



Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE VICAR OF BRO SEIRIOL FOR 2023

I would like to start by saying 'Thank You'. Thank you to every single one of you who has offered support, encouragement and help over the past 9 months of the interregnum. Without you, Bro Seiriol would not have been able to continue in the way it has in terms of mission and ministry; worshipping God, loving the world and growing the church. I think I speak for the Area Dean as well as myself when I say how very grateful we are.

While we have, inevitably, had to reduce the number of services offered over the month worship has continued regularly in each of our buildings thanks to the formation of a worship team. A group of people willing to lead morning prayer in their congregations. After a short period of training from Richard Adams, they have been successfully leading worship across the Ministry Area. It is fair to say that some members of the team have been doing this faithfully for several years but I am particularly thankful for those who have come forward to do this who have never led worship before. It is good to see God raising up new ministries among us.

The 8.00am service in Beaumaris has been able to continue thanks to Wendy Davies who leads this act of worship. Wendy has also been responsible for coordinating our 'Open Church'. The monthly garden reflections remain very popular – an hour of quiet reflection in the presence of the natural environment. Also our monthly Open Church walk has gone from strength to strength as we reach out to people who would not necessarily join us inside our buildings on a Sunday morning but who find this a meaningful way to connect with God. Thanks also to Richard Adams who has supported Wendy with the Open Church walks but also to everyone who has planned walks or so willingly offered reflections along the way. Again it has been encouraging to see God raising up new ministries among us as so many different people have been encouraged to prepare and lead reflections at Open Church.

United services – love them or avoid them – they really are here to stay, certainly until the MA Leader post is filled. They are an essential part of enabling worship to continue in the present situation and if you have never been to one please do try one – Worshipping in a different building once in a while is not nearly as scary as it may seem !

While I am on worship, I must include my thanks to Vaughan Prytherch who has ensured that our monthly welsh service in Llanfihangel DS has been able to continue.

Our links with our communities have also been maintained and even developed. Beaumaris Church hosted Santa's Grotto during the Victorian Fayre, We also took part in the charities fair on The Green. The Church garden is looking absolutely fantastic thanks to the work of Chrissie and her team of volunteer gardeners. This project has been a tremendous success and it is lovely to see the space being used as a quiet reflective space by both visitors and locals. The introduction of volunteer guides

into Beaumaris Church during the visitor season has also been very well received and many thanks again to our volunteers and to Steve who coordinates this.

Llanddona tractor rally – a wonderful example of the church and community working together - was a great success yet again and this year we organised a dog show at the village hall as well as joining in with other village events and of course, the ever popular sand castle competition. The first season of champing was extremely successful and thanks go to Lucy and Liz for their hard work on this. Our community links in Llangoed have been deepened through the setting up of Camau Bach – a weekly group for parents/carers and pre-school children and babies which takes place at the village hall. When we first started to think about this the challenges seemed unsurmountable but God has been faithful, doors have opened and problems and issues have been resolved. The feeling that we are joining with God in His mission is so encouraging and affirming. I cannot thank those who have been part of the journey over the past 7 months as the group has gone from strength to strength. We have even had 2 baptisms of children we have met through Camau Bach with another one booked in a couple of weeks. We also coordinated the annual café carols and nativity in Llangoed hall and for the first time were asked to join in with the Easter activity day by doing crafts relating to the Easter story. Both these events were well supported by families who attend Camau Bach.

In other activities: I continue to lead collective worship in our 2 schools once a week. We have been invited into Plas Penmon for the first time and have continued with visits into Haulfre on a monthly basis. I am always grateful to those who join me on those visits when they can.

Although it is good to see that we certainly haven't been standing still during the interregnum, it is also true to say that we face huge challenges over the next 12 months, with or without an MA Leader. Finances are a major concern both in terms of having enough money to pay the bills and the requirement to consolidate our accounts. The house at Penmon requires considerable work to bring it up to standard, as does the church building itself. The structure of the roof at Beaumaris is of major concern and our other buildings are all in need of various amounts of building work. We will be due our next EZRA report soon and still have barely started the work identified in the last one.

