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ABERCONWY MISSION AREA
ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31DEC 2022
THE MISSION AREA OF ABERCONWY CHARITY
NUMBER 1131047

THE CHURCHES THAT MAKE UP OUR MISSION AREA ARE:

St Hilarys Church, Llanrhos

St Pauls Church, Craig Y Don

St Davids Church, Penrhyn Bay

All Saints' Church, Deganwy

St Cystennins Church, Llangystennin

St Michaels and All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction

St Ffraids Church, Glan Conwy

St Martins Church, Eglwysbach

St Grwsts Church, LLanwrst

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE (MAC) MEMBERS who served from 1st Jan 2022 until the date of this report were:

MISSION AREA LEADER – Rev Sam Erlandson

MISSION AREA LAY CHAIR – Mr Andrew James

MISSION AREA WARDENS – Mrs Tesni Hadwin and Mr Nick Davies

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EASTER VESTRY REPORT –

By Rev Sam Erlandson

May I begin this report by sincerely thanking everyone from across the Mission Area for your faithfulness and hard work. Being a Christian in the 21st Century is not easy, and I fear may become more difficult. However, when Jesus is at the centre of what we do and who we are, all things are possible. A sincere but humble faith is all we need to move mountains and this is what we see across the whole of the Mission Area. Thank you so much.

2022 has been a most exciting year for the life of the mission area. What we are seeing at the moment is a modest growth in numbers across the mission area, and a great depth of growth in church health. When we consider where we were coming out of the pandemic. We are seeing more people engage with bible study and private devotion through our numerous study sessions throughout Lent and Advent and within our church house groups. We are seeing over a hundred children engage in children's activities. Schools are returning to church for celebration and education. Prayer groups are meeting to pray. Social activities are returning to our calendars. Please do not forget that at the beginning of the pandemic, there were more than a few people who were certain that COVID would be the end of the church. This is truly the church of the resurrection and this is what we are seeing.

But what about numbers on a Sunday? What about the figures in our bank accounts? This is not to be taken for granted. We can hold all the coffee morning's we like, but if it is not converting into an active faith in Jesus Christ, what is the point? We can have all the prayer groups we like, but if we don't have the money to pay for trained and qualified leaders or for the upkeep of the building the prayer group meets in, what is the point? These are extremely valid concerns.

I don't have a magic wand for either these, unfortunately. But what I do know is, that for a plant to grow, it needs strategic planting and thoughtful nurturing. Growth can only come from health. If we want our churches to grow, it will not be found with gimmicks that will entertain people in. Church growth will be found when our roots are firmly planted in the gospel, fed with love, through a life of devotion and prayer. The same can also be said for finances.

Whilst we need the devotion, love, and prayer from you, as MAL, I will be overseeing the strategic planting and Andrew, our new MAC Chair, will be overseeing the financial strategy. I cannot, for sure, say what the future has in store for the Aberconwy Mission Area, everything is uncertain these days, but I do have hope that if we faithfully follow in the ways of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, he will not lead us astray. Stay close to Jesus, and we will be fine!

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A gaf fi ddechrau'r adroddiad hwn drwy ddiolch yn ddiffuant i bawb o bob rhan o'r Ardal Genhadaeth am eich ffyddlondeb a'ch gwaith caled. Nid yw bod yn Gristion yn yr 21ain Ganrif yn hawdd, ac rwy'n ofni y daw'n anoddach. Fodd bynnag, pan fydd Iesu yng nghanol yr hyn a wnawn a phwy ydym ni, mae pob peth yn bosibl. Ffydd ddidwyll ond gostyngedig yw'r cyfan sydd ei angen arnom i symud mynyddoedd a dyma a welwn ar draws yr Ardal Genhadaeth gyfan. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Mae 2022 wedi bod yn flwyddyn gyffrous iawn i fywyd yr ardal genhadol. Yr hyn yr ydym yn ei weld ar hyn o bryd yw twf cymedrol mewn niferoedd ar draws yr ardal genhadol, a thwf dwfn iawn yn iechyd yr eglwys. Pan fyddwn yn ystyried lle roeddem yn dod allan o'r pandemig. Rydym yn gweld mwy o bobl yn cymryd rhan mewn astudiaeth feiblaidd ac ymroddiad preifat trwy ein sesiynau astudio niferus trwy gydol y Grawys a'r Adfent ac o fewn ein grwpiau tai eglwys. Rydym yn gweld dros gant o blant yn cymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau plant. Mae ysgolion yn dychwelyd i'r eglwys ar gyfer dathlu ac addysg. Mae grwpiau gweddi yn cyfarfod i weddio. Mae gweithgareddau cymdeithasol yn dychwelyd i'n calendrau. Peidiwch ag anghofio, ar ddechrau'r pandemig, bod mwy nag ychydig o bobl a oedd yn sicr mai COVID fyddai diwedd yr eglwys. Dyma wir eglwys yr atgyfodiad a dyma beth rydyn ni'n ei weld.

Ond beth am niferoedd ar ddydd Sul? Beth am y ffigurau yn ein cyfrifon banc? Ni ddylid cymryd hyn yn ganiataol. Gallwn gynnal yr holl foreau coffi rydyn ni'n eu hoffi, ond os nad yw'n troi'n ffydd weithredol yn Iesu Grist, beth yw'r pwynt? Gallwn gael yr holl grwpiau gweddi yr ydym yn eu hoffi, ond os nad oes gennym yr arian i dalu am arweinwyr hyfforddedig a chymwysedig neu am gynnal a chadw'r adeilad y mae'r grŵp gweddi yn cyfarfod ynddo, beth yw'r pwynt? Mae'r rhain yn bryderon hynod ddilys.

Does gen i ddim hudlath ar gyfer y rhain chwaith, yn anffodus. Ond yr hyn yr wyf yn ei wybod yw, er mwyn i blanhigyn dyfu, mae angen plannu strategol a meithrin meddylgar. Dim ond o iechyd y gall twf ddod. Os ydym am i'n heglwysi dyfu, ni cheir ef â gimigau a fydd yn diddanu pobl i mewn. Ceir twf eglwysig pan blannir ein gwreiddiau'n gadarn yn yr efengyl, wedi'u bwydo â chariad, trwy fywyd o ddefosiwn a gweddi. Gellir dweud yr un peth am gyllid.

Er bod arnom angen yr ymroddiad, y cariad, a'r weddi gennych chi, fel MAL, byddaf yn goruchwyllo'r plannu strategol a bydd Andrew, ein Cadeirydd MAC newydd, yn goruchwyllo'r strategaeth ariannol. Ni allaf, yn sicr, ddweud beth sydd gan y dyfodol i Ardal Genhadol Aberconwy, mae popeth yn ansicr y dyddiau hyn, ond y mae gennyf obaith, os dilynwn yn ffyddlon yn ffyrdd ein Harglwydd a'n Gwaredwr Iesu Grist, na fydd yn arwain. ni ar gyfeiliorn. Arhoswch yn agos at Iesu, a byddwn yn iawn!

ST HILARYS CHURCH

Exploring Faith:

Faith has to be central to everything we do. The church needs to be a Jesus centred community. Whilst we are also an institution, and therefore need administration and finance, whilst we are a volunteer organisation, and therefore will need management and training, whilst we are guardians of historic buildings, we are first and foremost the body of Christ. Jesus will always be at the centre of our community and our faith must be of first concern even if it means forsaking any of the above.

