

The Parish of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended
31st December 2022

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The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 2022

A Aim and purpose

St Mary Magdalene's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent (the Team Rector of the South Molton Benefice), the Revd Dr Michael Grandey, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, liturgical, evangelistic, social and ecumenical). As well as the church building itself, which is a Grade I Listed Building, the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the Church Hall in Duke Street.

B Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship with us, and to become part of our church family. The PCC maintains an overview of our activities and makes suggestions on how these can involve the different people who live in the town. ***When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.*** Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, sacrament and practical action. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our church family through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in God.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, including through occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals).
- Mission and reaching out to others.

To facilitate this work it is vital that we are able to maintain the fabric of the church building as well as the Church Hall.

C Achievements and Performance

(During 2022 our activities have been gradually getting back to normal following the Covid-19 pandemic.)

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of church services over the course of the year that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend any of our services.

We started the year having shorter Covid-safe services at 9.15am on Sundays, together with an online Zoom service at 11am (for the whole benefice), but during the year we have reverted to having an 11am service of Common Worship Holy Communion alternating with Morning Worship, and roughly fortnightly an 8.30am BCP Holy Communion. We continue to broadcast most of the 11am services online on Zoom for those who are unable for whatever reason to attend in person (available across the benefice and wider afield).

During the year we also hold special services during Lent, Easter and Christmas, as well as a Remembrance Sunday (which we have held in the town's Pannier Market since 2021). We combine with Kingsnympton and Nymet St George for our three respective patronal services. We also have 'civic services' during the year which the Mayor and Town Council attend. This year we also held a

Platinum Jubilee celebration service and a Commemorations service for the late Queen (attended by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Devon). This coming year we hope to resume our ecumenical Good Friday Walk of Witness in 2023.

We encourage lay involvement in our services through reading the lesson and occasionally leading the liturgy. Sidespeople, appointed by the PCC, play an important role in welcoming people. Our choir has now re-started (all having undertaken safeguarding training) and they sit together within the congregation to support the singing. We have now resumed offering refreshments after the 11am services, which allows people to meet and chat and are highly valued..

We encourage the local Church of England Primary School to visit the church during the year (e.g. for class visits, at Harvest, Christmas and for end of each term services). We also welcome other schools, including the Community College at Christmas, and West Buckland School for an annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols (the latter filling the church).

Our services are reviewed at each PCC meeting.

The pandemic has significantly impacted attendance and church commitment. Pre-pandemic in 2019 our average attendance for ordinary services was 65; during 2022 it was 34 (compared with 24 during 2021). Attendance was higher at festivals and other special services, for example Easter Sunday (51 compared with 35 attending in 2021), Harvest Festival (82, compared with 38 last year), Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols (143), Christmas Eve Communion (42, compared with 48 in 2021), our service Platinum Jubilee celebration (64) and the service of Commemoration for the late Queen (131). Once again we had several hundred people attend the Remembrance Sunday service.

Those who are regarded as 'regular worshippers' (who consider themselves part of the church and attend a service at least once a month, or would do so if not prevented by health or immobility) have fallen from 60 at the end of 2021 to 57 at the end of 2022 (compared with 92 at the end of 2019).

As well as our regular services we are available to our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life through holding 'occasional/pastoral' services. Baptisms (christenings) are mostly conducted within a morning worship service, but occasionally at other times, too. In 2022 we conducted **3 baptisms** (compared with 2 last year), **3 weddings** (compared with one last year) and **30 funeral services** (compared with 20 last year): **13 in the church followed by a burial or cremation, 15 just at the crematorium, 2 just at the cemetery.**

At the time of this report **92 people are on the Electoral Roll**, six less than last year (with three living outside the parish).

Pastoral Care and Support

We visit anyone when requested, whether church-goer or not, at home or in hospital. One minister in our team works as an honorary hospital chaplain and has a commitment to two care homes. We also provide support by telephone and email.

Church Fabric

We would like the Church to be seen as a place which can be visited and used by everyone, residents of the town as well as visitors. We try to keep our church building open during daylight hours when possible so that people can visit for private prayer and reflection, or to look round the historic building with its extensive stained glass and other important features. Information on the Church is

available for visitors in several languages. A QR code is displayed which gives those with a smartphone access to extensive information on the church building.

