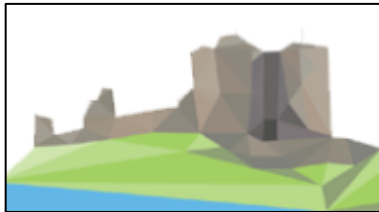
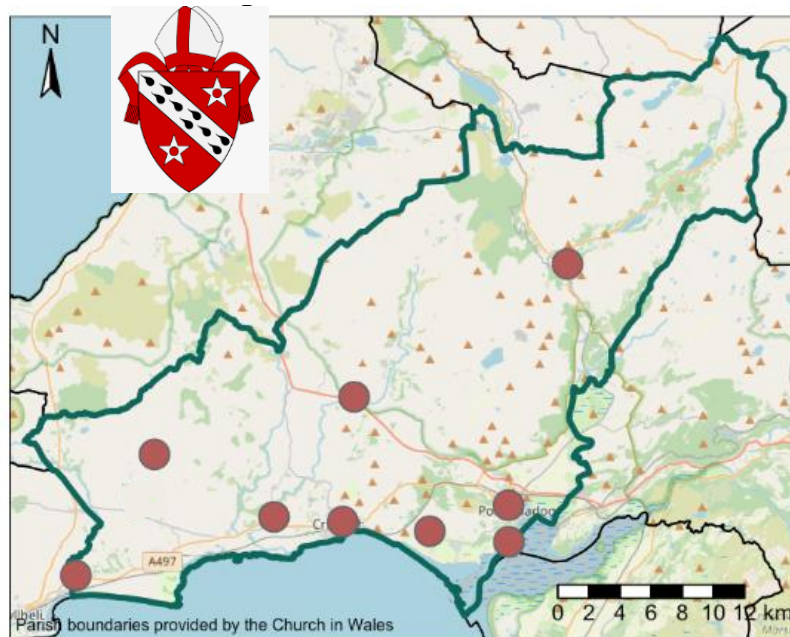




**ARDAL GWEINIDOGAETH BRO EIFIONYDD MINISTRY AREA**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**



**Registered Charity Number: 1201299**



Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area within the Diocese of Bangor

# ARDAL GWEINIDOGAETH BRO EIFIONYDD MINISTRY AREA

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The Trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

#### Background

The charity's full formal title is 'Ardal Gweinidogaeth Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area', known as 'Bro Eifionydd', registered with the charity commission, number 1201299 on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Bro Eifionydd seeks to advance the work of the Church in Wales locally through public worship, special services and pastoral work, including support for schools, visits to the homes of the elderly and people with disabilities or illness, and witness with other faiths.

Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area is an operating district of the Church in Wales, in the Diocese of Bangor, Meirionnydd archdeaconry, North Wales. It is approximately fifteen miles across from Abererch on the Llŷn Peninsula through to Beddgelert in Eryri (Snowdonia), with currently nine churches open for regular worship, private prayer and, in some, additional community services. The current Bro Eifionydd ministry area was established in July 2016, following a diocesan reorganisation - most of it was formerly within a ministry area known from 2014 as Bro'r Holl Saint. In earlier times most of the churches were in separate parishes which have been gradually combined to be administered by fewer clergy

The nine churches are in the towns of Porthmadog, Criccieth and Beddgelert, and villages Abererch, Llangybi, Llanystumdwy, Treflys, Borth-y-gest and Dolbenmaen.

Some of these church sites have been used continuously for Christian worship since the 7<sup>th</sup> century, and the oldest current buildings date from 14<sup>th</sup> century, several are listed buildings, some grade I.

Bro Eifionydd area also includes eight churches either closed, or no longer used for regular worship, at Llanarmon, Criccieth St Deiniol's, Pentrefelin, Ynyscynhaearn, Porthmadog (old) St John's, Tremadog, Penmorfa and Llanfihangel y Pennant. Four of these remain open to the public or are in use providing community services.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

Its object is the promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ministry area.