We have been looking to develop and explore our faith in St Hilary's in a number of ways. We have continued with the Daily Bible Pledge. This is now with the added daily commentary offered not only on WhatsApp, but also on our Facebook page. We are also planning to hold a get-together at the end of each book for a coffee and informal chat about the book we have just finished.

We will also be setting up, this month, a St Hilary's house group. This will be a good opportunity for informal discussion, prayer, and worship. This will accompany the monthly men's group and the online women's group run by the clergy wives. These can be great opportunities to gently grow and explore our faith. They can also be excellent opportunities to invite new people to explore faith. For some, church may well be too much at first. A smaller, more informal group may well give be more comfortable for some to come to faith.

We are also holding slightly more intense groups twice a year, as a mission area, at lent and advent to get our teeth stuck into deeper study of scripture and discipleship. It is always good to see people from St Hilary's who are willing to engage with this and there is always room for more.

Exploring worship:

St Hilary's is now offering quite a range of worship throughout the month. Each Sunday we have an 8am service, an 11am, and a 6pm. We have diversified our services, which two years ago were straight forward Eucharists each week. We now have a monthly family service, which is seeing a growing number of children and families engaging with, a monthly informal eucharist, a monthly healing service, and a monthly Cymun Bendigaid. We are learning more and more contemporary hymns. The choice of hymns causes contention nearly every Sunday at the 11am. Please be respectful that at St Hilary's, we have a mixture of modern and traditional worship. We tend to go for modern on the 1st and 3rd and traditional on the 2nd and 4th. Please keep in mind that your favourites may not be everyone's favourites and I cannot please all the people all the time.

The Cymun Bendigaid has developed in as much as the sermon is now in Welsh also, therefore making this service entirely Welsh. One or two of the congregation cannot speak Welsh, however. I therefore print my sermon off in English for them to read, should they wish to.

We also hold a monthly 'Come and Sing' session in conjunction with St David's church. This is a good time to explore some new music to sing during worship, but also a good opportunity to explore our faith by reflecting on the words we are singing also.

It also great to have on board some new people offering themselves to come on the readers rota, we have new people who have come on the intercessions rota and we have licensed two new worship leaders this year. It is great to have these people coming forward to offer themselves for the leading of worship in the church.

A further opportunity later this year will be a mission area pilgrimage to Holywell. This is currently being planned by the mission area clergy and will, hopefully, be taking place in the Summer. All would be very welcome to come along to this day.

Sharing Christ's love

This is where our faith becomes action. This is what the letter of James is almost entirely about. Without this, all the above is dead. We are now taking home communion to the housebound regularly. It is great that people have come forward to help with this. This was a target from last year. If any of you knows of anyone who would appreciate home communion, please let me know, and I would gladly take them the sacrament. The housebound have a habit of not bothering the Rector because they think I am busy. I want to be busy with looking after people.

I have noticed how much more the Conwy foodbank seems to be filling up more regularly, and people from St Hilary's engaging with the Aberconwy care and share, this is much appreciated. Jeanette does a great amount of work for the Christian Aid, and it has been good to see St Hilary's support for this. It is fantastic that we can book in, once again, one of Jelena's concerts. This will play a huge part in welcoming new people into St Hilary's church and an opportunity to get the community together for something joyful and fun. Not only that, but they raised much needed funds for Ty Gobaith.

We have also been able to reach out to some charities through our social activity. Our harvest lunch received a speaker from the charity Compassion. It was wonderful to see that some have been able to sponsor a child through Compassion, and that some were able to give a one-off donation. We are also holding a number of lent lunches this year in aid of Water Aid. On top of this we are collecting for Water Aid under the 'Jars of Change' scheme. It is wonderful that we are able to support so much from our 'small church with a big heart'.

A tremendous vote of thanks must also go out to all those who help maintain and do marvellous work in the church yards. Our church yard is an asset to this church. Through it, we are a beacon to care for wildlife. Our wildflowers are exemplary and the habitats, food, and shelter they provide for insects. But also, the birdlife and the regular commitment to keep the feeders full. Along with the St Hilary's beehives, and the production of St Hilary's Honey. This is a true example of the stewardship of the planet, and something which I know we are planning on developing with our local church school.

ST PAUL'S REPORT 2023

Exploring Faith:

Our journey of faith never finishes in this lifetime. Whether we are brand new to Christian faith or have been coming to church for many a decade, there is always another step along the journey we can take. We have had some interesting opportunities to explore our faith as church over that past year. As well as a mission area bible study course, in Advent, following the diocesan study course *Faith, Hope, and Love*, we have also had a series of talks on the Eucharist after the Thursday service, which was well attended throughout, and a further mission area bible study course, in Lent, following Tom Wright's book *Lent for Everyone: Matthew's Gospel*. I have been really encouraged with the questions and the conversations surrounding these study courses, which seems to have encouraged others to open up a little bit about their faith and relationship with God and the church. I have also been encouraged with the take-up of people coming to the men's group, the way in which the St Paul's fellowship is being run, and the online ladies fellowship, all of which seems to be encouraging people to reflect on their faith, ask questions, and explore.

It is really encouraging to see how people are growing in confidence with the use and views of scripture. Some of my most joyful moments have been when people have stopped to talk about their views of a biblical character or the events preceding or proceeding a biblical event. Much is speculation, but this is where some deep biblical reflections can be made.

Exploring worship:

The Anglican church has a well-established tradition of worship. The Anglican church was once known as the church of the prayer-book. As many other churches have modernised and have abandoned the book of common prayer, St Paul's is still proudly drawing from the rich tradition and wisdom of this liturgy. Along with the glorious choral music our worship has a rich, transcendence to it which creates a numinous experience. Last year St Paul's affiliated with the Prayer Book Society. Since then, we have offered a unique opportunity in North Wales by providing a monthly 1662 communion service. This has even encouraged the North Wales branch of the Prayer Book Society to hold two of their quarterly services in St Pauls, and we look forward to seeing them again.

We have also developed the 3rd Sunday of the month a little further to help incorporate the children from Bodafon school. It is quite routine now to have children from the school reading and leading intercessions in church on the 3rd Sunday. It is also wonderful to see them growing in confidence as they tackle the traditional language of the prayer book, and as they are getting better at projecting and reading in public. These will be skills of great use for them later in life. We have also adapted the sermon slot on this particular Sunday into more of a child friendly talk, still with some pertinent remarks helpful for the adults listening too.

We have, from this, been able to encourage some of these children to get involved with the music of the church. It was a great joy to welcome eight children into the choir on Septuagesima. These children will now sing with the choir on the third Sunday of the month, and we look forward to seeing that increase as time progresses. I know they are already working hard for Mothering Sunday. It was also great to receive Cor Bodafon into our church for the nine lessons and carols. This is a good tradition worth pursuing.

We continue to develop and publish a weekly Seven Minute Service in term time, where we use a wider range of readers from the pupils at Bodafon. This year we have also developed more staff input, as the seven-minute service now features within the RE scheme

of work for the term, resulting in more work from the children being displayed during the production. This continues to get a good viewer rating.

Sharing Christ's love

This is where our faith becomes action. This is what the letter of James is almost entirely about. Without this, all the above is dead. Since the days of lockdown, we have been able to re-establish Home Communion to the housebound and the elderly. I am really pleased to say that two pastoral-assistants have come on board this year. They will assist me in taking communion to those at home and assisting me with the organisation of baptisms. I am very grateful for this help and glad that we now have a good team offering pastoral love and care to those on the fringes of the church community.

