

ST MARY MAGDALENE, ASHTON-ON-MERSEY
with Sale West Community Church

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

Please read our Annual Report 2021 as it shows all the exciting things that our giving achieves. You can find it at stmarysaom.org/annualreport2021 or from the church office.

The Annual Report also contains:

- The Treasurer's financial report on page 10.
- Details of our giving outside the parish on page 11.
- Our full accounts on pages 17-26. These include all of St Mary's activities: the Church, Church Centre, Sale West Community Church; and also Butterflies Pre-School Group, Café, Caterpillars, Off Limits, Flowers, Bookstall and Social fund.

This report provides more detail on the income and costs associated with running our two churches and the church centre. These are the areas of most interest to our givers, and the ones that PCC actively manage.

HIGHLIGHTS

We started 2021 anticipating a General Fund budget deficit of £37,000. PCC trusted that it was right to continue to invest in ministry in this time of COVID uncertainty, trusting God for his provision. He had already provided in the form of reserves carried forward from 2020.

The year proved God's financial provision, working through you our congregation, and the General Fund ended the year with a surplus of £7,295. The significant items in this are listed below. They were not expected at the start of the year, and are not likely to repeat in future years.

In 2021 we continued to invest in ministry, welcoming Alex Stewart as a new part-time youth worker in September, and Nathan Gregory as our new Associate Vicar at the end of the year. Nathan's role is a significant investment in the wider church too, as he works towards church planting in the next five years.

God's provision comes almost entirely through the generosity of His people, and the vicar and PCC thank you for your continuing stewardship of all God gives us.

Looking ahead to 2022 we seek to continue to encouraging existing and new givers to give back to God a generous part of what he has given us, so that we can continue to invest in God's work here in Sale and around the world. This is a challenge for many as we see inflation rates higher than for many years, but also a challenge for the church as salary and other costs increase. As a PCC we continue to use the resources given to us wisely for God's work.

GENERAL FUND

Income

- Most of our income comes into the General Fund and we use it to meet the costs of running St Mary's Church, the Church Centre and Sale West Community Church. The General Fund had a surplus for the year of £7,295 (deficit of £30,507 in 2020). We transferred this surplus to the Maintenance and Development Fund.
- Most of the donations we receive come through regular standing orders and stewardship envelopes, and we were blessed as this continued at just a slightly lower level in 2021 despite the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic (£267,633 in 2021 vs £272,741 in 2020). However this is of concern as inflation rises and we seek to move forward.

- Cash donations were similar to the previous year, but still significantly reduced from before COVID.
- We received a grant from Sale Evangelical Church of £3,499.
- Church centre lettings were £6,000 higher than the previous year, but are still well below 2019. However we saw a recovery towards the end of the year.

Expenditure

- We saved £20,000 in Parish Share payments from September to December while we did not have an Associate Vicar following Jane Beaumont's retirement.
- We budgeted for a full time youth pastor from September 2021, but we actually have a part time youth worker, Alex Stewart, through Trafford Youth for Christ.
- Gas and electricity charges were £7,500 less than in 2020. This comes from reduced usage due to COVID, lower fixed price contracts starting in mid 2020, and the refund of overpayments. We have fixed price contracts in place until 2023 and 2024 which are protecting us from the large energy increases in the market.
- A major reorganisation of the office staff and continuing furlough claims from the government led to a saving of £2,000 on secretarial/administration salaries.

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Maintenance and Development Fund is used for maintenance of our buildings and new development projects. Since we know these will be required but don't know when, we aim to transfer £20,000 into this fund from the General Fund each year. We can therefore keep up with maintenance without having to run an appeal each time.

- In 2021 we transferred £20,000 from the General Fund into the Maintenance and Development Fund as planned, and also transferred an additional £7,295 which was the surplus in the General Fund.
- We again did very little maintenance during the year due to COVID-19 restrictions, so the surplus for the Maintenance and Development Fund for the year was £27,683 (£5,356 deficit in 2020).
- This left us with a balance of £123,968 as at 31 December 2021.
- It is our policy to maintain approximately 3 months of regular expenditure in our Maintenance and Development Fund. At the end of 2021 we had 5.3 months. This higher level of reserves allows us to continue to move forward during a time of financial uncertainty and to catch up on maintenance that has been delayed during the pandemic.

Details of our giving outside the parish, which was in this report in previous years, is now on page 11 of the Annual Report.

GENERAL FUND

	<u>2021 £</u>	<u>2020 £</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Planned giving	204,879	211,127
Reclaimed Income Tax on Gift Aid	45,604	49,709
Giving received gross of Income Tax	17,150	11,905
Cash collections	4,847	4,423
Fund raising Income	1	166
Donations received	658	1,382
Donations from Bookstall & Lunch Fellowship activities	0	489
Grants received	3,499	2,000
Administration services charges	400	400
Service fees	2,353	2,000
Church centre lettings	28,226	20,266
Total Receipts	307,617	303,867
<u>Payments</u>		
Parish Share	108,960	128,546
Missionary & charitable giving	27,764	28,520
Grant to Sale West Community Urban Trust	11,348	10,255
Parish training & mission	424	478
Junior Church/Youth	2,454	2,692
Equip interns	203	813
Youth worker - salary costs & expenses	1,782	5,133
Children's pastor - salary costs & expenses	21,725	20,730
Clergy housing and working expenses	8,648	8,796
Church & services expenses & utilities	16,741	22,709
General administration	6,270	8,356
Secretarial/Administration salaries	43,718	45,942
Employer pension costs	1,435	1,562
Professional fees	0	801
Church centre - routine running costs + salaries	28,851	29,041
Total Payments	280,322	314,375
Regular Transfer to Maint & Devt Fund	20,000	20,000
Net Income (Transferred to Maint & Devt Fund)	7,295	-30,507

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT FUND

	<u>2021 £</u>	<u>2020 £</u>
Balance at start of year	96,285	101,641
<u>Receipts</u>		
Ascot Avenue house rent received	6,430	6,360
Interest received	27	186
Legacies		
VAT Refund	888	
Sale of Surplus Chairs	500	
Total Receipts	<u>7,845</u>	<u>6,546</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Audio visual equipment and lighting at St Marys	2,546	
Ladders	400	
Ascot Avenue house electrical maintenance	811	
Rydal Avenue house redecoration	3,700	
Rydal Avenue house replace windows		1,083
CCTV for Church and Church Centre		312
Total Receipts	<u>7,457</u>	<u>1,395</u>
Regular Transfer in from General Fund	20,000	20,000
Transfer of General Fund year end balance	7,295	-30,507
Balance at end of year	<u>123,968</u>	<u>96,285</u>

FIELDER FUND

The balance in the Fielder Fund was used for the church entrance roof window repair and for paying some of the church insurance costs, and the fund was then closed.

Brian Macfaden
PCC Treasurer
8 April 2022