

Wrexham Mission Area

Registered Charity 1199546

Annual Report 2024

Our Churches

Worship and associated activities were maintained across our six churches together with ongoing support for St Mary's Bersham throughout the year under review. St Giles' has continued to welcome good numbers to services of differing styles along with other events and embarked on a significant project to replace the chancel roof and repair associated stonework. Work also started to refurbish and enhance St Mark's building which has necessitated all its activities being relocated. St John's remains a small in numbers but continued to provide services of worship on Sundays and Wednesdays with help from the ministry team following the departure of their vicar in May. Congregations remain strong at All Saints and St Margaret's with Holy Trinity also welcoming new people.

It was with great sadness that the final service was held in St James' Church on Sunday 21st April. This closure was painful for all involved and many questions raised by the process remain unanswered. The MA has continued to maintain the building pending the completion of the faculty requirements before it can be handed over to the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

Shared Mission Area Events

An Easter vigil for the Mission Area was held at St James' when the Paschal Candles of all the church were first lit. This was an opportunity for people from across the Mission Area to support St James' Church as it prepared for closure. An open invitation was made to an early morning Ascension Day service on the tower of St Giles' followed by a cooked breakfast. Bishop Gregory presided at a confirmation service at St Margaret's in the autumn with candidates from All Saints, St Margaret's and the Alyn Mission Area. There were also shared services of valediction and welcome for departing and arriving clergy.

Mission Area Conference

The MAC is both the PCC and the Board of Trustees for the Mission Area. It met on five occasions during 2024. Consideration was given to the viability of all our churches and the number of stipendiary clergy which could be employed under the present Diocesan share formula. Later in the year, there was discussion of the future of St John's and a potential pairing with St Mark's was considered a possibility to be shared with the diocesan leadership.

With diocesan encouragement, thought was also given to changing the charitable status of the Mission Area from a Registered Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) It was agreed to make this change although work on this was still ongoing at the end of the year.

Building projects continued to be overseen by the MAC with the possibility of a Property

Sub Committee remaining unrealised. The MAC also has the responsibility to sign off faculty applications for the Mission Area Churches and discuss significant building projects, notably at St Mark's and Giles'.

Personnel

At the beginning of the year, the Mission Area continued to support four stipendiary priests. Sarah Errington left to take up a post in the diocese of Salisbury leaving a vacancy at St John's. In August, Jason Bray, vicar of St Giles' departed to become dean of Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff and the following month, Petra Goodband was licensed to her role as associate priest at St Giles'. Her post, funded by the diocese through the Church Growth Fund was intended to be the start of the 'Hub' church development at St Giles' with a focus on music, but by default, Petra took over Jason's duties until a replacement was appointed. We were grateful to Brian Stickles and Nick Roe for serving as MA wardens. We welcomed Sarah Namirembe on St Padarn's placement with St Margaret's and St Mark's and Elin Douglas Jones continued her placement at All Saint's and Holy Trinity. Alex Cottrell began an apprentice role in the same churches. It was also good to have Karen Reynolds and Shaun Davies on board as Administrator and Hall Manager respectively

Church Army Centre of Mission & Hope Street

The Ministry Team works closely with these other expressions of Anglican ministry in Wrexham. The Mission Area Leader line manages the Centre of Mission which runs the Tin Can Youth Centre providing a Christian witness to many young people with no church background. In turn, the Centre of Mission works collaboratively with Hope Street on projects such as the Coleg Cambria Chaplaincy and Bridge the Gap football ministry. Links are also maintained with other churches through Christians Together in Wrexham along with prison and school's ministries. The Mission Area remains a member of Together Creating Communities. (TCC)

Finance

We have managed to pay the Mission Area share to the diocese in respect of our clergy and support services for 2024, but many of our churches are struggling to maintain these obligations alongside the maintenance of their buildings. We have negotiated a drop in our clergy figure for 2025 from 4 to 3 ½ which will reduce our overall obligation to the diocese.

I am very grateful to Carol Jones, Sue Williams and Karen Reynolds all of whom worked hard with the treasurers and the auditors to ensure the accounts for 2023 were posted in time on the Charity Commission Website.