We have also seen a good amount of support for the Conwy food bank, from people donating regularly to this, to people delivering the food to the bank, this is all faith-in-action. The support of the RNLI at the nine lessons and carols, the support and links with the local school and Springfield nursery, the choral scholarships for some of our younger musicians, our support for Christian aid. We worked very hard this Christmas in welcoming four schools into our church. We need to keep building on this and it hopefully won't be long before we will be seeing some good fruit coming from this.

We have also welcomed Cor Meibion Maelgwn in twice over the summer to sing to American cruise liner tourists. We look forward to welcoming them with the school choir, and an American choir for a concert in church.

We have also had three children's outreach events this year. The Easter treasure hunt, the Summer family fun day, and the October Light Party. All of which saw an overwhelming number of children. These events are great at establishing some connections with younger families in the community. Hopefully, this will begin to show fruit to our membership in church.

Thank you also for the way in which you have embraced my family and I into your family. I genuinely enjoy being the Rector of St Paul's, it brings me life, and although I know I over-work at times, please know it is out of enjoyment in vocation you are enabling in allowing me to serve you.

ST DAVIDS CHURCH

In July 2022 our Hub Church welcomed Rev Grace Lomas as Curate at St David's, Grace quickly settled into the life of the Hub Church and was immediately a great asset to our worship, fellowship, Pastoral visiting and teaching. The family of St David's have really taken to Grace and appreciate the contribution she makes.

We also welcomed Alan McKinnell as the All-Age Engagement Officer and along with his wife Jean they have become such valuable hard working and dedicated members of our Hub Team.

Jo Bowles has been in training with us too as Pastoral Chaplin and has been an active member of our new Worship Team who have been putting together and leading our monthly family non-Eucharist 11.00am service

As a team here we have established an extended pattern of worship in Penrhyn Bay and are working together to achieve the vision of the Hub Church and the MA Action Plan.

In addition to the traditional Sunday and Friday services, we now have the Church Open an additional 3 mornings per week for prayer and fellowship.

A Children's Hub Club has been established since last September and meets every Tuesday during term time with upward of 20 children and their parents or grandparents in attendance every week.

On Tuesdays evenings there is a Bible Study Meeting and one Sunday per month we hold a Café Church service in the Church Hall which is a less formal service with a different vibe to the traditional service, with live music, scripture readings and prayers. We have regularly run a selection of Bible Study courses during this last year, e.g. Hope Explored, study of the letter of James, Gospel of Mark, the Wellbeing Course which looked at our physical, mental and Spiritual well-being and how scripture can help us establish a healthy pattern of life based on Faith Hope and Love. Advent and Lent courses, and the Bible Society Bible study course. These have been attended by about 16 regulars each Tuesday Evening and we have had some engaging discussions and it has encouraged them to read the bible regularly at home.

Activity in the Church hall has returned post Covid and we have a busy weekly diary with the hall bookings now being managed by Alan McKinnon which enables him to engage with the groups to grow links with the Church. This was highlighted at the Christmas Carol Service where Beulah Brass Band provided the music to a packed Church and a big group of young people from the Gateway Club wanted to take part and sang us out with Jingle Bells.

The Community Garden also developed further during the year with raised beds growing fruit and vegetables being established which are available and are harvested by members of the community. We continue to see students from Llandrillo College supporting the project. The group come along with their

Teacher to help with weeding and planting and to help with other maintenance of the garden and to have their own input into how it will develop.

Another highlight was the Afternoon Tea celebration for the Queens Jubilee in June which saw a huge number of people from the Community enjoying a wonderful afternoon of refreshments, music and fellowship organised and provided by members of the congregation.

It was also good to see a return to fellowship events among the congregation following the pandemic with a Fish and Chip Supper, Quiz with Cheese and Wine, Sunday lunches and the much loved Christmas Winter Warmer meal.

In summary, we have seen a year of expansion of the clergy team, number and type of services, community involvement and events, community engagement and a much-enhanced energy level which has resulted in St David's Church having a higher profile in the Community and engaging with far more people in God's work in Penrhyn Bay

As a congregation we are extremely grateful for the hard work, commitment and drive of the Clergy Team led by Rev Juliet who have been responsible for such a positive and joyous change in Church life in Penrhyn Bay.

The team hold a Monday morning meeting to plan and pray together and discussed ways in which we could re-energise the spiritual life of the church, and to this end we quickly established prayer groups, and bible study. In addition, during our sermons we regularly speak about discipleship and the gifts of the Spirit to encourage everyone to take ownership of our worship and praise and to come forward to take an active part. This has resulted in additional people reading the scripture for us and writing and leading intercessions occasionally. We also encourage people to use our WhatsApp prayer App to share prayers or prayer requests. All our meetings begin and end in prayer and we encourage everyone to engage in our prayer groups and if they cannot attend to send in their prayers or pray at the same time we meet in their own home.

We have made use of email groups and our WhatsApp group as well as our Facebook page to ensure that everyone knows what is going on and have encouraged our congregation to come forward to offer their time and gifts to the work of the church. Some have now responded to our request to write and lead our Intercessions and some have helped with Hub Club (subject to the usual DBF and Safeguarding procedures) This is something that we have been working on this year to encourage others to help in whatever way they can, we also appreciate those who volunteer to make the refreshments after our services.

At our annual vestry meeting we were able to fill all the posts for 'officers' except Treasurer, as Gordon Kirkpatrick who has held this role for many years has now retired, we are grateful for all his hard work over the years and are now prying for a suitable replacement to be found.

We feel that we have laid a good foundation on which we can build on over the next year, thanks be to God.

All Saints Church

It has been a year of growth for us at All Saints. Our congregation numbers have grown, alongside a growth in the depth of our community and sense of shared discipleship. We now have a well-attended monthly walking group, a weekly home group and increasing numbers staying after a service to enjoy fellowship. We have also seen growth in our financial situation and have been able to increase the money we are giving away to local and international causes. Whilst all of that is exciting, the discernment of how to best use the resources we have been blessed with is at the forefront of our minds in this New Year.

We have had initial conversations with an architect as we explore the best use of our building and the resourcing of the increasing number of children, we have attending our Sunday services. We await their initial ideas as we discern the best way forward as a church community.

We are grateful to God for his provision, for all those that serve faithfully and pray that we would continue to be faithful to Jesus in all we say and do as we seek to fulfill the call to be 'a place of hope on the hill' (Matthew 4:14-16).

St Michaels and All Angels Church

Times are challenging for us at St Michaels Church. Our Sunday congregation remains small, but faithful, with the addition of 2 new people who have joined us over the last year. We are thankful for the provision of our church building and the thriving 'Adventurers' Toddler group we have on a Monday morning. We now have over 90 families on our database whom we have been privileged to have contact with, with an average weekly attendance of 16 families. The question of 'what next' reigns supreme in our thinking.

The issue we are facing in St Michaels Church is that of resource. We have dwindling financial resources, amid rising costs, and a limited number of people who are able and willing to be involved in the ministry of the church. There is huge gospel potential in St Michaels and Llandudno Junction is a large, growing community that lacks a thriving church of any denomination.

We look to God, as we discern the next steps forward for us as a church as we seek to become and sanctuary, a place of encounter with Jesus (Psalm 96:5-7).

