

Martha and Mary Annual Report 2024-25

This has been another busy and exciting year for Martha and Mary. With Michelle now firmly established as café manager I am pleased to say our customer numbers and our opening hours are both increasing. The hours on Wednesday and Thursday now open until 4pm.

Although we have a very committed team of 15 volunteers who are always willing to step in with extra shifts to cover holidays or absences we are always looking at ways to recruit more. WE still have a good relationship with Newcastle University and get student volunteers on placement. This year we have been especially lucky to have had Chris and Abby, who has stayed on as a permanent volunteer when her placement ended. I would like to thank them all for their support and commitment. I would also especially like to offer our thanks to Anne Abbott who retired last year after 20 years of volunteering and Liam Evans who has moved on to new ventures after being with us for many years.

On a sad note I would like to remember Isabel Tate and Rob O'Neil who both sadly passed away this year. They were both supporters from our very start and I am happy to say that we were able to hold an afternoon remembrance event for Rob.

The trustees have met 7 times since the last A.G.M. As well as the every day running of the charity the main items for discussion and action have been planning for the Heaton Festival and other events including our 20th birthday celebration. We have also been very involved with the legal changes necessary to becoming an I.C.T.

I would like to thank all the trustees for their efforts this year but especially David Wells our secretary and Margaret Brumwell who has taken on extra responsibilities with our finances, banking our takings each week and keeping financial records.

We are sorry to lose Stephen Brownlee as treasurer and trustee as he retires, and offer our thanks to him for his 10 years service. We are actively seeking to replace Stephen so if you know anyone with accounting experience we would love to hear from them.

As you can see from the accounts Michelle has been very successful in attracting grants which as well as paying the bills and rent has enabled us to complete the refurbishment of the back room, which is now in great demand

for groups and install LED lighting. We are also planning to install more economical heating before the winter.

There have been 2 major events during the last 12 months. The first being Heaton Festival which was on a beautiful sunny day last June. The tea tent was in a much more central position this time and attracted a lot more custom. Our volunteers, and those from other churches, once again surpassed themselves with baking and serving an amazing number of people during the day. Our thanks go to Victoria for all her planning and organising.

The other major event was our 20th birthday celebration tea party in September which was attended by many of our friends and supporters and volunteers past and present. We were delighted to welcome councillor Henry Gallagher, deputy Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle, who made the day really special for u. Certainly something to celebrate. A great achievement only made possible by the support of so many over the years.

During the year we were able to hold many of our regular events, Soup and Stotties, Strawberry Teas, Mother's Day Tea, Big Brekkie for Christian Aid and our regular Christmas event with the Salvation Army Band

Michelle has worked hard to introduce new groups and events including a Table Top Sale, Wreath Making workshops, Zen Drawing and a very popular Crochet Group. The Knit and Natter Group is still very popular, Michelle still runs her sewing class and the local Councillors continue to hold their monthly surgeries.

Michelle organised a Christmas thank you lunch for volunteers and a Christmas lunch for some of our customers who live alone which was very much appreciated. She has worked very hard on keeping our publicity up to date on facebook and other outlets.

We have so much to be grateful for and I would like to thank Michelle for all her hard work over the year.

My personal thanks must also go to Jim, other members of my family and the lads from Dyno-Rod who are always there to help out in times of need.

The inaugural meeting of Martha and Mary was held over 21 years ago in this church when we first realised the significance for us of these lovely windows, and each year since then we have held our A.G.M. here. We are so sorry to hear that St. Cuthbert's is to close at the end of August and do hope a new home can be found for the windows. We would like to thank the church members for all their support over the years. We will miss coming here.

Finally I would like to thank all of you for being here, and for your prayers and support, some of you for all of the 21 years. We couldn't have done any of these things without you.

We look forward to the future with confidence as we continue to develop our work in the community.

Thank you.

Martha and Mary Association.

Financial Statements.

for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Martha and Mary Association.

Chairman.	Mrs Elizabeth Screen.B.E.M.
Honorary Secretary.	Mr D. Wells.
Honorary Treasurer.	
Trustees.	Mrs Anne Abbott. Mrs Dorothy Archer. Mrs Margert Brumwell. Miss Anne Cowell. Mr David Forster. Revd Jonathan Lawson. Mrs Elizabeth Screen. B.E.M. Mr David Wells.
Address.	Martha and Mary Association, 212 Chillingham Road, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE6 5LN.
Bankers.	Barclays Bank PLC, Gosforth High Street, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Independent Examiner.	Mr R.J.Crowe.MSc, ACMA. 93 Weardale Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE12 7JA.