##### Public benefit

The Trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe the charity provides public benefit

##### Review of Activities in the Year

2023 was a year of real highs and lows.

Revd Nick Golding was ordained priest in February, only to bid farewell in May as he moved to his new parish in St David's Diocese.

In Porthmadog, the congregation began worshiping in the new premises on the High Street, initially making do with the limited resources prior to works commencing to make it a fully functioning community space.

The former St John's Porthmadog Church held its final service on June 25<sup>th</sup> when Archbishop Andrew came to officially close the building. However the renovation works on 'New St John's' were quickly finished and the congregation duly moved home to the High Street. This new space has provided opportunities to engage with the community on 'their terms', being in the heart of the town: no longer demanding people make the climb up the hill to the old church. Regular social drop-in sessions have begun which have been greatly appreciated by the wider Porthmadog community - many of whom live alone and have limited social contact. Plans for a 'Uniform Swap Shop' and 'Toddler Group' are in the pipeline for 2024.

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Hospitality has been a particular focus for Bro Eifionydd this year, and several social and fundraising events have allowed engagement with the wider community and the many visitors to the area. '*Clwb Coffi*' in Borth-y-Gest is an excellent example of this, drawing in people from beyond the church who are increasingly interested and involved in the church, and want to see it thrive.

'*Messy Vintage*' continues to flourish and again is enjoyed by many people who live alone. The opportunity for worship, fellowship, and creativity is well received and the project is expanding beyond its original location.

Many projects which began in response to Covid restrictions were so appreciated that they have now become part of the regular pattern, such as the outdoor, ecumenical '*Carols on the Maes*' on Christmas Eve which continues to draw in people who would not usually attend Church Services.

The new pattern of services established in July brought stability and sustainability, and together with increased publicity of services in one village church this has brought a increase in attendance of 300%.

Efforts continue to have churches open during the day for private prayer and meditation, which was particularly important during a local tragedy when many appreciated to opportunity for quiet reflection.

The Ministry Area continues to function through the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers. Much of their work is unseen, but is always appreciated.

#### **Review of financial activities of the Charity**

2023 saw a continued return to pre-pandemic activities, although some people were still wary of crowds. It was good to see an increase in loose plate offerings, but not so far at the special services. It is impossible to budget for fee income from the special services and a continued increase in wedding fees is cause for rejoicing. There was an increase in the amount raised by various activities in the Ministry Area, the Trustees are aware that this must increase even more if possible. The Ministry Area cannot pay its way simply by relying on church collections. Activities such as *Clwb Coffi*, which bring people into the buildings can help to lead the way. It is good to see continued support for the Food Bank in Pwllheli and also the response to many disaster appeals throughout the year.

#### **Volunteers**

The charity relies on the support of volunteers in all aspects of its work, including assisting in leading worship, visiting the housebound, engaging in missional activities, such as schools work and fellowship groups. They also help maintain the church buildings through cleaning and regularly inspecting the fabric to keep the structure sound, running the finances, fundraising, stewardship and all aspects of lay leadership from churchwardens, treasurers, administration and safeguarding.

The Finance team of Treasurers is comprised of volunteers, and the Trustees are very grateful for their continuing commitment and responsibility for the careful administration of the finances.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The ministry area is governed by a constitution adopted on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1920, when the Church of England was disestablished within Wales under the Welsh Church Act 1914.

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#### Organisational structure

The ministry area is overseen by a Council ('MAC') comprising clergy, lay officers and one representative from each church. Members of the ministry area council are the Trustees of the charity, and the following served throughout the year:

Revd Canon Kim Williams	Ministry Area Leader	
Revd Canon Nick Golding	Ministry Area Deacon	Resigned 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Christine Dinneen	Ministry Area Secretary/Administrator	
Katharine Dobson	Ministry Area Treasurer	
Brian Sharman	Ministry Area Safeguarding Officer and (from 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023) Ministry Area Warden and St. Cyngar, Borth-y-Gest	
Stephen Hopkins	Ministry Area Warden and (from 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024) St John, Porthmadog	Appointed 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Valerie Davies-Hughes	St Catherine, Criccieth & St Michael, Treflys	
Pauline Davies	Ministry Area Warden and St. Cyngar, Borth-y-Gest	Resigned 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Keith Burrows	St John the Baptist, Llanystumdwy	
Liz Evans	St Mary, Dolbenmaen	
Bridget Handby	St Cybi, Llangybi	
Jane Johnson	St John, Porthmadog	Died 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
Sally Jones-Morris	St. Mary, Beddgelert	
Will Rowlands	St Cawrdaf, Abererch	

#### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees are appointed each year at the Vestry Meeting, usually in April or May. Members of the congregations may be deputed to fill casual vacancies as and when required, although this has not occurred in 2023.

#### Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities when attending MAC meetings and encouraged to take suitable training courses provided by the dioceses and the Church in Wales. All Trustees are checked before appointment by the Disclosure and Barring Service ('DBS') and training on safeguarding is provided to all Trustees and other groups of volunteers.

#### Risk management

The key risks facing the charity are financial leading to poor maintenance and ultimately loss of premises, loss of key clergy and volunteers, fraud and safeguarding. The MAC considers all of these periodically and is able to mitigate the last two by robust internal controls (two people authorising all expenditure, two people present when counting cash etc) and by regular safeguarding training and applying good practice.

However the first two risks have no simple available remedy: the ministry area is currently not able to sustain long-term the maintenance of its property as well as making the expected annual contribution to clergy costs. Similarly the ministry area is reliant on a relatively small group of very committed clergy and volunteers, and recruitment is patchy. This is an ongoing challenge and common to many similar ministry areas in the diocese and across the country.

#### Reporting Framework

The accounts comply with Church-in-Wales requirements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective for accounting periods commencing on 1 January 2015 or later.

#### Reserves Policy

The Trustees of each church seek to retain sufficient reserves to meet future operational costs, to cover a period of a minimum of six months.

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bro Eifionydd's website is [www.broeifionydd.weebly.com](http://www.broeifionydd.weebly.com) which contains contact information.

Correspondence can be addressed to the ministry team leader, Revd Canon Kim Williams at the Rectory, Y Maes, Criccieth, LL52 0AG.

All the churches are insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance, and each church or group of churches has its own account with a range of banks or CCLA investment managers.

### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

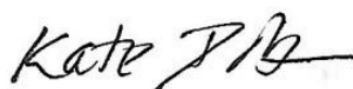
In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information relevant to the examination and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Approved by the Ministry Area Council on 18 March 2024. Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Revd Canon K V Williams



Mrs K M Dobson



**Report to the trustees of**

Ardal Gweinidogaeth Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area

**On accounts for the year ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no**

**1201299**

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("Bro Eifionydd") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of  
report**

As the charity trustees of Bro Eifionydd, 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 Bro Eifionydd's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

18.3.2024

**Name:**

Gwyn Trewren Thomas BSc ACA

**Relevant professional body:**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

**Address:**

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Pwllheli, Gwynedd .  
LI53 5HH

**Ardal Gweinidogaeth Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	55,884	2,363	1,229	-	59,476	55,050
Income from charitable activities	12,643	-	176	-	12,819	8,994
Other trading activities	4,698	-	2,733	-	7,431	6,239
Investments	8,482	-	101	247	8,829	6,291
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>81,707</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>88,555</b>	<b>76,574</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	948	-	769	-	1,717	833
Expenditure on charitable activities	82,621	366	6,326	-	89,313	71,232
Other expenditure	987	-	3,784	-	4,771	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>84,555</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>10,880</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,801</b>	<b>72,065</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>(2,848)</b>	<b>1,998</b>	<b>(6,642)</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>(7,245)</b>	<b>4,509</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,338	150	87	-	5,575	105,637
Gross transfers between funds - out	(87)	-	(5,488)	-	(5,575)	(105,637)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>(12,043)</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>(7,245)</b>	<b>4,509</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>7,569</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>(10,188)</b>	<b>16,366</b>	<b>15,895</b>	<b>(35,828)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	<b>72,091</b>	<b>8,095</b>	<b>40,176</b>	<b>293,757</b>	<b>414,119</b>	<b>449,948</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>79,660</b>	<b>10,243</b>	<b>29,989</b>	<b>310,122</b>	<b>430,014</b>	<b>414,119</b>

