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## Objectives and Constitution

The Parish of Three Cliffs, which comprises of the grouping of Ilston, Pennard and Penmaen with Nicholaston and Bishopston is part of the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon within the Church of Wales. The Church in Wales is a Province within the Anglican Communion and, as such, exists to advance the Christian religion through worldwide mission. The object of the Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) is to help this mission both locally and more widely.

The P.C.C. is not a body corporate; its composition, procedure and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales amended from time to time by its Governing Body (G.B.) and set up under Section 13(1) under the Welsh Act 1914. Elections are held at the Annual Vestry Meeting which must take place on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April. All persons on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. Before assuming office, every member of the Council must sign a declaration. Elected Officers will be bound by the Constitution.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales (R.B.) holds the land and property of the Church in Wales including the buildings of St Mary's, St Illtyd's, St. John's and St. Nicholas', their contents and their churchyards. The R.B. is an exempt charity set up under Section 13 of the Welsh Act 1914. It acts on behalf of the Province in paying stipends of full time clergy.

The P.C.C. is responsible inter alia for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the church fabric, the churchyard and any other matters referred to it and in accordance with the Constitution. The Council is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

It is the responsibility of the P.C.C. and the Incumbent to work together in all matters of concern and importance to the Parish for the promotion of the mission of the Church pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical in the Parish.

The principal function of the P.C.C. is Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

In 2022 I began my report for the year 2021 by reflecting on the journey we had made coming out of COVID in its various lockdowns. As we know, that has not gone away but we are more optimistic as we work towards making our churches as they were before. Our doors are open, services take place and a warm welcome awaits those who step inside to encounter their history, the people and of course our Lord Jesus in ancient settings that light up our spiritual landscape.

This year has seen us consolidate much of what we have had before with some exceptions and as we step into 2023, we look forward to new opportunities and the resurrection of older ones especially the chances as a church to gather together socially as well.

There have been other challenges; our buildings don't get any younger and we are faced with buildings works which we have tried to manage with the funds we have this past year with some kind gifts and grant aid. St Mary's, Pennard, however, still faces a huge restoration project and your prayers are appreciated for this going forward. You could add that we ourselves don't get any younger but I have always felt that the enthusiasm and dedication of the church officers and volunteers negate such things as age (within reason!)

We now face change yet again, with my unexpected installation as Archdeacon for Ministry Areas and the implications that has on my own ministry. This, of course, will lead to the other changes as we move from being four separate Parishes within Gower to being one single Benefice/Ministry Area under the new Ministry Area Structures. At the end of the day, although changing the church structure, the Church will remain at the heart of our communities and will continue do what we have always done...providing a place where great celebrations of family life can take place, where prayer can happen and God is present at times of joy and sadness.

For Andrea and myself this time of change has certainly been helped by your encouragement and prayers and I look forward to serving you in the future as well as in the present.

Every Blessing,  
Peter

# Benefice of Three Cliffs

**Curates' Report**

**Rev Nigel King & Rev Sue Waite**

During the last year we were in and out of lockdowns and various restrictions, but we were able to return to in-person worship in our Churches and to some limited home visits and home communions. As we have moved into 2022 things are beginning to feel more normal and we are hopeful that this will continue. Despite the need for masks, booking systems, attendance lists and hand sanitization, it felt wonderful to have people back in the Churches and be able to talk with them, as the ministry team had spent many months recording services with no congregation in place.

As you know Sue was Ordained as a Priest in June 2021 and although only a few people were able to be present at the Cathedral she was very grateful for your support, love and prayers and for the beautiful green and white chasubles that you bought for her. Hopefully you have been able to see her wearing them during the second half of the year.

It is good to be part of a ministry team and we are grateful to Peter for his leadership and support over the last year. We are also grateful to Dave, our Lay Reader, and all the Local Worship Leaders who work as part of the team. We would like to thank all of you who have supported and encouraged us, shared joys, sadness, and hope for the future as the Body of Christ in this place.

**Wardens' Report**

**Catherine Thomas and Mike Whiffin**

This will be both our first and our final report as wardens for The Parish of Three Cliffs, which will cease to exist during 2023 when we become part of a larger Ministry Area. We were blessed to take over our roles in the year when life was restored to something approaching normality following the Covid pandemic and our congregations were able to return to their churches without restrictions.

We feel sure that, although the Parish as such will be no more, the five churches it comprised will maintain the spirit of friendship, cooperation and mutual support which has developed over the years. Meanwhile we look forward to forming new relationships within the Ministry Area.

## **Secretary's Report Darran Hickery**

2022 was another busy year for the Three Cliffs Benefice. As a Benefice we met a total of five times (January, March, May, September and November), in addition to the Vestry Meeting. Four out of these five meetings were in person and it was wonderful to get around the table after all that Covid had thrown at us. I am sure I am not alone in having this opinion. All meetings were well attended and much was debated.

Easter fell in April this year and a full recognisable pattern of worship and services were held, bearing in mind we have been unable to worship at Easter together for the last two years.

Due to the parking issue at the top of Cefn Bryn no walk to the summit was done on Good Friday. Instead, there was a service of the Stations of the Cross around Reynoldston village which was well received.

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in June, tea parties were held in Penmaen and Ilston. There were also Special Services on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the occasion.

The Gower Pilgrimage was a means of Outreach Evangelism. This was officially launched on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May with a great deal of publicity. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, CADW had requested that all the Benefice Churches were open on that day and staffed as this marked the start of the Pilgrimage week. The Pilgrimage was a wonderful success with people travelling from far and wide to take in the beauty of the churches we are entrusted with. We hope to continue the Pilgrimage throughout 2023.

The year concluded with a busy Christmas programme of worship and services.

## **Report on Welsh Service Rev Hilary Evans**

The congregation comes from all over Gower and it continues to welcome all. Numbers are usually between 11 and 15 people. Thank you to Alun Tregelles Williams who plays the organ for us and helps us praise God in those wonderful Welsh Hymns which raises our Spirits. Thank you to Beti who opens up and sets the church ready for our Eucharist. Thank you to all who come.

