

# PORT TALBOT MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1202936

## Details

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**Other names** PORT TALBOT MINISTRY AREA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-05-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINE, PRACTICES BELIEFS AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH IN WALES FROM TIME TO TIME, INCLUDING BY PROMOTING IN THE MINISTRY AREA THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN WALES, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

**Activities:** The charity provides Christian worship, pastoral care, and provides buildings for use throughout Port Talbot.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Neath Port Talbot

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£402,924	£376,488	-	-
2023-12-31	£432,600	£439,037	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Gertrude Florence Knowles</b>	Chair	2022-01-01
Anthony Stuart Radcliff		2025-09-22
Beverley Gulley		2025-09-22
David Whitelock		2022-01-01
Dr Stephen Owen Rohman		2022-01-01
Edmund John Purchase		2022-01-01
Elaine Malvena Lewis		2022-01-01
Glenys Anne Jones		2022-01-01
Granville John Victor		2022-01-01
Huw Teifion Jones		2022-01-01
Joanna Claire Morgan		2022-01-01
Nicola Jayne Owen		2022-01-01
PAULA DURNELL		2022-01-01
Patricia Anne Harris		2022-01-01
Rev Benjamin Andrews		2022-01-01
Rev Miles Thomas Pateman		2022-01-01
Revd Canon Michael David GABLE		2022-05-16
SUZANNE AMOS		2022-01-01
Susan Hughes		2022-01-01
VALERIE CHRISTINE MERRIMAN		2022-01-01

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

For the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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Port Talbot Ministry Area Council CIO  
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# Welcome to Port Talbot Ministry Area

We believe in and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, we worship God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who loves all people. Our faith leads us to worship and to service, to help everyone live life in all its fullness.

Port Talbot Ministry Area is the Anglican Church serving the town of Port Talbot in South Wales. There are 8 church buildings across the town all with regular services.

The Ministry Area is a part of the Diocese of Llandaff which is one of the six dioceses of the Church in Wales.

## Our Mission is...



to proclaim the Good News



to baptise, teach, and nurture believers



to respond to human need



to challenge injustice and seek peace



to be good stewards of creation

## Our Vision is...



enfolding people in the love of God so they feel safe, welcome, and valued

providing opportunities for all to develop their faith in Jesus Christ



offering help and hospitality to those in need through active support and signposting

actively challenging injustice



protecting and advocating for God's creation

utilizing resources effectively



## Churches and Halls

**Holy Trinity church** is a modern building in Sandfields built in 2008 replacing the former church building on an adjacent site.

**St Agnes' church** in the middle of town opened in 1907. It is a large plain church build in Lancet style to designs of architect F R Kempson of Cardiff. The stained glass includes works by Celtic Studios (1950 and 1967)

**St Baglan's church** was a former school in Baglan becoming a church in 1958. It is unusual in that the building is owned by the ministry area. Next door is the School House which is also owned by the ministry area. The final service took place on Tuesday 30th April 2024.

**St Catharine's church** in Baglan is a Grade 1 listed building built between 1875 and 1882, at the expense of Griffith Llewellyn. The church contains some unique Burne-Jones windows and mosaic floors manufactured by William Morris. The church is acknowledged to be one of the finest examples of Victorian Gothic Decorative in the UK.

There is a hall next to the church.

**St David's church** in Margam was built in 1956 in red brick. The building consists of the church and adjoining hall. The hall is used by different church and community groups. The final service took place on Sunday 28th April 2024

**St Mary's church** in Aberavon is a Grade II listed building. The first mention of a church on this site was in 1199. The medieval church was rebuilt in the Gothic style in 1858-59. The tower was added to around 1870, and the north aisle was added in 1898. The final service took place on Sunday 21st April 2024.

The St Mary's Centre is located next to the church used for lots of children's ministry and by others.

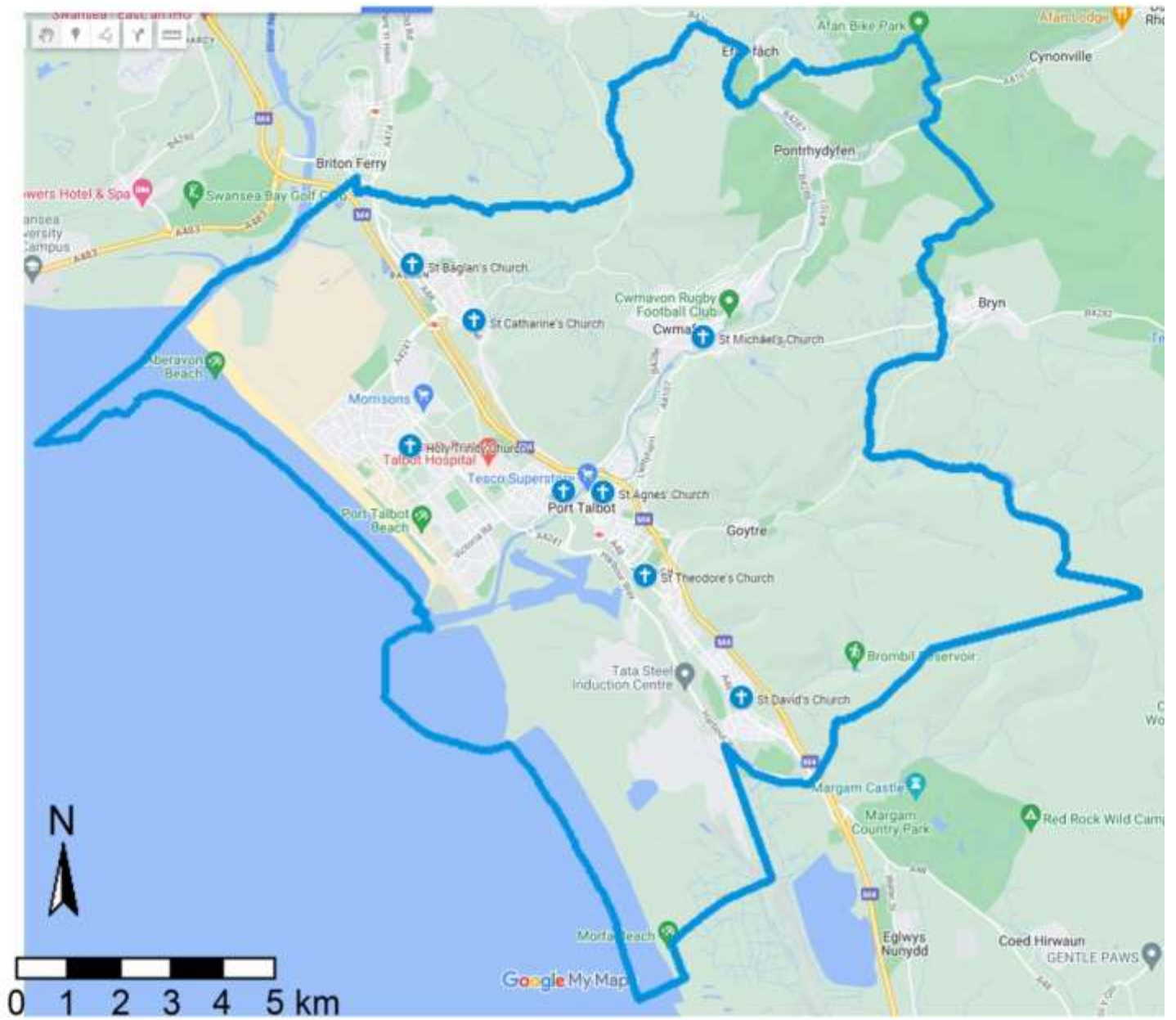
**St Michael's church**, Cwmavon, is a grade II listed building. Listed primarily for the unusual tower of 17th century. The Elizabethan tomb-chest is of additional interest.

The hall is along the road from the church used extensively by Flying Start and other groups.

**St Theodore's church** was designed by Pearson, it is the largest of his churches in Wales. It was built with financial assistance from Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot.

There are two halls on the site which are regularly hired.

**St Paul's Centre** was built on the site of the former St Paul's church hall in 2016. It provides community space with various rooms for hire by charities, community groups and businesses. It serves as one of the diocesan hub offices. There is a café at the heart of the building.



## Ministry Area Officers and Clergy

### Lay Chair

Trudy Knowles

### Ministry Area Leader

Fr Michael Gable

### Vicar

Fr Ben Andrews

### Vicar

Fr Miles Pateman

### Curate

Rev Lizzy Tremble-Nicolls  
*joined the MA 14th February*

### Associate Priest

Rev Geoff Lunn  
*left the MA 13th January*

### Ministry Area Wardens

Huw Jones  
Paula Durnell

### Ministry Area Secretary

Suzanne Amos

### Ministry Area Treasurer

John Purchase

### Safeguarding Officer

Dave Whitelock

### Administrator

Denise Tamlyn

### Bankers

Lloyds Bank  
115 Station Road  
Port Talbot, SA13 1NR

NatWest Bank  
35 Station Road  
Port Talbot, SA13 1NN

Barclays Bank  
9 The Parade  
Neath, SA11 1RE

### Independent Financial Examiner

Baker AP & Co, Chartered Accountants  
493A Caerphilly Road  
Cardiff, CF14 4SN

### Church Architects

Caroe and Partners  
The Estates Office  
25-26 Gold Tops  
Newport NP20 4PG

Volute Architects Ltd  
22 Merton Green  
Caerwent  
Monmouthshire NP26 5AT

## Membership

The members of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) are the trustees of the charity. It is the responsibility of the MAC to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance to the Ministry Area for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Ministry Area.

The MAC operates through a number of committees that are responsible to the MAC and assist it in fulfilling its functions and responsibilities. These include church committees, an executive committee, and a finance committee.

The following were members of the MAC during the year

Suzanne Amos (Secretary)	Fr Ben Andrews	Karen Davies (until April)
Paula Durnell	Fr Michael Gable	Anne Harris
Glenys Jones	Lesley Holmes	Susan Hughes
Colin Lewis	Huw Jones	Trudy Knowles (lay chair)
Rev Geoff Lunn (until January)	Elaine Lewis	Linda Lewis (until April)
Jayne Owen	Valerie Merriman	Joanna Morgan
Stephen Rohman	Fr Miles Pateman	John Purchase (Treasurer)
David Whitelock	John Victor	Barbara Waters (until April)

## Attendance

Average weekly adult attendance during 2024 was

Holy Trinity	6
St Mary	44 (until the end of April)
St Baglan	23 (until the end of April)
St Catharine	59
St Agnes	37
St Michael	28
St Theodore	82
St David	28 (until the end of April)

# Review of the year

## Lay Chair's Report

Looking back on my report for 2023 I note that there were many positives as I recognised the work that went on during that year to bring the Ministry Area together with an identity and Vision. During 2024 it has been a blessing that this groundwork was done as 2024 has been a year of many challenges and difficult decisions.

The Ministry Area Council (MAC) met 7 times during the year and these were difficult meetings discussing our financial shortfalls and the challenges around our buildings.

We entered the year with a deficit on our contribution to the Diocese in 2023 of £69,000 and we finished the year with an additional deficit of £74,000 in 2024. Our Ministry Area Treasurer and the local church treasurers have worked very hard during the year to give MAC members the information needed to understand and manage the situation which is not ideal.

The closure of St Mary's, St Baglan's, and St David's in April were consequential events in our community and distressing to all concerned. MAC members felt the responsibility of these events greatly.

Our financial difficulties continue and a lot of MAC time was taken up discussing the new mechanism for payment to the Diocese. Instead of "Fairer Share" we were invited to "pledge" our contribution to a "Common Fund" for the Diocese in 2025. For 2025 we are now optimistic that we will achieve what we have pledged and not increase our deficit.

I would like to thank our MAC members and members of our Finance Committee for the largely unseen and often very difficult work they undertake on behalf of us all.

With so much change and adversity it is good to remember why we do what we do. As Christians we are called on to share the good news of our faith and it was put to me recently that we do this "because of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ." Simple really.

Therefore it is wonderful to forget the challenges and remember that so much good work goes on in the Ministry Area and so many lay volunteers give their time to add to the ministry of our clergy team. I hope in 2025 we will focus even more on the work that matters to our communities.

In February the clergy team was strengthened with the arrival of our Curate the Reverend Lizzy Tremble. Lizzy has been focussed in St Agnes but you will meet her in the other churches from time to time. In December, we welcomed Bishop Mary to St Agnes for Lizzy's ordination – a very joyful occasion.

I must also mention the holiday club held for six Tuesdays in St Mary's Centre during the Summer school holidays. Lizzy masterminded these events and ran them with help from Diocesan workers and volunteers from across the Ministry Area. Hard work for all but the reward for volunteers was the joy that these events gave to so many children.

For 2025, let us focus on that joy that we gain in working together in Jesus' name.

*Trudy Knowles*

## Ministry Area Leader's Report

The year began with the difficult decision regarding the closure of 3 churches and creating a different focus for Holy Trinity church. This was a devastating decision for many as they have had to change where they worship, sometimes after many decades. It wasn't taken lightly but was felt to be a necessary one to enable the Ministry Area to put more emphasis on mission and ministry rather than on maintenance.

The clergy team has changed, Mthr Ceri had left in November 2023 and we had had the news that Rev Geoff would be retiring in mid January. Then in February we welcomed a new curate, Lizzy Tremble as she began a second curacy with us, bringing Joseph along with her. These changes along with the closure of St Mary's required some redeployment, I'm grateful to Fr Miles for being willing to relocate and take pastoral responsibility for St Catharine's and St Michael's.

As a clergy team we have sought to build on the existing foundations of the team by doing some work with the Diocesan Director of Ministry and Discipleship looking at how we function as a team, that we might be more effective in leading Port Talbot Ministry Area. There were some personal joys for the team, Fr Miles entered into a civil partnership with Kyle and the year ended with the priesting of Rev Lizzy. We remember with thanks the ministry of Terry Doherty, Keith Andrews and Richard Hanford, faithful priests who passed away in 2024, may they rest in peace. My thanks to my colleagues, past and present.

We have shared in some joint ventures as a Ministry Area in the year, January saw St

Agnes hosting Dougie Dug Dug who came and performed his Christmas Bubble Show. Lots of children came along from across the Ministry Area to hear the story of Christmas but also to see hundreds of bubbles, some small, others big enough for a child to be inside.