The Town Council have now completed repairs to the churchyard retaining wall to the north-west of the church which had collapsed. The churchyard is 'closed for burials' and so the Town Council is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance (though PCC permission, and if necessary diocesan faculty approval, is required for work within the curtilage of the church).

As resolved at the end of 2021 we wound up the *restricted* Protect Fund at the beginning of the year because related expenditure (paid for from the General Fund) had surpassed the funds available. We have replaced it with a *designated* Fabric Fund for the purposes of general maintenance and fabric repair and also to fund particular projects which would make the building more comfortable to be used for a wider variety of purposes by the community, including holding arts events and concerts.

Having identified further dry rot problems in a pew in the north aisle and in the roof-level timbers in the south chapel during 2021, we have been able to commence remedial work towards the end of 2022. The necessary internal scaffolding has restricted access to a large part of the church.

Sadly, at the beginning of 2023 it was found that the roof problem was more extensive than was initially thought and the cost of the work will exceed that which we had hoped.

We also incurred some significant storm damage to the west window, as well as more minor damage to several panes elsewhere in the church. This required major repairs and resulted in a large insurance claim (which re-funded much but not all of the costs).

There has also been several other repairs necessary, including sorting out rain ingress into the tower and over the refreshment area.

The financial burden of maintaining a large ancient building remains very challenging!

The Church Hall

The Church Hall is used for various church meetings, including the PCC, Mothers' Union, fund-raising suppers, and other church events. However, bookings bringing in rent remain significantly lower than before the Covid pandemic, and the PCC continues to have to transfer funds to the Hall to meet its ongoing running costs.

We have had to invest money in installing emergency lighting and re-laying the side path to make it more accessible as a means of entry and egress. Concerns remain over the general, increasingly dilapidated condition of the Hall, including mould in places and water ingress during heavy rain.

We are pleased to have found a volunteer Hall Manager who takes some of the burden from the hard-pressed Churchwardens.

The long term viability of the Hall will be kept under review by the PCC.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. As well as direct support of those in need, the church occasionally invites donations for particular causes. In 2022 all the money collected at our Remembrance Sunday service went to the Royal British Legion. Donations from our Christingle service went to the Children's Society.

Sadly, our Toddler Group, which used to have a significant outreach impact with families, has not been able to re-start post-Covid because of lack of personnel. However, our monthly Saturday coffee mornings continue to provide a point of contact for people in the town and are well supported, having resumed during the year.

The church's Mothers' Union continues to thrive with new members joining.

A new initiative has been the formation of a 'Create 'n' Chat' group which meets twice monthly in the Church Hall and is attracting increasing numbers.

Our popular Harvest and Carol Suppers, held in person in the Church Hall, have resumed this year (though the Carol Supper was cancelled due to adverse weather). This year we held our Harvest Fayre in the church building (rather than in the Assembly Rooms as we usually do) which attracted a large number of people. We also, once again, had a very successful Christmas Tree Festival in church, which was much appreciated by the many visitors, as well as raising essential funds for the church.

We seek to actively support initiatives designed to help the local community: with the Rector or church members being involved in several of the Town's charities and organisations, including the Church Primary School's Governing Body, South Molton Cottage Homes, the Saunders Good Samaritan Trust, Rotary, the Municipal Charities, and the South Molton Arts Destination Project. The Rector has been various Mayors' Chaplain for several years and attends Town Council meetings.

The Friends of South Molton Parish Church (a separate charity) continues to hold fund-raising events for the benefit of the church, and provides another opportunity for people in the wider community to engage in different activities and to meet with members of the church family.

Communications

We aim to be outward looking, making people aware of the church activities. As well as notices before services, we communicate information about what is going on in the church through weekly emails, our Facebook page and church and Mission Community websites. We also advertise certain events in the town's local newsletters.

Links with Schools

The PCC actively supports the South Molton United Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and works hard to maintain and strengthen close links. The Rector (as ex-officio Foundation Governor) is involved in appointing Foundation Governors, in supporting the Head and the Chair of Governors, being part of the school Ethos Group and attending Governing Body meetings. The current Chair of Governors, and several of the governors are active members of the church.