## **Report on Gwasanaeth Cymraeg**

**Revd Hilary Evans**

Roedd y Gwasanaeth Cymraeg yn cyfarfod unwaith y mis yn Eglwys Teilo Sant Llandeilo Ferwallt ar yr ail ddydd Mercher o bob mis am 10 o'r gloch. Nawr, mae'r Gwasanaeth yn cyfarfod Dydd Gwener am 11 o'r gloch. Daw'r gynulleidfa o bob rhan o Benrhyn Gŵyr ac mae'n parhau i groesawu pawb. Mae'r niferoedd fel arfer rhwng 11 a 15 o bobl. Diolch i Alun Tregelles Williams sy'n canu'r organ i ni ac yn ein helpu ni i foli Duw yn yr Emynau Cymraeg bendigedig hynny sy'n codi ein hysbrydoedd. Diolch i Beti sydd yn agor ac yn gosod yr eglwys yn barod ar gyfer ein Cymun Bendigaid. Diolch am bawb sy'n dod at ei gilydd. The Welsh Service was meeting once a month in St Teilo's Church Bishopston on the second Wednesday of each month [at 10am](#). Now it is meeting on the second Friday at 11am.

## **Lay Worship Leaders**

**Eileen Thompson**

The Church has now moved on from Covid closure to more services with a fewer restrictions but, it would appear that some customs/rituals may never be re-introduced.

The Lay Worship Leaders' team of Jinny Gilmour, Carolyn Kirby, Catherine Thomas, Katharine Wilson and myself are being used where and when needed within our Benefice. A former team member, Darran Hickery, has decided to take the Reader's training course and, as part of that, is working with the Parish of St Thomas on Swansea's Eastside. We send Darran our prayers and best wishes as he continues his training. Barbara Morris (Pennard) is currently training as a Lay Worship Leader.

The team is delighted to be part of a "working" team, again, and know that our being available ensures more services in the Benefice. As I said, in last year's report, wherever we go we are made very welcome and the words of appreciation, I can assure you, do not fall on deaf ears. Thank you.

Life is getting back to some form of normality but the on-line Evening Prayers, which were instituted during restrictions, continue. These still appear to prove invaluable to people and not just those from our Benefice. All the Ministry Team and this includes Darran take part in preparing a week of prayers and these are presented in very varied ways and, although called Evening Prayers they can be viewed during the day.

Now we look forward to a year when, as Lay Worship Leaders, we continue to serve the Benefice as part of the Ministry Team.

The 2022 Parish Share was set at £106,117 against which £2,886 was rolled over from 2021. Despite significant and ongoing financial pressures, the remaining amount of parish share was paid off in monthly instalments across the course of the year, through contributions received from the four Benefice areas. A one-off contribution of £4,915 towards the 2022 Parish Share was also gratefully received from the Gower Ministry Area magazine. In early December, the Ministry area awarded a 10% rebate of £10,612 for prompt payment, resulting in an overpayment of £1,768 which has been carried forward and set against the 2023 parish share.

From October 2022, clergy expenses started to be covered centrally, as a consequence the level of expenses paid out of this account was less than forecast at the start of the year.

As can be seen within the income and expenditure statement very little other expenditure is paid from this account.

As at 31 December 2022 the bank balance was £12,128, most of which will be used to offset payments in 2023 to reduce the contributions from the Benefice areas.

Looking forward, the 2023 Parish share figure has been set within the Ministry Area at £80,650, a reduction of 24% on 2022 figures. This figure will be apportioned across the four Benefice areas on an appropriate basis.

Despite the reduction in the 2023 Parish Share, the financial outlook remains concerning. Inflation is predicted to remain high throughout 2023 whilst the number of regular church attendees continues to fall. The reliance on the generosity of individuals throughout the Parish to meet the funding requirements continues to grow year on year.

Indeed, it is only with the continued support of individuals throughout the Benefice areas that we can meet these significant financial demands.

Details of the income and expenditure incurred during 2022, together with an indicative budget for 2023 is shown below.

Parish of Three Cliffs					
Income & Expenditure Statement - Year ended 31 December 2022					
At 31 March 2023					
Income		Budget	Original Budget	Year Ended	Year Ended
		2023	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>Contributions to Parish Share</b>					
Bishopston	Parish Share	£ -	£ 32,485	£ 32,485	£ 20,167
	Expenses	£ -	£ 1,745	£ 619	£ 2,195
			<b>£ 34,230</b>	<b>£ 33,104</b>	<b>£ 22,362</b>
Pennard	Parish Share	£ -	£ 51,254	£ 37,802	£ 48,210
	Expenses	£ -	£ 2,753	£ 688	£ 2,753
			<b>£ 54,007</b>	<b>£ 38,490</b>	<b>£ 50,963</b>
Penmaen	Parish Share	£ -	£ 10,106	£ 9,364	£ 6,274
	Expenses	£ -	£ 543	£ 476	£ 495
			<b>£ 10,649</b>	<b>£ 9,840</b>	<b>£ 6,769</b>
Illston	Parish Share	£ -	£ 12,272	£ 8,485	£ 11,543
	Expenses	£ -	£ 659	£ 578	£ 659
			<b>£ 12,931</b>	<b>£ 9,063</b>	<b>£ 12,202</b>
Sub -total	Parish Share	£ 80,650	£ 106,117	£ 88,136	£ 86,194
	Expenses	£ -	£ 5,700	£ 2,362	£ 6,102
		<b>£ 80,650</b>	<b>£ 111,817</b>	<b>£ 90,497</b>	<b>£ 92,296</b>
South West Gower contribution		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000
Financial Support		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28,946
Gower Magazine contribution		£ -	£ 4,915	£ 4,915	£ -
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ 80,650</b>	<b>£ 116,732</b>	<b>£ 95,412</b>	<b>£ 124,243</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Payment of Parish Share		£ 80,650	£ 106,118	£ 94,389	£ 65,878
Parish Share Rebates to Churches		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
-Bishopston		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
-Pennard		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 15,769
-Penmaen		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 452
-Illston		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,758
Peter Brookes Expenses		£ -	£ 5,700	£ 3,637	£ 4,292
Nigel Doyle Expenses		£ -	£ 225	£ -	£ -
Computer Repairs		£ 200	£ 250	£ 55	£ 60
Photocopying		£ 100	£ 335	£ 17	£ 506
Books		£ 100	£ 300	£ -	£ -
Vicarage Alarm		£ 90	£ 90	£ -	£ -
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£ 81,140</b>	<b>£ 113,018</b>	<b>£ 98,098</b>	<b>£ 90,716</b>



The last year has been very interesting. We've had a variety of speakers and, on the odd occasion when someone has had to cancel at the last minute, we've been able to improvise.

