Wrexham Mission Area
Registered Charity 1199546

Annual Report 2025

Our Churches

Worship and associated activities were maintained across our six churches together with ongoing support for St Mary's Bersham throughout the year under review.

St Giles' - The church continued to welcome good numbers to services of differing styles along with other events. The significant project to replace the chancel roof and repair the associated stonework was completed. It was good to hear that following this project, two of the young roof workers became apprentices at York Minster. A new sound system was installed.

St Mark's - Work continued on the refurbishment and enhancement of the church building, necessitating the relocation of all its activities to Caia Park Partnership. The work was completed in autumn 2025, enabling Caia Food Club and Wrexham Foodbank to return to the church.

St Margaret's - The congregation remained robust, even as the church prepared for its priest's retirement in November 2025.

St John's - Although the congregation remained small, services of worship continued on Sundays and Wednesdays, with support from the Ministry Team during the interregnum.

All Saints' - Congregations remained strong. Sadly, the church hall was broken into twice during Holy Week, necessitating the installation of a new door.

Holy Trinity - The new housing estate adjacent to the church continues to offer hope for future growth, with some encouraging early signs.

St James' - Following the final act of worship in April 2024, the Mission Area Conference agreed to return St James' Church and Hall to the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Following the necessary faculty approval and completion of the legal formalities, the handover was formally completed in November 2025.

Shared Mission Area Events

A Mission Area Easter Vigil was held at Holy Trinity.

Bishop Gregory Cameron presided at a Mission Area confirmation service at St Giles' in the spring, which was extremely well attended.

There were also shared services of valediction and welcome for departing and arriving clergy, including the licensing of the Revd James Tout at St Giles' on 21st May 2025 and the retirement of the Revd Canon Jonathan Smith, who had served as Vicar of St Mark's and St Margaret's for eleven years and as Mission Area Leader. The service marking his departure was held on 23rd November 2025.

A Mission Area service was held at the newly refurbished St Mark's on Christ the King, Sunday 23rd November 2025.

TCC (Trefnu Cymunedol Cymru / Together Creating Communities) celebrated its 30th anniversary on 14th November 2025 at Wrexham Memorial Hall. Bishop Gregory Cameron and representatives from the churches attended the celebration.

Mission Area Conference

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) serves as both the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Board of Trustees for the Mission Area. It met on four occasions during 2025. Consideration was given to the viability of all our churches and the number of stipendiary clergy who could be employed under the present diocesan share formula.

After consultation with the Diocese, it was agreed that, after the departure of the Revd Canon Jonathan Smith, the Mission Area would employ 1.5 priests: one full-time priest serving St Mark's and St John's, and one half-time priest serving St Margaret's. The Diocese would supplement the half-time role, thereby creating a full-time equivalent post.

Following the resulting vacancy, it was proposed at the Standing Committee that there should be a part-time Director of Ordinands. Locating this role centrally within the Diocese, in Wrexham, was considered both sensible and strategic. The Diocese's half-time vacancy and the Mission Area's half-time vacancy are therefore to be combined and advertised as one post.

Following diocesan encouragement to change the Mission Area's charitable status from a registered charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), a new CIO was registered in October 2025. Steps are now being taken to transfer the assets of the existing charity to the new CIO. This process remains ongoing.

All building projects continued to be overseen by the MAC, although the proposed Property Sub-Committee has yet to be established.

The MAC is also responsible for approving faculty applications relating to the Mission Area churches and discussing significant building projects, particularly those at St Mark's and St Giles'.

Personnel

At the beginning of the year, there were two stipendiary priests. This number increased to three when the Revd James Tout took up his post at St Giles'.

We are grateful to Brian Stickles for serving as Mission Area Warden.

Sarah Namirembe continued her St Padarn's placement at St Margaret's and St Mark's, and Elin Douglas Jones continued her placement at All Saints' and Holy Trinity.

The Ministry Team works closely with other expressions of Anglican ministry in Wrexham, notably the Church Army Centre of Mission and Hope Street. The Mission Area Leader's role includes supporting the Centre of Mission, which runs the Tin Can Youth Centre, providing a Christian witness to many young people with no church background. The Centre of Mission also works collaboratively with Hope Street on projects such as the Coleg Cambria Chaplaincy and the Bridge the Gap football ministry.

Links are maintained with other churches through Christians Together in Wrexham, along with prison and school ministries. The Mission Area remains a member of TCC (Trefnu Cymunedol Cymru/Together Creating Communities).

Finance

We were able to meet the Mission Area's diocesan share for 2025, covering clergy and support services. However, many of our churches continue to struggle to meet these obligations alongside the costs of maintaining their buildings. We had negotiated a reduction in our clergy figure for 2025 from 4 to 3.5, which reduced our overall obligation to the Diocese.

Our thanks go to Carol Jones, Mission Area Treasurer, who worked hard with the church treasurers and examiner to ensure that the 2024 accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission website within the required timeframe.

