

# **St Mary's Parish Church High Bickington**

**Annual Report and Financial statements  
of the Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**



**Rector: Reverend Gary Owen  
Focal Minister: Rev Tracey Doyle**

**Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 17 Cross Street, Barnstaple, EX31 1BE**

**Independent examiner: Ian Cornwell, White Rose Cottage, High Bickington,  
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# **The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church High Bickington**

## **Annual report For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

### **Aim and Purposes**

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Rev Gary Owen, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building and the Church Hall.

### **Objectives and Activities**

St Mary's is part of the Two Rivers Mission Community, an area of 56 square miles between Barnstaple, Bideford, Torrington and Atherington. The Mission Community aims to build a Christian community in each village, which will worship, pray, grow and reach out with the Gospel.

We recognise that we exist to serve and bless the whole parish and to grow and make visible the kingdom of God. Our building and churchyard are valuable community resources and we value the support of parishioners in maintaining and utilising these for the benefit of the community.

### **Achievement and Performance**

There were 31 entered on the electoral roll at the 2002 AGM, 30 who live in the parish. 0 were added and 0 removed. The average Sunday attendance was 19. The number of participants was 25.

Following the difficulties of the Covid pandemic our Sunday congregation has slowly shown signs of growth, up to low 20s by the end of the year.

A regular homegroup is held every other Tuesday at Nethergrove House where various topics have been discussed. Towards the end of the year, in partnership with the Community Centre, we have been serving lunchtime meals, free of charge or for voluntary donations, on Thursdays. Also, a "pantry"



has been set up in the church building for those finding themselves in financial difficulties.

Regular services are held as follows:

First Sunday	Family Service
Second Sunday	Holy Communion
Third Sunday	Combined Service with Methodists
Fourth Sunday	Morning Worship

For information about achievements and performance as part of the Two Rivers Mission Community see appendix 1.

### **Deanery Synod**

Rev Tracey Doyle is the rural dean and co-chair of the deanery synod. Mr Derek Birch is the other co-chair. The synod met three times during the year and heard presentations about parish nursing (February) and rural mission (September). A meeting June facilitate discussion about the joys and challenges of ministering as the Church of England.

The possibility of holding a festival of faith was discussed but insufficient support meant it could not proceed.

The deanery chapter of clergy normally meets every month on Zoom for mutual support and sharing of information.

### **Church Fabric**

2022 saw the completion of the project to install the kitchenette and toilet into the church building.

Unfortunately, a major problem has become apparent. During a combination of rain and south westerly winds water is finding ways through the tower walls causing major flooding in the new ringing chamber and coming through to the new kitchenette. At the time of writing investigations as to solutions are underway.

The quinquennial inspection which is well overdue is booked to take place in March 2023. It is expected that this inspection will highlight problems with woodworm, rotten flooring and necessary window repairs and possibly more.

## **Financial Review**

Total receipts on the unrestricted General Fund were £77,498.16 and payments from this fund were £81,951.02 giving a deficit of £4,452.86. A balance of £6,084.34 was carried over from last year giving a balance of £1,631.48 for the General Fund on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022.

The total receipts for this year were increased above normal by various donations for the ongoing building works in the tower. Gift aid was claimed on the majority of donations and £10,368.24 was claimed in a grant for the VAT paid on the building works from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. £17,712.39 was transferred into the General Fund from the Restoration Fund to help pay for the building works. The Restoration Fund is now depleted. The General Fund also benefited from a £2,000.00 loan from the designated Clock Fund in order to balance the books. This loan was approved by the PCC and will be repaid early in 2023. Our various legacies continued to provide funding for the upkeep of the church fabric, churchyard and electricity bills. Cash collections increased by 128% due to the lifting of covid restrictions, although fund raising fell by 42.24%. Income from statutory fees increased by 111%

Our Common Fund of £8,048.00 was paid in full. A further £41,896.69 was paid throughout the year to complete the tower works project (coupled with the £41,094 paid last year, the total for the whole project was £82,990.69). A loan of £15,000 from a private donor in 2021 was repaid. Electricity fees increased by 197% as a result of reopening of the church after Covid restrictions. Our charitable giving also increased to £570.00 for the year.