In the summer there was the Holiday Club which was truly a joint venture with volunteers from all churches coming along to entertain the children for several hours once a week. The Family Fun Day at Holy Trinity also had people from across the Ministry Area supporting that to welcome Sandfields into the church.

There are so many people who contribute to the mission and ministry of all that we do, financially and with their time and energy, their skills and talents, enabling us all to serve the people of Port Talbot, meeting their practical needs with food or clothing or toys, as well as being there in times of crisis and of joy, and showing them the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thank you to all, may God bless you and may God bless the town of Port Talbot.

*Fr Michael*



## St Agnes' Church

January always brings the joy of celebrating the patronal festival of the church, as we join together to share in commemorating Saint Agnes, a young woman who chose to maintain her virginity for Christ rather than marry which resulted in her martyrdom. Her witness and faithfulness being an example for all of us to follow as we too seek to be disciples of Christ. The faithful gathered for mass and then for lunch as we remembered the witness of the church of St Agnes for over 100 years.

Shrove Tuesday brought about the fun of a quiz night, the testing of memories and the eating of pancakes. Several quizzes were held throughout the year, rivalries coming to the fore between the two teams from St Theodore's as they fought to win the title – a tiny trophy has been bought to give to the winning team. Though this rivalry was defeated by a St Agnes team at the final quiz of the year. Thanks to David our quiz master who brings a wonderful set of questions each time.

We kept Ash Wednesday marking our mortality and sinful nature but with the assurance of Jesus being alongside us as one who had been tempted. This was also the day that Rev Lizzy joined the Ministry Area as curate, she is based in St Agnes



with Fr Michael. Stations of the Cross happened on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent and Lent lunches of soup, cheese and rolls were a Thursday lunchtime feature for many, thanks go to all who prepared things.



It was a great pleasure to welcome Fr Andrew Tweed to St Agnes on 1<sup>st</sup> July to celebrate the ruby anniversary of his priesting. He has had a very long connection with St Agnes, he said that it feels like his home so returning was an obvious choice to mark this wonderful occasion. We were joined with other priests who have shared in his journey over the past 40 years. Fr Edward Dowding, former vicar of Holy Trinity, was the preacher for the evening. After the concelebrated mass we joined together for refreshments in the north aisle.

In October Rev Lizzy organised for the church to be open specifically for those who had suffered the loss of a baby, whether that was a recent loss or from many years ago. A few came to church to spend some time in prayer, while others contacted her via Facebook to ask for prayers to be said. The need for people to express their pain and grief remains throughout their lifetime and we hope that we can be a place where that grief is acknowledged.

October was also when we gave thanks for the Harvest. It was good that people came to the Sunday service bringing with them food for Port Talbot Food Bank, a sadly necessary part of society for those who are in such financially difficult situations, and donations for Water Aid to support the work of providing clean water and sanitation to the lots of communities around the world who still lack such basic provisions for everyday life. Fr Michael then provided us all with a cooked lunch.



November was the arrival of the Christmas Fete in St Agnes. There were lots of stalls in church selling a variety of crafts, bric-a-brac, cards. A grand raffle, bottle stall, gave opportunity to try your luck and win a prize. A model railway to admire. We did not go hungry with burgers, hot dogs, mulled wine, tea/coffee, and not forgetting the turkey rolls. All told, given the awful weather that day, there were lots of people and over £1,500 raised for the funds.

The St Agnes' Circle met regularly throughout the year for a chance to share together with each other, listening to interesting speakers on a variety of topics.

Mike Howe had been the Subwarden for a number of years as well as being the sacristan and server for many years made the difficult decision to step away from these duties during 2024, he leaves a large gap to be filled. We thank him for his years

of dedicated service to St Agnes. Susan Hann taking on the role of Subwarden at the vestry meeting in April and has grown into the role as the year has progressed.

Christmas was a busy period with the usual services including the Carol Service on Christmas Eve when the church was full, welcoming people to share in the good news of the birth of Jesus, listening to the story and singing carols announcing his birth. Christmas Day was celebrated as usual. Christmas cards were shared on the noticeboard with donations sent to Dewis in lieu of sending lots of cards to one another. Throughout December the memorial tree was available for anyone to add any names to as a way to remember the sadness of loss in the midst of celebration and fun. By the end of Christmas over 300 names had been added to the tree.

We hosted the ordination of Rev Lizzy to the priesthood on 21<sup>st</sup> December. We welcomed Bishop Mary, her chaplain and other visiting clergy, family and friends to St Agnes to rejoice as Lizzy became a priest in God's Church. A journey for her that has not been an easy or straightforward one. A buffet after the ordination was enjoyed by all present as befits the catering at St Agnes.



## St Mary's Church

2024 for St Mary's, Aberavon has been a year of strong and very mixed emotions. We were blessed with a number of well attended (and very well catered!) community lunches. Thanks must go to all who worked really hard to make these events go with the usual St Mary's aplomb.

Of course, the life of St Mary's in 2024 was marked by the announcement, in January, of the necessity of bringing the church building to a point of closure. In spite of our sorrow at this, we kept a good Lent. Lent saw the usual extra service of following Jesus' footsteps to the cross with Stations each week. We kept a full Holy Week with Holy Trinity, including a complete (and well attended) Triduum.

The celebration of Easter in 2024 certainly brought to us a different insight to the nature of death and resurrection. As we moved towards our final Sunday as a worshipping community gathered at St Mary's, we took the time to celebrate the faithful witness of countless generations who had gone before us. On Easter IV (21<sup>st</sup> April 2024), we met for the final time to celebrate the Eucharist at St Mary's with excellent fellowship after the service.

Fr Miles notes, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the whole congregation at St Mary's. The unforced, natural openness and welcome of the people of St Mary's made my first incumbent post a true joy. You have challenged me and built me up as a priest. It has been a true privilege to share just over three years with you all. I could not have asked for a better community to serve as a priest. Thank you.



Activities have continued throughout the year in the St Mary's Centre, with lots of people coming through the door. Towards the end of the year we were able to secure a grant which covered the cost of changing most of the windows and the entrance door in the centre improving the security and the warmth of the centre for all who use it.

We continue to provide basic items for those with a baby who struggle to fund all that comes with very young children. We are grateful to all who donate items so that they can go on to have another life, reducing the cost to new parents and reducing the waste we produce as a society, all going to benefit everyone.





PATs, parents and toddlers, is still thriving in the centre. Open for two sessions on a Monday and on a Thursday. A really useful place for people to bring young children giving them space to play with others and for adults to join together and find some support. PATs was delighted to receive a donation to enable the purchase of a new climbing frame and some bikes for the children.

They had a number of parties through the year, notably one at Halloween with lots of fancy dress and dancing and food. The children (and some adult help) put on a nativity towards the end of December telling the story of the birth of Jesus, dressed in fabulous costumes, they sang and some read. Thanks to Matthew for his accompaniment on the keyboard.

There are some groups which make use of the centre by renting the hall on a regular basis but always room for more. Each month there is a table top sale in the



centre as a way of raising some much needed income to sustain the work of the centre. Food is prepared and sold along with the rental of tables for those who wish to sell items.

In the summer St Mary's Centre was the host for the Ministry Area Children's Holiday Club. Each Tuesday through the school holidays the centre was filled with 25+ children and volunteers from across all the churches, supported by the Diocesan Young Faith Matters team. The overall theme for the club was the Olympics with different activities and a theme each week. The speed at which it was booked up meant we had a waiting list and children didn't want to leave at the end of each session. Thoughts soon turned to summer 2025 once September arrived.



## St Catharine's Church

2024 has been another year of change for St. Catharine's Church. At the end of April some churches closed within the Ministry Area, St. Baglan's being one of them.

However, on a more positive note we welcomed many new faces to our congregation including Fr Tony DeRoy Jones and his wife Dorothy.

Then at the end of May Fr Miles joined us as our permanent vicar, and we look to the future with joy as he takes us forward in our spiritual journey.

Sadly we mourned many of our cherished members of the congregation and local community. We also continue to pray for those who have under gone operations and those who are still receiving treatment.

It has been a year of many baptisms and some weddings. We look forward to a number of confirmations being conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

There has been another full events calendar starting with six weeks of Lent lunches on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Many attended the Easter Friends Reunited Eucharist and afternoon tea. Our Easter journey ended with an Easter Outdoor Service and an Easter egg hunt which were all well attended including many from the local

community, Tea & Chat and Messy Church regulars.

Thanks to the Tea & Chat team who

faithfully turn up every Friday 9.30am to 11.30am to entertain the children.

Messy Church is held on the last Friday of every month 4pm - 6pm in St Catharine's Church hall and the first Sunday of every month in Holy Trinity 5pm – 7pm. Once again thank you to the team who ensures these events happen.

This year's Summer lunch was to commemorate 80 years of WWII D Day landings and the menu was fit for a king.

July 13<sup>th</sup> was another successful summer fete and famous duck race.

We also had various fund raising events to aid our church funds and other organisations such as Christian Aid, Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal and MacMillan. Each week we receive donations for the Food bank.

Thanks to the Events committee for all their hard work, to ensure all these happen.



Our festive season has been a very special time, in addition to the Christmas services; we had a Friends Reunited

Eucharist and afternoon tea, Outdoor Carol Service around the Christmas tree with refreshments. There was a well attended Crib Service who welcomed various characters dressed in nativity costumes and Father Christmas who also visited the Tea & Chat party.



We give thanks to the Flower Guild who decorate the church with beautiful displays throughout the church calendar.



Thanks also to our organist, church choir, vergers, treasurer, churchyard and church hall team, bell ringers, welcoming team, cleaners and to all those who keep the church open.

All maintenance is duly adhered to, as and when required, this also incorporates the routine servicing. The Church hall lights have all been replaced with LED lights.

This year the Church hall was inspected by a Neath Port Talbot CBC Food Inspector where we were given a 4 star rating. Some of the kitchen team achieved Level 2 & 3 in Food Hygiene.

We are also pleased to report that the hall continues to be booked by the local community on a regular basis.

As we reflect on the last few weeks of advent and the birth of our Saviour may we look with HOPE, the Prophecy candle as it represents God's forgiveness of our sins. PEACE, the Bethlehem candle which reflects the joy of Mary and Joseph at our Christ's birth. JOY, the Shepherd's candle the joy felt at the birth of Christ and the joy anticipating His return. LOVE, is the angel's candle which symbolises the love that Christ brings and the gift of love that Jesus is.

We thank God for His love and for the gift of Jesus, and we pray God will help us show love to all those around us.



## St David's Church

A promising year started although cold and we had to use the hall for worship. We had our Christingle service on the nearest Sunday to Candlemas. By February the news broke about St David's future. However, we celebrated for the last time the feast of title and our Lenten journey and Easter was indeed poignant. We were able to donate 48.2 Kg of food to the foodbank.

During the Easter season we welcomed Bishop Mary who came and preached at a Friday mass. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, before our last mass, we offered a requiem mass for all whose funerals had been celebrated and all connected with the life of St David's. On Saturday we opened the church for local people to come and visit and share memories.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April we celebrated the last Sunday Mass with a packed church, it was a deeply moving and humbling occasion with people travelling from far and wide to be present. We were joined by parishioners from the Abbey and St Theodore's who came and supported the



faithful of St David's. In true St David's style fellowship was offered in abundance, stories and memories were shared and this included a book of memories that will be kept and revisited in the future as we reflect on the many, many good times. The tabernacle was emptied, the bell rung for the last time and we left the place that had once been our home, with thanksgiving in our hearts and tinged with sadness.



## St Baglan's Church

The year began much the same as recent years have begun with regular worship on a Tuesday morning, the day we keep 'Sunday'. The faithful 20 plus people gathering to worship together around the Lord's table sharing in the Eucharist and then gathering together for tea and coffee and biscuits, a great time of fellowship.

The announcement that St Baglan's would be closing after Easter came as a huge blow to the congregation. We all felt that we had suffered the bereavement of a close friend or family member. An alternative option was explored but sadly to no avail.

As the weeks passed the news sank in and slowly became a reality. We agreed that if it were to close then we should go out with a party. Arrangements were put in place for a lunch to happen towards the end of April and invitations to clergy who had recently served in St Baglan's were sent out. Rev Ceri was able to join us for the lunch.

People put some thought into where they might worship after the church closes, some came a decision fairly quickly whilst



others struggled to make a decision. The very end of April saw our final service in St Baglan's, Revs Steve and Elaine Jenkyns were able to be with us as we marked the end of an era. A sad time for all concerned.

Thanks were offered for all who had worshipped in St Baglan's over the years, all who had ministered and cared for the church. We marked this in a particular way, a gift voucher, for Colin Lewis who had done so much over the last couple of years to sustain St Baglan's church.



## St Michael's Church

January 2024 saw Rev Geoff's leave us. We said goodbye to him with a special evensong at St Michael's followed by a bring and share buffet. The service was well attended by the MA and we were able to wish Rev Geoff well for the future. As a result of Rev Geoff leaving us, we were very pleased to see Fr Michael return to take our services and lead us in our worship.



In January we also held our Christingle service and the service of 'Prayer for Christian Unity' which was once again held at St Michael's (we were joined by CYTUN for this service).

Holy Week saw us take part in the MA services along with the Stations of the Cross service at St Phillip Evans which also involved CYTUN. We also worked with our local school on 'Experience Easter' which was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the staff and pupils who attended.

In May we held 'Experience Pentecost' sessions with the local school which was again thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present. Our Whitsun service was once again held outside the library followed with a combined tea at the local Community Engagement Centre. Fr Miles joined us to lead our services at the end of May and we offered him a very warm welcome and expressed our deep gratitude to Fr Michael for his leadership over the last few months.

September saw us celebrate Michaelmas with a service in church on Sunday morning, followed by a village party in the afternoon in the Community Engagement Centre.

In October a pet service was held in the memorial garden. Although attendance at the service wasn't huge it was very much appreciated by the pet owners who were there, and it was agreed that it would be repeated in 2025.

Also in October, Fr Miles lead a small work party to tackle the growth at Pantdu cemetery – the 'Forth Bridge' comes to mind!