St Martins Church

It has been a year of consolidation for us at St Martins Church. Our Sunday attendance is steady and we continue to serve our village community faithfully. It has been a privilege to see the growth of the Monday Craft Club and see them be generous in serving causes outside of the village. Thursday coffee stop continues to serve the community and the recent Friday lunch club, which is connected to the church, is proving to be invaluable to

those who would otherwise be isolated. We are proud to say, that if the church was to close, the village would most certainly notice.

We continue to develop our relationship with our church school and are proud of their recent, wonderful Estyn report. Rev'd Ben continues to serve on the Governing Body alongside one other church representative, takes a weekly service in school and the school attend church once a month for a service.

We are indebted to so many who give so much to serve the church and we look forward to continuing in our faithful pilgrimage (Psalm 84:4-5) as God's people gathered in Eglwysbach.

ST CYSTENNINS CHURCH

Due to personal circumstances, Rev Sue Storey was absent from September to the end of 2022. The congregation at St Cystennin would like to express their thanks to the clergy in the Aberconwy MA who stepped in and enabled them to have their usual services while Sue was away.

2022 was the first year when life returned to fairly normal after the Covid pandemic. Having got used to the restrictions we now had to remember what life was like before. The chalice in communion was reinstated at the Easter Eucharist, at the request of the congregation after the Bishop gave us the go ahead. It remains optional however.

This return to normality allowed some outside events to restart. A plant sale in May proved very successful and attracted quite a crowd. There was also an open day in the summer when the church registers and records were on display. In September the church took part in the Open Doors scheme, ably facilitated by Roy Mills.

In late Autumn St Cystennin hosted a civic service which was well attended and enjoyed by those taking part, raising the church profile in the community.

The Carol service, which has always been a firm fixture in Mochdre, took place on 15th December with the now well known mega raffle.

Rev Juliet Fraser managed to make contact with the local school while Sue was away and Rev Sam Erlandson showed a group of children around the church. It is hoped to build on this and maintain and improve this link in the future.

As part of the outreach of the church into the surrounding community two new benches were purchased for the graveyard and one more has since been donated.

Many people, both locals and holidaymakers spend time sitting in the peaceful surroundings of the churchyard. The old benches were getting unsafe to use. The benches were commissioned from a local craftsman and used sustainable timber. A plaque has been added to one by the church congregation. This is in memory of a faithful member of the church, known to all as Betty Jam. She died in 2020 during lockdown. It seemed appropriate that she have a proper memorial in the place she loved.

St Cystennin is working towards a bronze eco award and this is being led by Andrew Williams.

2022 was a difficult year in many ways but the congregation, small in number but loyal and proactive, have kept things going and proved resilient.

St Grwsts report 2023

At St Grwsts we have continued with our regular pattern of worship focused on the Eucharist. We have seen new people take up the rolls of reading and leading the prayers and since Christmas we now have a new server. With flexible seating has come the opposite to explore worship in new ways. Although some people have questioned the changes, over time they have valued viewing worship in a different way.

Funerals have continued to take place at St Grwsts with only one wedding this year and 2 Baptisms.

We have begun Bible studies which will follow the academic year. People have gathered from both church's and the opportunity to learn from each other has been very enjoyable and at times challenging and it's been wonderful to hear that people want more!

Happy Saturdays continues with great joy and enthusiasm. Story telling and craft form the focus for our monthly sessions, enjoyed by all who attend.

Regular weekly input continues in Ysgol Llanddoged. School have been on visits to St Grwsts which will continue to be a part of school life. The contribution of the children in 'Gwasanaeth' is always a revelation and opens up many interesting conversations. It is a joy to be a support to the staff at school as they continue to explore federalisation in the Church School in Ysbyty Ifan.

Continued contact with Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy is growing. I have been involved in setting up a support group for those students who attend school who identify as LGBT+. Moving forward this may well lead to further input in the school.

Although there is still much to do the inroads that have been made in the community give us a good foundation on which to continue building in the year to come.

St Ffraids report 2023

At St Ffraids we have continued with our weekly pattern of worship. We have seen a couple of new people come along and join us. We have seen a significant reduction in numbers since just before Covid and sadly this has not picked up.

We have continued to hold Funerals, although we've had no Weddings or Baptisms this past year.

Church House continues to host a weekly Coffee Morning, open to all in the Community. Church House also hosts regular Bingo sessions which prove very popular and various other events take place there, many of which are fund raising opportunities for the Church. For the first time since Covid there was the Village Pantomime - a great fund raising opportunity but also great to get the community together.

Mothers Union continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Speakers are invited and in September, Advent and Lent I go and share something seasonal with the group.

Although St Ffraids congregation faces huge challenges, they are not unaware of the difficulties before them. Hopefully a way can be found to look to the future with hope, discovering new and different ways to be the church in the village.

Activities at St Grwst's

The last year has seen a range of events taking place in St Grwst's Church.

We hosted some grant funded yoga and tai chi sessions organised by Golygfa Gwydir, out of which regular Tuesday and Thursday yoga classes have developed from OM Yoga North Wales. Llanrwst Historical Society have continued to hold their monthly meetings here. Cartrefi Conwy organised a number of Singing for Health sessions during the year, but these have now returned to their previous venue of Hafan Gwydir. The Dyffryn Conwy U3A Recorder Group meet twice a month for recorder practice. We have continued to offer guided tours to groups, primarily these are Merched y Wawr and Women's Institute groups, but we have also welcomed church and chapel groups, as well as members of the Furniture History Society and the Welsh Historic Houses group. We have welcomed visits from all the Year 7 learners at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, and worked with a Year 8 Drama class and the Head of Drama to produce a video on Peopling the Past. In early April we held a Breakfast Event in aid of Ukraine, then recently invaded by Russia. We have hosted a constituency surgery for the local MS Janet Finch-Saunders. We held a Fish & Chip Supper with a quiz, and have continued to hold the weekly Panad a Sgwrs coffee mornings every Thursday, which now have a regular clientele and which have brought annual income in of around £3,000. We have also hosted one of the Frugal Lunches, organised by Llanrwst Churches Together. We have held a number of concerts – Stainer's Crucifixion with Côr Cymysg Dyffryn Conwy, a male voice choir concert with Côr Meibion Bro Aled, a concert with mixed choir The Harmony Singers, and, working with Conwy County Borough Council, were the venue for one of a series of Winter Sounds concerts, with The Trials of Cato and Gwilym Bowen-Rees, which involved specialist lighting and sound. Finally, just before Christmas, we hosted a sell-out performance from CÔRwst – a local choir which last performed at the Eisteddfod in 2019. We also hosted an overnight camp for members of the 1st Gwydyr Cub Scouts from Betws-y-coed who bedded down on the floor in their sleeping bags! We have also held our annual Flower Festival, and Christmas Tree Festival, both events enjoying great local support. More recently, we have been holding Warm Hubs on Tuesdays for which we have received funding. We also hosted a flag-making workshop (featuring Debra Drake, a finalist in the Great British Sewing Bee 2022) organised by Ffiwsar.

In May 2022 we started opening the building without having stewards on duty all the time, from 10am to 4pm daily, subject to other events taking place. This has led to an increase in the number of people coming in to the building, from 7,378 in 2021 to 21,162 in 2022.