As I said at the outset I am immensely grateful to every one who has offered help and support over the past 9 months. Those who have taken on new and additional roles and those who have faithfully continued to exercise a ministry they have held for some time. Some have been named in this report but there are many I have not named – that really doesn't mean you are any less valued or valuable. The work of showing God's love to the people of Bro Seiriol has many aspects so thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey this year, no matter what your contribution - be it with our worship or in supporting the community. God has been with us, as God always is.

Ardal Gweinidogaeth Bro Seiriol Ministry Area

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

					Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	
	This year	Last year			
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Standing Order Planned Giving	4,521.00	-	70.00	-	5,066.00
0102 - Occasional Giving via Bank	25.00	-	-	-	10.00
0110 - Gift Aid Envelopes - Occasional	4,323.50	-	-	-	5,254.70
0111 - Gift Direct	10,822.52	-	302.00	-	11,068.32
0112 - Other planned giving	2,574.00	-	80.00	-	3,444.00
0114 - Special Service Giving Envelopes	-	-	-	-	180.00
0201 - Loose plate offering	3,158.80	-	-	-	4,101.90
0202 - Offerings - Weddings	-	-	-	-	225.80
0203 - Offerings - Baptisms	67.80	-	-	-	198.45
0204 - Offerings - Funerals	80.00	-	-	-	20.00
0302 - Wall safe / box donations	4,842.58	-	116.11	-	5,814.06
0303 - One off Gift Aid donations	200.00	-	-	-	-
0305 - Donations appeals etc	227.75	-	410.00	-	16,570.45
0306 - Contactless Donations	2,893.00	-	-	-	1,918.00
0402 - Other collections/mission appeals	213.40	-	-	-	392.11
0501 - Recovered HMRC Gift Aid receipts	2,615.63	-	75.50	-	5,034.26
0502 - Recovered HMRC GASDS receipts	-	-	-	-	1,688.36
0601 - Legacies	34,500.00	-	-	-	-
0701 - Recurring grants	-	-	39,600.00	-	15.00
0702 - Non-recurring one-off grants	4,484.64	-	8,628.60	-	9,500.00
Donations and legacies Totals	75,549.62	-	49,282.21	-	70,501.41
Income from charitable activities (Bro Seiriol, St Mary & St Nicholas Church, St Catherine Church, St Cawrdaf Church & St Michael Church, St Dona Church & St Iestyn Church, St Seiriol Church)					
0901 - Fees for Occasional Offices	-	-	728.00	-	110.00
0902 - Wedding fee	2,610.00	-	-	-	4,280.00
0903 - Blessing fee	-	-	-	-	220.00
0905 - Funeral fee	2,028.00	-	-	-	990.00
0906 - Burial fee	352.00	-	3,146.00	-	1,992.00
0907 - Memorial fee	-	-	903.00	-	187.00
0908 - Search of registers	-	-	-	-	10.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	4,990.00	-	4,777.00	-	7,789.00
Other trading activities (Bro Seiriol, St Mary & St Nicholas Church, St Catherine Church, St Cawrdaf Church & St Michael Church, St Dona Church & St Iestyn Church, St Seiriol Church)					
0801 - Fund raising	2,049.45	18.00	3,926.44	-	5,785.07
0802 - Other funds generated	224.80	-	-	-	275.62
0805 - Sundry income	600.00	-	-	-	823.29
0807 - Church Building Rental	140.00	-	3,870.35	-	1,875.72
Other trading activities Totals	3,014.25	18.00	7,796.79	-	8,759.70
Investments (Bro Seiriol, St Mary & St Nicholas Church, St Catherine Church, St Cawrdaf Church & St Michael Church, St Dona Church & St Iestyn Church, St Seiriol Church)					

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
1001 - Dividends/investment income	2,616.91	-	669.14	-	3,286.05	13,516.30
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	-	57.09	-	57.09	18.48
1030 - Rent from investment land or buildings	5,400.00	-	-	-	5,400.00	5,400.00
Investments Totals	8,016.91	-	726.23	-	8,743.14	18,934.78
Other income (Bro Seiriol, St Mary & St Nicholas Church, St Catherine Church, St Cawrdaf Church & St Michael Church, St Dona Church & St Iestyn Church, St Seiriol Church)						
1103 - Sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
Income and endowments Grand totals	91,570.78	18.00	62,582.23	-	154,171.01	107,984.89