In December 2021 £80,000.00 was raised by the sale of some shares from the E M J Down Fabric Bequest. This is now held between the Down Legacy Fabric Accounts and shows in the statement of assets and liabilities. Thanks go to our Church Warden, Derek Birch, for this initiative. Also to Serena Nott, Finance Officer of the Diocese, for following the process through with the Charities Commission. We may have to use these restricted funds for urgent repairs to the tower walls to halt the ingress of water during stormy periods. After the sale of the shares the income generated by the fabric legacy will drop by 77.8%. This will impact on the General Fund for future maintenance of the fabric of the building.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who contributed to church finances. Regular donations by the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order are



particularly appreciated as they provide a regular income regardless of whether the building is open for worship and enable the PCC to manage a budget effectively.

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The safeguarding officer is Mr Derek Birch.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The council comprises the incumbent, licensed clergy, churchwardens, readers appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, those elected to the deanery synod and other members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by those on the electoral roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish and for all financial matters.

A new legally constituted Joint Council came into existence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The focal minister of each church and up to two elected representatives from each PCC represent each PCC on the council. The PCC has delegated various responsibilities to the Joint Council in accordance with the Joint Council Scheme.

### **Administrative information**

The church is situated on High Street, High Bickington. The parish is in the deanery of Torrington, archdeaconry of Barnstaple and Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is The Rectory, High Bickington, Umberleigh, EX37 9AY.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 until the date this report was approved were:

#### *Ex officio*

The incumbent

Rev Gary Owen

Chair

Licensed clergy

Rev Tracey Doyle

Curate (and parish nurse)

Rev Julia Halpin

Focal minister

Rev Tracey Doyle

Lay Reader

Dr David Halpin

Deanery synod reps

Mr Derek Birch & Mr Roger Keen

Church warden

Mr Derek Birch

*Elected*

Mr Ken Shelvey

Mr Roger Keen

Mrs Noelle Clemens

Mr Graham Bridge

Mr Neil Hudson

Mrs Vivien Hudson

Mr Derek Birch

Secretary

Mr Ken Shelvey

Treasurer

**Approved by the PCC on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:**

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**Rev Gary Owen**

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**Rev Tracey Doyle**

**The Parish of St Mary's Church**  
**High Bickington**

**Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended**  
**31 December 2022**





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the  
trustees/directors/  
members of

Charity Name

St Mary's Parochial Church Council, High Bickington

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity no.:

An Excepted Charity

Company no.:

Set out on pages

1 to 9

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/12/21.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Independent  
examiner's statement

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention.

I 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:

Date:

21/2/23

Name:

Ian Cornwell

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

White Rose Cottage

High Bickington, Umberleigh

Devon, EX37 9EW



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2022

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted General Fund £	Designated Restoration Fund £	Designated Clock Fund £	Designated Organ Fund £	Restricted Fabric Fund £	Restricted Churchyard Fund £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<b>Investments</b>								
CBF (Investment Fund)	0	0		0	23,945	33,792	57,737	109,174
M & G (Charifund)	0	0		0	8,414	32,386	40,800	83,757
	0	0		0	32,359	66,178	98,536	192,931
<b>Monetary Assets</b>								
Bank Current Account	1,631	0	0	0	0	0	1,631	6,084
Churchyard Current Account	0	0	0	0	0	510	510	324
Down Legacy Churchyard Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0	491	491	790
Down Legacy Fabric Deposit Account 1	0	0	0	0	40,634	0	40,634	757
Down Legacy Fabric Deposit Account 2	0	0	0	0	40,100	0	40,100	411
Mary Squire Trust Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
Restoration Fund Deposit Account	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	17,714
Organ Fund Nationwide Account	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Graveyard National Savings Account	0	0	0	0	0	2,230	2,230	2,228
Cash	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
Church Hall Current Account	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Clock Fund Deposit Account	0	0	2,018	0	0	0	2,018	4,196
	1,660	2	2,018	0	80,734	3,231	87,645	32,743
<b>Debtors</b>								
Gift Aid Claim (for 2022) - Estimate	399	0		0	0	0	399	341
	399	0		0	0	0	399	341
<b>Fixed Assets for Church Use</b>								
Church Hall (Estimated Value)	100,000	0		0	0	0	100,000	100,000
	100,000	0		0	0	0	100,000	100,000
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Common Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recoupment Order Repayments (Long term)	0	0	0	0	24,952	0	24,952	26,427
Loan from Clock Fund designated account			2,000	0	0	0	2,000	0
	0	0	2,000	0	24,952	0	26,952	26,427

The **Designated** funds relate to funds set aside by the PCC to meet the cost of maintaining and refurbishing the Church Organ, Clock and providing funds for major building and repair projects.

