



ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2019



St. Mary the Virgin, High Street, Battle

Dean: The Very Revd Lee Duckett, The Deanery, Caldbec Hill, Battle TN33 0JY (Installed 26th September 2019)

Independent Examiner: Manningtons Chartered Accountants, 39 High Street, Battle, TN33 0EE

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc Hastings (A) Branch, Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1GW

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Battle

Annual Report for 2019

Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin is situated adjacent to the High Street, Battle. It is part of the Chichester Diocese within the Church of England.

The PCC Secretary during 2019 was Mrs J Collins of 4 Norman Close, Battle, TN33 0BD.

The parish is a charity and is registered with the Charity Commission under the terms of the Charities Act 1993, as subsequently amended. The registration number is 1141300.

Following the 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Dean	Very Revd Lee Duckett	Chair	(Installed 26 th September 2019)
1. Churchwarden	Mrs Brenda Cox	Vice Chair	
2. Churchwarden	Mrs Gaby Betts		
Reader	Mrs Alison Hassell		
Ex-Officio	Revd Jeff Tutton (from October 2019)		
Deanery Synod Representatives (elected for 3 years until 2020)	Mrs A Hassell Mrs J Thorp Mr I McLeod		

Elected Members:

Until 2020	Mrs Tracy Dixon Dr Kieran Hills Mr Paul Middleton Mr Mark Blackman (elected April 2020)
Until 2021	Mrs Janet Heron Mr Trevor Heron Mrs Jan Collins
Until 2022	Mr Michael Richards Mrs Elizabeth Hart Mrs Penelope Colquhoun Mr Gordon Pickton (Resigned November 2019)

Structure, governance and management

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the Dean; the Revd Jeff Tutton, Mrs Alison Hassell – Reader; the Churchwardens and members of the Deanery Synod) and twelve members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The latter twelve members are elected on a rotary basis, four being elected each year to serve for a three year term. Individuals may serve for a total of six years and then must stand down for two years before being eligible for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of St Mary's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Dean in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is responsible for the worship and general life of the church throughout the parish and for the buildings at St Mary's site. The Church of the Ascension and Churchyard at Telham are owned by a separate charity, Dean Crake's Gift, which has its own managing Trustees.

Public benefit is achieved through the provision of public worship; education of adults and children in the Christian faith; availability as a venue for Christian marriage services and provision of funeral services and associated pastoral support. These are available to all parishioners within the legislative provision of the Church of England.

Achievements and performance

As at 31st December 2019 there were 140 members of the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 40 were not resident in the parish. The numbers have dropped mostly due to the revision carried out in February and March 2019, but also sadly to the loss of 10 members of the congregation due to deaths.

The average weekly attendance across all services at St Marys' was 93 adults and 10 children. For Telham it was 22 adults. Numbers were significantly higher for special services such as Christingle (270 adults, 220 children), school services and Remembrance Sunday, (477 adults, 202 children). There were six school services during the year, and six special Christmas Services during advent and the Christmas season.

There were five baptisms, three weddings, twelve funerals, one burial of ashes and one service of thanksgiving.

There was a special service of Installation for the new Dean on 26th September 2019. It was taken by the Bishop of Lewes, +Richard and the Archdeacon of Hastings, the Revd Edward Dowler. In attendance were the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mrs Sarah Stoner, Huw Merriman MP (Battle and Bexhill), heads of the local schools and representatives from all areas of the community. 27 clergy and lay readers continued the tradition of robing at Battle Abbey School and walking over to the church for the service. A total of 501 people attended the service and reception that followed.

Overview and financial review of the year

1. The full PCC met seven times during the year for ordinary meetings. There was one special meeting with a restricted agenda, one separate meeting of the Standing Committee and eight meetings of the Interregnum Committee.
2. The PCC would like to extend a special thank-you to the Pastoral Care team, who maintain a high level of contact and care for the elderly, the sick, and housebound during the interregnum. Many thanks also to the Sacristan and his assistant for their faithful services and to all who clean and decorate both churches on a regular basis. Additionally, thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the various services, especially the retired clergy and our Readers.
3. The PCC was delighted to be able to pay its full Parish Contribution to the Diocese of Chichester for 2019 of £52,560 (total assessed costs £67,560 less £15,000 Credit for Mission). Once again there was a large single donation from an anonymous donor to facilitate this. The PCC in 2019 made an effort to increase its pledge, offering £35,000, but despite best efforts, giving did not increase in 2019 and so the pledge for 2020 was not as high.
4. The PCC was pleased once again to act as hosts for five very successful series of concerts promoted by the Battle Arts Festival. This included two choral evenings, one classical concert, one piano recital and a performance from the Barefoot Opera group. We also welcomed back the Battle Choral Society for three concerts in 2019.
5. St Mary's Nursery completed its seventh year of operation at the beginning of September. By agreement with the PCC, the Nursery pays reduced rent and for 2019 has paid its agreed rent and utilities on time.
6. Accommodation has continued to be provided in the Benedicta Whistler Centre, Lady Chapel and south porch for the Battle branch of the Bexhill foodbank. This is an ecumenical venture and is in line with the diocesan encouragement to 'serve the common good'. The PCC charges for this use of the premises, but gives a 98% rebate as part of its endeavours to 'serve the common good'.
7. The Christmas Tree Festival was once again held at the end of November and was the eleventh anniversary of the festival's inception. This year it was opened by the Bishop of Lewes. It was the most successful festival to date, this time with all the trees being based on anniversaries. A large donation was sent to the Snowflake trust from the proceeds
8. Work on the guttering over the Chancel was undertaken, along with further guttering works, to prevent further ingress of water over the Chancel roof and into the organ. Some of the money in the Chancel fund was used to pay for this.
9. The project to repair and upgrade the church organ was completed in October 2019 within budget. There is £2053 left in the Organ fund which will be used for further repairs to the organ when needed.
10. During 2019 the Parish Safeguarding Officer was Mrs Tracy Dixon. There were no safeguarding issues during the year and the PCC has complied with its duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Level 1 of Simple Quality Protects was completed.