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

3103 - Costs of generating resources - giving	-	-	-	-	-	383.30
3104 - Costs of fund raising	80.64	-	-	-	80.64	74.71
Raising funds Totals	80.64	-	-	-	80.64	458.01

Expenditure on charitable activities (Bro Seiriol, St Mary & St Nicholas Church, St Catherine Church, St Cawrdaf Church & St Michael Church, St Dona Church & St Iestyn Church, St Seiriol Church)

2001 - Diocesan share	44,226.75	3,735.00	1,838.25	-	49,800.00	49,020.00
2101 - Clergy expenses	176.21	-	-	-	176.21	132.75
2102 - Clergy expenses - mileage	245.44	-	-	-	245.44	360.45
2103 - Clergy expenses - printing/postage/stationery	49.95	-	-	-	49.95	-
2145 - Parsonage - water	378.00	-	-	-	378.00	468.50
2146 - Parsonage - gas	219.43	-	-	-	219.43	333.74
2147 - Parsonage - electricity	219.40	-	-	-	219.40	333.76
2150 - Clergy - telephone/mobile/internet	259.89	-	-	-	259.89	371.30
2340 - Maintenance of services	287.91	-	-	-	287.91	382.29
2341 - Costs of vergers, organists and choir	864.00	-	-	-	864.00	747.00
2343 - Music Instrument Tuning/Maintenance	540.00	-	-	-	540.00	-
2344 - Costs of digital services (streaming, subscriptions)	-	-	-	-	-	244.80
2402 - Bank and Credit Card Charges	229.45	-	-	-	229.45	350.78
2403 - Cost of printing, post and stationery	381.75	-	-	-	381.75	390.83
2404 - MA - telephone/mobile/internet	353.97	-	-	-	353.97	461.56
2405 - Office and general expenditure	379.00	-	-	-	379.00	1,889.17
2409 - Professional Fees	-	1,800.00	2,938.40	-	4,738.40	8,959.43
2501 - Church operating costs - insurance	3,865.00	-	-	-	3,865.00	4,172.96
2502 - Church operating costs - electricity	2,001.24	1,628.00	-	-	3,629.24	2,533.58
2504 - Church operating costs - water	139.50	-	-	-	139.50	105.39
2505 - Church operating costs - other	-	-	-	-	-	811.20
2506 - Church operating costs - oil/LPG	2,128.84	-	-	-	2,128.84	568.26
2508 - Church repairs and maintenance	2,772.79	-	2,443.07	-	5,215.86	7,237.00
2509 - Church Cleaning	762.77	-	-	-	762.77	479.99
2510 - Church operating costs - tel/mob/internet	-	-	-	-	-	122.99
2511 - Church operating costs - fire equipment, roof alarm, CCTV service	-	-	-	-	-	204.00
2601 - Churchyard management costs	1,505.00	226.57	2,400.00	-	4,131.57	5,770.28
2612 - Other property repairs/maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	186.23
2613 - Other property - insurance	763.66	20.58	-	-	784.24	730.11

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
2641 - Churchyard grass cutting	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	-
2642 - Churchyard structural repairs	-	-	2,200.00	-	2,200.00	650.00
2701 - Major building repairs and renovations	-	-	50,365.60	-	50,365.60	-
2801 - Children & young people activity costs	-	-	220.89	-	220.89	-
2806 - Other costs of parish mission work	24.00	-	484.59	-	508.59	971.86
2902 - Support of church charities & projects	1,419.64	19.08	-	-	1,438.72	185.62
2903 - Support of UK charities	343.40	-	-	-	343.40	1,041.93
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	64,536.99	7,429.23	63,140.80	-	135,107.02	90,217.76
Expenditure Grand totals	64,617.63	7,429.23	63,140.80	-	135,187.66	90,675.77



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ARDAL GWEINIDOGAETH BRO SEIRIOL MINISTRY AREA

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1201930

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

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

Signed:

Andrew Neil Gough

Date:

29/4/2024

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(if any):

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