Our January meeting was the A.G.M. followed by a very good quiz. The next month we had a talk from Diana Morgan about her Mother-in-law, a very strong woman, and also our Wave of Prayer. During March we had our Lady Day service in Church which our very own Rev. Peter Brooks led for us. Our next speaker was a Mothers Union member from another branch and her talk was very amusing as well as informative. In May we had the Diocesan Festival in Brecon as well as an illustrated talk by Rev. Peter Brooks. We had a delicious meal at The Valley during June, before we had two months off during the summer.

Unfortunately, the next two months, our speakers had to cancel, but at one of the meetings Catherine Thomas stepped in with a most reminiscent talk about Rona Proud, her mother. In November, we heard about the Social History of Gower and then it was time for our Christmas celebration. Rhoma Rich organized a very successful raffle of a hamper for this month.

We are a welcoming group and would be delighted if anyone would like to join us. We meet in Church on the third Tuesday of the month.

The Ministry Area Magazine has had a good year. We have had contributions from poets, cooks, historians and story-tellers. We have heard from all sorts of people about their worries and their hopes. They have shared with us what they believe. And they have shared their prayers with us.

The magazine is designed to bring all of us in Gower together. It tells us about the other congregations around us - about what they are doing and planning. And it can *also* encourage entrepreneurial people to see ways in which we can all work together, sometimes, on a big project.

Each magazine issue has a 'theme' chosen by someone different each month. Most recently Hilary chose '*Healing and Reconciliation*' for March. Catherine chose '*Spring at the Gate*' for February; and the parishes of Killay and Tÿcoch chose '*New Beginnings*' for January – a very appropriate choice given that we now have a new Ministry Area with 20 congregations rather than the 17 last year.

The various subscribers to the magazine write about what has been going on in their own churches and they weave into their reports what the theme means to them personally. It is fascinating to see the different styles; and the different ideas.

The Magazine has also had a good financial year. It has been able to make a financial contribution from its reserves to support the Ministry Area. This is largely because of the generosity of Jim Harcourt of Print Partnership. Jim Harcourt rescued us when we were in dire financial straits a couple of years ago and still subsidises printing.

The magazine is a team effort. We owe a lot to Frances Owen-John who looks after the financial side and to John Moses and Roger Button who provide wisdom, energy and encouragement. It owes a great debt too to all the people who write for it and all those who work to get the magazine to subscribers in a timely fashion. In fact, we like think that the magazine demonstrates what Ministry Areas are all about – bringing people together to share talents, enthusiasm and faith.

# St Illtyd's Church, Ilston

## Churchwardens' and Secretary's Report

Merlin Kingham, Carolyn Kirby

It's hard to believe that this time last year the Annual Reports were filled with news of Covid restrictions and their impact on church life. Now we are able to share the happy news of regular services and additional services. Although attendance has not reached pre Covid numbers it's going in the right direction and we held 4 weddings and 1 wedding blessing in 2022.

Sadly there was also 1 funeral and 1 burial of ashes.

It is now possible to order a memorial tablet for those whose ashes are interred in the garden of remembrance. The names of all who have died are inscribed in the Book of Remembrance but it will be a comfort to many to have a simple stone to commemorate the life of a loved one.

Maintenance work continues. The graveyard has been kept in good order although we have had to contract out the lawn mowing because of the increasing age of the volunteers.

Exploration of a creaking pulpit step led to the discovery of a considerable amount of rot in the supporting timbers and the necessary work carried out with the help of an extremely generous donation.

We are always grateful for cash donations from weddings and individuals who attend a service while on holiday.

Donations of time are also generous and welcome whether this be research into costing of renovation work or gravestones, removal of overhanging branches, maintenance of the graveyard and, of course, church cleaning and decoration, as well as those who organise rotas, read the lesson or play the hymns. Many of the congregation helped with the picnic held by kind permission of Georgina and John Harding in the Old Rectory garden in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The sunny afternoon was enjoyed by all. It was also good to be able to hold the popular Pet Service once more.

A visit to St Illtyd's in the quiet and peaceful shelter of the Ilston valley inspires many to return and we hope that this will include some of those who called in during the Gower Pilgrimage. This was a most successful and carefully planned event and we look forward to welcoming more pilgrims next year.

Other visitors to this ancient church have been more interested in the wildlife to be found there and a University team has carried out a survey of the bat species which roost in the tower.

It is clear that St Illtyd's continues to hold a special place in the hearts of our congregation, local communities and those who have a longstanding association with Ilston but who have moved away, and we look forward to seeing them again next year. We are indeed blessed to have our services led by Lay Worship Leaders and our three special clergy, Sue, Nigel and Peter. We are all most grateful to Peter for all the careful administrative work which he completes and were therefore delighted to learn that the Bishop has also recognised Peter's worth in appointing him Archdeacon. We are so very pleased that we shall have him and Andrea with us for longer.

**Attendance                      2022 (2019)**

**Regular Services**

Christmas	15 communicants	(31)
Easter Day	24 communicants	(53)
Trinity III (Pet Service)	0 communicants	(8)
Pentecost (QEII Jubilee)	0 communicants	(13)
Trinity Sunday	12 communicants	(12)

**Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms**

Church Weddings	4	(3)
Wedding blessing	1	
Funerals	1	(1)
Burial of Ashes	1	(0)
Confirmations	0	(0)
Average Attendance for all Services	15	(19)
Special Services	3	(2)
Electoral Roll	32	(30)

**MAIN (GENERAL) ACCOUNT**

The main current account started 2022 with a balance of £5914. Income for the year amounted to £14,113 and the outgoings were £13,070 leaving a small gain at the end of the year of £1043 and a balance of £6957 for the start of this year.

**Receipts:-**

We were lucky enough to have had 5 weddings at Ilston in 2022, the wedding fees and donations of the verger's fees contributed £2550 towards the income. £60 was taken out of the votive candle stand and a total of £227 from the wall donation box. £147 of this was following the visit from the Gower Pilgrimage walkers amongst others. We received a Gift Aid tax refund of £1980.

**Payments:-**

The main outgoings were £8485 for our Parish Share payment and £2458 for the maintenance of the church made up as follows:-

£568 - Insurance

£335 - Electricity

£1505 - Electrical work and adjustments to the lighting and

£50 – Other expenses e.g. Candles, Communion Wine etc.

**NO 2. (CHURCHYARD) ACCOUNT**

The churchyard account started 2002 with a balance of £6969. Income for the year was £1281 from the fees for burials, interment of ashes and the fees for placing two memorial stones in the remembrance garden (yet to be placed). £260 was collected towards the maintenance of the churchyard. The outgoings were solely for the mowing and strimming of the churchyard which amounted to £1200 leaving a small gain of £81 for the year and a balance of £7050 for the start of this year.