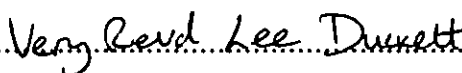
11. Volunteers - The Church depends on the voluntary services of many helpers in order to offer such a wide range of activities.

12. In line with the Charity Commissions recommendation it is PCC policy that the balance on any unrestricted funds (excluding property) should equate to at least nine months of unrestricted expenditure (considering also some reliable income) as a contingency against unforeseen situations. This was true at the closing balance 31 December 2019. When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. In particular we try to enable local people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- a) Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus;
- b) Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- c) Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Mary's in Battle, Church of The Ascension at Telham and the Deanery.

Signed on behalf of the PCC, 

Chairman ........

Date02-04-2020.....

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2019
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary Income		69163	19574	-	88737
Activities for generating funds		3667	227	-	3894
Income from investments		2224	1740	-	3963
Income from Church Activities		27701	6317	-	34018
Total incoming resources		£ 102755	£ 27858	£ -	£ 130612
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising Costs		383	-	-	383
Church Activities		97530	47590	-	145120
Governance Costs		2220	-	-	2220
Total resources expended		£ 100133	£ 47590	£ -	£ 147723
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		2622	(19732)	-	(17111)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
<i>Gains /(Losses) on investment assets</i>				15162	15162
<i>Fund transfers</i>		(11485)	17085	(5600)	-
Net movement in funds		(8863)	(2647)	9562	(1949)
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2019		669386	106850	88735	864971
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2019		£ 660523	£ 104203	£ 98297	£ 863022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 2018:

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2018
INCOMING RESOURCES	2				
Voluntary Income		65494	28040	-	93534
Activities for generating funds		2628	226	-	2854
Income from investments		2064	1183	-	3247
Income from Church Activities		38989	-	-	38989
Total incoming resources		£ 109175	£ 29449	£ -	£ 138624
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising Costs		366	-	-	366
Church Activities		97930	33990	-	131920
Governance Costs		2040	-	-	2040
Total resources expended		£ 100336	£ 33990	£ -	£ 134326
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		8839	(4541)	-	4298
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
<i>Losses on investment assets</i>				(1094)	(1094)
<i>Fund transfers</i>				-	-
Net movement in funds		8839	(4541)	(1094)	3204
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2018		<u>660547</u>	<u>111391</u>	<u>89828</u>	<u>861767</u>
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2018		£ 669386	£ 106850	£ 88735	£ 864971

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	2018
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	598242	598242
Investment Assets	6	<u>98296</u>	<u>88735</u>
		696538	686977
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	7	4543	8892
Deposits at Central Board of Finance		138929	137218
Cash at Bank, Building Society and in Hand		<u>25232</u>	<u>34044</u>
		168704	180154
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>2220</u>	<u>2160</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		166484	177994
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year			
		-	-
NET ASSETS	9	£ <u>863022</u>	£ <u>864971</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds	10	660523	669386
Restricted Funds	10	104203	106850
Endowment Funds	10	<u>98297</u>	<u>88735</u>
		£ <u>863022</u>	£ <u>864971</u>

Approved by the the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on it's behalf by:



LEE DUCKETT
Dean



BRENDA COX
Churchwarden

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds - funds earmarked for a particular future purpose.

Restricted funds -

- i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the 'purpose' set out in the terms of the original endowment.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises and all other income is recognised when it is receivable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Dean and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

The Church Hall is shown in the accounts at the 2007 insurance value, this is the deemed valuation as per the Trustees. No depreciation is provided on land and buildings as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material.