The Rector undertakes Collective Worship at the Church Primary School, and some church members are part of the Open the Book (Bible storytelling) team which goes into the school most weeks.

The school visited the church several times this past year: for class and year learning visits, and for end-of-term, Easter, Harvest and Christmas services. This year the School also held a Christmas Concert in the church, followed by refreshments. The school choir performed again at the Christmas Tree Festival.

We also have links with the Community College and West Buckland School, with their Christmas services being held in church (though sadly cancelled for weather reasons this year).

Other Activities

We have resumed our monthly lunch-time music concerts in the church. We hosted a choral concert put on by South Molton Singers. South Molton Singers also supported the church choir at our Nine Lessons and Carols service, which was very successful.

We have one of the best peals of eight bells in Devon and enjoy the bells being rung before Sunday services, as well as on Tuesday evenings.

This year we have been involved in the several civic events related to Royal occasions. We have worked with the Town Council in planting trees in several occasions as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. We have had well-attended services celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a very much appreciated Service of Commemoration for the Late Queen (attended by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Devon, the Leader of North Devon Council and the town's Mayor). We have also taken part in the official Proclamation of the King in the Pannier Market.

Ecumenical and wider church relationships

The church is part of the wider South Molton Mission Community (Benefice) and shares in with occasional combined services and events. There is a monthly Mission Community Prayer Meeting which now meets once again in different people's homes.

The church is an integral member of Churches Together in South Molton which organises joint services across the year. Activity has been somewhat curtailed during to Covid but we are hoping to hold our Good Friday Walk of Witness once again this year.

Deanery Synod

We continue to play an active part in the Deanery (which comprises our Mission Community/ Benefice and two others). Three members of the PCC sit on the South Molton Deanery Synod. This provides a further link between our church and the wider church community. Two meetings were held in 2022 where reports from General Synod and Diocesan Synod were discussed, together with 'Living in Love and Faith', the importance of Safeguarding, and the current life of our parishes as a whole.

The Rector has occasionally stood in for Rural Dean, and has organised the licensing of the new Team Vicar for a neighbouring Mission Community.

D Treasurer's Financial Review *(Mrs Mary Metivier, Hon. Treasurer)*

General Fund

At the end of 2022 we had an excess of receipts over payments of £18,289 in our unrestricted General Fund (compared with a deficit of £88 the previous year). We anticipate that this (and more) will be used to pay for the replacement of the rotten timbers in the South Chapel roof which will be completed in 2023.

Total receipts for the unrestricted General Fund in 2022 were £81,683 (compared with £60,407 in 2021).

The mainstay of our income (£25,322, compared to £22,209 in 2021) is from members of the congregation who give on a planned basis through the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders and the "yellow envelopes" scheme.

The Parish Giving Scheme is a Church of England initiative encouraging people to give to their church by Direct Debit and has the advantage that the church receives eligible Gift Aid refunds on the donations each month. At the end of 2022 we had 16 individual/couples in the Scheme: two more than last year.

The PCC is also exploring contactless giving, though we are hampered by not having internet access and through suffering a poor 4G signal.

Income also comes from “plate” collections at services (a bowl left at the back of church for people to put money in if they wish, which brought in £4,954); Gift Aid/Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (£7,843), car parking fees (£2,700) and the portion of the statutory/parochial fees from weddings and funerals which are retained by the PCC rather than submitted to the diocese (£2,730).

We benefitted hugely from different fund-raising events, especially the Christmas Tree Festival which we were able to hold in the church building for the first time since before Covid-19. Fund-raising brought in a surplus of nearly £12,000 compared with under £5,000 last year.

We had some generous donations from a Devonshire charity and from a legacy from the late Tony Chapman for £2,000.

Payments from the unrestricted General Fund in 2022 totalled £61,414 (compared with £58,136 in 2021).

We continue to pay the Diocesan ‘Common Fund’ request in full. The Common Fund helps pay for the stipends and housing costs of the clergy, training and essential support and ministry across of the diocese. It is calculated by a formula which mainly takes into account the number of people whom the diocese have recorded as being in our worship community. In 2022 this increased from £39,263 to £42,012.

We have a balance of £31,056 in the unrestricted General Fund, which is above our agreed reserves, though this will be depleted in early 2023 due to the major repairs necessary. We are also anticipating a large increase in electricity and gas bills in the coming year.