*There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown*

**Ardal Gweinidogaeth Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area**  
**Detailed Analysis of Receipts and Payments**  
**1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
0101 - Standing Order Planned Giving	2,447 -	-	-		2,447	2,997
0102 - Occasional Giving via Bank	2,061 -	-	-		2,061	3,214
0110 - Gift Aid Envelopes - Occasional	457 -	-	-		457	782
0111 - Gift Direct	15,359 -	-	-		15,359	15,167
0112 - Other planned giving	9,853 -	-	-		9,853	6,551
0113 - Weekly envelope planned giving	2,437 -	-	-		2,437	2,757
0201 - Loose plate offering	8,504 -	-	-		8,504	6,027
0202 - Offerings - Weddings	226 -	-	-		226	786
0203 - Offerings - Baptisms	108 -	-	-		108	534
0204 - Offerings - Funerals	370 -		500 -		870	50
0302 - Wall safe / box donations	1,883 -		729 -		2,612	2,540
0303 - One off Gift Aid donations	-	548 -	-		548	1,005
0305 - Donations appeals etc	2,982	315 -	-		3,297	4,745
0402 - Other collections/mission appeals	1,016 -	-	-		1,016	208
0501 - Recovered HMRC Gift Aid receipts	3,592 -	-	-		3,592	4,528
0502 - Recovered HMRC GASDS receipts	1,747 -	-	-		1,747	2,114
0601 - Legacies	500 -	-	-		500	1,000
0701 - Recurring grants	2,343 -	-	-		2,343	45
0702 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	1,500 -	-		1,500 -	
Donations and legacies Totals	55,884	2,363	1,229 -		59,476	55,050
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
0901 - Fees for Occasional Offices	974 -	-	-		974	110
0902 - Wedding fee	2,725 -	-	-		2,725	2,210
0904 - Publication of Banns	90 -	-	-		90	80
0905 - Funeral fee	5,850 -	-	-		5,850	5,075
0906 - Burial fee	2,957 -		176 -		3,133	1,123
0907 - Memorial fee	47 -	-	-		47	396
Income from charitable activities Totals	12,643 -		176 -		12,819	8,994
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
0801 - Fund raising	3,396 -		2,733 -		6,129	3,332
0802 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-		246
0803 - Hall Rental Income	956 -	-	-		956	584
0805 - Sundry income	346 -	-	-		346	2,077
Other trading activities Totals	4,698 -		2,733 -		7,431	6,239
<b>Investments</b>						
1001 - Dividends/investment income	7,490 -	-		247	7,737	6,064
1020 - Bank and building society interest	992 -		101 -		1,093	227
Investments Totals	8,482 -		101	247	8,829	6,291
Receipts Grand Totals	81,707	2,363	4,239	247	88,555	76,574
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Raising funds</b>						
3101 - Fees paid to fund raisers	103 -	-	-		103 -	
3103 - Costs of generating resources - giving	578 -	-	-		578	736
3104 - Costs of fund raising	266 -		769 -		1,036	97
Raising funds Totals	948 -		769 -		1,717	833
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
2001 - Diocesan share	44,000 -	-	-		44,000	36,300
2101 - Clergy expenses	3,820 -	-	-		3,820	2,200
2103 - Clergy expenses - printing/postage/stationery	-	-	-	-		201
2145 - Parsonage - water	-	-	-	-		72
2147 - Parsonage - electricity	-	-	-	-		15
2340 - Maintenance of services	446 -	-	-		446 -	
2342 - Music & performance expenses	566 -		632 -		1,198	107
2343 - Music Instrument Tuning/Maintenance	150 -	-	-		150 -	
2402 - Bank and Credit Card Charges	471 -	-	-		471	456
2403 - Cost of printing, post and stationery	-	-	-	-		-13
2405 - Office and general expenditure	-	-	-	-		735
2410 - IE/Audit and accountancy fees	400 -	-	-		400 -	
2501 - Church operating costs - insurance	7,706 -	-	-		7,706	4,914
2502 - Church operating costs - electricity	8,943 -	-	-		8,943	6,611
2503 - Church operating costs - gas	1,043 -	-	-		1,043	1,101
2504 - Church operating costs - water	791 -	-	-		791	764
2505 - Church operating costs - other	26 -	-	-		26	84
2508 - Church repairs and maintenance	2,460 -		4,416 -		6,877	1,895
2509 - Church Cleaning	-	-	-	-		200
2511 - Church operating costs - fire equipment, roof alarm, CCTV service			1,278 -		1,686	412
2601 - Churchyard management costs	1,573 -	-	-		1,573	2,858
2603 - Church hall operating costs - electric	-	-	-	-		15
2612 - Other property repairs/maintenance	594 -	-	-		594	3,420
2613 - Other property - insurance	-	-	-	-		45
2641 - Churchyard grass cutting	5,367 -	-	-		5,367	4,280
2806 - Other costs of parish mission work	193	366 -	-		558	260
2903 - Support of UK charities	2,448 -	-	-		2,448	3,441
2904 - Support of international mission & projects	1,215 -	-	-		1,215	859
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	82,621	366	6,326 -		89,313	71,232
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
3001 - Purchase of assets for church purposes	987 -		3,784 -		4,771 -	
Other expenditure Totals	987 -		3,784 -		4,771 -	
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>84,555</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>10,880 -</b>		<b>95,801</b>	<b>72,065</b>