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
6430: Tangible fixed asset	1,467.00	700.00
6431: Archdeacon Hugh Jones Vault	6,464.93	7,222.91
6431: Chancel Repair Fund	3,973.26	4,439.10
6431: Edentree Investment	13,806.47	15,955.96
6431: Miss Rose Conway Trust	14,803.32	16,538.94
6431: Rathbones Investment	19,250.00	20,163.00
6432: Amalgamated Fund	5,182.42	5,790.03
6432: Chancel Repair Fund	8,202.18	9,163.85
6432: Proceeds Church House Capel Garmon	19,120.25	21,362.02
6432: RBCIW - Chancel Repair Fund	4,136.71	4,621.73
6433: Investment	—	—
Total Fixed assets	96,406.54	105,957.54
Current assets		
6501: All Saints' Current Account	75,927.11	69,149.69
6501: Current Account	97,844.81	136,751.67
6501: No.1 Account - HSBC Llangwstennin PCC	10,331.99	6,983.30
6501: St.Grwt's PCC Community Account	44,424.54	13,395.17
6501: St.Martin's Church Eglwysbach Community	11,506.25	10,788.15
6501: St.Michael's & All Angels Church Communi	1,073.97	2,649.13
6502: Bonus Ball Account	43.74	82.14
6502: Churchyard current	6,211.11	5,023.97
6502: Llanrhos Church Banner Group	260.07	260.00
6502: Llanrwst Church House	—	5,533.86
6502: Parish Share Account	1,426.63	1,643.32
6502: St.Michael's & All Angels Aberconwy	11,980.84	8,914.79
6503: Church Hall Current Account	17,591.45	14,180.42
6503: Gift Aid Account	1,044.07	(2,080.89)
6503: No.2 Account - HSBC Llangwstennin PCC -	14,622.62	14,601.41
6503: ST FFRAID'S CHURCHYARD RESERVE	10,086.09	10,079.89
6503: St.Mary's Churchyard	—	843.97
6504: Capel Garmon PCC Account	—	14,196.26
6504: Friend's of St.David's Current Account	—	—
6504: Llanrhos Sunday School-Miss Rose Conwy D	4,557.70	4,262.99
6504: Organ Fund	701.41	701.41
6505: All Saints' Business Reserve Account	—	—
6505: Business Reserve Account	—	(0.04)
6505: Community Account	—	14,731.03
6505: Deposit Account	55,490.01	54,635.63

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
6505: No.3 Account - HSBC Llangwstennin PCC -	—	5,942.56
6505: St.Grwt's PCC Business Money Manager Ac	45,736.33	39,213.63
6505: St.Martin's Church Roof Appeal Fund	—	—
6505: St.Michael's & All Angels Church	10,329.98	13,165.96
6506: Chruch House Account	5,261.69	11,664.57
6506: Church Hall Reserve Account	2,252.20	2,247.29
6506: Llanrhos Churchyard Current Account	3,049.01	2,900.84
6506: St.Michael's Ladies Fellowship Account	—	—
6507: Ladies Fellowship Current Account	—	—
6507: Llanrhos Churchyard Maintenance Fund	3.30	3.30
6508: HSBC Llanrhos Parish Education Account (—	—
6509: NS&I Account	33,792.53	33,761.11
6510: Llanrhos Parish Education (2) HSBC Bank	—	—
6511: Llanrhos Sunday School Fund	—	—
6512: Llanrhos Old School Current Account	28,697.16	20,963.49
6513: Parish Magazine Account	—	756.10
6521: Gift Aid receivable	—	—
6534: Miss Rose Conway Trust - Common Investme	—	—
6535: Amalgamated Fund - Common Investment Fun	—	—
6590: Cash in hand	631.89	695.60
6594: Friends of St.David's Cash Account	228.81	170.29
6595: Church Hall Cash in Hand	28.97	—
6597: Ladies Fellowship Cash Account	—	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	12,550.11	13,320.25
Total Current assets	507,686.39	532,132.26
Liabilities		
6602: Other liabilities	—	—
Z04: Accounts Payable	27,473.60	19,323.81
Total Liabilities	27,473.60	19,323.81
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	576,619.33	618,765.99
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(31,883.64)	41,131.46
Z01: Starting balances	522,272.79	481,141.33
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(208.86)	2,134.37
Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(1,296.09)	6,678.70
Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	—	—
Z10: New Starting Balances 1/1/18	52,203.66	52,148.66
Z10: New/Amended Starting Balances 1/1/20	36,061.24	36,061.24
Z11: New Starting Balances 1/1/19	3,123.46	3,123.46
Z12: Investment Adjustment 2020	(3,653.23)	(3,653.23)
Total Reserves	576,619.33	618,765.99

As at
31/12/2022

As at
31/12/2021

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	361,830.31	376,208.95
Designated	65,546.20	62,563.51
Restricted	149,242.82	179,993.53
Endowment	—	—
Total	576,619.33	618,765.99

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
6431 : Archdeacon Hugh Jones Vault	—	6,464.93	—	—	6,464.93	7,222.91
6431 : Chancel Repair Fund	—	—	3,973.26	—	3,973.26	4,439.10
6431 : Edentree Investment	13,806.47	—	—	—	13,806.47	15,955.96
6431 : Miss Rose Conway Trust	14,803.32	—	—	—	14,803.32	16,538.94
6431 : Rathbones Investment	19,250.00	—	—	—	19,250.00	20,163.00
6432 : Amalgamated Fund	5,182.42	—	—	—	5,182.42	5,790.03
6432 : Chancel Repair Fund	—	8,202.18	—	—	8,202.18	9,163.85
6432 : Proceeds Church House Capel Garmon	—	—	19,120.25	—	19,120.25	21,362.02
6432 : RBCIW - Chancel Repair Fund	—	—	4,136.71	—	4,136.71	4,621.73
Total	53,042.21	14,667.11	27,230.22	—	94,939.54	105,257.54
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
6430 : Tangible fixed asset	1,467.00	—	—	—	1,467.00	700.00
Total	1,467.00	—	—	—	1,467.00	700.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : All Saints' Current Account	73,506.61	—	2,420.50	—	75,927.11	69,149.69
6501 : Current Account	75,527.29	3,000.00	19,317.52	—	97,844.81	136,751.67
6501 : No.1 Account - HSBC Llangwstennin PCC	9,589.40	—	742.59	—	10,331.99	6,983.30
6501 : St.Grwt's PCC Community Account	23,310.93	1,945.24	19,168.37	—	44,424.54	13,395.17
6501 : St.Martin's Church Eglwysbach Community	11,306.25	—	200.00	—	11,506.25	10,788.15
6501 : St.Michael's & All Angels Church Communi	1,073.97	—	—	—	1,073.97	2,649.13
6502 : Bonus Ball Account	43.74	—	—	—	43.74	82.14
6502 : Churchyard current	6,211.11	—	—	—	6,211.11	5,023.97
6502 : Llanrhos Church Banner Group	260.07	—	—	—	260.07	260.00
6502 : Llanrwst Church House	—	—	—	—	—	5,533.86
6502 : Parish Share Account	(36,047.00)	—	37,473.63	—	1,426.63	1,643.32
6502 : St.Michael's & All Angels Aberconwy C&S	—	—	11,980.84	—	11,980.84	8,914.79
6503 : Church Hall Current Account	17,591.45	—	—	—	17,591.45	14,180.42
6503 : Gift Aid Account	1,044.07	—	—	—	1,044.07	(2,080.89)
6503 : No.2 Account - HSBC Llangwstennin PCC -	—	—	14,622.62	—	14,622.62	14,601.41