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

The interest on the NS & I account came to £36 for the year, a slight improvement on the £4 awarded in 2021, leaving a balance of £39,109. The current interest rate remains low at 0.60% at time of writing this report.

All in all; considering that no fundraising events have been held since the Christmas Tree Festival in 2016, an encouraging result with all accounts making small profits.

To date (8.3.2023) I have not received any information regarding this year's Parish Share or Clergy Expenses Contributions.

## Accounts for Year Ending 2022

	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>RESTRICTED CHURCHYARD</u>	<u>TOTAL 2022</u>	<u>TOTAL 2021</u>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>				
Planned giving	7338		7338	7322
Loose collections	850		850	395
Donations	1041		1041	446
Legacies				1000
Mission	544		544	324
Tax refunds	1980		1980	1742
VAT				
Grants				1000
Money raising				
Fees	2360	1021	3381	366
Investment income	36		36	4
Other income		260	260	3768
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>14149</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>15430</b>	<b>16367</b>

<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>				
Parish Share	8485		8485	11543
Clergy expenses	474		474	540
Other				
Maint. of services	664		664	60
Parish expenses	104		104	119
Maint. of church	2458	1200	3658	2335
Exceptional expend.				
Mission parish	210		210	204
Mission home/world	237		237	150
Cost of fundraising				
Other	438		438	264
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>13070</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>14270</b>	<b>15215</b>
<b><u>Surplus/deficit</u></b>	<b>+ 1079</b>	<b>+81</b>	<b>+1160</b>	<b>+1152</b>
Transfer bet. funds				
<b><u>Surplus/deficit</u></b>	<b>+1079</b>	<b>+81</b>	<b>+1160</b>	<b>+1152</b>

**CURRENT ASSETS**

<b>Current account</b>	<b>6957</b>	<b>7050</b>	<b>14007</b>	<b>12883</b>
NS&I	39109		39109	39073
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46066</b>	<b>7050</b>	<b>53116</b>	<b>51956</b>

**BALANCES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Opening balance 2021	<b>44987</b>	<b>6969</b>	<b>51956</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b> 2022	+1079	+81	+1160
<b>Closing balance 2022</b>	<b>46066</b>	<b>7050</b>	<b>53116</b>

# St Mary's Pennard

## Wardens' Report

Catherine Thomas and Katherine Wilson

2022 saw the easing of Covid 19 restrictions and the return to regular worship, and it has been a joy to see familiar faces again and to welcome new ones. Church Festivals, baptisms, weddings, funerals and memorial services were all celebrated in the traditional way again. In March we hosted World Day of Prayer. In the summer St Mary's Pennard was the venue for the Gower Festival Lecture and we welcomed pilgrims on the Gower Pilgrimage Trail. We were delighted to become an Open Church again, keeping our door open to all during daylight hours, and to read the appreciative comments in the Visitors Book. Mothers Union's monthly meetings are held in church. Pennard School returned to St Mary's Pennard for its Christmas concerts. Men's Society's carol service was also held in church.

Our congregation continues to donate to the food bank at St Thomas and we are grateful to Ailsa Howell and John and Mary Gibbons who deliver our donations of goods regularly. On top of this a total of £2,855 in cash donations was given during 2022 plus further cash donations made directly by some church members. Our Christmas donation to Faith in Families totalled £460 with Gift Aid.

The 100 Club remains a significant source of funds. Thanks to everyone who takes part and to Jane Evans for managing it. Now that we have moved on from Covid restrictions we hope to hold fundraising/social events in 2023.

Our thanks to church members who have taken responsibility for keeping specific areas of the church clean, to everyone who decorates for the Festivals and our team of readers and 'meeters and greeters.'

We are pleased to be part of the Eco Churches Project. Plans for our Building Project have been approved and grant applications submitted. We hope to see progress in 2023 and look forward to the church becoming a more welcoming, useable space for all; appropriate for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century whilst retaining its priceless history and spiritual atmosphere,

Bill Nicholas and Jane Burt stepped down from their roles as Church Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We thank them for their service and welcome their successors Ian Colloff and Pat Robinson.

Sadly 2022 saw the deaths of some of our faithful church members including people who had served loyally on the PCC and made considerable contributions to the life and history of St Mary's Pennard and the wider community.

We rejoiced with Peter on his appointment as Archdeacon with Responsibility for Ministry Areas and look forward to being part of this new chapter of his Ministry.



I have written off £216.84 of old cheques which are more than 2 years old and placed this in donations. Both the income and expenditure are significantly down on 2021 (£19254 and £22721 respectively), A large portion of the expenditure reduction was the parish share down by £10408. Planned giving is down and may reduce further with the cost of living increases and the passing of some generous members of the congregation. We were fortunate to be down by only £582.

Total assets are currently £126164. The Budget for 2023 includes a provision, of £4000 for electricity due to higher prices, and £26000 for the start of renovations to the church for which we are hoping to get some grants, at the same time our Planned Giving and loose collections are expected to be lower in 2023.

My thanks to John Gibbons, who has been responsible for the Collections and Banking, as well as other work and to Bill Nicholas for helping me through the first year as treasurer.

Ronald Dolbear is also given our thanks for once again auditing the Accounts.

**Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (£)**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>NON RESTRICTED</b>	<b>LEGACY</b>	<b>RESTRICTED CHURCHYARD</b>	<b>TOTAL 2022</b>	<b>TOTAL 2021</b>
<b>Current Acc*</b>	52793		1703	54496	55264
<b>Deposit Acc</b>	629			629	629
<b>Virgin Money Acc</b>		71039		71039	70853
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53422</b>	<b>71039</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>126164</b>	<b>126746</b>
<b>Debtors</b>				0	0
<b>Creditors</b>				0	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>53422</b>	<b>71039</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>126164</b>	<b>126746</b>

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>£52780.57</b>
<b>Plus Unpresented Payments</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>Less Unpresented Cheques</b>	<b>£137.21</b>
<b>*</b>	<b>= £52793.36</b>

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**Difference between Total Assets 2022 & 2021**  
**£126164 - £126746 = -£582**

## Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Source	Not Restricted	Legacy	Church Yard Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021	Budget 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>						
Planned Giving	27469			27469	29413	26000
Loose Collection	3084			3084	1498	2500
Donations/ grants	244			244	4124	15000
Mission	2446			2446	2120	2200
Fund Raising	1332			1332	1467	3500
Fees	3048		660	3708	3528	3000
Refunds. Tax.etc.	6628			7057	22349	8000
Interest	1	186		187	94	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44252</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>45527</b>	<b>64594</b>	<b>60300</b>
Parish Share	37802			37802	48210	36000
Clergy Expenses	551			551	2627	500
Maint of Property	3349		1225	4901	10639	30000
Maint of Services	611			611	463	300
Parish Expenses	554			554	884	550
Mission Parish	988			1090	4044	1500
Mission Other	0			0	1313	0
Fund Raising Costs	600			600	600	600
Gifts / Expenses	0			0	50	0
Capital	0			0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>44455</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>46109</b>	<b>68830</b>	<b>69450</b>
<b>Movement</b>	<b>-203</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>-565</b>	<b>-582</b>	<b>-4236</b>	<b>-9150</b>

## **PENNARD MEN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2022 Lyndon Morris, Chairman**

Slowly but surely pre Covid life is beginning to emerge but whether it will fully recover is the big question. The fact that through emails, phone calls and the monthly Fish & Chip Lunch it has enabled us to maintain good contact with all members and then re-start our monthly talks in the Main Parish Hall. It was agreed to open our monthly talks to all, both male and female, and this has proved a popular innovation. Bishopston Men's Society, sadly, has been struggling in recent times, and their few members are joining us at our meetings.

There have been a variety of different speakers whose talks members have appreciated. Other speakers have been booked until May 2023.

The Parish Hall has been reserved for the first Thursday afternoon in the month until May 2024. In June our Annual Outing involved a day at St. Fagan's which was informative and enjoyable and the use of the buggy to transport us around was greatly appreciated. With the easing of lockdown it was a joy to resume our traditional Annual Carol Service in the Church and we were grateful to Archdeacon Peter for leading us in a thoughtful service. A short skit, based on Shannon Watson's poem "True Meaning of Christmas" was performed by aspiring members highlighting the meaning of Christmas, reflecting family dynamics as well as generating much laughter from those present. Following the service we had an enjoyable Christmas Dinner at the Golf Club.

With an aging membership there is an ongoing need to recruit new members. Previous recruitment efforts have proved disappointing so further thought needs to be given to this important area.

During this past year two long standing and respected members have passed away – Jack Davies, Peter Robins,– who contributed greatly to the local community. We remember them and their families with thanksgiving and gratitude.

We live in a troubled world so we must be thankful for and count our blessings for our lives and those who support us.

# St John's, Penmaen and St Nicholas, Nicholaston

**Warden & Secretary's Report.      David Harry & Gilda Jones & Frances Owen-John**

This year started, dealing with the aftermath of last autumn's storms. The damage to the roof of St John's and resulting internal damage was finally repaired in May.

The year saw a few celebrations starting with the baptism of David Jenvy's grandchild at St John's in February, followed by three weddings again in St John The Baptist.

In April we celebrated the Ordination of Sue Waite, from last June along with the reopening our churches, with a lunch in the Pennard Golf Club. Also in April Penmaen and Nicholaston hall committee arranged a curry night in the village hall with proceeds going to our two churches.

This was followed by a three course meal, again laid on by the hall committee to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June.

One of the highlights of this year was the Gower Pilgrimage Way organised by David and Ann Pope. Many thanks to them both who with others put an immense amount of time and energy organising the event, The Pilgrimage Festival Week 10th- 18th September.

The event highlighted the beautiful and unique churches we have on the Gower Peninsular, giving people from far and wide a chance to discover our hidden gems.

The year drew to an end with us being able to fully celebrate the end of year festivals, beginning with our celebration of St Nicholas day 6th December with an early visit of the man in Red. The beginning of December also saw the baptism of Lisa and Andrew's daughter Annabelle Welsh in St John's which was fully decorated ready for our Christmas services.

December also saw the Ordination of Peter as a Venerable Archdeacon, in Brecon Cathedral. Congratulations for a well earned promotion.

A big thank you to all who support and maintain our two churches at Penmaen and Nicholaston , and of course to our clergy and lay readers who work tirelessly to provide our church services.

## Treasurer's report

Frances Owen-John

I am again very grateful to everyone for continuing to contribute to finances either by standing orders or one-off payments over the year which has allowed us to fulfil our commitments re Parish Share, Clergy costs and general insurance and electricity costs, etc. I have again paid for the cutting of the grass at Nicholaston by using the Churchyard fund and am very grateful to the Beynon family for continuing to do the Penmaen Churchyard free of charge. Thanks again to Chris Hill for making the Inland Revenue Gift Aid return.

Thanks to Ann Thomas arranging for Elizabeth Gordon to do a flower arranging demonstration, we have been able to carry out one fund raising event. The Carol Singing on the Green at Penmaen in December was a success despite the very cold weather. Thanks to David Harry for arranging more lighting this year.

After quite a lot of getting through red tape, I have closed the HSBC account and now all the money is in Lloyds Bank.

We have had to had trees felled at Penmaen between the road and the church, which didn't happen until this January, but thanks to Rev Peter Brooks, we received a grant from the Diocese of £3,000 and other donations of £500 and £50 which are in this year's receipts.

During the year a section of the ceiling came down in Penmaen church, which has been repaired. Despite his best efforts, David has not managed to get quotes for the other essential work at Penmaen. Until we have quotes, we can't start trying to get grants and other fund raising.

I thank everyone for their continued support and once again I would like to thank Ronald Dolbear for his patience in verifying the accounts for me.