The **Restricted** funds relate to the Church Fabric Funds and the Churchyard Funds

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Rev'd Tracey Doyle (Chair)

Ken Shelvey (PCC Treasurer)



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**  
**RECONCILIATION OF BALANCES IN HAND**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p		£ p		£ p
	Balance of				<b>Lloyds Bank plc</b>	
6,111.94	Church Account (including cash held)	1,659.08		6,408.26	Current Accounts	2,141.19
	Balance of			24,032.45	Deposit Accounts	83,245.16
1,331.94	Fabric Account	80,734.08			<b>National Savings Bank</b>	
	Balance of			1,771.19	Graves Account	1,773.26
1,114.08	Churchyard Account	1,000.48		27.60	Cash in Hand	27.60
	Balance of				<b>Nationwide Building Society</b>	
17,714.02	Restoration Fund	1.91		46.27	Deposit Account	0.00
	Balances of					
1,771.19	Graves Account	1,773.26				
	Balance of					
46.27	Organ Fund	0.00				
	Balance of					
4,196.33	Clock Fund	2,018.40				
<u>32,285.77</u>		<u>87,187.21</u>		<u>32,285.77</u>		<u>87,187.21</u>

**NOTES**

- 1 The Church Account does not include the Income Tax rebate due on Gift Aided Planned Giving in May to December 2021. An estimate of this is included as a debtor in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- 2 All funds held are either designated or restricted apart from the Church General Fund which is unrestricted. Interfund transfers from Designated Funds have been authorised by the Parochial Church Council.

**St Mary's PCC High Bickington**

**Year to 31st December 2022**

**General Fund**

2021		2022
<b>Receipts</b>		
39,135	Tax Efficient Planned Giving	24,633.30
2,327	Other Planned Giving	957.62
669	Collections at Services	1,527.62
10,011	Gift Aid Income Tax Recovered	6,576.59
	Employment Costs Donations	
256	Wall Safe and Sundry Donations	230.49
1,630	Grant for VAT paid on building works	10,368.24
		44,293.86
54,029		
2,500	Grants and Legacies	1,200.00
1,295	Fund Raising (Gross)	747.65
1,749	Statutory Fees	3,231.00
	Charitable Income	
1,091	Transfers from Mary Squire Trust	778.00
2,105	Transfers from Down Legacy Churchyard	1,790.00
1,395	Transfers from Churchyard Account	820.00
4,880	Transfers from Down Legacy Fabric	4,698.97
	Transfers from Clock Fund	2,180.00
41,292	Transfers from Restoration Fund	17,712.39
	Transfers from Organ Fund	46.29
	Diocesan Loans	
	Loan Repayment from Hall Account	
56,307		32,004.30
56,307		
110,336		77,498.16
<b>Payments</b>		
1,140	Clergy Expenses	640.00
5,462	Upkeep of Church	5,462.43
1,110	Heat and Light	3,266.47
	Upkeep of Services	
3,500	Upkeep of Churchyard	3,760.00
41,094	Major Works	41,896.69
157	Charitable Giving	569.32
8,765	Common Fund	8,048.00
27	Fund Raising Costs	171.17
	Employment Costs	
14	After School Club	357.60
2,400	Rector's Two Rivers Donation	600.00
	Transfer to Mary Squire Trust	
40,992	Transfer to Restoration Fund	
	Transfer to Down Legacy Churchyard Acc	
	Transfer to Down Legacy Fabric Acc	
422	Miscellaneous Expenses	704.30
	Diocesan Loan Repayments	
	Transfer to Organ Fund	
	Loan Repayment from 2021 loan into Restoration Fund	15,000.00
1,475	Recoupment Order Repayments	1,475.04
106,557		81,951.02
106,557		
3,779	Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	-4,452.86
2,306	Balance B/F 1 January 2022	6,084.34
6,084	Balance carried forward	1,631.48
<b>Balances</b>		
	Bank Current Account	1,631.48
6,084		1,631.48