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
6503 : ST FFRAID'S CHURCHYARD RESERVE	10,086.09	—	—	—	10,086.09	10,079.89
6503 : St.Mary's Churchyard	—	—	—	—	—	843.97
6504 : Capel Garmon PCC Account	—	—	—	—	—	14,196.26
6504 : Llanrhos Sunday School-Miss Rose Conwy D	4,557.70	—	—	—	4,557.70	4,262.99
6504 : Organ Fund	—	—	701.41	—	701.41	701.41
6505 : Business Reserve Account	—	—	—	—	—	(0.04)
6505 : Community Account	—	—	—	—	—	14,731.03
6505 : Deposit Account	55,490.01	—	—	—	55,490.01	54,635.63
6505 : No.3 Account - HSBC Llangwstennin PCC -	—	—	—	—	—	5,942.56
6505 : St.Grwt's PCC Business Money Manager Ac	(1,995.73)	47,732.06	—	—	45,736.33	39,213.63
6505 : St.Michael's & All Angels Church	4,283.82	—	6,046.16	—	10,329.98	13,165.96
6506 : Chruch House Account	—	—	5,261.69	—	5,261.69	11,664.57
6506 : Church Hall Reserve Account	2,252.20	—	—	—	2,252.20	2,247.29
6506 : Llanrhos Churchyard Current Account	3,049.01	—	—	—	3,049.01	2,900.84
6507 : Llanrhos Churchyard Maintenance Fund	3.30	—	—	—	3.30	3.30
6509 : NS&I Account	33,792.53	—	—	—	33,792.53	33,761.11
6512 : Llanrhos Old School Current Account	28,697.16	—	—	—	28,697.16	20,963.49
6513 : Parish Magazine Account	—	—	—	—	—	756.10
6590 : Cash in hand	631.89	—	—	—	631.89	695.60
6594 : Friends of St.David's Cash Account	228.81	—	—	—	228.81	170.29
6595 : Church Hall Cash in Hand	28.97	—	—	—	28.97	—
Total	324,523.65	52,677.30	117,935.33	—	495,136.28	518,812.01
Current assets - Debtors						
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	6,469.82	1,190.31	4,889.98	—	12,550.11	13,320.25
Total	6,469.82	1,190.31	4,889.98	—	12,550.11	13,320.25
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Z04 : Accounts Payable	23,422.37	2,988.52	1,062.71	—	27,473.60	19,323.81
Total	23,422.37	2,988.52	1,062.71	—	27,473.60	19,323.81
Net total assets	362,080.31	65,546.20	148,992.82	—	576,619.33	618,765.99

Represented by

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Unrestricted - General	361,830.31	—	—	—	361,830.31	376,208.95
Designated - AHJV	—	6,464.93	—	—	6,464.93	7,222.91
Designated - Asbes	—	3,000.00	—	—	3,000.00	3,000.00
Designated - CRFund	—	8,202.18	—	—	8,202.18	9,163.85
Designated - HIAcc	—	45,715.59	—	—	45,715.59	37,642.89
Designated - LCHAcc	—	2,163.50	—	—	2,163.50	5,533.86
Restricted - ACS	—	—	11,930.54	—	11,930.54	8,864.49
Restricted - CGPC	—	—	19,120.25	—	19,120.25	21,362.02
Restricted - CGProj	—	—	1,433.34	—	1,433.34	1,950.00
Restricted - CGRes	—	—	14,576.91	—	14,576.91	14,196.26
Restricted - CHouse	—	—	5,261.69	—	5,261.69	12,855.98
Restricted - CL14	—	—	3,519.26	—	3,519.26	—
Restricted - CRF	—	—	4,136.71	—	4,136.71	4,621.73
Restricted - CRFund	—	—	3,973.26	—	3,973.26	4,439.10
Restricted - ChLig	—	—	10.00	—	10.00	—
Restricted - Child	—	—	1,751.18	—	1,751.18	2,587.65
Restricted - ChurchReps	—	—	(4,650.67)	—	(4,650.67)	2,375.20
Restricted - CondStu	—	—	1,080.00	—	1,080.00	1,080.00
Restricted - Diggle	—	—	1,284.50	—	1,284.50	1,722.00
Restricted - Flower	—	—	294.91	—	294.91	—
Restricted - HASS	—	—	695.00	—	695.00	695.00
Restricted - InsRet	—	—	1,829.76	—	1,829.76	1,829.76
Restricted - JFDons	—	—	—	—	—	10.05
Restricted - LFFund	—	—	1,239.04	—	1,239.04	643.41
Restricted - MFloor	—	—	200.00	—	200.00	—
Restricted - MemAcct	—	—	50.30	—	50.30	50.30
Restricted - MemRep	—	—	43.00	—	43.00	43.00
Restricted - MonMgr	—	—	6,046.16	—	6,046.16	6,046.16
Restricted - Music	—	—	2,843.17	—	2,843.17	5,203.17
Restricted - Organ	—	—	1,768.41	—	1,768.41	1,978.41
Restricted - Organ	—	—	5,748.21	—	5,748.21	14,173.21
Restricted - ROOF	—	—	14,742.65	—	14,742.65	14,721.44
Restricted - RainGard	—	—	186.87	—	186.87	290.73
Restricted - ResDon	—	—	354.00	—	354.00	334.80
Restricted - SMCACc	—	—	983.18	—	983.18	1,093.97
Restricted - Share	—	—	47,899.63	—	47,899.63	47,899.63
Restricted - Ukraine	—	—	69.00	—	69.00	—
Restricted - Ukraine	—	—	200.00	—	200.00	—
Restricted - Wall	—	—	—	—	—	2,983.50
Restricted - YARD	—	—	622.56	—	622.56	5,942.56
Total	361,830.31	65,546.20	149,242.82	—	576,619.33	618,765.99