Our shares value decreased from £139,658 to £131,138. We can only spend the interest on these because of restrictive covenants. We did receive £7,118 in dividends from our shares during 2022.

We continue to have an ongoing battle with dry rot and other issues connected to the age of our building, though we are still hoping at some point in the future (depending on funds) to improve facilities and the usefulness of the building with the provision of a toilet.

Church Hall Fund

Income from lettings increased this year from £210 to £1,679. However, to maintain the hall we need to secure more income! During 2022 we had to transfer £4,358 from the main account to the church hall to cover essential expenditure.

We have installed emergency lighting (at a cost of £2,322) for the safety of users, and also improved the side path (at a cost of £485) for wheel-chair users’ access.

2023 will be an even greater challenge for us! Fuel costs alone in the coming years could well be in excess of what we might gain from lettings. In addition there will be costs for routine maintenance and some necessary repairs.

The PCC continues to discuss the long-term viability of the hall, balancing its benefit to the church with the ongoing 'loans/grants' from the general fund necessary to keep it going. The loans are usually written off on the basis that the hall is an asset used by the PCC for its own activities (including PCC and other church meetings).

The Protect Appeal Fund (restricted fund)

'Protect-related' expenditure (born from the general funds) had exceeded that in the fund during 2021. The Fund was wound up early in 2022 with the balance of the funds transferred to the general fund.

Other restricted funds

We have restricted funds, two of which are held within the main bank account and managed by the PCC. The Bell/Tower Fund ("bellringers") had £2,101 at the end of the year (an increase of £113), and the Toddler Group Fund ("mother and toddlers") remained the same as last year at £282.

The Organ Fund is held in a separate Virgin Charity account and stands at £4,885. This is used for repairs of the church organs (the pipe organ and the digital organ), including any future restoration costs. Routine annual maintenance and tuning is funded through the general fund as a church running cost.

The Fabric Fund Appeal (designated fund)

A Fabric Fund was designated by the PCC in 2021 to encourage continuing donations for fabric/maintenance/ church improvement purposes. We wish to protect our church's heritage, to enable it be a community asset in the present, and to future-proof it for generations to come. The balance at the end of 2022 is £1,203.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has resolved to maintain, if possible, a balance in our general (unrestricted) fund, which equates to at least three months' running costs (estimated to be £15,000) to cover emergencies.

If necessary we do have access to a CCLA/CBF deposit fund (currently totally £19,243) which could be used if necessary.

E Volunteers

The Rector and PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Especial thanks go to our Churchwardens (John Tucker and Bob Redwood), our Honorary Treasurer (Mary Metivier) and our Gift Aid Secretary (Paul Watkins).

Thank you to *all* those involved in church life, including those helping with welcoming, reading, refreshments, organising our social and fund-raising events, decorating the church with flowers, and those who clean the church and polish the brass. Thank you to our volunteer organist (Tom Bayliss), and to our team of bell-ringers (led by Cliff Cockram).

The Team Rector would like to thank all PCC members for their indispensable contribution to the shared ministry here, as well as the ministers who have helped with services and occasional offices (Revd Lynn Flatt and Mrs Deborah Bayliss).

F Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and adults at risk of harm). It has adopted a parish safeguarding policy (reviewed annually) and has appointed a Safeguarding Representative (Bob Redwood). Helpline telephone numbers are on display in the church and church hall. In addition, the safeguarding policy is clearly identified on the Mission Community, Parish and "A Church Near You" websites. We have also adopted the Diocesan Parish Safeguarding Dashboard as a tool to monitoring and compliance.

The PCC considers the safeguarding implications of all of its activities and safeguarding is a standing item at PCC meetings.

All authorised ministers, the Churchwardens, and those leading children's work are required to have a DBS check at the appropriate level and to be up-to-date with regard to safeguarding training. In addition, because the PCC sponsors work with children, ALL PCC members are required to have a DBS check. No person is permitted to serve on the PCC if they are included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006), or if they have been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933. All PCC members are required to undertake the safeguarding training modules and other training as specified by the Church of England and the Diocese of Exeter.

G Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2017 (revised in 2020 and 2022). At St Mary Magdalene the Council comprises the Incumbent (the Team Rector), clergy licensed to the Benefice, the Churchwardens, the Reader (by APCM resolution), those elected to the Deanery Synod (currently up to three people), and up to nine members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by those on the Electoral Roll of the church. (All those who attend our services regularly and are qualified to do so are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and, if suitable, to stand for election to the PCC.) The PCC may also co-opt up to two people onto the Council.

The PCC members are responsible for helping to make decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, including all financial matters. As trustees of a charity they are obligated to comply fully with all Charity Law.

The PCC met 12 times during 2022 (twice by videoconference).

The District Church of St George, George Nympton (Nymet St George)

With the amalgamation of the two parishes in 1940 the PCC became responsible for the district church of St George. However, this responsibility has been delegated to a District Church Council and deputy Churchwardens in accordance with a Pastoral Scheme agreed in 1990. Today the District Church Council and (deputy) Churchwardens are elected through their own Annual Meetings. The District Council of St George church appoints its own officers, is responsible for and submits its own accounts, has its own Independent Examiner, maintains its own *church* Electoral Roll, is given its own Common Fund assessment by the Diocese, submits its own Statistics for Mission and Annual Financial Returns to the Church of England Statistics Unit, and has its own churchyard privileges. However, for Gift Aid and Small Donations Scheme tax rebate purposes claims to HMRC are made through St Mary Magdalene PCC.

H Administrative Information

The Church is situated between The Square and North Street and the postcode for SAT NAV purposes is EX36 3AN.

St Mary Magdalene church is the Parish Church of South Molton within the ecclesiastical parish of South Molton with Nymet St George. It is part of the South Molton Benefice ("Mission Community"), one of three team ministries in the South Molton Deanery, in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, in the Diocese of Exeter. The Mission Community was formalised by a Pastoral Scheme in 2016 as South Molton Benefice (comprising the parishes of South Molton with Nymet St George, Kingsnympton, Chittlehampton with Umberleigh, Filleigh, Chittlehamholt, and Warkleigh with Satterleigh).

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The PCC is a body corporate (under s.3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, and by the Church Representation Rules set out in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969). Though excepted from registration (Charities Act 1993/2011), coming under the scrutiny of the Diocese, it is required to comply fully with Charity legislation. The full name of the charity is "The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene South Molton".

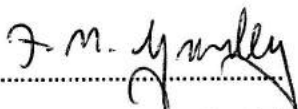
PCC members

PCC members who have served at any time from the 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are listed below:

Ex Officio

Incumbent (Rector)	Revd Dr Michael Grandey	Chair
Churchwardens	Mr Robert Redwood Mr John Tucker	also Deanery Synod representative also Deanery Synod representative
Deanery Synod rep	Mrs Deborah Bayliss	Electoral Roll Officer from April 2022)
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mrs Jenny Beaton Mrs Trish Davies Mr David King Mr Andrew Skelcey Mr Claude Squire Mr Paul Watkins Mrs Margaret White Mr Stephen White Mrs Lyn Winter	(from April 2022 to November 2022) (until April 2022) (until January 2022) Planned Giving Officer Electoral Roll Officer (to April 2022) Vice-chair
<i>Co-opted</i>	Mrs Mary Metivier	Hon. Treasurer to the PCC (to December)

Approved by the PCC on 8th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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Revd Dr F M Grandey (Chair)


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Mrs Mary Metivier (Hon. Treasurer)

**SOUTH MOLTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

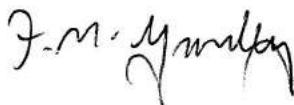
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 8 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Revd Dr F M Grandey
Chair of Trustees



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE SOUTH MOLTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the South Molton Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of PCC and examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act and sections 24 to 25 of the Church Accounts Regulations 1971 to 2006 (the Regulations));
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees 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 as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

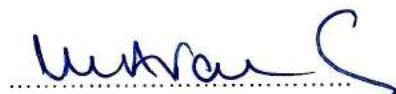
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts in accordance with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met, or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed M Adams

Date



02/04/23

Mr Marcus Adams,
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**SOUTH MOLTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity receives the funds.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received.