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	385,439	250	182,694	568,383	693,994
Income from charitable activities	21,002	-	6,116	27,118	22,436
Other trading activities	106,873	10,768	43,268	160,909	185,435
Investments	11,745	7,150	86	18,981	22,526
Other income	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Total income	545,059	18,168	232,164	795,390	924,391
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	374,048	300	4,890	379,238	978,835
Raising funds	22,551	6,342	90,193	119,086	9,312
Other expenditure - major repairs	218,737	-	434,901	653,638	-
Total expenditure	615,335	6,642	529,984	1,151,961	988,147
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(70,277)	11,525	(297,820)	(356,571)	(63,756)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	292,684	26,400	270,939	590,023	941,283
Gross transfers between funds - out	(292,339)	(26,745)	(270,939)	(590,023)	(941,283)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	3,252	-	-	3,252	16,049
Net movement in funds	(66,680)	11,181	(297,820)	(353,319)	(47,707)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	235,556	39,964	413,542	689,062	736,769
Total funds carried forward	**168,876**	**51,144**	**115,722**	**335,742**	689,062
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	168,876			168,876	235,555
Designated					
St Giles Flower Fund		-		-	67
Holy Trinity		250		250	-
Wrexham MA - Foster Road		29,941		29,941	24,053
Wrexham MA - St Peter's		20,953		20,953	15,842
Restricted					
Apprenticeship Scheme			-	-	5,359
Caia Food Club			958	958	778
Parish of Wrexham Fabric Fund			-	-	16,921
St Giles Babes in the Pews Fund			322	322	323
St Giles Bellringers			2,807	2,807	3,197
St Giles Chancel Repair Fund			45,106	45,106	45,993
St Giles Fabric Fund			-	-	18,421
St Giles upkeep fund			300	300	300
St James - Church door refurbishment			130	130	130
St James - GroWrexham			403	403	403
St Margaret's - Capital Gift			1,512	1,512	1,512
St Margaret's - Church hall			8,691	8,691	7,277
St Margaret's - Lady Chapel			95	95	95
St Margaret's - Steeple Fund			11,005	11,005	8,603
St Margaret's - Robes			150	150	150
St Mark's - Building fund			21,562	21,562	278,834
St Mark's - Holiday Hunger Project			15,448	15,448	22,602
St Mark's - Kids Club			664	664	2,117
Holy Trinity - Churchyard Fund			6,016	6,016	-
Sunday School Fund			554	554	554
Wrexham MA - Admin			-	-	(25)
	168,876	**51,144**	**115,722**	**335,742**	689,062

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Balance Sheet
as at 31st December 2025

	Unrestriced Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/12/2025	At 31/12/2024
Fixed assets					
Investments	78,101	-	-	78,101	169,153
Current assets					
Debtors	-	-	-	-	960
Investments	3,365	-	-	3,365	3,351
Cash At Bank And In Hand	87,410	51,144	115,722	254,277	515,598
	90,775	51,144	115,722	257,641	519,909
Liabilities					
Creditors	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets less current liabilities	**168,876**	**51,144**	**115,722**	**335,742**	689,062

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Movement in Funds
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	At 01/01/25 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Tranfers between funds £	Gains and losses £	At 31/12/25 £
Unrestricted funds	235,557	545,059	615,335	345	3,252	168,877
Designated						
St Giles - Flower Fund	68	-	900	832		-
Wrexham MA - Foster Rd	24,053	7,150	1,262	-		29,940
Wrexham MA - St Peter's	15,842	10,768	4,480	(1,177)		20,953
Restricted funds						
Apprenticeship Scheme	5,359	-	5,359	-		-
Parish of Wrexham Fabric Fund	16,921	-	16,921	-		-
Caia Food Club	50	-	-	-		50
St Giles - Babes in the Pews Fund	322	-	-	-		322
St Giles - Bellringers	3,197	-	390	-		2,807
St Giles - Chancel Repair Fund	45,993	-	887	-		45,106
St Giles - Fabric Fund	18,420	-	18,420	-		-
St Giles - Upkeep fund	300	-	-	-		300
St James - Church door refurbishment	130	-	-	-		130
St John's - Toilet And Lighting Fund	403	-	-	-		403
St Margaret's - Capital Gift	1,512	-	-	-		1,512
St Margaret's - Church hall	7,277	30,554	29,140			8,691
St Margaret's - Lady Chapel	95	-	-	-		95
St Margaret's - Robes	150	-	-	-		150
St Margaret's - Steeple Fund	8,603	3,902	1,500	-		11,005
St Mark's - Building fund	278,834	175,074	432,345	-		21,562
St Mark's - Caia Food Club	728	8,824	13,644	5,000		908
St Mark's - Kids Club	2,117	-	1,453	-		664
St Mark's - Holiday Hunger Project	22,602	-	2,154	(5,000)		15,448
Holy Trinity - Sunday School Fund	554	-	-	-		554
Holy Trinity - Churchyard Fund	-	6,116	100	-		6,016
Holy Trinity - Donation	-	250	-	-		250
Wrexham MA - Admin	(25)	2,805	2,780	-		-
Wrexham MA - St Giles Flower Fest	-	4,890	4,890	-		-
Total Funds	**689,062**	**795,390**	**1,151,961**	-	**3,252**	**335,742**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Wrexham Mission Area

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

Signed: LMHughes

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