November saw us hold a special service for all churches/chapels in the village for 'All Souls Day' which was very much appreciated by all who attended. Our usual Remembrance Day service was held, and we were joined by the Sea Cadets and the local Squirrels group for the service.

During the autumn caps/hats and a 'ton' of chocolates were collected to give to the Seafarers to help keep these brave men warm and give them energy in difficult situations.

Our Christmas services included a combined carol service at the Rock Chapel, 9 lessons & carols in church, a crib service and Midnight mass.

Many of our ladies are Deanery MU members and continue to support many events in our diocese/deanery.

The Sewing Class continues to meet in members houses as we have since Covid. We started the year with knitwear for Ukraine which was repeated when there was a lull between other projects. Baby Basics was the next venture. Assorted knitwear from cardigans to cot blankets.

Dementia Uk received Twiddle Muffs for their appeal. Then, back to blankets for Singleton Hospital and Baby Basics. Church members who went to the WI

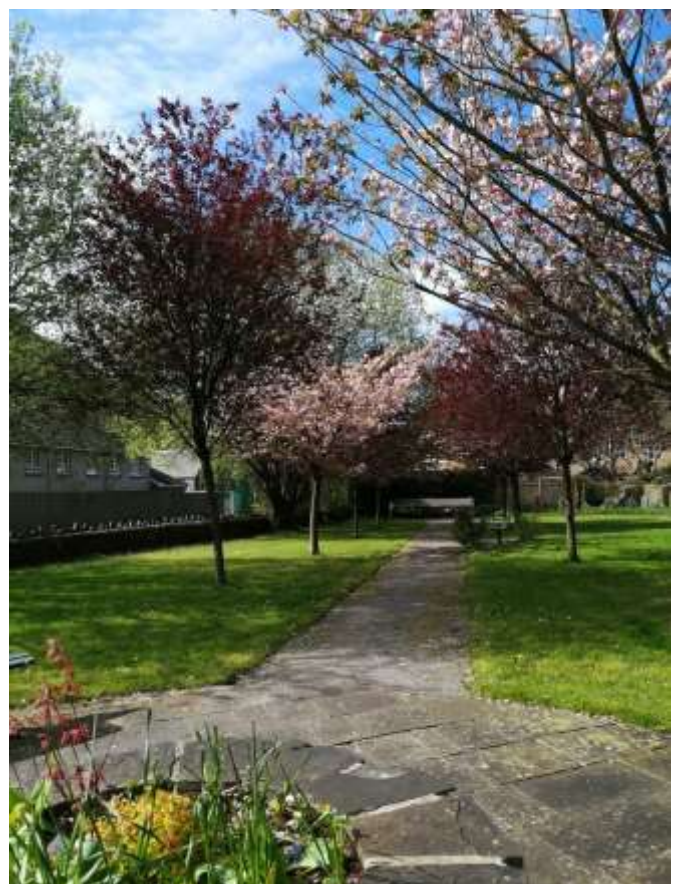
joined the sewing class in these ventures for which we are very grateful. Thank you. Caps for The Mission to Seafarers was our final effort for the year.

The Monday Morning Men have kept up their duties in 2024. This small band of men from Men's Society meet most Monday mornings and busy themselves with keeping things in and around the church in good order.

Shown is a photo of the Memorial Garden when the trees were in blossom. It looks really lovely despite them having to battle the very wet weather we have been experiencing.

Gentlemen, you have our applause and thanks for all your very hard work. They are usually rewarded with coffee and Welsh cakes!

Another busy year, looking forward to seeing what next year brings.



## Holy Trinity Church

Regular Sunday worship continued as the year commenced, with the faithful few joining together at 10 am for mass. It was challenging when we had the announcement from the MAC that the 10 am service would be stopping and that there would be a different pattern for Holy Trinity after Easter.

The news was extremely difficult to accept, that after so many years and after building a new church not so many years ago, it felt like it had all been for nothing, had the time and energy and money been wasted on construction of a new building.

The regular worship continued through Lent, with Holy Week being shared with the Ministry Area and especially St Mary's for the triduum. Easter Sunday was celebrated and then Easter 2 was at the new time of 5 pm.



The plan was for Holy Trinity to become a focus for outreach into the Sandfields Estate rather than the primary focus to be worship, although worship would continue. A pattern of services was proposed with a variety of styles of worship happening at 5 pm on Sundays instead of Sunday mornings. This would include Messy Church, Eucharist, Café, and Taize.

Alongside of this worship lots of events were organised for adults and for children during the second half of the year. These kicked off with a Family Fun Day in August, free to all, with different activities including a bouncy castle, fake tattoos, hot dogs, ice creams, hook a duck, bracelets. Support came from across the Ministry Area to put this day on and funding from the Diocese meant that over 100 people came across the threshold.

Other events were a harvest supper which was well attended by both those new to Holy Trinity and those with a long connection. There was a couple of parties for children and an adults craft session.



The last event of the year was Carols and Cocktails, a chance to enjoy a glass of something, answer some questions about carols, and of course sing all those favourite Christmas carols.



Messy church has fluctuated in attendance over the months but with a base of children coming along. The Taize service hasn't landed particularly well, so for the new year the pattern will alter to include Eucharist twice a month.

Plans have also been put together to begin offering the CAP Money Course from Holy Trinity, helping people to get their finances into a better situation. Beginning the first week of the new year Holy Trinity will be hosting a Food Pantry, run in conjunction with Baobab Bach who run a number of food pantries in South Wales. People are able to join for £1 and



can then buy a large bag of food for £5 each week from a range of fresh, chilled, frozen and ambient foods supplied partly by FareShare and from supermarkets.

All of these are aiming to make Holy Trinity a building that is known by the community, a church that is serving the community where it is hurting and in need.



## St Theodore's Church

2024 was a challenging year, but there is much to give thanks for, new things happening and signs of growth! In January we had our Christingle Service, where we see our links with our uniformed organisations flourish. It was a privilege for us to hold the inauguration service for the new Archdeacon of Margam and we welcomed people from across the diocese. We marked Lent with usual events and ran a successful Lent course, the Bread of Life. Easter was again a glorious season, this year five candidates were presented for confirmation and it was a joy to welcome back Bishop Rowan Williams.

We held successful Big Breakfast for Christian Aid and a second local pilgrimage, to St Catharine's via, St Agnes, St Mary's and Holy Trinity. Sadly, the weather was not so kind to us for the vicarage garden party and for the first time it had to be held in the hall. But, despite the weather, it didn't prevent us from having a lovely afternoon.

Several of us made pilgrimage to Glastonbury, where Fr Ben gave the homily at Benediction, we enjoyed the South Wales Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Two young pilgrims joined the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage, we are

passionate about nurturing the friendships forged over those five days and have enjoyed several trips to St Saviour's in Splott to meet up through the year. We made it to Penrhys and the Assumption celebrations in Cardiff. For Corpus Christi we welcomed people from across the diocese and Fr Richard Green as preacher.



The Summer and Autumn fayres were profitable where we were able to show off our splendid church. The summer had a piece of artwork created by Central Primary School on display and a family fun afternoon ending with the traditional water fight.

In September, we celebrated our feast of title and welcomed the bishop of Oswestry as our preacher which was followed by a super lunch. We celebrated St Francis day with the blessing of Pets. Harvest saw a packed church and we enjoyed a fabulous lunch and fellowship. The normal events around remembrance Sunday took place and we invited the families of those whose funerals we had celebrated in the last year to a memorial service.



Advent was a busy time with guest preachers and lots of school and other concerts including Cockwells memorial carol service. People attended our nine lessons with people from the local community.



We established our Bible study group and held our first FAST, an informal act of worship followed by fellowship for the young (and not so young). We were blessed to welcome Matthew as new organist, he is a huge asset to our worship which is central to what we do. We have been blessed having Philip Burman on placement. He has been a great bonus to us bringing so many gifts and talents, he will be greatly missed when he is ordained.

The halls are well used with lots of different groups. Our partnership Dementia café celebrated its second birthday. We are grateful to all the volunteers who make the community shop and café work and to the friendly bar staff. A new defib was fitted given by Jan Parry in memory of her husband Keith which the community shop paid to fit.

We have a growing Sunday school that meets monthly and joins in with Mass each week with resources and activities to keep them engaged and learning about the Gospel. The work is displayed and shared through our social media. We firmly believe children are 100% part of the church as we work to improve our provision.

We also run a successful Youth Club each Friday for 7–12 year olds to engage in fellowship with one another and build on relationships with Fr Ben and volunteers. We offer activities through the year including crafts for Easter and Christmas, Christmas the Experience and Easter the Experience which are always well attended with 2024's Christmas the Experience enjoyed by over 200 local children.

In October we launched our Change for church jars and by the end of the year we already raised £377.00. Through the year we donated 1,134.4 Kg to the foodbank.

The Mothers' Union had 24 members of which 5 were indoor members. Throughout the year there were lots of different speakers covering lots of different topics. A highlight was celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Gwenfron Picken and Kath Morris who both worked at Bletchley Park during WWII.

We are blessed with so many people who exercise various ministries and roles, Matthew and the choir, the flower team, servers, readers, welcomers, cleaners, tea makers, catering volunteers, gardeners, our grass cutter Matt and everyone who makes such a difference. Thank you to our retired clergy who step in and help and support. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone for their support in 2024!



# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Ministry Area Council**

I report on the financial statements of the Port Talbot Ministry Area accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the following pages.

## **Respective responsibilities of Ministry Area Council and Examiner**

As the Ministry Area Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements. You consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Ministry Area Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements and seeking explanations from you as Ministry Area Council members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Financial Statements.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
- to prepare Financial Statements which accord with the accounting records and
- to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Financial Statements to be reached.

## **Independent Examiner**

Signature:



Date: 28th May 2025

Name: Anthony Peter Baker

Address: Baker AP & Co., Chartered Accountants, 493A Caerphilly Rd, Cardiff CF14 4SN

Qualification: BSc ACA

## Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	111,060	-	111,060	125,991
	Loose Collections	15,340	-	15,340	12,552
	Donations	23,390	5,936	29,325	25,227
Voluntary Income	For Mission	861	4,507	5,368	5,789
	Tax Refunds	36,344	470	36,814	16,387
	Legacy Gifts Received	103	6,716	6,819	1,000
	Grants	2,886	11,987	14,873	5,505
Generated	Fees	11,099	635	11,734	14,184
Income	Money Raising	149,246	1,936	151,181	204,401
	Investment Income	7,216	12,307	19,522	17,131
	Other Incoming Resources	-	887	887	4,433
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>357,545</b>	<b>45,379</b>	<b>402,924</b>	<b>432,600</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	110,003	-	110,003	126,934
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	10,987	-	10,987	9,996
	Other	7	-	7	8
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	9,758	1,217	10,974	22,481
	General Parish Expenses	49,457	30,112	79,569	77,286
	Maintenance of Churches	44,009	1,040	45,049	58,996
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	86,020	13,750	99,770	112,721
	Exceptional Expenditure	-	-	-	2,442
Grants for	Parish	1,736	138	1,874	5,518
Financial Support	Home / World	2,451	6,727	9,178	13,660
Other Resources	Capital Payments	126	6,464	6,590	3,944
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	2,386	100	2,486	4,891
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>316,940</b>	<b>59,547</b>	<b>376,488</b>	<b>438,876</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>40,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,168</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers between Funds		13,074	-	13,074	-
Gains/losses on revaluation		-	15,549	30,983	15,435
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		416,587	1,779,057	2,195,644	2,160,519
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>454,716</b>	<b>1,782,799</b>	<b>2,237,515</b>	<b>2,195,644</b>

## Balance Sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets	225,000	-	1,488,143	24,801	1,737,944	1,752,491
Current Assets						
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	119,200	110,516	270,725	-	500,441	443,153
Liabilities						
	-	-	870	-	870	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>344,200</b>	<b>110,516</b>	<b>1,757,998</b>	<b>24,801</b>	<b>2,237,515</b>	<b>2,195,644</b>

Represented by	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
General Fund	344,200				344,200	333,292
St Catharine's		34,054			34,054	34,054
St Catharine's Hall	-	17,152		-	17,152	17,152
St Catharine's Churchyard			7,090		7,090	7,090
St Catharine's Fabric			368,800	8,910	377,710	352,407
St C - Daisy Seabourne Mainwaring				15,891	15,891	15,065
St Agnes Fabric	-	765	8,156		7,392	5,345
St Agnes Circle			1,323		1,323	1,224
St Agnes Flowers			-		-	125
St Agnes Mission			658		658	175
St Theodore's		16	1,205,695		1,205,711	1,217,920
St Theodore's Hall		6,619	3,272		9,891	9,188
St Theodore's Parish Hall		14,003	1,451		15,454	8,119
St Theodore's Shop		3,071	718		2,354	1,300
St Theodore's Youth Hall	-	9,622	10	-	9,632	6,007
St Theodore's Mission		142	460		602	571
St Theodore Terry Morgan			1,340		1,340	1,340
St Theodore's Flowers			1,569		1,569	942
St Theodore's Churchyard			12,953		12,953	555
St Theodore's Fabric			40,085		40,085	38,256
St Theodore's Sunday School			1,323		1,323	937
St Theodore's Youth Group			68		68	68
Dementia Café			524		524	500
Community Christmas Lunch			530		530	632
St Theodore's Friends			525		525	525
St Michael's		54,293			54,293	52,135
St Michael's Churchyard			7,386		7,386	7,062
St Michael's Fabric			35,501		35,501	30,493
St Michael's Chancel			13,522		13,522	11,613
St Michael's Ladies Guild		-	70	-	70	70
St Michael's Luncheon Club		-	264	-	264	264
St David's Cash in Hand		2,243			2,243	2,243
St David's		2,560	111		2,449	2,449
St David's Churchyard			531		531	531
St David's Fabric			11,221		11,221	10,209
Parents and Toddlers		410	40		450	393
St Mary's Centre		13,211			38,619	964
St Mary's Fabric		-	50	-	50	14,398
St Mary's Friends			-		-	6,687
St Mary's		14,413	2		14,415	8,181
St Mary's Graveyard			9,029		9,029	352
St Mary's Hall & Land			0		0	30,902
St Mary's Mission			120		120	-
St Mary's Loan			25		25	871
St Mary's Graveyard Plaques			318		318	318
St Mary's Margaret Longdon			326		326	326
Agency Collection					-	9,451
MA Central costs	-	6,981		-	6,981	-70.85
St Agnes Walsingham			20		20	-
Holy Trinity		-	51	-	51	-
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>344,200</b>	<b>110,516</b>	<b>1,732,590</b>	<b>24,801</b>	<b>2,237,515</b>	<b>2,195,644</b>

## Notes

1. As at the end of the year the charity was in deficit to the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance for payment of the Fairer Share in the sum of £143,000, including £69,000 arrears carried forward from 2023.