Jonathan Smith, Mission Area Leader

June 2025

Wrexham Mission Area
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	194,294	-	499,701	693,994	478,641
Income from charitable activities	21,886	100	450	22,436	29,474
Other trading activities	126,038	-	59,397	185,435	155,888
Investments	15,523	-	7,003	22,526	20,759
Other income	-	-	-	-	1,900
Total income	357,741	100	566,550	924,391	686,662
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	358,653	132	620,050	978,835	466,849
Raising funds	8,779	-	533	9,312	10,756
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	367,432	132	620,583	988,147	477,605
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(9,691)	(32)	(54,033)	(63,756)	209,057
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	449,317	41,140	450,826	941,283	16,622
Gross transfers between funds - out	(449,944)	(1,150)	(490,189)	(941,283)	(16,622)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	6,654	5	9,390	16,049	17,030
Net movement in funds	(3,665)	39,964	(84,006)	(47,707)	226,086
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	239,221	-	497,548	736,769	510,684
Total funds carried forward	235,555	39,963	413,542	689,062	736,770
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	235,555			235,555	239,221
Designated					
St Giles Flower Fund		67		67	-
Wrexham MA - Foster Road		24,053		24,053	-
Wrexham MA - St Peter's		15,842		15,842	-
Restricted					
Apprenticeship Scheme			5,359	5,359	-
Caia Food Club			778	778	9,890
Parish of Wrexham Fabric Fund			16,921	16,921	18,468
St Giles Babes in the Pews Fund			323	323	322
St Giles Bellringers			3,197	3,197	3,380
St Giles Chancel Repair Fund			45,993	45,993	10,496
St Giles Fabric Fund			18,421	18,421	36,517
St Giles Flower Fund			-	-	97
St Giles upkeep fund			300	300	108,485
St James - Church door refurbishment			130	130	130
St James - GroWrexham			403	403	808
St John's - Toilet And Lighting Fund			-	-	841
St Margaret's - Capital Gift			1,512	1,512	12
St Margaret's - Church hall			7,277	7,277	6,590
St Margaret's - Lady Chapel			95	95	95
St Margaret's - Steeple Fund			8,603	8,603	4,898
St Margaret's - Robes			150	150	150
St Mark's - Building fund			278,834	278,834	240,212
St Mark's - Holiday Hunger Project			22,602	22,602	23,316
St Mark's - Kids Club			2,117	2,117	-
Sunday School Fund			554	554	-
Wrexham MA - Admin			(25)	(25)	4,300
Wrexham MA - Foster Rd			-	-	18,291
Wrexham MA - St Peter's			-	-	10,251
	235,555	39,963	413,542	689,062	736,770

Wrexham Mission Area
Balance Sheet
as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestriced Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/12/2024	At 31/12/2023
Fixed assets					
Investments	132,924	=	36,228	169,153	305,300
Current assets					
Debtors	960	-	-	960	-
Investments	3,351	-	-	3,351	3,339
Cash At Bank And In Hand	98,320	39,964	377,314	515,598	428,130
	102,632	39,964	377,314	519,909	431,469
Liabilities					
Creditors	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets less current liabilities	235,555	39,963	413,542	689,062	736,770

Wrexham Mission Area
Movement in Funds
For the year ended 31st December 2024

	At 01/01/24	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains and	At 31/12/24
	£	resources	resources	between	losses	
		£	£	funds	£	£
				£		
Unrestricted funds	239,222	357,741	367,432	(628)	6,654	235,557
Designated						
St Giles - Flower Fund	-	100	132	95	5	68
Wrexham MA - Foster Rd	-			24,053		24,053
Wrexham MA - St Peter's	-			15,842		15,842
Restricted funds						
Apprenticeship Scheme	-	7,488	2,129			5,359
All Saints - Sunday School Fund	-					-
Parish of Wrexham Fabric Fund	18,468		2,614		1,067	16,921
Caia Food Club	-		(50)			50
St Giles - Babes in the Pews Fund	322		33	33		322
St Giles - Bellringers	3,380	630	813			3,197
St Giles - Chancel Repair Fund	10,496	45,106	10,151		542	45,993
St Giles - Fabric Fund	36,517		19,647		1,550	18,420
St Giles - Flower Fund	97		97			-
St Giles - Kitchen Fund	-		500	500		-
St Giles - Upkeep fund	108,485		114,415		6,231	300
St James - Church door refurbishment	130					130
St James - GroWrexham	808		808			-
St John's - Toilet And Lighting Fund	841		438			403
St Margaret's - Capital Gift	12	1,500				1,512
St Margaret's - Church hall	6,590	48,823	48,136			7,277
St Margaret's - Lady Chapel	95					95
St Margaret's - Robes	150					150
St Margaret's - Steeple Fund	4,898	3,705				8,603
St Mark's - Building fund	240,212	425,310	386,688			278,834
St Mark's - Caia Food Club	9,890	10,711	19,872			728
St Mark's - Kids Club	-	2,181	64			2,117
Sunday School Fund	-	926	372			554
St Mark's - Holiday Hunger Project	23,316	1,262	1,976			22,602
Wrexham MA - Admin	4,300		4,325			(25)
Wrexham MA - Foster Rd	18,291	6,900	1,138	(24,053)		-
Wrexham MA - St Peter's	10,251	12,008	6,417	(15,842)		-
Total Funds	736,770	924,391	988,147	-	16,048	689,062

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Wrexham Mission Area

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

1. Documentation of fund balances as the year end not being readily available.

However, the above point gives me no reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Signed:

Lorraine M Hughes

(Name)

Lorraine M Hughes

(Date) 2nd July 2025

(Qualification, if any)

FMAAT

(Address)

25 Grosvenor Road,

Wrexham

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Wrexham Mission Area

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

1. Documentation of fund balances as the year end not being readily available.

However, the above point gives me no reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Signed:

Lorraine M Hughes

(Name)

Lorraine M Hughes

(Date) 2nd July 2025

(Qualification, if any)

FMAAT

(Address)

25 Grosvenor Road,

Wrexham