# Ardal Gweinidogaeth Bro Eifionydd Ministry Area

## Balance Sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	31-Dec-23 £	31-Dec-22 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Investments	45,531	-	20,913	305,113	371,556	350,702
	45,531	-	20,913	305,113	371,556	350,702
<b>Current assets</b>						
Investments	-122	-	-	5,131	5,010	4,763
Cash At Bank And In Hand	34,250	10,243	9,076	-122	53,448	58,655
	34,129	10,243	9,076	5,010	58,458	63,418
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	79,660	10,243	29,989	310,122	430,014	414,119
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	79,660	10,243	29,989	310,122	430,014	414,119
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General Fund	79,660	-	-	-	79,660	72,091
<b>Designated</b>						
Messy Vintage	-	1,324	-	-	1,324	40
St Cyngar's Hall	-	8,919	-	-	8,919	8,055
<b>Restricted</b>						
Berrington Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	217
Chancel Repair St Cawrdaf	-	-	2,019	-	2,019	1,863
Chancel Repair St Mary Beddgelert	-	-	2,420	-	2,420	2,238
Churchyard Fund	-	-	4,149	-	4,149	3,877
Fabric St Catherine	-	-	2,299	-	2,299	2,046
Fabric St Cawrdaf	-	-	797	-	797	797
Fabric St John Baptist	-	-	1,349	-	1,349	1,201
Flooding	-	-	3,100	-	3,100	8,732
Heating Fund	-	-	2,571	-	2,571	3,191
Mrs Cecile Hicks Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	4,734
St John's Choir Trust	-	-	6,279	-	6,279	5,536
St Mary's	-	-	904	-	904	904
St Mary's New Roof	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School	-	-	3,442	-	3,442	4,198
William Wynne for old men	-	-	561	-	561	545
Youth Group	-	-	100	-	100	100
<b>Endowment</b>						
General Permanent Endowment	-	-	-	305,113	305,113	288,994
Parry Trust Building Repair Fund	-	-	-	5,010	5,010	4,763
<b>Fund Totals</b>	79,660	10,243	29,989	310,122	430,014	414,119

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