This report was agreed by the Ministry Area Council, the trustees, and signed on its behalf

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Trudy Knowles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'K'.

**Trudy Knowles**  
Lay Chair

30th May 2025



## Statement of Financial Activities for Central Funds

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
	Planned Giving	425		425	
	Loose Collections			-	
	Donations	- 418		- 418	926
Voluntary Income	For Mission	519		519	
	Tax Refunds	3,709		3,709	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants	1,386		1,386	5,505
Generated	Fees			-	
Income	Money Raising	- 3,569		- 3,569	- 24
Investment Income		31		31	34
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>2,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>6,441</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS					
Support for	Fairer Share	- 4,403		- 4,403	- 9,456
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	10,306		10,306	8,727
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	- 1,985		- 1,985	230
	General Parish Expenses	- 14,514		- 14,514	24,163
	Maintenance of Churches	- 1,763		- 1,763	210
Church Property	Maintenance of Property			-	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	1,074		1,074	275
Financial Support	Home / World	- 8		- 8	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	362		362	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>- 10,931</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 10,931</b>	<b>24,149</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>13,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,013</b>	<b>- 17,708</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		1,598		1,598	19,307
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>14,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>1,598</b>

## Balance Sheet for Central Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets					-	
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	14,612				14,612	1,598
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>1,598</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	14,612				14,612	1,598
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>1,598</b>

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for  
St Catharine's Church**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>				
Planned Giving	19,383		19,383	16,256
Loose Collections	4,171		4,171	2,796
Donations	2,117		2,117	686
Voluntary Income For Mission			-	
Tax Refunds	4,511		4,511	5,021
Legacy Gifts Received			-	1,000
Grants			-	
Generated Fees	5,651		5,651	5,184
Income Money Raising	19,768		19,768	23,897
Investment Income	430		430	233
Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>	<b>56,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,032</b>	<b>55,074</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>				
Support for Fairer Share	28,264		28,264	24,721
Ministry Expenses of Clerics	235		235	228
Other			-	8
Parish Activities Maintenance of Services	2,384		2,384	1,871
General Parish Expenses	7,768		7,768	3,366
Maintenance of Churches	6,021		6,021	9,369
Church Property Maintenance of Property	8,582		8,582	10,883
Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for Parish	406		406	581
Financial Support Home / World	1,000		1,000	500
Other Resources Capital Payments			-	
Expended Cost of Money Raising	1,170		1,170	1,376
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>	<b>55,830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,830</b>	<b>52,902</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>2,172</b>
Transfers between Funds			-	
Gains/losses on revaluation		26,129	26,129	23,090
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)	42,317	374,563	416,879	391,617
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>	<b>42,519</b>	<b>400,691</b>	<b>443,210</b>	<b>416,879</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Catharine's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets			368,800	24,801	393,601	367,472
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	25,617	16,902	7,090		49,609	49,407
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>25,617</b>	<b>16,902</b>	<b>375,890</b>	<b>24,801</b>	<b>443,210</b>	<b>416,879</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	25,617				25,617	25,415
St Catharine's		34,054			34,054	34,054
St Catharine's Hall	-	17,152			17,152	17,152
St Catharine's Churchyard			7,090		7,090	7,090
St Catharine's Fabric			368,800	8,910	377,710	352,407
St C - Daisy Seabourne Mainwaring				15,891	15,891	15,065
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>25,617</b>	<b>16,902</b>	<b>375,890</b>	<b>24,801</b>	<b>443,210</b>	<b>416,879</b>

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for  
St Baglan's Church**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>				
Planned Giving	2,531		2,531	8,322
Loose Collections	311		311	1,405
Donations			-	
Voluntary Income For Mission			-	
Tax Refunds	280		280	65
Legacy Gifts Received			-	
Grants			-	
Generated Fees			-	
Income Money Raising	29		29	249
Investment Income	5,472		5,472	5,439
Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>	<b>8,623</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,623</b>	<b>15,479</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>				
Support for Fairer Share	2,043		2,043	17,609
Ministry Expenses of Clerics			-	
Other			-	
Parish Activities Maintenance of Services	150		150	405
General Parish Expenses	1,197		1,197	380
Maintenance of Churches	1,762		1,762	2,613
Church Property Maintenance of Property	808		808	772
Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for Parish			-	
Financial Support Home / World			-	150
Other Resources Capital Payments			-	
Expended Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>	<b>5,961</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,961</b>	<b>21,929</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>- 6,450</b>
Transfers between Funds			-	
Gains/losses on revaluation	- 25,000		- 25,000	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)	255,972		255,972	262,422
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>	<b>233,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>233,634</b>	<b>255,972</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Baglan's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets	225,000				225,000	250,000
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	8,634				8,634	5,972
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>233,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>233,634</b>	<b>255,972</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	233,634				233,634	255,972
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>233,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>233,634</b>	<b>255,972</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for Aberavon

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>				
Planned Giving			-	100
Loose Collections	17		17	
Donations			-	28
Voluntary Income For Mission			-	
Tax Refunds			-	58
Legacy Gifts Received			-	
Grants			-	
Generated Income			-	
Money Raising	281		281	2,492
Investment Income			-	
Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>2,677</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>				
Support for Ministry			-	
Fairer Share			-	
Expenses of Clerics	155		155	453
Other	7		7	
Parish Activities				
Maintenance of Services	426		426	125
General Parish Expenses	3,073		3,073	4,309
Maintenance of Churches	522		522	
Church Property				
Maintenance of Property	3,790		3,790	
Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for			-	
Parish			-	
Financial Support			-	
Home / World			-	100
Other Resources			-	
Capital Payments			-	461
Expended			-	
Cost of Money Raising			-	23
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>5,471</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>- 7,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 7,675</b>	<b>- 2,794</b>
Transfers between Funds			-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)	-	4,052	-	4,052
			-	1,258
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>	<b>- 11,728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,728</b>	<b>- 4,052</b>

## Balance Sheet for Aberavon

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets					-	
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	3,972	-	7,755	-	11,728
Liabilities						
					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,972</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,728</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	-	3,972			-	3,972
MA Central costs			-	7,755	-	7,755
St Mary's Church Loan						-
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,972</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,728</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Theodore's Church

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>				
Planned Giving	39,219		39,219	31,250
Loose Collections	6,228		6,228	2,939
Donations	13,654	2,387	16,041	4,414
Voluntary Income For Mission	232	2,149	2,380	3,183
Tax Refunds	11,840	470	12,310	2,456
Legacy Gifts Received		6,716	6,716	
Grants			-	
Generated Fees	1,330		1,330	1,480
Income Money Raising	39,360	1,811	41,170	56,697
Investment Income	544	12,307	12,850	10,868
Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>	<b>112,405</b>	<b>25,839</b>	<b>138,244</b>	<b>113,287</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>				
Support for Ministry				
Fairer Share	36,362		36,362	24,725
Expenses of Clerics			-	96
Other			-	
Parish Activities				
Maintenance of Services	4,948	681	5,630	4,662
General Parish Expenses	15,485	30,112	45,597	7,703
Maintenance of Churches	14,466		14,466	18,033
Church Property				
Maintenance of Property	20,324	198	20,523	24,533
Exceptional Expenditure			-	2,442
Grants for				
Parish		114	114	3,868
Financial Support				
Home / World	385	3,025	3,410	6,102
Other Resources				
Capital Payments			-	
Expended				
Cost of Money Raising	202		202	1,970
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>	<b>92,174</b>	<b>34,130</b>	<b>126,304</b>	<b>94,134</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>20,231</b>	<b>- 8,291</b>	<b>11,940</b>	<b>19,153</b>
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>- 360</b>	<b>-</b>	
Gains/losses on revaluation		11,871	11,871	18,245
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)	31,773	1,265,848	1,297,620	1,260,223
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>	<b>52,364</b>	<b>1,269,067</b>	<b>1,321,431</b>	<b>1,297,620</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Theodore's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets			1,034,307		1,034,307	1,052,418
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	38,134	14,230	234,761		287,124	245,202
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>38,134</b>	<b>14,230</b>	<b>1,269,067</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,321,431</b>	<b>1,297,620</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	38,134				38,134	22,774
St Theodore's		16	1,205,695		1,205,711	1,217,920
St Theodore's Hall		6,619	3,272		9,891	9,188
St Theodore's Parish Hall		14,003	1,451		15,454	8,119
St Theodore's Shop		3,071	- 718		2,354	1,300
St Theodore's Youth Hall		- 9,622	- 10		- 9,632	- 6,007
St Theodore's Mission		142	460		602	571
St Theodore Terry Morgan			1,340		1,340	1,340
St Theodore's Flowers			1,569		1,569	942
St Theodore's Churchyard			12,953		12,953	555
St Theodore's Fabric			40,085		40,085	38,256
St Theodore's Sunday School			1,323		1,323	937
St Theodore's Youth Group			68		68	68
Dementia Café			524		524	500
Community Christmas Lunch			530		530	632
St Theodore's Friends			525		525	525
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>38,134</b>	<b>14,230</b>	<b>1,269,067</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,321,431</b>	<b>1,297,620</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Agnes' Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
	Planned Giving	26,587		26,587	25,850
	Loose Collections	1,514		1,514	1,338
	Donations	1,571	1,320	2,890	3,881
Voluntary Income	For Mission		2,221	2,221	1,920
	Tax Refunds	10,126		10,126	2,154
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees	130		130	45
Income	Money Raising	2,953	100	3,053	9,536
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>42,881</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>46,522</b>	<b>44,725</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS					
Support for	Fairer Share	22,854		22,854	18,041
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	19		19	150
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	2,562	535	3,097	3,429
	General Parish Expenses	4,457		4,457	2,079
	Maintenance of Churches	6,921	890	7,811	7,041
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	1,710		1,710	1,710
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish		24	24	107
Financial Support	Home / World	193	1,714	1,907	2,994
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	207		207	283
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>38,922</b>	<b>3,163</b>	<b>42,085</b>	<b>35,833</b>
Net Movement in Funds		3,959	478	4,436	8,892
Transfers between Funds		-	2,000	-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		13,347	7,681	21,027	12,135
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>15,306</b>	<b>10,158</b>	<b>25,464</b>	<b>21,027</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Agnes' Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets					-	
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	16,070	-	765	10,158	25,464	21,027
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>16,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>10,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,464</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	16,070				16,070	14,158
St Agnes Fabric		-	765	8,156	7,392	5,345
St Agnes Circle				1,323	1,323	1,224
St Agnes Flowers					-	125
St Agnes Mission				658	658	175
St Agnes Walsingham				20	20	
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>16,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>10,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,464</b>

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for  
St Mary's Church**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>				
Planned Giving	3,992		3,992	17,059
Loose Collections	1,112		1,112	2,431
Donations	492	2,229	2,721	9,122
Voluntary Income For Mission		137	137	108
Tax Refunds	2,525		2,525	1,060
Legacy Gifts Received			-	
Grants	1,500	11,300	12,800	
Generated Fees	130	311	441	3,762
Income Money Raising	17,324	25	17,349	20,114
Investment Income			-	
Other Incoming Resources		887	887	4,433
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>	<b>27,076</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>41,964</b>	<b>58,089</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>				
Support for Ministry		725	725	12,934
Fairer Share				178
Expenses of Clerics			-	
Other			-	
Parish Activities		756	756	9,766
Maintenance of Services				3,494
General Parish Expenses				5,466
Maintenance of Churches		150	3,407	
Church Property		12,440	13,501	25,941
Maintenance of Property				17,289
Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for Parish			-	75
Financial Support Home / World	10	1,301	1,311	2,237
Other Resources		6,464	6,464	3,300
Capital Payments				617
Expended Cost of Money Raising	320	100	420	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>	<b>20,447</b>	<b>21,516</b>	<b>41,963</b>	<b>55,357</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>6,629</b>	<b>- 6,628</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,733</b>
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>	<b>14,714</b>	<b>- 14,714</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Gains/losses on revaluation</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>- 14,945</b>	<b>- 5,494</b>	
<b>Balance Brought Forward (1 January)</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>71,503</b>	<b>73,126</b>	<b>70,394</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>	<b>32,417</b>	<b>35,217</b>	<b>67,634</b>	<b>73,126</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Mary's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets			25,408		25,408	30,902
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	4,382	28,034	9,809		42,226	42,225
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>28,034</b>	<b>35,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,634</b>	<b>73,126</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	4,382				4,382	284
Parents and Toddlers		410	40		450	393
St Mary's Centre		13,211	25,408		38,619	964
St Mary's Fabric			50		50	14,398
St Mary's Friends					-	6,687
St Mary's		14,413	2		14,415	8,181
St Mary's Graveyard			9,029		9,029	352
St Mary's Hall & Land			0		0	30,902
St Mary's Loan			25		25	871
St Mary's Graveyard Plaques			318		318	318
St Mary's Margaret Longdon			326		326	326
St Mary's Mission			120		120	
Agency Collection						9,451
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>28,034</b>	<b>35,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,634</b>	<b>73,126</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for Holy Trinity Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
	Planned Giving	1,778		1,778	2,245
	Loose Collections	190		190	166
	Donations	1,318		1,318	30
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	252
	Tax Refunds	40		40	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants		687	687	
Generated	Fees	260		260	373
Income	Money Raising	858		858	1,766
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>4,444</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>5,131</b>	<b>4,831</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS					
Support for	Fairer Share	631		631	3,249
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	164
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	374		374	1,435
	General Parish Expenses	204		204	517
	Maintenance of Churches	3,504		3,504	2,510
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	74	51	125	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish			-	
Financial Support	Home / World	142	687	829	14
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	21		21	23
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>4,949</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>5,687</b>	<b>7,913</b>
Net Movement in Funds		-	505	-	3,082
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		-	3,082	-	0
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,082</b>