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**  
**FABRIC ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
	Down Legacy			Transfer to	
3,873.03	Dividends and Interest	4,265.14	4,880.30	Church Account	4,698.97
	Sale of Shares	80,000.00			
3,873.03		84,265.14	4,880.30		4,698.97
2,174.88	Balance 1 January	1,167.61	1,167.61	Balance 31 December	80,733.78
<u>6,047.91</u>		<u>85,432.75</u>	<u>6,047.91</u>		<u>85,432.75</u>

**CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT - DOWN LEGACY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
	Down Legacy		2,105.00	Care of Churchyard	1,790.00
1,328.96	Dividends and Interest	1,490.61			
			0.00	Church Account	0.00
1,328.96		1,490.61	2,105.00		1,790.00
1,566.20	Balance 1 January	790.16	790.16	Balance 31 December	490.77
<u>2,895.16</u>		<u>2,280.77</u>	<u>2,895.16</u>		<u>2,280.77</u>

**CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
0.00	Donation	0.00	0.00	Church Account	0.00
946.76	Dividends	978.93	1,395.00	Care of Churchyard	820.00
	Dividends				
25.96	Miss N.M. Cole (Deceased)	26.86			
972.72		1,005.79	1,395.00		820.00
746.20	Balance 1 January	323.92	323.92	Balance 31 December	509.71
<u>1,718.92</u>		<u>1,329.71</u>	<u>1,718.92</u>		<u>1,329.71</u>

**NOTE 1:** The legacy of £500 from Miss N M Colé deceased was invested in 43.7 CBF Investment Fund Shares on 11 May 1999. Dividends of £26.86 from this source are credited to the Churchyard Account

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**  
**RESTORATION FUND ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
1.73 Bank Interest		0.28	41,292.22	Transfers to General Fund	17,712.39
15,000.00 Loan		0.00			
40,991.73 Transfers from General Fund		0.00			
0.00 Grant Received		0.00			
55,993.46		0.28	41,292.22		17,712.39
3,012.78 Balance 1 January		17,714.02	17,714.02 Balance 31 Dec		1.91
59,006.24		17,714.30	59,006.24		17,714.30

**MARY SQUIRE TRUST FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
568.19 Dividends and Interest		613.97	1,090.86	Transfer to General Fund	778.00
0.00 Transfers from General Fund		0.00			
568.19		613.97	1,090.86		778.00
687.00 Balance 1 January		164.33	164.33 Balance 31 December		0.30
1,255.19		778.30	1,255.19		778.30

**ORGAN FUND ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
0.05 Building Society Interest		0.07	0.00	Upkeep of Organ	0.00
0.00 Funds Raised		0.00	0.00	Transfer to General Fund	46.29
0.05		0.07	0.00		46.29
46.22 Balance 1 January		46.22	46.27 Balance 31 December		0.00
46.27		46.29	46.27		46.29

Note: Nationwide closed the Organ Fund in August 2022. The balance of £46.29 was therefore transferred to the General Fund and any organ repairs were funded by the General Fund from then.



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**  
**CLOCK FUND ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
0.44	Bank Interest	2.07			
	0 Transfers from General Fund	0	180	Transfers to General Fund	2180
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0.44		2.07	180		2180
4375.89	Balance 1 January	4196.33	4196.33	Balance 31 December	2018.4
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<u>4376.33</u>		<u>4198.4</u>	<u>4376.33</u>		<u>4198.4</u>

