to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure that the church continues to thrive in this part of God's Kingdom.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by Gods grace and guided by our heritage, the Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South is committed to serving the communities of Aberaman and Cwmaman, Abercynon, Cwmbach, Mountain Ash, Penrhivceiber, Matthewstown and Ynysboeth with compassion, humility, and unwavering faith.

We strive to create an affirming, loving and welcoming sanctuary where all can find solace, support, and spiritual nourishment.

Through prayer, worship, and acts of love, we seek to uplift and empower individuals and families, fostering a sense of belonging and hope. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, we endeavour to be a beacon of light, bringing God's transformative love to every corner of our community.



**Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!**  
**Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.**

-2 Corinthians 13:11



## **Our Ministry Area Council (MAC)**

### **Clergy Members**



**Fr Matthew Gibbon**  
matthewgibbon@cinw.org.uk



**Fr Stuart Ghezzi**  
stuartghezzi@cinw.org.uk



**Fr Philip Leyshon**  
philipleyshon@cinw.org.uk

**Lay Chair- Tanya Bennett**

**Ministry Area Leader's Warden- Alun Jones**

**People's Warden- John Harman**

### **MAC Members**

**Aberaman & Cwmaman- Jennifer Close and Diane Jones (Secretary)**

**Abercynon- Jill Bowen and Lynne Landeg**

**Cwmbach- Marion Allen and Catherine Evans**

**Mountain Ash- Rhys Evans (Treasurer) and Vacancy**

**Penrhivceiber, Matthewstown and Ynysboeth- Andrea Harvey and Karen Morgan**

**All these elected and ex-officio members are trustees of the Ministry Area.**



# In 2024:



Fr Matthew, Fr Stuart and Fr Philip joined clergy from across the Diocese in Clergy School in York.

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candidates were confirmed by Bishop Mary at our Ministry Area Confirmation

## We welcomed Fr Philip and his family to the MA.



Archdeacon Mark preached at St Winifred's Patronal Festival



St Margaret's, Mountain Ash was chosen as one of Diocese's Churches Unlocked



Bishop Mary and her chaplain, Rev'd Emma joined us to celebrate Gaudete Sunday





# Finances

## INCOME

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted
Donations and gifts	122,491.69	3,908.00	118,583.69
Legacies			
Fundraising	21,318.21	532	20,786.21
Generated funds	800.32	11.4	788.92
Rental income	8,428.45		8,428.45
Publication sales			
Fees receivable	5,073.00		5,073.00
Parish share rebate	9,186.13		9,186.13
Sundry income	265,142		2,651.42
Grants receivable	12,300.00	12,300.00	
Insurance claims			
Investment income	<u>5,359.66</u>	<u>737.92</u>	<u>4,620.74</u>
Total income	197,607.88	17,489.32	170,118.56



# Finances

## EXPENDITURE

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Clergy Expenses	4,904.96		4,904.96
Maintenance of service	4,966.61	468	4498.61
Vergers, Organist and Choir			
HA/LMA			
Music and Performance	230.99		230.99
Youth Activity	14		14
Publications	180.95		180.95
Mission and Evangelism	10,407.02	486.27	5,544.75
Parish Mission	1,831.31	1,321.92	509.39
Fundraising costs	1,534.59	92.5	1,442.09
Church Sundries	1,613.77	18.99	1,594.78
Heat and light	34,208.32	105.24	34,103.08
Water	4,941.70	415.93	4,525.77
Telephone	2,481.63		2,481.63
Broadband	350.6		350.6
PSA	702.33		702.33
Website	1,262.37		1,262.37
Office sundries	686.12		686.12
Equipment lease	1,997.90		1,997.90
Insurance	11,686.80		11,686.80



# Finances

## EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted
Subscriptions			
Professional fees			
Accountancy	1,440.00		1,440.00
Licences	604		604
Cleaning	67.63		67.63
Repairs	21,919.86	3,560.08	18,351.78
Property compliance	902.69		902.69
Security			
Yard maintenance	1,710.40		1,710.40
Equipment repairs	1,079.96	504	575.96
Bank charges			
Charity support	1,013.02		1,013.02
Depreciation	2,279.69		2,279.69
Total expenditure	<u>270,838.19</u>	<u>11,356.93</u>	<u>259,481.26</u>

Surplus of income over expenditure	(83,230.37)	6,132.39	(89,362.70)
Opening reserves	<u>482,341.67</u>	<u>213,006.48</u>	<u>269,335.13</u>
Closing reserves	<u>399,111.30</u>	<u>219,138.87</u>	<u>179,972.43</u>



# Finances

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Lloyds Business Bank Instant	3,156.87
NS & I Investment account	48,391.61
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Shares	1,846.33
Café Project	51,866.00
Fixed assets	<u>9,118.78</u>
	<b>399,111.30</b>





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**THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH**

**Annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024**

**Charity no. 1198411**

Young and Phillips Limited  
Inspiration House  
Williams Place  
Cardiff Road  
Upper Boat  
Pontypridd  
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 Phillip Alan Leyshon	Trustee	01 August 2024
Lynne Landeg	Trustee	10 October 2023
Rev Stuart Ghezzi	Trustee	11 May 2022
Andrea Harvey	Trustee	03 April 2022
Diane Francis Jones	Trustee	09 February 2022
Rev Matthew Gibbon	Trustee	09 February 2022
Jill Bowen	Trustee	09 February 2022
Jennifer Margaret Close	Trustee	09 February 2022
John Harman	Trustee	09 February 2022
Alun William Jones	Trustee	09 February 2022
Rhys John Evans	Trustee	09 February 2022
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For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 6

### 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:

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### 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.

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Signature: *Young and Phillips Ltd*

Date: 3 April 2025

Name: Young and Phillips Limited

Qualification: FCCA

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



# THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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## **THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH**

### **Balance sheet as at 31st Decemeber 2024**

#### **Fixed assets**

Tangible assets	60,984.78
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#### **Current assets**

Investments	1,846.33
Cash and bank	<u>336,280.19</u>
	338,126.52

<u>399,111.30</u>
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Reserves brought forward	482,341.61
Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>(83,230.31)</u>
	<u>399,111.30</u>

Restricted funds	219,138.87
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## THE MINISTRY AREA OF CYNON VALLEY SOUTH

### Notes to the accounts

#### Fixed assets

	<u>Café</u>	<u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed assets	51866.00	17810.11	69676.11
Depreciation		8691.33	8691.33
	<u>51866.00</u>	<u>9118.78</u>	<u>60984.78</u>



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