Fixed Assets

The charity has the right to occupy and use for its charitable objects certain tangible fixed assets, including the Church, consideration is not payable for the use of these assets. Expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of these assets is charged as payments in the receipts and payment accounts as it arises.

All tangible fixed assets having a value to the charity greater than one year, other than those acquired for specific purposes, are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost or initial value, less residual value, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives: Fixtures, fittings and office equipment 8 years.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Taxation

South Molton Parish Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT.

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts	Unrestricted General Fund	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
	£	£	
Voluntary Receipts			
Planned Giving	25,322		22,209
Plate Collection & Other Giving	4,954		3,827
Donations	8,805		8,841
Legacies	2,000		
Gift Aid Recovered	7,843		9,350
VAT Recovered	655		181
		<u>49,579</u>	<u>44,408</u>
Charitable Activities			
Fund Raising	12,948		4,543
Tearfund Emergency Appeal			300
Newsletter/Magazine			62
		<u>12,948</u>	<u>4,905</u>
Income from Investments			
Other Investment Income	7,118		6,115
		<u>7,118</u>	<u>6,115</u>
Other Income			
Retained Fees Weddings & Funerals	2,730		1,571
Car Parking	2,700		3,300
Energy Grant from Diocese	870		
Archdeacon's Fund			108
Insurance Claim	5,738		
		<u>12,038</u>	<u>4,979</u>
Income Totals		<u>81,683</u>	<u>60,407</u>
Payments			
Church Activities			
Diocesan Parish Contribution	42,012		39,263
Clergy Expenses	1,728		1,478
Church Running Expenses	6,488		7,683
Cost of Services			55
Building Maintenance/Major Repairs	9,208		7,063
Routine Repairs & Renewals	1,786		2,081
Mission and Evangelism costs	45		135
Subscriptions	147		354
Training			25
		<u>61,414</u>	<u>58,136</u>
Church Management and Administration			
Charitable Giving	902		1,756
Fund Raising Expenses	970		116
Archdeacon's Fund	108		
Newsletter/Magazine Expenses			170
Bank Charges			2
Independent Examination Fee			315
		<u>1,980</u>	<u>2,359</u>
Expenditure Totals		<u>63,394</u>	<u>60,495</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		18,289	-88
Transfer from Protect Appeal Fund		1,902	
Loan/Grant to Hall		-4,358	
Opening Balance 1st January		15,223	15,311
Closing Balance 31st December		<u>31,056</u>	<u>15,223</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton
Designated and Restricted Funds held within the Main Account**

	2022 £	2021 £
Fabric Fund (Designated)		
Opening Balance	831	0
Donations	373	831
Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance	<u>1,203</u>	<u>831</u>

Bell Tower Fund (Restricted)

Receipts

Donations	<u>197</u>	<u>20</u>
	197	20

Payments

Repair & Renewal	84	0
Subscriptions	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
	84	15

Excess of receipts over payments 113 5

Balance at 1st January	<u>1,990</u>	<u>1,985</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>2,102</u>	<u>1,990</u>

Toddler Group (Restricted)

Opening Balance	282	282
Receipts	0	0
Purchases	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance	<u>282</u>	<u>282</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton
Protect Appeal 2022 Receipts and Payments (Restricted Fund)**

Protect Appeal Account (Nat West a/c 61092568)

	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Fund raising		
Donations		104
Grant		
VAT Recovered		
Gift Aid		0
	0	104

Payments

Transfer to Main Account	1,902	
Cost of Services		
Building Maintenance		
General Repairs & Renewals		
Miscellaneous		0
Professional Fees		
Bank Charges		
	1,902	0

Excess of Payments over receipts	-1,902	104
Opening Balance 1st January	1,902	1,798
Closing Balance 31st December	0	1,902

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton
CCLA Account (Unrestricted Fund) & Virgin Charity Account (Restricted Fund)**

	2022 £	2021 £
CCLA CBF Deposit Fund a/c no. 615385001D		
Receipts		
Interest in Year	<u>250</u>	<u>10</u>
	250	10
Payments		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	250	10
Balance at 1st January	<u>18,993</u>	<u>18,903</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u><u>19,243</u></u>	<u><u>18,993</u></u>

Virgin Charity a/c no. 15035T-24495 2022 (Organ Fund, Restricted)