## Income and Expenditure account for Period ended 31st December 2022

Source	Not Restricted	Legacy	Church Yard Restricted	Total YR 2022	Total YR 2021	Budget 2023
<b>INCOME</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	8,325			8,325	5,658	
Loose Collection	1,005			1,005	1,093	
Donations/grants	4,864		489	5,353	468	
Mission	0			0	20	
Fund Raising	745			745	180	
Fees	1,105			1,105	1,387	
Refunds.Tax. etc	1,962			1,962	1,780	
Interest	5		5	10	2	
Other				0	527	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,012</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>18,506</b>	<b>11,115</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Parish Share	9,364			9,364	6,273	
Clergy Expenses	671			671	543	
Maint of Property	1,283		1,200	2,483	1,470	
Maint of Services	2,501			2,501	1,075	
Parish Expenses	31			31	171	
Mission Parish	40			40	0	
Mission Other	90			90	45	
Fund Raising Costs	12			12	0	
Gifts / Expenses				0	0	
Charges	0		3	3	0	
Capital	0			0	0	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,992</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>15,194</b>	<b>9,579</b>	
<b>Movement</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-709</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>1,536</b>	

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Lloyds	1,468			1,468	1,355
HSBC				0	1,382
<b>DEPOSITS</b>					
Penmaen Churchyard A/c			3,985	3,985	3,665
Nicholaston Churchyard A/c			3,668	3,668	<b>4,698</b>
General	6,261			6,261	974
NS&I	3,886			3,886	3,882
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,615</b>		<b>7,653</b>	<b>19,268</b>	<b>15,956</b>

Movement Funds 3,312

Movement Receipts and Payments 3,312

# St Teilo's, Bishopston

## Wardens' Report

Mike Whiffin and Sue Tercero

We'd like to start off this report by congratulating Peter on his new appointment as Arch Deacon for Ministry Areas, a position in which we're sure he will succeed. Well done and good luck.

During 2022, we have continued to make improvements to facilities within the Church, renovating and decorating the porch and some areas of the interior walls, as well as installing PIR lighting. The steps to the Garden of Remembrance were also re-laid and improved for easier access.

Towards the end of 2022 we had planned our first social event since pre-covid days, but sadly had to cancel due to inclement weather but hopefully we will try to reorganise and continue to hold events in the coming year.

For the first time we were encouraged to keep the Church open weekdays in the summer months for visitors and walkers following The Pilgrims Way. This seemed to be successful with a Cymanfa Ganu service being held at St Teilo's to end the walks. The opening of the Church on certain days for the summer of 2023 is something we are considering at present.

Each year our Church life is becoming more and more to what it was pre-covid, and in early 2023 it is hoped to return to and maintain four services a month. We'd like to thank Peter, Sue, Nigel and the Lay Worship leaders who have led our Church Worship here throughout the year. We mustn't forget all who have continued to support us - readers, sides persons, cleaners, flower arrangers and of course the Church Council who have been behind us all year - Thank you, and here's to 2023.



It's good that Church life has now returned to normality after the many Covid restrictions.

We have succeeded in paying the Parish Share and also the Clergy Expenses in full.

Our income increased by approximately 20% from the previous year though if we include the legacy of £10,000 this figure would be approximately 50%. Expenses increased by 40%.

Income from Direct Debits and Standing Orders increased by 5% from last year. This income is referred to as planned income which gives us some degree of guaranteed income.

Fund raising events are yet to be resumed after Covid but Mike Whiffin is still operating the Church Lottery which raised a very commendable sum of £700. If you are interested in joining the Lottery please contact Mike.

Our Church Yard has continued to be well maintained by Johnny our grass cutter and volunteers from the Church. The cost of grass cutting was £2,140.

We managed to collect a very commendable sum of money for the Ukraine Appeal of £1,262.

It's worth mentioning how important Gift Aid is to us. It contributed £5,354 towards our Church funds.

Our Gas and Electricity is still being supplied by Total Gas & Power and purchased via the Church of England buying group.

## Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

St Teilo's	Non Restrict ed	Restricted Church Yard	Restricted Church Alterations and RBCW	Total 2022	Total 2021	Budget 2023
<b>INCOME</b>	2022	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Planned Giving	24,345			24,345	23,093	25,000
Loose Collections	1,177			1,177	1,301	1,500
Donations	4,026	100	150	4,126	639	1,000
Tax Refunds	5,354			5,354	3,921	6,000
Legacies	10,000			10,000	Nil	500
Fees	3,898		990	3,898	3,580	3,500
Grants	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil
Money Raising	700			700	1,500	1,500
Investment Income	617			617	2,432	600
Other Income	256	339		1,843	595	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,373</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>50,812</b>	<b>36,511</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Parish Share	30,097			30,097	20,617	30,000
Clergy Expenses	1,745			1,745	1,745	2,000
Maintenance of Services	660			660	440	1,000
General Parish Expenses	1,015	53		1,068	964	900
Church Alteration Costs	Nil			5,319 18,590	18,590	n/a
Maintenance of Church	2,481			2,481	2,023	2,000
Maint other Properties	2,140	179	560	2,319	2,685	2,500
Exceptional expenditure	Nil			Nil	Nil	Nil
Mission Parish	442			442		
Mission Home/World	1,262			1,262		1,000
Capital Payments	Nil			Nil		
Cost of Money Raising	Nil			NIL	29	100
<b>Other</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,842</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>5,319 26,590</b>	<b>47,093</b>	<b>39,500</b>
Movement	+10,531					

**Grounds Account 31st December 2022 BEQUEST**

**Opening Balance 01.01.22** **25677.47**

**Payments**

30.03.	Mason - Remembrance steps	350.00
1.04.	Mason - Interior walls	650.00
8.06.	Mason - Porch	2250.00
4.08	PIR/Lights	1152.00
04.08	Mobility Chair rep	125.00
	Carpenter Work done	792.00

**Balance at 31.12.22** **20358.47**

**EVENTS/FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT**

**Year ending 31st December 2022**

Opening Balance	<b><u>776.30</u></b>	Closing Balance	<b><u>776.30</u></b>
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There was no movement on this account during the year.

**TEAR FUND Year ending 31st December 2022**

O/Bal	538.65	Tear fund 12x60	720.00
Receipts	1275.00	Tear fund Appeal	820.00
<b>C/Bal</b>			<b>273.65</b>
	<b><u>1813.65</u></b>		<b><u>1813.65</u></b>

**Lottery Account Year ending 31st December 2022**

O/Bal	380.96	Transfer to Church	700.00
Recpts	1733	Winners Cheques	800.00
C/Bal	613.96		
	<b>2113.96</b>		<b>2113.96</b>

Closing Balance per Statement	738.96		
O/standing cheques	125.00		613.96

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Collections	9,498	Parish Share	30,097
Standing Orders	2,920		
Collections via D/D	12,889		
Weddings/Baptisms collections	215	Repairs & Maintenance	805
Inland Revenue Tax Refunds	2,242	Church Insurance	555
Inland Revenue Direct Refunds	3,112	Telephone	378
Dividend income	617	Gas & Electricity	1,121
Weddings & Funerals	3,898	Church Supplies	373
Gower Magazine	256	Gower Magazine	270
Legacies	0	Organist	180
General Donations	2,764	Organ insurance	
Churchyard Fund donation	0	Grass Cutting	2,140
Lottery	700	CCLI	0
		Altar Requisites	0
		Cleric's Wedding fee	400
Legacy	10,000		
Charitable Collections	1,262	Cleric's Expenses	1,745
		Cakes Pilgrimage Day	17
		Wreath for	
		Remembrance Service	23
		Christmas Decorations	132
		Verger's Fee	264
		Accountancy Fee	264
		Ukraine Appeal	<u>1,262</u>
			39,842
		Excess of income over	
		Expenditure for the year	<u>10,531</u>
	<u>50,373</u>		<u>50,373</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 DECEMBER 2022