Note: A temporary loan from the designated Clock Fund was made to the General Fund on 9.12.22  
This will be repaid from the General Fund early 2023. This was passed by the PCC.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**  
**GRAVES ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>2021</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2022</u>
£ p		£ p	£ p		£ p
Balance 1 January			Balance 31 December		
789.99 Wansbrough		790.08	790.08 Wansbrough		791.00
162.82 Boundy		162.84	162.84 Boundy		163.03
235.24 Heales		235.27	235.27 Heales		235.54
71.16 Gardiner		71.17	71.17 Gardiner		71.25
463.31 Timms		463.37	463.37 Timms		463.91
48.45 Pincombe		48.46	48.46 Pincombe		48.53
<u>1,770.97</u>		<u>1,771.19</u>	<u>1,771.19</u>		<u>1,773.26</u>
NSB Investment					
Account Interest					
Allocation:					
0.09 Wansbrough		0.92			
0.02 Boundy		0.19			
0.03 Heales		0.27			
0.01 Gardiner		0.08			
0.06 Timms		0.54			
0.01 Pincombe		0.07			
<u>0.22</u>		<u>2.07</u>	<u>1,771.19</u>		<u>1,773.26</u>

**NOTE:**

A National Savings Bank Investment Account entitled "High Bickington Graves Account" exists. Transactions in the year were as follows:

	£ p	£ p
Balance B/Forward	457.09	
Capital Interest	<u>1,771.19</u>	
		2,228.28
Interest Credited		<u>2.07</u>
		2,230.35
Balance C/Forward		
Capital	457.09	
Interest	<u>1,773.26</u>	
		<u>2,230.35</u>

The Accumulated Interest (£1,773.26) is shown as a balance on the Balance Sheet.

The Capital is not available for spending purposes and it is, therefore, excluded from the Balance Sheet'



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**

**DOWN LEGACY AND MARY SQUIRE TRUST**

**RECORD OF INVESTMENTS**

		<u>Fabric</u> <u>Account</u>	<u>Churchyard</u> <u>Account</u>	<u>Mary Squire</u> <u>Trust</u>
		£   p	£   p	£   p
<b><u>2022</u></b>				
1st January	Balance per Bank Statement	1,167.61	1,114.08	164.33
31st December	Transfers from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
31st December	Dividends Received in Year:			
	M & G Charities Income Units	2,670.95	1,490.54	338.64
	CBF Income Fund	1,592.88	1,005.79	275.28
	Proceeds of sale of shares	80,000.00		
31st December	Deposit Account Interest	1.31	0.07	0.05
		85,432.75	3,610.48	778.30
31st December	Transfer to Church Account	4,698.97	2,610.00	778.00
31st December	Balance as per Bank Statements	80,733.78	1,000.48	0.30

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH BICKINGTON**

**STATEMENT OF PARISH INVESTMENTS HELD BY EXETER DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE LTD**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Parish of  
High Bickington**

Trust	Investment	No. of Units	Bid Price £ per Unit	£ Value at 31/12/2022
Mrs EMJ Down Bequest	Charifund - Income Units	572.56	14.6952	8,413.88
Mrs EMJ Down Bequest	Charifund - Income Units	1,795.83	14.6952	26,390.08
Mrs EMJ Down Bequest	CBF Investment Fund	711.79	20.6459	14,695.55
Mrs EMJ Down Bequest	CBF Investment Fund	1,593.04	20.6459	32,889.74
The Mary Squire Trust	CBF Investment Fund	448.00	20.6459	9,249.36
The Mary Squire Trust	Charifund - Income Units	408.00	14.6952	5,995.64
Miss NM Cole Bequest	CBF Investment Fund	43.70	20.6459	902.23
Total value				<b><u>98,536.48</u></b>

# **St Mary's Church High Bickington Budget for 2023**

## **Income**

PGS	£ 8,400.00	
Other planned giving	£ 1,000.00	
Collections at services	£ 1,500.00	
Gift Aid income tax recovered + GASDS	£ 2,750.00	
Wall safe and sundry donations	£ 240.00	
Grant for VAT paid on building works	£ -	
Statutory Fees	£ 3,000.00	
Fund Raising	£ 1,000.00	
Transfers from various legacy fund accounts (covers fabric and churchyard maintenance and some of elect bill)		
Transfer from Restoration Fund for Building works	£ 5,400.00	Mary Squire £600, Churchyard £3300, Down Leg Fabric £1500 (Down Legacy income now down from £3900 pa to £1050 pa after £80,000 withdrawn from fund. Fund is reduced by 73%)
	£ -	
	<u>£ 23,290.00</u>	