Receipts		
Interest	3	4
Interest	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
	13	7
Payments		
Organ Repairs	<u>540</u>	<u>0</u>
	540	0
Excess of receipts over payments	-527	7
Balance at 1st January	<u>5,412</u>	<u>5,405</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u><u>4,885</u></u>	<u><u>5,412</u></u>

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton
(as trustees of the Church Hall)
Church Hall Account (Nat West a/c 06108695)
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022**

	2022 £	2,021 £
Income		
Lettings	1,679	210
	<u>1,679</u>	<u>210</u>
Expenditure		
Music Performance Licence	132	45
Minor Repairs and Renewals	868	139
Major Renovation/Repairs	2,807	
Light, Heat and water	303	421
Insurance	858	808
Misc. (documents from SWH)	16	16
	<u>4,968</u>	<u>1,429</u>
Excess of payments in year	-3,290	-1,219
Balance at 1st January	629	1,040
Loan/Grant from Church	4,358	808
Balance at 31st December	1,697	629
Represented by		
Bank Account Balance	1,709	629
Less liability (Water bill for 2022)	-12	
Total	<u>1,697</u>	<u>629</u>

South Molton Parish Church
CHURCH FLOWER ACCOUNT (Lloyd's Barnstaple 00604566)
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022
(presented for information)

	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Easter lily Collection	475	
Donations	50	54
	<u>525</u>	<u>54</u>
Payments		
Harvest Flowers	41	25
Easter Lilies	30	20
Flowers	30	
Christmas	26	9
Pedestals and High Altar		20
Artificial Flowers		39
Other Payments	34	10
Donation to PCC	450	
	<u>611</u>	<u>123</u>
Movement in Year	<u>-86</u>	<u>-69</u>
Bank Account Balance brought forward	376	476
Cash Balance brought forward	63	31
	<u>439</u>	<u>507</u>
Add surplus/Less deficit in year	-86	-69
Balance at 31/12/2022	<u>353</u>	<u>438</u>
Bank Account Balance 31 December	351	376
Cash Balance 31 December	2	63
	<u>353</u>	<u>439</u>

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, South Molton

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Protect Appeal	Restricted Organ Fund	Restricted Bell / Tower	Restricted Toddler Group	Designated Fabric Fund	Restricted Investments	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
Investments 2									
NatWest (RBS)							3,930	3,930	3,604
Wincanton							3,127	3,127	3,415
M&G Charifund							107,282	107,282	113,610
CBF Investment							16,798	16,798	19,028
							<u>131,138</u>	<u>131,138</u>	<u>139,658</u>
Monetary Assets 3									
Bank a/cs	31,056	0	4,885	2,102	282	1,203		39,528	25,639
CCLA CBF a/c	19,243							19,243	18,993
Church Hall	1,697							1,697	629
	<u>51,996</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,885</u>	<u>2,102</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>1,203</u>		<u>60,468</u>	<u>45,261</u>
Debtors									
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities 4									
Archdeacon's collection								0	108
Electrical work								0	384
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	492
Fixed assets retained for Church use									
Church Hall 5									

Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- Valuations of Investment Funds of which we have use of the income for ordinary church purposes

Share prices at 31 December 2022			2022	2021
	no. shares	value/share (£)	£	£
NatWest (RBS)	1,482	2.65	3,930	3,604
Wincanton	928	3.37	3,127	3,415
M&G Charifund	7,300.50	14.70	107,282	113,610 (Held by diocese. Bid price)
CBF Investment	813.63	20.65	16,798	19,028 (bid mkt value)
			<u>131,138</u>	<u>139,658</u>

3. Movement of Restricted funds

Restricted Funds and movements in Fund	At 1/1/21	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31/12/22
Organ Fund	5,412	13	540		4,885
Protect Appeal	1,902			1,902	0
Toddler Group	282				282
Bell/Tower Fund	1,990	197	84		2,102
	<u>9,585</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>1,902</u>	<u>7,269</u>

- Money collected at the Archdeacon's Visitation service in 2021 was returned into the Archdiaconal Fund during 2022. The electrical work undertaken in 2021 was paid for in 2022.

- Fixed assets retained for church use is the Church Hall, Duke Street, South Molton EX36 3AL
The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: movable church furnishings held by Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.