# Balance Sheet for Holy Trinity Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets					-	
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	4,361	775 -	51	-	3,637 -
Liabilities						
					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,361</b>	<b>775 -</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>3,637 -</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	-	4,361			-	4,361 -
MA central costs			775			775
Holy Trinity			-	51	-	51
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,361</b>	<b>775 -</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>3,637 -</b>

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for  
St David's Church**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	2,286		2,286	10,085
	Loose Collections	166		166	401
	Donations	777		777	3,851
Voluntary Income	For Mission	38		38	309
	Tax Refunds	303		303	1,850
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees			-	50
Income	Money Raising	2,102		2,102	5,473
Investment Income		120		120	89
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>5,791</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>22,109</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	5,500		5,500	15,955
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	272		272	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	15		15	87
	General Parish Expenses	1,430		1,430	479
	Maintenance of Churches	2,420		2,420	5,160
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	20		20	2,053
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	163		163	78
Financial Support	Home / World	455		455	598
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	104		104	600
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>10,379</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,379</b>	<b>25,010</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			1,012	1,012	488
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		18,086	10,629	28,715	31,128
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>13,498</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>25,139</b>	<b>28,715</b>

## Balance Sheet for St David's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets			10,605		10,605	9,593
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	8,695	4,803	1,036		14,534	19,121
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>8,695</b>	<b>4,803</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,139</b>	<b>28,715</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	8,695				8,695	13,283
St David's Cash in Hand		2,243			2,243	2,243
St David's		2,560	-	111	2,449	2,449
St David's Churchyard				531	531	531
St David's Fabric				11,221	11,221	10,209
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>8,695</b>	<b>4,803</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,139</b>	<b>28,715</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Michael's Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
	Planned Giving	14,859		14,859	14,824
	Loose Collections	1,632		1,632	1,076
	Donations	3,878		3,878	2,285
Voluntary Income	For Mission	73		73	17
	Tax Refunds	3,011		3,011	3,724
	Legacy Gifts Received	103		103	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees	3,598	324	3,922	3,290
Income	Money Raising	21,653		21,653	18,447
Investment Income		620		620	467
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>49,426</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>49,750</b>	<b>44,130</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS					
Support for	Fairer Share	18,027		18,027	19,156
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services			-	41
	General Parish Expenses	4,079		4,079	547
	Maintenance of Churches	5,741		5,741	7,153
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	10,859		10,859	19,141
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	93		93	534
Financial Support	Home / World	275		275	964
Other Resources	Capital Payments	126		126	183
Expended	Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>39,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,200</b>	<b>47,717</b>
Net Movement in Funds		10,226	324	10,550	- 3,587
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			6,917	6,917	- 421
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		57,583	48,834	106,417	110,425
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>67,809</b>	<b>56,076</b>	<b>123,885</b>	<b>106,417</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Michael's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets			49,023		49,023	42,106
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	13,516	54,293	7,052		74,861	64,311
Liabilities					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>13,516</b>	<b>54,293</b>	<b>56,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,885</b>	<b>106,417</b>
Represented by						
General Fund	13,516				13,516	5,448
St Michael's		54,293			54,293	52,135
St Michael's Churchyard			7,386		7,386	7,062
St Michael's Fabric			35,501		35,501	30,493
St Michael's Chancel			13,522		13,522	11,613
St Michael's Ladies Guild			-	70	-	70
St Michael's Luncheon Club			-	264	-	264
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>13,516</b>	<b>54,293</b>	<b>56,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,885</b>	<b>106,417</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for The St Paul's Centre

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS					
	Planned Giving			-	
	Loose Collections			-	
	Donations			-	5
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	
	Tax Refunds			-	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees			-	
Income	Money Raising	48,487		48,487	65,754
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>48,487</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,487</b>	<b>65,759</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS					
Support for	Fairer Share			-	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	128		128	431
	General Parish Expenses	23,338		23,338	30,248
	Maintenance of Churches	1,158		1,158	1,442
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	27,413		27,413	36,341
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish			-	
Financial Support	Home / World			-	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>52,037</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,037</b>	<b>68,462</b>
Net Movement in Funds		-	3,550	-	-
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		1,422		1,422	4,126
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Balance Sheet for The St Paul's Centre

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
Tangible Assets						
Tangible Assets					-	
Current Assets						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	2,128		870	-	1,258
Liabilities						
			870			870
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	-	2,128	-	-	-	2,128
Represented by						
General fund	-	2,128			-	2,128
<b>Fund Totals</b>	-	2,128	-	-	-	2,128



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# Accounts

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# Port Talbot Ministry Area

## Annual Report

For the year ended  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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# Welcome to Port Talbot Ministry Area

We believe in and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, we worship God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who loves all people. Our faith leads us to worship and to service, to help everyone live life in all its fullness.

Port Talbot Ministry Area is the Anglican Church serving the town of Port Talbot in South Wales. There are 8 church buildings across the town all with regular services.

The Ministry Area is a part of the Diocese of Llandaff which is one of the six dioceses of the Church in Wales.

## Our Mission is...



to proclaim the Good News



to baptise, teach, and nurture believers



to respond to human need



to challenge injustice and seek peace



to be good stewards of creation

## Our Vision is...



enfolding people in the love of God so they feel safe, welcome, and valued

providing opportunities for all to develop their faith in Jesus Christ



offering help and hospitality to those in need through active support and signposting

actively challenging injustice



protecting and advocating for God's creation

utilizing resources effectively



## Churches and Halls

**Holy Trinity church** is a modern building in Sandfields built in 2008 replacing the former church building on an adjacent site.

**St Agnes' church** in the middle of town opened in 1907. It is a large plain church build in Lancet style to designs of architect F R Kempson of Cardiff. The stained glass includes works by Celtic Studios (1950 and 1967)

**St Baglan's church** was a former school in Baglan becoming a church in 1958. It is unusual in that the building is owned by the ministry area. Next door is the School House which is also owned by the ministry area.

**St Catharine's church** in Baglan is a Grade 1 listed building built between 1875 and 1882, at the expense of Griffith Llewellyn. There is a hall next to the church.

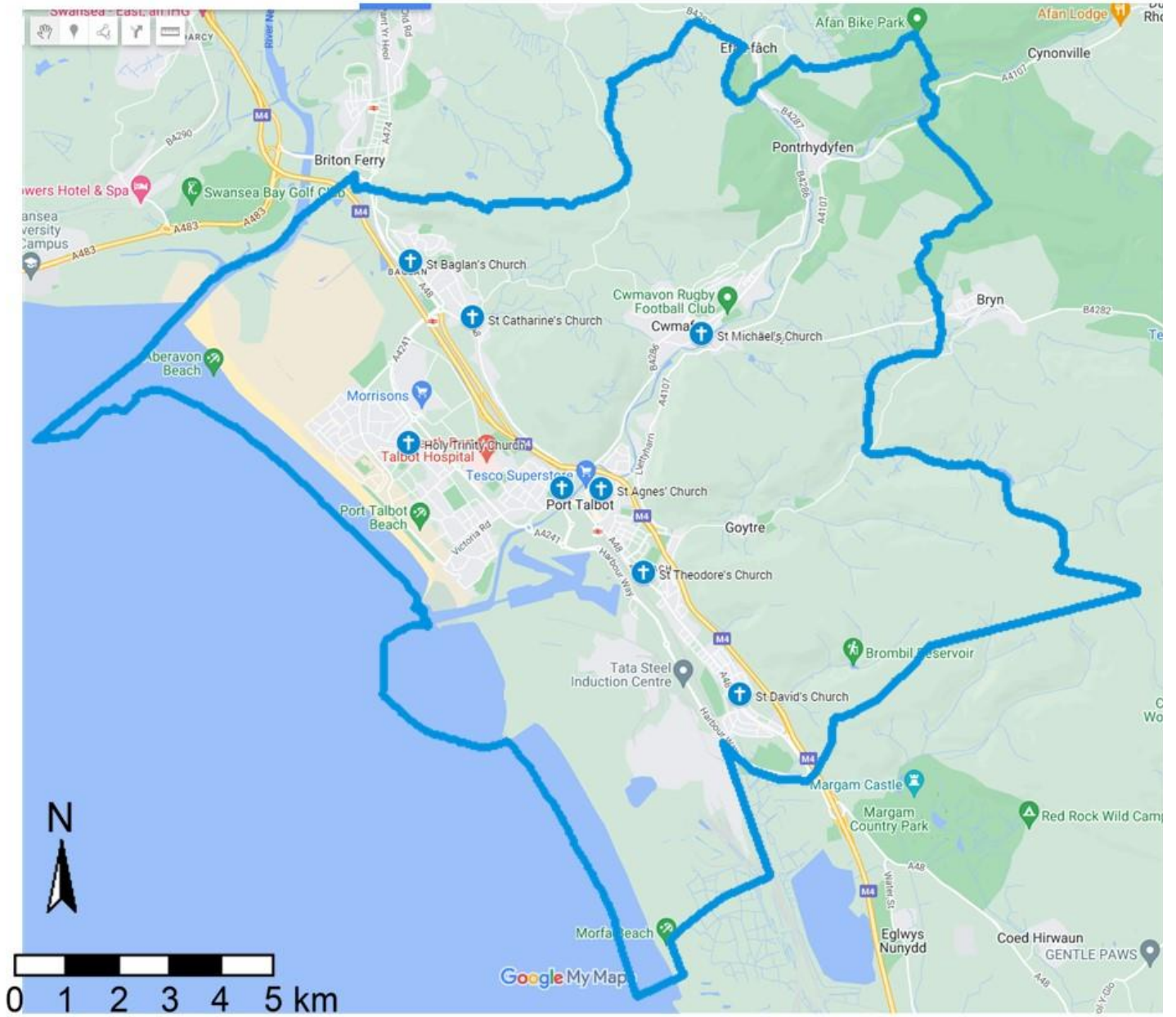
**St David's church** in Margam was built in 1956 in red brick. The building consists of the church and adjoining hall. The hall is used by different church and community groups.

**St Mary's church** in Aberavon is a Grade II listed building. The first mention of a church on this site was in 1199. The medieval church was rebuilt in the Gothic style in 1858-59. The tower was added to around 1870, and the north aisle was added in 1898. The St Mary's Centre is located next to the church used for lots of children's ministry and by others.

**St Michael's church**, Cwmavon, is a grade II listed building. Listed primarily for the unusual tower of 17th century. The Elizabethan tomb-chest is of additional interest. The hall is along the road from the church used extensively by Flying Start and other groups.

**St Theodore's church** was designed by Pearson, it is the largest of his churches in Wales. It was built with financial assistance from Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot. There are two halls on the site which are regularly hired.

**St Paul's Centre** was built on the site of the former St Paul's church hall in 2016. It provides community space with various rooms for hire by charities, community groups and businesses. It serves as one of the diocesan hub offices. There is a café at the heart of the building.



## Ministry Area Officers and Clergy

### Lay Chair

Trudy Knowles

### Ministry Area Leader

Fr Michael Gable

### Vicar

Fr Ben Andrews

### Vicar

Fr Miles Pateman

### Curate

Mthr Ceri Holloway  
*left the MA 4th November*

### Associate Priest

Rev Geoff Lunn

### Ministry Area Wardens

Huw Jones  
Paula Durnell

### Ministry Area Secretary

Suzanne Amos

### Ministry Area Treasurer

John Purchase

### Safeguarding Officer

Dave Whitelock

### Administrator

Denise Tamlyn

### Bankers

Lloyds Bank  
115 Station Road  
Port Talbot, SA13 1NR

NatWest Bank  
35 Station Road  
Port Talbot, SA13 1NN

Barclays Bank  
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Neath, SA11 1RE

### Independent Financial Examiner

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### Church Architects

Caroe and Partners  
The Estates Office  
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Volute Architects Ltd  
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Caerwent  
Monmouthshire NP26 5AT

Trevor J Francis  
12 Dulais Fach Road  
Tonna  
Neath SA11 3JW

## Membership

The members of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) are the trustees of the charity. It is the responsibility of the MAC to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance to the Ministry Area for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Ministry Area.

The MAC operates through a number of committees that are responsible to the MAC and assist it in fulfilling its functions and responsibilities. These include church committees, an executive committee, and a finance committee.

The following were members of the MAC during the year

Suzanne Amos (Secretary)	Fr Ben Andrews	Karen Davies
Paula Durnell	Fr Michael Gable	Anne Harris
Mthr Ceri John (to Nov)	Lesley Holmes (from Apr)	Susan Hughes
Glenys Jones	Huw Jones	Trudy Knowles (lay chair)
Colin Lewis	Elaine Lewis	Linda Lewis
Rev Geoff Lunn	Valerie Merriman	Joanna Morgan
Jayne Owen	Fr Miles Pateman	John Purchase (Treasurer)
Stephen Rohman	John Victor	Barbara Waters
David Whitelock		

## Attendance

Average weekly adult attendance during 2023 was

Holy Trinity	9
St Mary	36
St Baglan	22
St Catharine	49
St Agnes	34
St Michael	29
St Theodore	63
St David	25

## Review of the year

2023 seems like the year when our church life, and our own lives, returned to some sort of normality. By the end of the year, COVID restrictions seemed a thing of the past. Looking back, of all the many freedoms that we lost during the pandemic, the important elements of our worship seemed a great loss. Even when our churches re-opened, we had been warned that receiving the blood of Christ during communion, sharing the peace, singing, even sitting together in Church were not good for us and should not happen.

Inevitably, we were still nervous as restrictions were removed, but it does feel now as though we have reached the “new normal”. For me the joy of the Eucharist and taking communion seems even more precious having had it taken away. It didn't matter how much our Priests reassured us that the Eucharist still applied, even online, it didn't feel complete.

During 2023, the Ministry Area of Port Talbot has I believe developed its own clear identity. At Vestry on 23<sup>rd</sup> April the membership of the Council and officers was largely unchanged. The Ministry Area Council met 8 times during the year, including one brief meeting after Vestry

on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. 8 meetings is quite a lot and I would like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by MAC members to come to meetings, often after a day's work, and contribute and work hard to address the many issues that we face. I believe MAC members work well together as trustees and this has been evident during 2023.