Add Opening balance

£ 1,600.00

Total Funds available

£ 24,890.00

The Down Legacy Fabric Accounts now hold an extra **£80,000** from sale of shares  
This is restricted for use on structural maintenance, repairs and improvements to  
the fabric of the church

## **Expenditure**

2RMC expenses	£ 1,140.00	
Upkeep of church (maintenance, insurance, steeplejack, organ)	£ 6,060.00	Insurance £3,500, Maintenance contract £2,200, Steeplejack £60, Organ repairs £300
Electric	£ 4,000.00	
Upkeep of churchyard	£ 3,800.00	
Charitable giving	£ 800.00	
Common Fund	£ 8,990.00	
Building works and architect	?	After our quinquennial and major water ingress to the tower some major rectification works will be required. This sum is unknown at present, but hopefully will be covered by the extra £80,000 held in the fabric accounts (see above)
Fund Raising Costs	£ 200.00	
After School Club	£ 360.00	
Recoupment Order Payments	£ 1,475.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	£ 750.00	
Repay Loan from Clock Account	£ 2,000.00	
	<u>£ 29,575.00</u>	

Our goal will be to complete the year having paid our Common Fund. The figures for statutory fees and fund raising may increase above those projected.  
Funds are also available from our designated clock fund for a short term loan of up to £4000 with PCC approval.



## **Appendix 1**

### **Two Rivers Mission Community Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

2022 has been a year of consolidation and growth. On Sunday 9th January Bishop Jackie led a mission community service in Tawstock to launch our mission action plan, and commission our new joint council and focal ministers. As the year has progressed, we've worked hard on building the mission and ministry of the church in each parish, as well as strengthening our collective work as a mission community. The removal of the last covid restrictions and increased confidence of people to mix has helped tremendously.

Sundays are the main focus of our lives together as Christians. Seven churches have met weekly and two others twice per month. Sunday services give us chance to worship together, pray, grow as disciples, and plan outreach. Importantly they are also a time for fellowship as Christians and mutual support. We normally follow the lectionary readings from Advent to Trinity Sunday, to focus on life of Jesus and then take a more flexible approach for the remainder of the year. At the beginning of the year, we preached a series looking at our Mission Community values of love, faith, Word and Spirit, generosity and joy. During the season of Trinity, we preached sermon series on the biblical books of Colossians and Esther, and a short series on Psalms quoted by Jesus. Seven of our churches now hold a monthly family service, including a new café church service in Yarnscombe which makes use of the warmth and facilities of the village hall. Festivals and 'special' services are used as an opportunity to invite people to church and agricultural festivals are important in many parishes.

Opportunities for adults to grow as disciples have been provided by homegroups, with 6 running during the year. An Autumn weekend away at Lee Abbey proved inspiring for the 15 adults and 2 children who attended. In the Autumn two church members commenced the Diocesan Foundations in Christian ministry course.

Our commitment to helping children respond to the gospel and grow as disciples as part of the church has been worked out in a number of ways. The

out of school club in High Bickington and youth group in Newton Tracey continued and a new youth group and kids club launched in Beaford in May and September respectively. We still have no provision for pre-school children, but our parish nurse is a regular visitor to most local toddler groups and a Christmas visit to church was enjoyed by the toddler group in Beaford and at Christmas and Easter to St Giles. There is scope for more work with this important group, especially as we baptise 10 – 15 babies or young children each year.

We are blessed with a good working relationship with our four local primary schools; with collective worship conducted weekly in High Bickington and approximately twice per half term in the others. Open the Book collective worship runs in High Bickington and has recently restarted in HNTPS. All the schools make use of the clergy and churches for RE lessons when appropriate topics allow.

Evangelism, sharing the good news of Jesus and inviting people to enter a relationship with God through him, remains a priority for us. We encourage church members to share the Gospel with friends and neighbours and to invite them to church services and events where they can learn more and experience Christian community. We ran two Alpha courses in the Autumn, one in Beaford and one in Tawstock, with around a dozen guests in total. We also ran a youth Alpha course during the Autumn in Beaford village hall.

Our churches have continued to help members care for each other, largely through informal relationships and through the pastoral care offered by ministers. Care for the wider community has been expressed through coffee mornings and other opportunities to gather, and increasingly as the cost of living has risen, the provision of free meals, food banks and warm spaces. St Giles church are operating a much-valued pastoral care team, which offers friendship to those who need it.