<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<i>Opening Balances</i>		<i>Closing balances</i>	
RBCW Common Investment		33,161	RBCW Common Investment
		<i>14,790 shares valued at £2,2421 (2021:: £2.1175)</i>	30,994
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	491	COIF Charities Deposit Fund	496
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>			
Barclays Current Account		7,792	Barclays Current Account
18,323		_____	
		41,444	
<b>ADD:</b> Excess of income over Expenditure for the year		10,531	
LESS: Decrease in value of shares	(2,167)		
<b>ADD:</b> Interest from COIF account	5		
	<b><u>49,813</u></b>		<b><u>49,813</u></b>

## **The Lamplighter 2022 Louise Rigdon (Lamplighter Coordinator)**

What a wonderful year we have had at The Lamplighter. We have been blessed in so many ways – our footfall has increased, we have started to build a regular clientele, and we have developed various, regular, weekly activities to serve the community.

Last April we started our Little Lamplighters group – a term time only Mums and Tots group that meet on a Friday morning. We have regular attenders and on average we have up to 8 children. This group has evolved into a relaxed coffee morning, where parents & carers can meet, and support one another.

Throughout the year we have reintroduced the following groups:

Tuesday – Craft Group

Thursday – Celtic Communion

Friday – Little Lamplighters

Our Winter Warmer Wednesdays started in November 2022. We were blessed to receive a grant from Swansea Spaces (Warm Hubs) Fund in Swansea Council. This project has provided a warm space with free tea, coffee, biscuits and a read of a newspaper. This has been well received, and we have regular clientele. This project will finish at the end of March 2023.

Our Thursday Celtic Communion service has a regular congregation. In fact, we had as many as 18 during the summer months. It is a blessing to worship in such a unique place. But the sense of community after the service is truly wonderful.

Our Tuesday Craft group has certainly become a weekly social event with regular crafters who support each other. We often joke that more chat than craft happens, but it is wonderful to see the community growing.

We are still a hub to collect for the Red Community Project Food Bank, have started a Lent course, run Confirmation classes, and many more. The Lamplighter is a much needed and much used place in our community.

Over the past year, we have certainly continued to develop The Lamplighter as a centre of the community. We have regular customers who come for support and activities, and I haven't even mentioned the commercial part of the business. This is thriving and we have a lovely balance of Christian & secular products, and beautifully crafted local crafts.

I cannot thank the dedicated Volunteers and The Lamplighter Committee for their continued support, advice and service to all that they do. I could not do my job without them all!

## Provisional Lamplighter Accounts for 2022

Assets	Jan 2022	Jan 2023	Difference
Stock	£5845.59	£6843.57	£997.98
Bank start	£30363.15	£23863.46	-£6499.69
Float	60	60	0
Income		Expenditure	
Insurance refund	£361.53	Insurance paid but refunded	361.53
Grants	£210.00		
No Profit Christmas Cards	£960.15	No Profit Charity Christmas Cards	£960.15
Shop sales	£ 23213.74	Purchases Consumables 425.89 Cards 3994.66 Books 2140.53 Gifts 5397.84 FairTrade 374.81 Church Supplies 498.40	£12,832.12
		Running Costs Repairs & maintenance 510.57 Heat and light 1009.03 Water rates 147.83 PRS/PPL 0.00 CCLI 0.00 Chubb 140.40 Credit Card Charges 513.54 Telephone and Broadband 641.05 Stationery and advertising 121.24	£3083.66
		Shop insurance Nicholaston House commission £624.36 Coordinator Salary inc. management costs £765.10 Rent £6578.18 Landlord's Solicitor's costs £4900.00 £1140.00	£1140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£24745.42</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£31245.11</b>
Payments from previous year included in this year's bank transactions			£1934.14

Outstanding payments carried forward into 2023	£809.22
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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	£	£
Shop sales		23,213.74
Insurance refund		361.53
Grants		210.00
Christmas Cards sold at no Profit		960.15
		24,745.42
<b>COST OF SALES</b>		
Opening stock	5,845.59	
Purchases	12,832.13	
LESS: Closing stock	6,843.57	
		11,834.15
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance	624.36	
Insurance paid and refunded	361.53	
Christmas Cards sold at no profit	960.15	
Running costs	3,083.66	
Nicholaston House Commission	765.10	
Coordinator salary plus Management costs	6578.18	
Rent	4,900.00	
Landlord's solicitor's fees	1,140.00	
		18,412.98
<b>LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		-5,501.71
<b>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>		
Stock	6,843.57	5,845.59
Bank	23863.46	30,363.15
P Cash	60	60
	30,767.03	36,268.74
	<b>33</b>	-5,501.71

Annual usage for the hall shows 165 rentals, which is only 50% utilisation in comparison with pre-COVID years. In 2019, the total was 337, with utilisation peaking at 390 in 2015. So it appears that the change in social activities brought on by the prolonged pandemic has also reduced demand for the hall.

<b>Hall Usage 2022 – Groups</b>			
<b>Organisatio n</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Organisatio n</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Parties</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dance Classes</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Foot Clinic</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ukrainian fund raising</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>BATS</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Keep Fit</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Quiz</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Church meetings</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Easter Vestry</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Funeral Wake</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Church Hall meetings</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>165</b>

Bishopston Amateur Theatre Society is now back to normal and currently rehearsing for their spring production and other regular users include Dance classes and Keep Fit. There are also plans to restart the popular community cinema during the year. Rentals help generate sufficient revenue to pay running costs, but little surplus.

Maintenance work carried out includes replacement of Lincat water heater in kitchen, removing, cleaning, and replacing electric wall heaters, servicing external door/window locks and external weeding and ground drain cleaning.

Hall accounts are available within annual report, and I extend my thanks to fellow committee members who have been responsible for maintaining our valuable facility throughout another challenging year.