There are other elements that give the MA a growing identity. During 2022 we worked to create a Vision for Port Talbot MA and this was refined and finalised during 2023 and published in August. You can find Our Mission and Our Vision on our website [porttalbotministryarea.org](http://porttalbotministryarea.org) The website is another example of significant development during 2023.

As the Ministry Area came into being Communication was a worrying issue. Old structures and lines of communication had been removed and there was a worrying loss of communication, albeit with an improving website and a magazine that was still developing channels of input. By the end of 2023 we have 2 very important forms of communication; the website is accurate, attractive, informative, and up to date, and the monthly MA magazine has developed into a mouthpiece for all our churches and societies. You can read the magazine online or have the paper copy – both methods are equally important. I do



know people who are not regular members of our congregation that enjoy the magazine and I would encourage everyone to pass your paper copies on to friends and family to share the good news of our ministry.

I want to mention our clergy team. For most of 2023 we were blessed to have five priests. Of course we always knew that Mthr Ceri and Reverend Geoff were not permanent members of our team, but it was still hard to say good bye to Ceri in November as she moved on. Then right at the end of the year we learned that Rev Geoff would be leaving us in January to have some rest in his retirement. We thank Mthr Ceri and Rev Geoff and send them on their ways with our best wishes.

We are blessed now to have Fr Michael, Fr Ben, and Fr Miles to look after us and I extend our thanks to them as we move into 2024.

During the year the MAC continued to have some very difficult challenges to consider and it is alarming that we ended 2023 with a deficit to the Diocese for our Fairer Share. In late Summer our pew sheets spelt out the gaps between income and expenditure for every church and Father Michael spoke from the pulpit in every church about the financial challenges.

These financial issues will not go away in 2024 but let us pray that working together our mission in Port Talbot will continue and grow.

*Trudy Knowles*

*Lay Chair*

## **Ministry Area Leader's Report**

It has been a challenging year as we have tried to get to grips with a solution to how we resolve the financial deficit and create a future facing strategy for the ministry area.

The MAC has worked hard to create the Mission, Vision and a strategy that we can implement over the rest of this decade and beyond. Good progress was made with many of the items on the strategy by the end of the year as we look to move the focus from maintenance to mission.

Change will always bring turbulence and upset, we finished the year knowing that major changes would be required in 2024.

I am grateful to so many who work so hard to sustain the mission and ministry of Port Talbot MA. I want to thank my colleagues, Mthr Ceri who left for pastures new in November, Rev Geoff who announced his retirement in December, Fr Ben and Fr Miles who continue to lead their congregations. To Trudy and all the MAC for their diligence and dedication, to the treasurers who constantly keep on top of the finances. Thanks to all who do so much to sustain the life of all the churches.

Whilst we end with uncertainty, there is much to celebrate with huge amounts of engagement with the community, Messy Church, PATs, Youth Group, worship, Dementia Café, Bible studies, Foodbank, Baby Basics, fetes, and more.

Praise God for as he enables us to serve this town.

*Fr Michael*

# St Agnes' Church

## ***Worship and Mission***

We had a wonderful start to the year when we were able to celebrate St. Agnes' Day as we used to before Covid. We enjoyed a Sung Mass followed by lunch when about 35 people sat down once again to enjoy fellowship.



During Lent we supported Stations of the Cross and the weekly Lent Lunches. Donations were made and the funds given to the Charity 'Let the Children Live'. Many of the feasts of the Church were marked with celebrations and hospitality.

We are proud that our Church continues to remain open for private prayer from



Monday to Saturday during daylight hours. A number of people take advantage of this holy place to sit quietly and light a candle.

Parishioners continue to support Pilgrimage and have visited Glastonbury and Walsingham and have attended the Chrism masses in Llandaff and Bristol Cathedrals. Once a month the Walsingham Cell meets for Benediction officiated by Fr. Ben followed by a cup of coffee.

We continue to support the Foodbank and the money from our Thursday morning coffee after Mass is given to a local charity. At Christmas it was agreed to place a greeting card in Church instead of sending cards to each other and the money donated was given to Dewis.



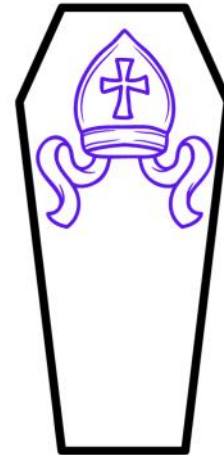
Our Christmas Memorial Tree continued to attract a large number of people who visited the Church to place cards containing the names of departed loved ones and our Carol Service on Christmas Eve was well attended including many young families. It was lovely to see a full Church.

St. Agnes' maintains a strong and supportive congregation and since Covid restrictions ended, there has been a slight increase in weekly congregations which is extremely encouraging.

### **Social Events**

We continue to hold our successful Quizzes during the year attracting about 45 – 50 people. There is great competition between the groups but it is all good fun. St. Agnes Circle continues to meet and have heard some extremely interesting speakers. We have had talks about Safety In the Home from the Fire Service; an extremely interesting talk about Agatha Christie, a drum workshop, jewellery and chutneys.

Who killed  
the bishop?



Of course, a tea party was held to celebrate the King's Coronation. One social event we could not forget was Fr. Michael's masterpiece 'Who Killed the Bishop?'. This was a unique and enjoyable murder mystery which we hope to put on again next year.



## St Baglan's Church

2023 has been a quiet year as we finally returned to normality after Covid, and began to come up to the Altar rail to receive the sacraments, mainly the wafers. As the year progressed more of our congregation began to take the chalice as confidence grew.

In March, Rosemary John our beloved Sub-Warden lost her battle against cancer and passed away holding her faith to the very end. We continue to miss her. Rosemary was a loyal member of the church family for many years and led Sunday school. Rosemary together with her husband Dr Bryn John also over many years organised the annual Christian Aid collection in the Parish. To honour her memory donations were made to both Ty Olwen and Christian Aid in accordance with the families wishes. Caroline Jones took part in the Race for Life in her memory. A memorial service was held in April to celebrate Rosemary's life, at which hymns and prayers were offered that reflected her strong faith. Dr John attended. A bring and share tea followed.

In March to celebrate Mothering Sunday a spray of carnations was presented to each of the ladies in the congregation.

Our coffee get togethers after service have gone from strength to strength as members have bonded with love and concern for each other and forged a strong Christian fellowship.

A bring and share tea was held to celebrate Rev. Ceri's engagement in July, which was enjoyed by all. In August we shared coffee and cake prior to Ceri's marriage to Geraint. During September Father Michael announced that Ceri would be leaving us for another Ministry



Area due to a living being available for both her and her husband. We were very sad to lose Rev Ceri as she had made a significant impact on us at St. Baglan's, both in terms of spiritual guidance and the love she gave us. Some of our congregation went to her licensing service at St Johns in Aberkenfig to see Ceri and Geraint inducted as part of the MAC team.

During December we celebrated the 90th birthday of Pat Ellis, a founding member of St. Baglan's.

My thanks to you all for your support over the past year. Particularly to Julie Pollock and her team for floral decorations within the Church, especially at Christmas.

Special thanks also to Alan Jenkins for his loyal support and help in looking after the Church and services.

The congregation did sterling effort in collecting 157 kg of food for the Foodbank throughout the year.



## St Mary's Church

Throughout the year there have been monthly lunches in the St Mary's Centre with lots of people enjoying a wonderful meal, thanks to Christine and all who help.



The community received lots of support in the form of Baby Basics. This provides the basic things, and then some extras, to help those who are struggling financially to make ends meet with young children.

Items are also sent to European charities to support those who are in desperate need for warm clothes. By February we had supported 8 artic lorries.

The King's coronation was celebrated in the Centre with a big party. Lots of yummy food and treats.



At the end of October Bishop Mary made her first visit to St Mary's to conduct a service of baptism and confirmation with Lisa and Kyle being baptised before joining Diane, Jake and Brandon as they were all confirmed. Bishop Mary shared in the joys of the day with helping to do the washing up after the refreshments.



All the amazing work which Susan Hughes does was recognised when she was given an award from NPT CVC for providing support through Parent and Toddler groups and coordinating the collection of donations.

The year ended with lots of Christmas celebrations, concerts, worship and a visit from Father Christmas.



## St Catharine's Church

As a Church we look to God to direct our paths, as in Proverbs 3:6 'In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths'.

On 14<sup>th</sup> January the MAC held a Vision Day to view the future and to remind us that God is in control.

We sadly had quite a few funerals where we celebrated the lives of cherished members of our congregation and local community. Thankfully we also had many weddings and baptisms.

A full maintenance calendar is kept and adhered to. In addition to this, a Quinquennial Inspection was carried out towards the end of the year.



In the lead up to Easter we had our six weeks of Lent lunches and on 9<sup>th</sup> April we held an Easter Outdoor Service and an Easter Egg hunt with a spiritual theme which the local community also participated in, especially those who come to 'Tea & Chat' and Messy Church on a regular occurrence.



Tea & Chat is every Friday 9.30am – 11.30am and Messy Church is the last Friday of every month 4pm – 6pm.

We celebrated King Charles Coronation with a magnificent lunch on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

From the 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June we opened our church to a wider audience in our 'Churches Unlocked' week.

It commenced with a Songs of Praise, a talk on the History of Baglan, Mother's Union Memories of Church life, Youth Festival, Craft Fayre and of course a delicious afternoon tea. In total nearly 500 people came through our doors.

As a church there is always something extra going on to include the community in different ways, such as coffee mornings for Christian Aid, Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal, MacMillan fashion shows and concerts. And of course our famous Summer fete and Duck race.



Throughout the MA there are also numerous opportunities to attend Biblical courses and social events in the various churches.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November we had our annual Remembrance Service, where groups were represented by the Scouts, Brownies, Beavers, Squirrels and Girl Guides.



As we move into 2024 we start our Lent lunches on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for six weeks.

Our special Summer lunch will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, this is to commemorate 80 years of WWII D.Day landings, on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944.

As we are reminded from Bishop Mary's Prayer for the week, that we have a God who always loves us.

God has reigned over generations of the church and He alone restores and saves lives and revitalises hope. Let us as part of St Catharine's Church honour Him and help others find hope as they place their trust in Jesus.



On the same day we said goodbye to our dear Rev'd Ceri who moved with her new husband Rev'd Geraint to the Pedair Afon MA, we wish them well as they continue with God's ministry.

Once again we had a full Christmas calendar with additional events such as an Advent afternoon tea, Friends Reunited Eucharist and afternoon tea, Outdoor Carol Service around the Christmas tree with refreshments, Crib Service with a visit from Father Christmas.



## St David's Church

February was marked with our Christingle service and St David's day was celebrated with a sung mass followed by refreshments.

Followed in March by vegetable soup bread roll and cheese Lent lunch as part of the Ecumenical rota.

Before the Easter Vestry we had an election of two new wardens Lesley Holmes and Bob Parker a treasurer and MAC representatives.

Palm Sunday a raffle was drawn consisting of Easter eggs and selection of chocolates.

May brought the Coronation of King Charles and in traditional style we had a lunch with a celebration cake.



August we provided Tea Time Together. A selection of sandwiches cakes and homemade scones, jam, and of course, clotted cream

Margam WI have had a new banner made and it was blessed in the morning service of August 19th where many members attended.

Harvest lunch was served in October. This time it was a ploughmans lunch followed



by blackberry and apple crumble with cream.

November 4th Margam WI celebrated their centenary with a service of commemoration. The members all dressed as they would have in 1923 including hats and gloves.



Gayney Jones made two beautiful poppy banners which were hung from the pulpits. The congregation and members of the WI knitted, crochet, and sewed over seven hundred poppies which was hang into a display above and around the Font.



£900 was raised in November in the Christmas is Coming Church Fair. A good selection of cakes, jams, chutneys, crafts and bottle stalls on display.

Bob Parker has made many wooden bird tables over the years and kindly donated them to raffle over the years.

It was decided to try closed bids over £35 and sold for £105.

The Christmas Carol service was held outdoors and luckily it was dry. A handful of neighbours joined in with the singing.

Christmas presents were gifted for disadvantaged children and placed under the Christmas tree. They were then delivered to the relevant families.



A new church committee was reformed.

A Crib service was held on Christmas Eve attended by many families.

Donations are made every week for the food bank.



December started with Posada. it did its rounds as far as Kenfig Hill Margam Village and all around Margam.

Father Ben was able to renew the tables in the hall when St Theodore's in Maesteg closed.

We held a Christmas raffle and received enough donations for five hampers.



## St Michael's Church

2023 saw Church life in Cwmafan return to normal. Our services returned to their usual format, and we were able to come together to worship as we had prior to Covid. Our services were mainly led by Rev Geoff with humility, thoughtfulness, kindness and Godliness. He has succeeded in bringing a warmth and friendliness to our services and has gathered around him a well-oiled team who serve St Michael's Church with care and devotion.

Our mid week service is followed by coffee and biscuits which helps fund the beautiful flowers that we so appreciate in our Church

The year began with our Christingle service closely followed by the service of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with our village CYTUN which we hosted at St Michael's.

During Holy Week we held our usual services within the MA with the addition of the Stations of the Cross service on the Tuesday evening involving CYTUN at our local Catholic Church.

Pentecost saw us meet up once again with our village CYTUN. We had a short walk, an outdoor service followed by tea at our local community hall.



In September we were fortunate enough to be treated to a wonderful concert in St Michael's performed by the Velca Choir conducted by Anna Risi. The aim of the concert was to commemorate the life of Elizabeth Baitsch Landen who designed and made the two stained glass windows which were installed in St Michael's Church during the nineties. The windows were commissioned by Margaret Rees and Anna Risi in memory of their late mother. It was the family's wish to commemorate the life of this celebrated lady. There was a display of Elizabeth's paintings donated by local people along with the surprise



attendance of her daughter, Annette Baitsch Landen, who was accompanied by her husband.

The 'Church Team' meet on a regular basis to ensure that all aspects of church life run as smoothly as possible. We are also very fortunate to have a number of additional volunteers who work hard for St Michael's every week.