Julia, our parish nurse, and now deacon, provides more specialist pastoral care, visiting the sick and housebound, accompanying parishioners to medical appointments and offering support on medical issues. She visits toddler groups and offers baby weighing and general advice. Julia has begun to officiate at funerals for those she has been supporting through end of life care.



During the year we conducted 14 baptisms, 15 weddings and 34 funerals/burial of ashes across the mission community. 22 weddings are booked so far for 2023. These pastoral offices are a wonderful opportunity to share God's love and the good news of Jesus with people at both the high and low points of life.

During the year Rob Pearce was appointed as focal minister for Beaford and joined the Leadership team. As the church in Beaford has grown and church members stepped further into ministry, Rev Gary has been able to step back a little. He has begun to work with the parish of Huntshaw to see if progress can be made in re-establishing a regular worshipping community there.

We seek to play an active part in the life of the Diocese and wider church. Rev Tracey has served throughout the year as rural dean. She and Derek Birch have served as co-chairs of deanery synod and other church members have served as deanery synod officers. We have provided a placement for a licenced lay minister trainee, who in turn blessed us with her enthusiasm and ideas.

We are delighted that a new curate has been appointed to join us in July 2023. We failed to appoint a new team vicar during 2022 and this has put a certain amount of pressure on the clergy. We continue to pray that someone will join us in 2023.

All our churches have maintained their common fund payments throughout the year – a wonderful achievement. Our common fund request will increase in 2023 due to our increasing participant numbers. This is only fair, not least because we remain heavily subsidised by the Diocese. Church members giving regularly and generously (ideally by direct debit or the parish giving scheme) helps ensure that we can meet our bills. Churches have worked hard to maintain their buildings and to improve them to better serve the mission of the church and local community.

As a mission community we are blessed with many people who play their part in making the mission and ministry of our parishes possible. We



thank our focal ministers, wardens, PCC members and all who contribute their gifts of time, talent and money to our churches. Retired clergy have been invaluable in ensuring that priestly ministry has been available in each parish. Janette has provided administrative support. We are what we are because of you all.

We do not know what will occur during the year ahead, but we look forward to joining in with God as he fulfils his promise to build his church and kingdom. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Rev Gary (Rector)

## Appendix 2

### Mission Action Plan

## Values

Love  
Faith  
Word and Spirit  
Generosity  
Joy

## What does the destination look like?

Authentic, attractive, all-age Christian communities, doing life together.

People being converted to Christ, growing as disciples and equipped to live as whole life disciples, intentionally working to build God's kingdom.

Our communities and the wider world being transformed by the love of God, through Jesus in the power or the Spirit.

Finances, administration and buildings directed towards these goals.

## Which route do we need to take? What are the stops along the way?

Authentic, attractive, all-age Christian communities doing life together  
Meeting together more than just on a Sunday  
Focused on local community—personal relationships, inculturation

People being converted to Christ, growing as disciples and equipped to live as whole life disciples, intentionally working to build God's kingdom.  
Our communities and the wider world being transformed by the love of God, through Jesus in the power or the Spirit.

Parish nursing; a chaplaincy, practical action in local communities; support of Christian mission agencies

	Connect	Hear and respond	Grow	Lead
Under 5				
Primary				
Youth				
Adults				
All-age				

Finances, administration and buildings directed towards these goals.

Joint Council

Better administration; sharing of skills for faculties, finances, grant applications etc

Each church paying its way. Realistic planned giving.

All buildings fit for purpose and well maintained. Teams for ongoing maintenance

Generous giving of parishes to God's work elsewhere

**We are called by God to build a Christian community in each village, which will worship, pray, grow and reach out with the Gospel..**

## The Bus and Crew

Local Leadership Teams (LLTs) in each parish chaired by a focal minister to oversee ministry in each parish

Mission Council Leadership Team (MCLT) made up of rector, focal ministers and specialist ministers to set Mission community vision. A working party of the Joint Council

Form a Joint Council to provide legal oversight of the Mission Community. This will replace the Mission Community Council

Rector to act as chair of the MCLT and train and support focal ministers and local ministry teams. Sundays spent moving around the parishes.