## Ministry Area Report

In the summer of 2022 The Rev Justin Davies moved from being the Vicar of South West Gower and became Vicar of St Mary's Swansea and Ministry Area leader for Swansea as well.

This left us with a vacancy on Gower and also a vacancy for the role of Ministry Area leader. As Area Dean, I have taken on the role temporarily until we appoint to South West Gower in the near future and of course that person will also be the new Ministry Area Leader of the newly formed Ministry Area.

We have welcomed this year the churches serving Tycoch and Killay into our fold in the Ministry Area and it has been good to see how they have settled in our midst. They too are currently in vacancy but it is hoped we will be appointing shortly to that post as well.

The Gower magazine has gone from strength to strength and it has been reporting on all the events that have been taking place such as the licensing of new Lay Worship Leaders and also the wonderful impact that the Gower Pilgrimage Trail has had on our churches and places to stay here on Gower. The Pilgrimage Trail has been a real blessing thanks to the work of a dedicated group headed up by David and Ann Pope and I know they have plans for 2023 as well as once more Arthur Bear sets off to meet up with his fellow bears in each church!

Peter Townsend has been first class with MA finances and the website and also I am grateful to Nigel and Frances and Co for their diligent work on the production and financing of the magazine.

Like everywhere, of course, we are faced with challenges to our finances and our buildings but we will meet them with courage and diligence as well as prayer.

To all of you on Gower, wherever you worship, my thanks for all you do.

Peter

Acting Ministry Area leader

**Ministry Area Accounts 2022**

Annual Accounts 2022

**Ministry Area Accounts 2022**

**1. General Account**

<b>Closing Balance at 31/12/21</b>		<b>£8,862</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>	
Reclaim of Clergy expenses from North and SW Gower	£273.45	
Transfer from magazine account for work on Facebook	£7,000.00	
Reclaim from Brecon for Gower Show tickets	£70.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,343.45</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>	
Clergy expenses	£1,104.16	
Refund of Facebook grant to Brecon	£2,760.00	
Transfer of magazine funds to Three Cliffs	£4,915.00	
Transfer of magazine funds to North Gower	£2,389.00	
Transfer of magazine funds to South West Gower	£2,696.00	
One year subscription to Wordpress	£99.00	
Gower Show tickets	£70.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,033.16</b>	
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£2,172.62</b>

Notes:

1. The December 2021 closing balance in the bank was £2,482.11. The balance given here includes a transaction for 2021 that had not cleared the bank at 31.12.21

**2 Business Reserve Account**

<b>Closing Balance at 31/12/21</b>		<b>£5,028.57</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest	£4.80	
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£5,033.37</b>

**Governing Body Report**

**Revd Justin Davies**

The Church in Wales Governing Body met for its usual 2 sessions in 2022 returning to its 'in person' format after the dislocation of the Covid years. Both meetings were held in Newport at the ICC which provided a large venue to allow social distancing to take place.

The highlight of the years work was the announcement by Archbishop Andrew of substantial funding for the future.

He said the Church in Wales would spend more than £100M of its capital reserves over the next decade to help its churches serve their communities more effectively. Investment would be made in development of new ministries and initiatives, as well as in strengthening existing work. The core of this investment would be

- The proclamation of the Gospel in Wales;

- The witness of Christ's truth in our various communities;

- The ability to build new communities that demonstrate the importance of social righteousness;

- The creation of active discipleships.

The Archbishop also announced that a further £37M over the next 10 years would be given to ensure core church ministry was placed on a sound financial footing especially in the newer dioceses, of Monmouth and Swansea and Brecon.

Addressing the cost-of-living crisis, Archbishop Andrew announced that the Church in Wales would be campaigning for action over the coming months.

The Standing Committee highlighted the fourth joint meeting of the Bench, the Standing Committee, the Trustees of the Representative Body, the Diocesan Secretaries and Senior Provincial Staff in October. The anticipated output was a clear direction of travel, the adoption of ambitious goals, and the approval of clear mechanisms for accessing additional funds.

Standing Committee also highlighted the Monmouth Enquiry and Review Implementation Group which had been meeting regularly since it was set up in January to address the policy or procedural gaps identified by the Review.

A year-long prayer journey to develop people's spiritual lives was launched by Bishop John Lomas, chair of the Spirituality Group.

Each month has a theme, a Bible passage, a reflection, a particular way of prayer and suggestions for music, art and books for further prayer.

The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon gave a presentation to Governing Body. Rural, Cathedral and city ministry featured in a film presented by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

The Dean of Brecon outlined developments at the Cathedral,. The Revd Andrew Perrin described his ministry to 25 churches in West Radnor Ministry Area and The Revd Steve Bunting from urban Swansea showed how St Thomas' Church had been transformed to a community hub, providing vital services for those in need,.

Bishop John said, "We are packing our bags for our journey at the moment but the vision of where we are going is still blurry. We have food for nourishment, water for refreshment, the word of God to guide us and the opportunity to service."

Governing Body meets in Llandudno in April 2023 and South Wales in September 2023.

<b>BENEFICE PERSONNEL &amp; CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS</b>		
Archdeacon Peter Brooks	Vicar	232928
Revd. Nigel King	Curate	233124
Revd. Sue Waite	Curate	234739
David Ball	Reader	232027
David Williams	Treasurer	07815087126
Catherine Thomas	Churchwarden	233407
Mike Whiffin	Churchwarden	07714803219
Sue Mobbs	Safeguarding Officer	234415
<b>Examiners (Audit) and Banks</b>		
Benefice	David Williams	Barclays
St Illtyd's Church	Gordon Parsons	Barclays
St Mary's Church	Ron Dolbear	Santander
St John & St Nicholas Churches	Ron Dolbear	TSB / HSBC
St Teilo's Church	Butterfield Morgan Ltd	Barclays
<b>Lay Worship Leaders:</b> Catherine Thomas, Eileen Thompson, Katharine Wilson, Carolyn Kirby Jinny Gilmour and Darran Hickery		
<b>Reader in Training</b>	Darran Hickery	
<b>Lay Worship Leader in Training</b>	Barbara Morris	

## Further Online Information Regarding Churches and Christian Groups in In Three Cliffs

### Websites and facebook pages

<http://swanseaandbrecon.churchinwales.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Gower-Ministry-Area-135008573729299/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStTeilosBishopstonSwansea>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/260045708530/?fref=ts> (Three Cliffs)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/397232113710170/?fref=ts> (Christians On Gower)

<https://gowerma.org/> (Gower Ministry Area Website)