This year on top of our usual services we worked with our local school to 'Experience Harvest' in September and 'Experience Christmas' in December. Both events were a huge success with everyone involved having a wonderful time. It was so lovely having the schoolchildren in Church again and a bonus when some of them attended the Nine Lessons and Carols service the week before Christmas.



In September, Rev Geoff reinstated the Family Service on the last Sunday of the month. To date we haven't had many children attend but hope that this will change in 2024.

The Men in Motion work hard to ensure that the Church, Church Hall, graveyards and Remembrance Garden are well cared for.

The Men's Society meet on a monthly basis for fellowship with speakers and social events.

The Ladies Guild continue to meet monthly for fellowship, and the Sewing Club continue to meet weekly and have been busy making hats and scarves for Ukraine, jumpers etc for 'Baby Basics' as well as making the wonderful poppy display for Remembrance Sunday.



Sadly, this year we have lost some of our faithful worshippers including Delfryn Evans, Ken Hall and Ann Shires. They are very much missed.

## St Theodore's Church

2023 marked the second half of our 125 anniversary celebrations and was another busy year!

Most of the worship for the first few weeks took place in the halls because of the heating costs only using the church when we needed to. We had a sung mass for the Epiphany followed by refreshments. We had a packed church for Christingle joined by lots of our uniformed organisations. Also in January saw the launch of our youth club which sees on average 20 youngsters meeting for an hour of activities each Friday. St Theodore's hosted a successful Race Night for the ministry area which was lovely to see people coming together for fellowship and raise some funds whilst having fun!



Lent, Holy week and Easter were celebrated in the usual way, Lent course, stations of the cross and our joint Lent lunches, plus our big lent spring clean. On Easter day we celebrated first communions.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated the Coronation with a festival evensong and afternoon tea, and then on the 20<sup>th</sup> May we held a Big Breakfast for Christian Aid week. Following sung masses for Ascension Day and Corpus Christi drinks



were enjoyed in the vicarage garden. On Corpus Christi Sunday we welcomed people from across the diocese for our festival and enjoyed a homily by Fr Dean Atkins.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June the sun shone and a jolly afternoon was had for the annual vicarage garden party, which included the sale of Theo Tomato plants. July 1<sup>st</sup> saw the summer fayre and we were able to have stalls outside, it also marked the beginning of our 2<sup>nd</sup> heritage festival, with wonderful stalls and the church open each afternoon for visitors. We involved Central Primary school, and organ recital by former organist Canon Graham Holcombe. A festival Eucharist, a talk on the Talbot family and ended with a packed church for a splendid concert by Paul Potts.



In July we enjoyed our first music festival over four Sundays of organ music and singers.



Several of us made the pilgrimage to Glastonbury and to Walsingham in the summer. The 5<sup>th</sup> August saw the close of our year of celebrations with a sung mass and lunch where we welcomed Fr Colin Amos as our preacher, another wonderful gathering and fellowship enjoyed!

As we moved to September we began with our annual family fun afternoon, picnic, games, ice cream and the traditional water fight. A hearty band of pilgrims from across the ministry area made a mini pilgrimage from St Theodore's to Margam Abbey visiting former churches along the way.



On the 10<sup>th</sup> September Bishop Mary made her visit to the ministry Area and preached at the 11am mass. On the 17<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated our patronal festival and welcomed Fr David Way as our preacher.

In October we celebrated harvest where we were joined by the uniformed groups and held our pet blessing service, and enjoyed a harvest supper and beetle drive. In November we celebrated All Saints and All Souls and blessed our garden of remembrance. In November we held our Autumn fayre which again was a great success!

December was a busy month with darkness to light, Christmas the Experience, Children's Christmas Crafts, Breakfast with Fr Christmas, Carols and Lessons. As well as our traditional Jesse tree this year we also had a traveling, Mary, Joseph and Donkey to help our Advent preparations and on Advent 1 we were joined by Archdeacon Mike Komor as he prepared to retire. Again we were very busy with lots and school Christmas concerts and excellent numbers attending our Christmas worship. One of the most rewarding projects was the Christmas day Community Lunch where this year saw nearly 50 meals cooked.

It has been another busy year! Our Dementia café turned 1 and our Sunday School grew and even now have their very own designer hoodies! Our thanks to everyone who made this year possible!



## Holy Trinity Church

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 we held our Community Hub, following a large area leaflet drop on the Sandfields estate and driven by Fr Miles who liaised with local community leaders, we held a successful evening whereby local groups, organisations and charities came together with members of the parish and the local community.

The evening provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the help, support and activities that are available within the local area and more importantly to show that Holy Trinity is accessible to everyone, a welcoming place of worship on the estate with the facilities to cater for external organisations.

24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 we celebrated 15 years of Holy Trinity in the new church; this was a wonderful event, very well attended by parishioners within the Port Talbot Ministry Area. The Service was led by Fr Matthew Gibbon who had previously



been the Parish Priest and Fr Michael Gable, Priest at Holy Trinity who had been vicar when discussions were taking place around the future of the church building.

It was lovely to see the church so full of people who wished to be part of the 15 year celebration. There was a display of photographs of the old & new church that prompted much discussion. It was particularly kind of those to bring along food for us all to share and to make that special effort to attend the celebration service.

Going forward into 2024, Holy Trinity, the future is uncertain.



# Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Ministry Area Council

I report on the financial statements of the Port Talbot Ministry Area accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the following pages.

## Respective responsibilities of Ministry Area Council and Examiner

As the Ministry Area Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements. You consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Ministry Area Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements and seeking explanations from you as Ministry Area Council members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Financial Statements.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements  
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and  
to prepare Financial Statements which accord with the accounting records and  
to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or  
to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper  
understanding of the Financial Statements to be reached.

## Independent Examiner

Signature:



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Name: Anthony Peter Baker

Address: Baker AP & Co., Chartered Accountants, 493A Caerphilly Rd, Cardiff CF14 4SN

Qualification: BSc ACA

## Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	125,991	-	125,991	124,631
	Loose Collections	12,552	-	12,552	18,215
	Donations	12,602	12,625	25,227	21,922
Voluntary Income	For Mission	835	4,703	5,538	5,132
	Tax Refunds	16,639	-	16,639	43,238
	Legacy Gifts Received	1,000	-	1,000	70
	Grants	5,505	-	5,505	62,446
Generated	Fees	11,341	2,843	14,184	12,712
Income	Money Raising	192,970	11,432	204,401	186,583
	Investment Income	6,708	10,423	17,131	9,795
	Other Incoming Resources	-	4,433	4,433	3,467
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>386,141</b>	<b>46,459</b>	<b>432,600</b>	<b>488,211</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	126,934	-	126,934	206,723
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	9,996	-	9,996	14,121
	Other	8	-	8	189
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	14,358	8,123	22,481	14,206
	General Parish Expenses	77,014	272	77,286	80,457
	Maintenance of Churches	52,745	6,251	58,996	66,661
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	109,232	3,490	112,721	132,773
	Exceptional Expenditure	-	2,442	2,442	172,811
Grants for	Parish	1,736	3,782	5,518	4,751
Financial Support	Home / World	3,265	10,556	13,821	9,271
Other Resources	Capital Payments	183	3,761	3,944	7,261
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	4,891	-	4,891	4,049
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>400,361</b>	<b>38,676</b>	<b>439,037</b>	<b>713,271</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>- 14,220</b>	<b>7,782</b>	<b>- 6,437</b>	<b>- 225,060</b>
	Transfers between Funds	4,162	-	4,162	-
	Gains/losses on revaluation	-	41,401	41,401	<b>- 26,092</b>
	Balance Brought Forward (1 January)	426,644	1,733,875	2,160,519	2,411,671
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>416,587</b>	<b>1,778,896</b>	<b>2,195,483</b>	<b>2,160,519</b>

## Balance Sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets	250,000	-	1,478,516	23,975	1,752,491	1,711,090
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	83,292	83,295	276,405	-	442,992	449,429
<b>Liabilities</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>333,292</b>	<b>83,295</b>	<b>1,754,921</b>	<b>23,975</b>	<b>2,195,483</b>	<b>2,160,519</b>

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	333,292				333,292	341,975
St Catharine's		34,054			34,054	34,054
St Catharine's Hall	-	17,152		-	17,152	17,152
St Catharine's Churchyard			7,090		7,090	7,090
St Catharine's Fabric			343,497	8,910	352,407	330,084
St C - Daisy Seabourne Mainwaring				15,065	15,065	14,299
St Agnes Fabric	-	812	6,156		5,345	9,759
St Agnes Circle			1,224		1,224	2,131
St Agnes Flowers			125		125	165
St Agnes Mission			175		175	155
St Theodore's		16	1,217,904		1,217,920	1,193,000
St Theodore's Hall		5,916	3,272		9,188	15,320
St Theodore's Parish Hall		6,917	1,202		8,119	68
St Theodore's Shop		2,018	718		1,300	1,648
St Theodore's Youth Hall	-	6,010	4	-	6,007	
St Theodore's Mission		142	268		410	98
St Theodore Terry Morgan			1,340		1,340	1,270
St Theodore's Flowers			942		942	692
St Theodore's Churchyard			555		555	108
St Theodore's Fabric			38,256		38,256	38,804
St Theodore's Sunday School			937		937	
St Theodore's Youth Group			68		68	
Dementia Café			500		500	
Community Christmas Lunch			632		632	876
St Theodore's Friends			525		525	
St Michael's		52,135			52,135	51,946
St Michael's Churchyard			7,062		7,062	6,710
St Michael's Fabric			30,493		30,493	30,797
St Michael's Chancel			11,613		11,613	11,730
St Michael's Ladies Guild			70	-	70	
St Michael's Luncheon Club			264	-	264	
St David's Cash in Hand		2,243			2,243	2,243
St David's		2,560	111		2,449	1,550
St David's Churchyard			531		531	515
St David's Fabric			10,209		10,209	9,722
Parents and Toddlers		375	18		393	
St Mary's Centre		964			964	500
St Mary's Fabric			14,398		14,398	20,216
St Mary's Friends			6,687		6,687	
St Mary's			8,181		8,181	8,418
St Mary's Graveyard			352		352	726
St Mary's Hall & Land			30,902		30,902	30,902
St Mary's Loan			871		871	
St Mary's Graveyard Plaques			318		318	
St Mary's Margaret Longdon			326		326	326
Agency Collection			9,451		9,451	9,451
MA Central costs		-70.85			-70.85	
St Mary's Church Loan						461
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>333,292</b>	<b>83,295</b>	<b>1,754,921</b>	<b>23,975</b>	<b>2,195,483</b>	<b>2,160,519</b>

## Notes

1. As of 30th June 2023 the charity known as The Ministry Area of Port Talbot, 1130785, was replaced by the charity The Ministry Area of Port Talbot Council CIO, 1202936. All assets and liabilities were transferred on this date from the previous charity to the current charity.
2. As at the end of the year the charity was in deficit to the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance for payment of the Fairer Share in the sum of £69,000.
3. Prior to 2023 some churches had combined finances. From 1 January 2024 the income and expenditure of each church was tracked separately.

This report was agreed by the Ministry Area Council, the trustees, and signed on its behalf



**Trudy Knowles**  
Lay Chair

3rd April 2024

## Statement of Financial Activities for Central Funds

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving			-	
	Loose Collections			-	
	Donations	926		926	143
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	
	Tax Refunds			-	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants	5,505		5,505	
Generated	Fees			-	
Income	Money Raising	-	24	-	24
Investment Income		34		34	
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>6,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>964</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	-	9,456	-	9,456
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics		8,727		8,727
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services		230		230
	General Parish Expenses		24,163		24,163
	Maintenance of Churches		210		210
Church Property	Maintenance of Property			-	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish		275		275
Financial Support	Home / World			-	34
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>24,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,149</b>	<b>18,343</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>17,708</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,708</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		19,307		19,307	-
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>1,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>19,307</b>

## Balance Sheet for Central Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets					-	
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,598				1,598	19,307
<b>Liabilities</b>						
					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	1,598	-	-	-	1,598	19,307
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	1,598				1,598	19,307
<b>Fund Totals</b>	1,598	-	-	-	1,598	19,307

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for  
St Catharine's Church**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	16,256		16,256	20,529
	Loose Collections	2,796		2,796	12,743
	Donations	686		686	1,117
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	329
	Tax Refunds	5,021		5,021	14,420
	Legacy Gifts Received	1,000		1,000	66
	Grants			-	14,092
Generated	Fees	5,184		5,184	4,757
Income	Money Raising	23,897		23,897	14,942
	Investment Income	233		233	5,620
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>55,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,074</b>	<b>88,614</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	24,721		24,721	70,672
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	228		228	2,541
	Other	8		8	189
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	1,871		1,871	2,900
	General Parish Expenses	3,366		3,366	4,658
	Maintenance of Churches	9,369		9,369	10,837
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	10,883		10,883	38,078
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	581		581	263
Financial Support	Home / World	500		500	2,018
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	1,376		1,376	930
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>52,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,902</b>	<b>133,085</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>2,172</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>- 44,471</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			23,090	23,090	<b>- 3,028</b>
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		40,145	351,473	391,617	
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>42,317</b>	<b>374,563</b>	<b>416,879</b>	<b>391,617</b>

## Balance Sheet for St Catharine's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets			343,497	23,975	367,472	344,383
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	25,415	16,902	7,090		49,407	47,235
<b>Liabilities</b>					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	25,415	16,902	350,587	23,975	416,879	391,617
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	25,415				25,415	23,243
St Catharine's		34,054			34,054	34,054
St Catharine's Hall	-	17,152			17,152	17,152
St Catharine's Churchyard			7,090		7,090	7,090
St Catharine's Fabric			343,497	8,910	352,407	330,084
St C - Daisy Seabourne Mainwaring				15,065	15,065	14,299
<b>Fund Totals</b>	25,415	16,902	350,587	23,975	416,879	391,618

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities include St Baglan's in these figures