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0101 - Standing Order Planned Giving	32,171.08	—	—	—	32,171.08	17,669.81
0110 - Gift Aid Envelopes - Occasional	3,213.10	—	—	—	3,213.10	246.50
0111 - Gift Direct	47,278.69	—	—	—	47,278.69	33,780.88
0112 - Other planned giving	14,467.00	—	—	—	14,467.00	61,027.14
0113 - Weekly envelope planned giving	32,426.66	—	—	—	32,426.66	—
0201 - Loose plate offering	24,058.55	—	—	—	24,058.55	16,093.57
0202 - Offerings - Weddings	170.40	—	—	—	170.40	—
0203 - Offerings - Baptisms	1,260.46	—	—	—	1,260.46	486.14
0204 - Offerings - Funerals	784.14	—	—	—	784.14	624.50
0301 - Gift day receipts	1,665.50	—	—	—	1,665.50	—
0302 - Wall safe / box donations	3,144.84	—	—	—	3,144.84	758.31
0303 - One off Gift Aid donations	500.00	—	—	—	500.00	—
0305 - Donations appeals etc	14,885.55	—	10,750.55	—	25,636.10	15,438.89
0306 - Contactless Donations	1,009.40	—	—	—	1,009.40	—
0402 - Other collections/mission appeals	1,726.20	—	120.00	—	1,846.20	1,121.20
0501 - Recovered HMRC Gift Aid receipts	19,405.07	—	—	—	19,405.07	35,575.77
0502 - Recovered HMRC GASDS receipts	7,259.67	—	—	—	7,259.67	4,120.53
0503 - Recovered Gift Direct Gift Aid	11,564.02	—	—	—	11,564.02	—
0601 - Legacies	5,000.00	—	—	—	5,000.00	12,500.00
0701 - Recurring grants	7,655.00	31,838.96	750.00	—	40,243.96	56,118.50
0702 - Non-recurring one-off grants	5,785.00	—	13,660.00	—	19,445.00	17,483.50
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	235,430.33	31,838.96	25,280.55	—	292,549.84	273,045.24
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0901 - Fees for Occasional Offices	690.00	—	—	—	690.00	15,582.50
0902 - Wedding fee	3,421.00	—	—	—	3,421.00	—
0904 - Publication of Banns	80.00	—	—	—	80.00	—
0905 - Funeral fee	10,145.00	—	—	—	10,145.00	—
0906 - Burial fee	4,107.00	—	—	—	4,107.00	—
0907 - Memorial fee	809.00	—	—	—	809.00	—
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	19,252.00	—	—	—	19,252.00	15,582.50
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0801 - Fund raising	29,391.08	—	4,174.67	—	33,565.75	12,863.37
0802 - Other funds generated	1,478.01	—	3,089.60	—	4,567.61	6,005.94
0803 - Hall Rental Income	43,504.80	120.00	4,606.90	—	48,231.70	19,591.14
0804 - Magazine/other publication sales	251.00	—	—	—	251.00	105.00
0805 - Sundry income	1,809.86	6,410.61	829.63	—	9,050.10	10,869.11
0806 - Printing Income	1,144.30	—	—	—	1,144.30	—
0807 - Church Building Rental	2,670.00	—	—	—	2,670.00	—
0808 - MA/Parish share rebate	7,752.00	—	—	—	7,752.00	—
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	88,001.05	6,530.61	12,700.80	—	107,232.46	49,434.56

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<i>Investments</i>						
1001 - Dividends/investment income	1,644.39	—	380.65	—	2,025.04	2,334.92
1020 - Bank and building society interest	180.77	115.80	21.21	—	317.78	20.39
1030 - Rent from investment land or buildings	1,275.00	—	3,825.00	—	5,100.00	5,100.00
Investments Totals	3,100.16	115.80	4,226.86	—	7,442.82	7,455.31
<i>Other income</i>						
1101 - Insurance claims	1,255.00	—	—	—	1,255.00	7,617.76
Other income Totals	1,255.00	—	—	—	1,255.00	7,617.76
Income and endowments Grand totals	347,038.54	38,485.37	42,208.21	—	427,732.12	353,135.37

Expenditure

Raising funds

3103 - Costs of generating resources - giving	145.30	—	—	—	145.30	—
3104 - Costs of fund raising	5,101.80	—	150.00	—	5,251.80	1,351.45
Raising funds Totals	5,247.10	—	150.00	—	5,397.10	1,351.45

Expenditure on charitable activities

2001 - Diocesan share	199,795.08	—	—	—	199,795.08	126,675.06
2101 - Clergy expenses	8,921.40	—	—	—	8,921.40	8,820.36
2145 - Parsonage - water	2,070.40	—	—	—	2,070.40	3,955.24
2201 - Assistant clergy fees/expenses	218.70	—	—	—	218.70	—
2340 - Maintenance of services	4,591.67	—	20.21	—	4,611.88	2,593.67
2341 - Costs of vergers, organists and choir	3,350.00	—	—	—	3,350.00	3,660.00
2342 - Music & performance expenses	378.80	—	—	—	378.80	2,709.70
2343 - Music Instrument Tuning/Maintenance	252.00	—	784.00	—	1,036.00	—
2345 - Costs of Copyright License	1,589.61	—	—	—	1,589.61	—
2401 - Costs of meetings	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
2402 - Bank and Credit Card Charges	629.62	—	54.76	—	684.38	130.71
2403 - Cost of printing, post and stationery	3,146.25	—	—	—	3,146.25	3,296.13
2404 - MA - telephone/mobile/internet	4,616.76	—	—	—	4,616.76	4,010.46
2405 - Office and general expenditure	1,846.18	—	—	—	1,846.18	2,484.02
2406 - Admin/Staff Salary	14,269.02	—	—	—	14,269.02	10,122.00
2407 - Depreciation	152.96	—	—	—	152.96	140.00
2408 - Leasing and Hire purchase charges	1,084.80	—	—	—	1,084.80	912.00
2409 - Professional Fees	4,960.00	—	—	—	4,960.00	5,295.00
2410 - IE/Audit and accountancy fees	1,950.00	—	—	—	1,950.00	1,860.00
2415 - Gifts to individuals	—	—	10.00	—	10.00	—
2425 - Admin/Staff Other Costs	120.19	—	—	—	120.19	—
2450 - MA/LMA central costs	730.00	—	—	—	730.00	—
2501 - Church operating costs - insurance	8,383.47	—	—	—	8,383.47	8,015.42
2502 - Church operating costs - electricity	11,860.93	—	—	—	11,860.93	6,021.27
2503 - Church operating costs - gas	19,913.70	—	—	—	19,913.70	18,251.02
2504 - Church operating costs - water	567.49	—	—	—	567.49	576.02
2505 - Church operating costs - other	1,155.54	—	52.38	—	1,207.92	1,180.69

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
2506 - Church operating costs - oil/LPG	1,048.97	—	—	—	1,048.97	—
2508 - Church repairs and maintenance	7,629.59	—	3,020.00	—	10,649.59	5,787.98
2509 - Church Cleaning	3,314.88	—	500.00	—	3,814.88	1,799.51
2511 - Church operating costs - fire equipment,	99.32	—	—	—	99.32	—
2601 - Churchyard management costs	7,889.80	—	3,424.61	—	11,314.41	9,941.72
2602 - Church hall operating costs - other	6,868.29	—	1,511.88	—	8,380.17	1,847.29
2603 - Church hall operating costs - electric	931.83	2,874.55	1,487.61	—	5,293.99	3,883.67
2604 - Church hall operating costs - gas	1,210.44	4,356.51	1,623.07	—	7,190.02	3,053.87
2605 - Church hall operating costs - insurance	3,367.14	499.70	1,148.12	—	5,014.96	2,009.52
2606 - Church hall costs - repairs/maintenance	2,829.28	1,273.80	2,834.00	—	6,937.08	3,569.90
2607 - Church hall costs - tel./mob./internet	445.79	—	—	—	445.79	408.64
2608 - Church hall operating costs - water	473.70	266.54	791.73	—	1,531.97	878.31
2609 - Church hall - equipment repair & renewal	1,228.89	(290.83)	4,026.99	—	4,965.05	1,787.89
2611 - Church hall operating costs - cleaning	2,509.42	—	725.00	—	3,234.42	5,420.88
2612 - Other property repairs/maintenance	—	—	305.74	—	305.74	1,265.19
2641 - Churchyard grass cutting	1,025.00	—	750.00	—	1,775.00	—
2642 - Churchyard structural repairs	45.00	—	—	—	45.00	—
2701 - Major building repairs and renovations	9,735.86	23,882.06	31,269.54	—	64,887.46	44,198.10
2801 - Children & young people activity costs	411.80	—	3,362.32	—	3,774.12	1,302.99
2804 - Cost of church publications	1,212.37	—	—	—	1,212.37	546.09
2805 - Cost of mission & evangelism	60.00	—	—	—	60.00	185.58
2806 - Other costs of parish mission work	—	—	—	—	—	1,764.99
2901 - Support of diocesan projects	250.00	—	—	—	250.00	418.00
2902 - Support of church charities & projects	992.37	—	8,614.19	—	9,606.56	4,478.37
2903 - Support of UK charities	1,520.00	—	17.50	—	1,537.50	1,145.20
2904 - Support of international mission & proje	1,350.00	—	447.00	—	1,797.00	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	353,004.31	32,862.33	66,780.65	—	452,647.29	306,452.46
Other expenditure						
3003 - Loans made	—	—	—	—	—	4,200.00
3004 - Loans received repayments	1,224.37	—	—	—	1,224.37	—
3005 - Loss on sale of fixed asset	347.00	—	—	—	347.00	—
Other expenditure Totals	1,571.37	—	—	—	1,571.37	4,200.00
Expenditure Grand totals	359,822.78	32,862.33	66,930.65	—	459,615.76	312,003.91