Martha and Mary Association.**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2025.**

	Notes.	2025 £.	2025 £.	2024 £.	2024 £.
Income.					
Food Drink and Other Sales.		8413		5841	
Buffet and drinks.		0		360	
Shop donations.		624		581	
Other donations.	1	1836		855	
Gift Aid.		0		345	
Christian Aid.		50		129	
Grants received.	2	28199		18950	
Special Efforts/Events.	3	273		928	
Knit and Natter group.		155		230	
Room hire.		120		330	
Rent received.		779		720	
Wreath making.		80		0	
Fund Raising Events (Raffle.)		0		48	
Subscriptions.		280		175	
Sundry income.		344		184	
Interest Received.		13		13	
			41166		29689
Expenditure.					
Café Manager Salary.		12152		3808	
Employers National Insurance.		421		107	
Nest Pension.		177		57	
Administration and Training.		0		0	
Cleaning Materials.		0		21	
Light and Heat.(E.On/British Gas.)		1725		2068	
Food, Drink and other purchases.		2724		1519	
Insurance.		862		789	
Christian Aid.		0		129	
Maintenance and Security.		0		144	
Printing.		0		40	
Advertising.		150		0	
Refuse Collection.		222		213	
Rent and Rates.		9267		9297	
Repairs and Renewals.		525		13	
Stationery and postage.		21		0	
Telephone and Broadband.		194		402	
Payroll fee(café Manager.)		120		120	
Consultancy fee (Café Manager.)		0		180	
Professional fee Charitable Incorporated org. Work.)		0		588	
Sundries.		1172		27	
			29732		19522

Martha and Mary Association.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st March 2025.

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets.		2261		797
Current Assets.				
Stock.	0		86	
Prepayments.(Rent and Insurance).	2180		2161	
Sumup debtor.	445		445	
Cash at Bank.	9252		13199	
Deposit (Virgin Money.)	14363		1351	
Petty Cash.	130		74	
		26370		17316
Current Liabilities.				
Other Accruals.	203		1119	
		203		1119
Net Current Assets.		28428		16994
Reserves.				
Balance at the 1st April 2024.		16994		6827
Surplus of income over expenditure.		11434		10167
Balance at the 31st March 2025.		28428		16994

Martha and Mary Association.**Notes.****1. Other Donations.**

	2025	2024
	£.	£.
St Gabriels Mission Fund.	350	350
St Georges.	1000	0
Ann Cowell.	0	100
Npg survey.	0	100
Ann Abbott.	0	50
Beryle Wood.	0	100
Stephen Brownlee.	0	120
Heaton Festival.	63	0
G.C.Pearce.	150	0
Miscs small donations.	273	35
	<u>1836</u>	<u>855</u>

2. Grants Received.

	2025	2024
	£.	£.
Prudhoe Street Mission.	2000	1000
Virgin money grant.	0	500
Greatham Hospital.	0	1000
The Ballinger Charity(Café Manager Salary.)	0	5000
National Lottery.	0	9000
The Joicey Trust.	0	1000
NCC Warm funding (Refurbishment).	0	1000
NCC Warm hub.	0	450
NCC ward grant.	1200	0
James Knott.	5000	0
National lottery.	19999	0
	<u>28199</u>	<u>18950</u>

3.Special Efforts/Events.

	2025	2024
	£.	£.
Easter Event(2024.).	0	93
Carol Service Salvation Army.	85	109
Strawberry Scon & Teas.	0	90
Soup and Stottie Day.	101	181
Easter Coffee Morning (2023).	0	155
Pie and Pea Day.	0	200
Raffle.	87	0
Birthday Tea.	0	100
	<u>273</u>	<u>928</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MARTHA AND MARY ASSOCIATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of this report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is appropriate.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

With regard to any Going Concern issues due to the severe impact of COVID-19 on the finances of the Trust in recent years and expected to a much lesser extent in the next financial year, despite these expected difficulties, based on all the information currently available I do not have a cause for concern. This is because of the continued availability of substantial cash balances due to business grant/rebated rates received via the local city council in 2020 and other ongoing grants and donations which should be more than enough to cover expected expenditure during the next financial year.

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

Signed:

R. J. Crowe

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18 July 2025

MARTHA and MARY ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS ON 2023-24 ACCOUNTS.

There are now no material matters that have come to my attention in the examination of these revised accounts which give me cause for major concern. So once again a job well done by all those involved with the charity's finances and especially the Honorary Treasurer (Stephen Brownlee) for the extra diligent payroll and pension work involved with the recruitment of the Café Manager.

Points to note for information with regard to these revised final accounts are as follows:-

1. In the absence of any stocktaking at 31 March 2025 an estimated £80 for "stock" at that date has been included in the Balance Sheet and deducted from "Food, Drink and other purchases" in the Income and Expenditure Account.
2. As a result of point 1 above the "Surplus for the year" in the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet has increased by £80 to £11514.
3. There has been a transfer of £863 from "Sundries" to "Food, Drink and other purchases" in the Income and Expenditure Account to correctly reflect supplies treated as expenses.
4. There has been a transfer of £50 contra payment from "Sundries" to "Christian Aid" to offset the corresponding income in the Income and Expenditure Account.
5. There has been a transfer of £30 from "Sundry Income" to "Grants Received" in the Income and Expenditure Account to properly reflect income from the Heaton Council per Note 2.
6. There has been a transfer of £110 from "Repairs and Renewals" to "Maintenance and Security" in the Income and Expenditure Account.
7. A small amount of "Food, Drink and other expenditure" has not been supported by invoices/bills/receipts and all such expenditure must be supported by such evidence in future accounts.
8. It is accepted that there are no conditions arising which would cause the repayment of any of the grants received in previous and present years as they all have been used to help offset agreed café general running and renovation costs as appropriate.

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18 July 2025

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