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Baglan's Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	8,322		8,322	
	Loose Collections	1,405		1,405	
	Donations			-	
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	
	Tax Refunds	65		65	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees			-	
Income	Money Raising	249		249	
	Investment Income	5,439		5,439	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>15,479</b>	-	<b>15,479</b>	-
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	17,609		17,609	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	405		405	
	General Parish Expenses	380		380	
	Maintenance of Churches	2,613		2,613	
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	772		772	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish			-	
Financial Support	Home / World	150		150	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>21,929</b>	-	<b>21,929</b>	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		-	<b>6,450</b>	-	<b>6,450</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		262,422		262,422	
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>255,972</b>	-	<b>255,972</b>	

## Balance Sheet for St Baglan's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets	250,000				250,000	250,000
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	5,972				5,972	12,422
<b>Liabilities</b>					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	255,972	-	-	-	255,972	262,422
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	255,972				255,972	262,422
<b>Fund Totals</b>	255,972	-	-	-	255,972	262,422

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities are included in the figures shown for St Catharine's church

## Statement of Financial Activities for Aberavon

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	100		100	82,574
	Loose Collections			-	4,038
	Donations	28		28	13,552
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	4,803
	Tax Refunds	58		58	20,934
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	5
	Grants			-	22,991
Generated	Fees			-	5,580
Income	Money Raising	2,492		2,492	84,748
	Investment Income			-	4,142
	Other Incoming Resources			-	3,467
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>2,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>246,833</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share			-	114,302
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	453		453	5,977
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	125		125	10,708
	General Parish Expenses	4,309		4,309	25,698
	Maintenance of Churches			-	46,374
Church Property	Maintenance of Property			-	52,414
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	172,811
Grants for	Parish			-	3,805
Financial Support	Home / World	100		100	5,661
Other Resources	Capital Payments		461	461	3,502
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	23		23	3,057
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>5,010</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>5,471</b>	<b>444,311</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>461</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		-	1,719	461	-
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,052</b>

## Balance Sheet for Aberavon

		General		Designated		Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>									
Tangible Assets								-	
<b>Current Assets</b>									
Investments								-	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	3,981	-	71			-	4,052	1,258
<b>Liabilities</b>									
								-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	-	3,981	-	71		-	-	4,052	1,258
<b>Represented by</b>									
General Fund	-	3,981					-	3,981	1,719
MA Central costs			-	71			-	71	
St Mary's Church Loan								-	461
<b>Fund Totals</b>	-	3,981	-	71		-	-	4,052	1,258

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities include the figures for Holy Trinity, St Agnes, St Mary, St Theodore

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Theodore's Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	31,250		31,250	
	Loose Collections	2,939		2,939	
	Donations	2,272	2,142	4,414	
Voluntary Income	For Mission	383	2,800	3,183	
	Tax Refunds	2,456		2,456	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees	1,480		1,480	
Income	Money Raising	47,832	8,865	56,697	
Investment Income		445	10,423	10,868	
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>89,057</b>	<b>24,230</b>	<b>113,287</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	24,725		24,725	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	96		96	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	4,052	610	4,662	
	General Parish Expenses	7,532	172	7,703	
	Maintenance of Churches	13,073	4,959	18,033	
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	24,091	443	24,533	
	Exceptional Expenditure		2,442	2,442	
Grants for	Parish	86	3,782	3,868	
Financial Support	Home / World	1,131	5,132	6,263	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	1,970		1,970	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>76,756</b>	<b>17,540</b>	<b>94,295</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>12,302</b>	<b>6,690</b>	<b>18,992</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers between Funds		3,542	- 3,542	-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			18,245	18,245	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		15,929	1,244,294	1,260,223	
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>31,773</b>	<b>1,265,687</b>	<b>1,297,459</b>	

## Balance Sheet for St Theodore's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets			1,052,418		1,052,418	1,034,173
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	22,774	8,999	213,269		245,041	226,050
<b>Liabilities</b>						
					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>22,774</b>	<b>8,999</b>	<b>1,265,687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,297,459</b>	<b>1,260,223</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	22,774				22,774	8,474
St Theodore's		16	1,217,904		1,217,920	1,193,000
St Theodore's Hall		5,916	3,272		9,188	15,320
St Theodore's Parish Hall		6,917	1,202		8,119	68
St Theodore's Shop		2,018	718		1,300	1,648
St Theodore's Youth Hall	-	6,010	4		6,007	
St Theodore's Mission		142	268		410	98
St Theodore Terry Morgan			1,340		1,340	1,270
St Theodore's Flowers			942		942	692
St Theodore's Churchyard			555		555	108
St Theodore's Fabric			38,256		38,256	38,804
St Theodore's Sunday School			937		937	
St Theodore's Youth Group			68		68	
Dementia Café			500		500	
Community Christmas Lunch			632		632	876
St Theodore's Friends			525		525	
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>22,774</b>	<b>8,999</b>	<b>1,265,687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,297,459</b>	<b>1,260,223</b>

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities are included in the figures shown for Aberavon

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Agnes' Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	25,850		25,850	
	Loose Collections	1,338		1,338	
	Donations	1,941	1,940	3,881	
Voluntary Income	For Mission	125	1,795	1,920	
	Tax Refunds	2,154		2,154	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees	45		45	
Income	Money Raising	8,180	1,356	9,536	
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>39,633</b>	<b>5,091</b>	<b>44,725</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	18,041		18,041	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	150		150	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	2,931	499	3,429	
	General Parish Expenses	1,979	100	2,079	
	Maintenance of Churches	6,011	1,030	7,041	
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	1,710		1,710	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	107		107	
Financial Support	Home / World	86	2,908	2,994	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	283		283	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>31,296</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>35,833</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>8,337</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>8,892</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers between Funds		620	- 620	-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		4,390	7,746	12,135	
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>13,347</b>	<b>7,681</b>	<b>21,027</b>	

## Balance Sheet for St Agnes' Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets					-	
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	14,158	-	812	7,681	21,027	12,135
<b>Liabilities</b>					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	14,158	-	812	7,681	-	21,027
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	14,158				14,158	-
St Agnes Fabric		-	812	6,156	5,345	9,759
St Agnes Circle				1,224	1,224	2,131
St Agnes Flowers				125	125	165
St Agnes Mission				175	175	155
<b>Fund Totals</b>	14,158	-	812	7,681	-	21,027

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities are included in the figures shown for Aberavon

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Mary's Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	17,059		17,059	
	Loose Collections	2,431		2,431	
	Donations	595	8,527	9,122	
Voluntary Income	For Mission		108	108	
	Tax Refunds	1,060		1,060	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees	1,271	2,491	3,762	
Income	Money Raising	18,903	1,211	20,114	
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources		4,433	4,433	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>41,319</b>	<b>16,770</b>	<b>58,089</b>	-
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	12,934		12,934	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	178		178	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	2,751	7,015	9,766	
	General Parish Expenses	3,494		3,494	
	Maintenance of Churches	5,204	262	5,466	
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	14,242	3,047	17,289	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	75		75	
Financial Support	Home / World	56	2,181	2,237	
Other Resources	Capital Payments		3,300	3,300	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	617		617	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>39,552</b>	<b>15,805</b>	<b>55,357</b>	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>1,767</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>2,733</b>	-
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		-	144	70,538	70,394
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>1,623</b>	<b>71,503</b>	<b>73,126</b>	

## Balance Sheet for St Mary's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets			30,902		30,902	30,902
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	284	1,339	40,602		42,225	39,492
<b>Liabilities</b>					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>71,503</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,126</b>	<b>70,394</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	284				284	144
Parents and Toddlers		375	18		393	
St Mary's Centre		964			964	500
St Mary's Fabric			14,398		14,398	20,216
St Mary's Friends			6,687		6,687	
St Mary's			8,181		8,181	8,418
St Mary's Graveyard			352		352	726
St Mary's Hall & Land			30,902		30,902	30,902
St Mary's Loan			871		871	
St Mary's Graveyard Plaques			318		318	
St Mary's Margaret Longdon			326		326	326
Agency Collection			9,451		9,451	9,451
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>71,503</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,126</b>	<b>70,394</b>

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities are included in the figures shown for Aberavon

## Statement of Financial Activities for Holy Trinity Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	2,245		2,245	
	Loose Collections	166		166	
	Donations	30		30	
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	
	Tax Refunds	252		252	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	
Generated	Fees	373		373	
Income	Money Raising	1,766		1,766	
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>4,831</b>	-	<b>4,831</b>	-
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	3,249		3,249	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics	164		164	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	1,435		1,435	
	General Parish Expenses	517		517	
	Maintenance of Churches	2,510		2,510	
Church Property	Maintenance of Property			-	
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish			-	
Financial Support	Home / World	14		14	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	23		23	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>7,913</b>	-	<b>7,913</b>	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		-	<b>3,082</b>	-	-
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		0		0	
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		-	<b>3,082</b>	-	-

# Balance Sheet for Holy Trinity Church

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>								
Tangible Assets							-	
<b>Current Assets</b>								
Investments							-	
Cash at bank and in hand	-	3,082				-	3,082	0
<b>Liabilities</b>							-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	-	3,082	-	-	-	-	3,082	0
<b>Represented by</b>								
General Fund	-	3,082				-	3,082	0
<b>Fund Totals</b>	-	3,082	-	-	-	-	3,082	0

Note: Previous year figures for statement of financial activities are included in the figures shown for Aberavon

## Statement of Financial Activities for St David's Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	10,085		10,085	9,898
	Loose Collections	401		401	352
	Donations	3,835	15	3,851	2,781
Voluntary Income	For Mission	309		309	
	Tax Refunds	1,850		1,850	1,497
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	870
Generated	Fees	50		50	
Income	Money Raising	5,473		5,473	15,257
Investment Income		89		89	6
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>22,093</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22,109</b>	<b>30,660</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	15,955		15,955	20,618
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	26
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	87		87	203
	General Parish Expenses	479		479	1,930
	Maintenance of Churches	5,160		5,160	4,235
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	2,053		2,053	1,329
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	78		78	20
Financial Support	Home / World	598		598	
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	700
Expended	Cost of Money Raising	600		600	62
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>25,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,010</b>	<b>29,121</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			488	488	<b>-</b>
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		21,002	10,126	31,128	29,849
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>18,086</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>28,715</b>	<b>31,128</b>

## Balance Sheet for St David's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets			9,593		9,593	9,106
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	13,283	4,803	1,036		19,121	22,022
<b>Liabilities</b>					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>13,283</b>	<b>4,803</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,715</b>	<b>31,128</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	13,283				13,283	17,099
St David's Cash in Hand		2,243			2,243	2,243
St David's		2,560	-	111	2,449	1,550
St David's Churchyard				531	531	515
St David's Fabric			10,209		10,209	9,722
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>13,283</b>	<b>4,803</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,715</b>	<b>31,128</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for St Michael's Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving	14,824		14,824	11,630
	Loose Collections	1,076		1,076	1,083
	Donations	2,285		2,285	4,290
Voluntary Income	For Mission	17		17	
	Tax Refunds	3,724		3,724	6,387
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	4,095
Generated	Fees	2,938	352	3,290	2,375
Income	Money Raising	18,447		18,447	12,332
Investment Income		467		467	27
Other Incoming Resources				-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>43,778</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>44,130</b>	<b>42,218</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share	19,156		19,156	20,516
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	1,402
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	41		41	
	General Parish Expenses	547		547	853
	Maintenance of Churches	7,153		7,153	4,786
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	19,141		19,141	10,750
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish	534		534	447
Financial Support	Home / World	630	334	964	1,542
Other Resources	Capital Payments	183		183	3,059
Expended	Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>47,383</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>47,717</b>	<b>43,355</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation			- 421	- 421	- 348
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		61,188	49,237	110,425	111,911
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>57,583</b>	<b>48,834</b>	<b>106,417</b>	<b>110,425</b>

# Balance Sheet for St Michael's Church

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets			42,106		42,106	42,527
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	5,448	52,135	6,728		64,311	67,898
<b>Liabilities</b>						
					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>5,448</b>	<b>52,135</b>	<b>48,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,417</b>	<b>110,425</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General Fund	5,448				5,448	9,242
St Michael's		52,135			52,135	51,946
St Michael's Churchyard			7,062		7,062	6,710
St Michael's Fabric			30,493		30,493	30,797
St Michael's Chancel			11,613		11,613	11,730
St Michael's Ladies Guild			-	70	-	70
St Michael's Luncheon Club			-	264	-	264
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>5,448</b>	<b>52,135</b>	<b>48,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,417</b>	<b>110,425</b>

## Statement of Financial Activities for The St Paul's Centre

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Previous year
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES / RECEIPTS</b>					
	Planned Giving			-	
	Loose Collections			-	
	Donations	5		5	40
Voluntary Income	For Mission			-	
	Tax Refunds			-	
	Legacy Gifts Received			-	
	Grants			-	20,398
Generated	Fees			-	
Income	Money Raising	65,754		65,754	58,484
	Investment Income			-	
	Other Incoming Resources			-	
<b>Total Incoming Resources / Receipts</b>		<b>65,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,759</b>	<b>78,921</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED / PAYMENTS</b>					
Support for	Fairer Share			-	
Ministry	Expenses of Clerics			-	
	Other			-	
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	431		431	395
	General Parish Expenses	30,248		30,248	50,492
	Maintenance of Churches	1,442		1,442	422
Church Property	Maintenance of Property	36,341		36,341	30,202
	Exceptional Expenditure			-	
Grants for	Parish			-	216
Financial Support	Home / World			-	15
Other Resources	Capital Payments			-	
Expended	Cost of Money Raising			-	
<b>Total Resources Expended / Payments</b>		<b>68,462</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,462</b>	<b>81,742</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>- 2,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,704</b>	<b>- 2,821</b>
Transfers between Funds				-	
Gains/losses on revaluation				-	
Balance Brought Forward (1 January)		4,126		4,126	6,946
<b>Balance Carried Forward (31 December)</b>		<b>1,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>4,126</b>

# Balance Sheet for The St Paul's Centre

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Previous year
<b>Tangible Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets					-	
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Investments					-	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,422				1,422	4,126
<b>Liabilities</b>					-	
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	1,422	-	-	-	1,422	4,126
<b>Represented by</b>						
General fund	1,422				1,422	4,126
<b>Fund Totals</b>	1,422	-	-	-	1,422	4,126