ABERCONWY MISSION AREA ELECTORAL ROLL APRIL 2023

The current total on the Roll is 292 – an increase on last year’s figure, but still well below the total of the old (pre-pandemic) Roll.

It is important that the Roll is kept up to date throughout the year, so I would be grateful if churchwardens could continue to be aware of ‘regulars’ who haven’t yet signed up, can encourage new members of congregations to enrol in due course, and also let me know about names that should be removed from the Roll for whatever reason.

The current breakdown of numbers by church is as follows:

All Saints	38
St Cystennin’s	10
St David’s	42
St Ffraid’s	23
St Grwst’s	31
St Hilary’s	71
St Martin’s	23
St Michael’s	10
St Paul’s	44

Many thanks.

Dilys Stone

29th March 2023

Aberconwy Care and Share – Annual Report for the MA, 2022-23

Aberconwy Care and Share had another busy year with new families and new Volunteers. The scheme grew slowly for the first three quarters of the year, with families joining and leaving in roughly the same numbers. However, in the final quarter of the year, we have seen a significant increase in the number of referrals. We have also had five families being transferred from 'Bags of Hope', who had been delivering on this side of the river. It quickly became apparent that we needed to recruit more volunteers in order to meet the needs of the community. A note went out via Pew News and our Clergy team were asked to let their congregations know that their help was needed. Leaflets were also distributed, and we agreed to ask new families, with transport, if they could call at the church (St Michaels and All Angels, Llandudno Junction) to pick up supplies themselves. It was agreed that having volunteers unknown to any of us would require more careful recruitment and perhaps a more formal induction, as they would not be familiar with the scheme. So far we have recruited six new volunteers for the scheme five of whom have been matched with families already.

The following documents have been written and approved by our members, with the aim of helping new volunteers:

1. Volunteer policy
2. Volunteer role description
3. Lone worker policy

As part of our Safeguarding obligations, All Volunteers are asked to complete Module A of the Church in Wales's online course and, once completed, a copy of their certificate is forwarded to our secretary.

We have now opened an account with the Co-op to enable us to bank 'on-line'. This helps to ensure efficient reimbursement of volunteers upon submission of receipts. Following advice from the CVSC, we have now made volunteering more accessible. There was a concern that volunteers needed to be financially privileged in order to volunteer for the scheme. Volunteers can now choose to shop and reclaim, or to use a pre-paid scheme with a supermarket of their choice. They can also claim travel expenses by submitting a claim form to the treasurer after they have shopped. This means that no volunteer needs to take on a financial burden to help others in their community.

We are also arranging a training day in conjunction with MIND on 24th June this year. All volunteers are welcome to attend, and we will have a joint lunch with both morning and afternoon groups. This will be fully funded from an RIF grant obtained in December.

Our current position is:

Number of Recipients/Families – 35

Adults – 38 children –67

Volunteers -26

As you will see this means that several of our volunteers have two or more families to help.

This year we were again able to include an extra treat on Mothering Sunday and Easter Eggs for the children for our Easter Delivery. We also received a lot of support from our churches at Harvest Festival which enabled us to stock up on the food in church, which is particularly useful for emergency deliveries. We continue to be very grateful for the support of our congregations particularly their Harvest gifts.

Financial report

ABERCONWY CARE AND SHARE TREASURER REPORT MARCH 5TH 2023

IN		OUT	
		<u>OCT</u>	
		FOOD	857.76 (not included in last report)
<u>NOV</u>		<u>NOV</u>	
DONATIONS	542	FOOD	577.59
CF IN WALES	2000	ADVENT CALENDARS	202.50
ASDA	700	<u>DEC</u>	
<u>DEC</u>		DONATIONS	360
DONATIONS	360	CCBC	3000
CCBC	3000	?	250
?	250	<u>JAN</u>	
<u>JAN</u>		FOOD	1016.41
DONATIONS	425.35	TRAINING	63
GWYNT Y MOR	12,000	<u>FEB</u>	
<u>FEB</u>		FOOD	1240.37
DONATIONS	40	GAS	15
C+V SUP RIF GRANT	4495	EASTER EGGS	216
		BALANCE TODAY	£25,093.19

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2022

The 2022 Diocesan Conference took place via Zoom on Saturday 8 October. The theme was *"Growing Faith, Bringing Hope, Demonstrating Love"*.

In his Presidential Address Bishop Gregory shared the vision that churches should be places of rest and refreshment where people can find love, be loved and share love, and also places of hope and enthusiasm, showing that there is always hope beyond dark things and dark times.. He paid tribute to the prophetic role of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which reminded us that God calls us to be faithful in our service to him and to trust that he will be faithful to us, giving us what we need to tackle the life of the world. He hoped that the Conference would be an encouragement to the church to move forward in faith, hope and love, as his disciples, offering all that we are and all that we have in his service.

There followed the formal business, and it was noted that the Diocese had maintained its commitment to front-line clergy throughout the pandemic. The Share discount continues, and the Representative Body grant had increased. A 10-year funding plan would ensure Mission Areas were adequately resourced and also invest in new mission fields.

The first keynote speaker was the Revd Richard Peers (then Sub Dean of Christ Church Oxford, now Dean of Llandaff Cathedral) who has extensive experience in education, as a spiritual director, retreat giver and leader of pilgrimages. He spoke on bringing and sharing hope confidently, engaging with people, finding a way of speaking to people that addresses their vocabulary and experience, using the language of ordinary life to reflect what God is doing for us. He reminded us that to be confident in our faith we have to know it really well and know the Bible, complex as understanding it may be.

The second speaker was Dr Gemma Simmonds, Sister of the Congregation of Jesus. She has worked as a retreat giver and spiritual director and as chaplain in universities and prisons, as well as being a teacher of pastoral theology. She spoke of how the first thing that we should learn from Jesus is to be fully human, that ordinary daily life is the stuff of authentic life and real Christianity. She talked about Ignatian contemplation and the Examen, and the importance of reconnecting regularly with God's grace. We grow in love by knowing we are loved, and only then can we begin to love other people. We have to be honest about our own struggles in faith, and also about the fundamentals of our faith, and we need a community of Christians to give us encouragement, faith and hope. We do not 'have' a mission – we 'are' the mission. What we receive and what we then enact – especially in the Eucharist – complete the circle.

The full keynote speeches etc can be found on <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/diocesan-conference/>

This Conference led us back to God, to our starting point in Christ. We are called to find God as the fountain of our life and let living water flow through the church into every part of our society.