Church equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are as stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
2 INCOMING RESOURCES				
a. Voluntary income				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid Donations	23783	14000	37783	47926
Tax recoverable	13106	3502	16608	8156
Other	-	-	-	-
Collections at services	24157	-	24157	25661
Donations	3964	2072	6036	8586
Grants - Other	-	-	-	-
Legacies and Donations in Memory	2000	-	2000	-
Other Voluntary Income	2154		2154	3205
	<u>£ 69163</u>	<u>£ 19574</u>	<u>£ 88737</u>	<u>£ 93534</u>
b. Activities for generating funds				
Christmas Tree Festival	2479	227	2706	2077
General fund raising	1188	-	1188	777
	<u>£ 3667</u>	<u>£ 227</u>	<u>£ 3894</u>	<u>£ 2854</u>
c. Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	<u>£ 2224</u>	<u>£ 1740</u>	<u>£ 3964</u>	<u>£ 3247</u>
d. Income from Church Activities				
Church and Church Hall lettings	13725	-	13725	12954
St Mary's (Battle) Nursery Ltd rent (hall)	(1193)	-	(1193)	11033
Benedicta Whistler Centre	2836	-	2836	3003
Fees from weddings etc	9074	-	9074	8779
Magazine	3261		3261	3220
Insurance claim	-	6317	6317	-
	<u>£ 27702</u>	<u>£ 6317</u>	<u>£ 34018</u>	<u>£ 38989</u>
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES	<u>£ 102755</u>	<u>£ 27858</u>	<u>£ 130612</u>	<u>£ 138624</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019	2018
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
a. Costs of generating voluntary income				
Stewardship costs	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
b. Fundraising costs	£ 383	£ -	£ 383	£ 366
c. Church activities				
Ministry costs:				
Parish contribution to Diocese	35060	17500	52560	47577
Other clergy costs	10251	-	10251	11273
Church running expenses	10725	845	11570	21779
Church maintenance	6201	10079	16280	16264
Church fabric repairs	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of services	14307	18146	32453	9235
Stationery and telephone	1447	-	1447	720
Expenditure on magazine	2617	-	2617	3146
Church Halls running costs	9733	-	9733	12836
Benedicta Whistler Centre	1345	-	1345	1770
Flowers	-	1020	1020	1272
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Mission, Outreach and Charitable Giving	4352	-	4352	3932
Bank charges	336	-	336	313
Sundry and subscriptions	1156	-	1156	1803
Nursery rent write off	-	-	-	-
	£ 97530	£ 47590	£ 145120	£ 131920
d. Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	2220	-	2220	2040
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-
	£ 2220	£ -	£ 2220	£ 2040
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£ 100133	£ 47590	£ 147723	£ 134326

4 REGULAR CONTRACTORS' COSTS

During the year payments were made to a church caretaker, parish clerk, parish administrator, and organists at St Mary's, an organist at Telham, and a church hall cleaner and caretaker. The total of these payments was £13,480 (2018: £17,188).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Restricted Fund Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation				
As at 1 January 2019	598242	20063	4285	622590
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2019	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ 20063</u>	<u>£ 4285</u>	<u>£ 622590</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2019	-	20063	4285	24348
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2019	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 20063</u>	<u>£ 4285</u>	<u>£ 24348</u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2019	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 598242</u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2018	<u>£ 598242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 598242</u>

The land and buildings comprise the Church Hall which is shown at an insurance valuation, which is the deemed valuation as per the Trustees.

The equipment consists of a photocopier, the Lady Chapel chairs purchased in 2007, the piano purchased in 2009, projector and screen purchased in 2011 and kitchen equipment, safe and chairs purchased 2012.

6 INVESTMENT FIXED ASSETS

Investments held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC:

	Purpose:	Historical Cost	Market Value	
			2019	2018
Permanent endowments:				
1,574 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Church Fabric	3567	30172	25418
1,822 shares in CBF Investment Fund	General Religious	1500	34926	29423
1,004 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Ecclesiastical	3359	19246	16213
2,601 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities	Ecclesiastical	3525	4261	4168
Expendable endowment:				
490 shares in CBF Investment Fund	Chancel Fabric Repairs	Income only	9691	13513
Total Investments			<u>£ 98296</u>	<u>£ 88735</u>
			2019	2018

7 DEBTORS

Income tax recoverable			
Prepayments and accrued income		1765	6113
Other debtors		2778	2778
		<u>£ 4544</u>	<u>£ 8892</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals for utilities and other costs	£ <u>2220</u>	£ <u>2160</u>

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Fixed Assets	598242	-	98296	696538
Current Assets	64501	104203		168704
Less: Liabilities	(2220)	-	-	(2220)
Fund Balance	£ <u>660523</u>	£ <u>104203</u>	£ <u>98296</u>	£ <u>863022</u>

10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance b/f 01.01.19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers/ other gains & losses	Balance c/f 31.12.19
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	666721	95814	95394	(13749)	653393
Designated fund					
Busy Bees including Buggy Stand	568	1418	1652	(4)	330
Pastoral Care Team	407	244	356	-	295
Magazine		3261	2616	3379	4024
Events Committee	1692	2019	117	(1111)	2483
	<u>669386</u>	<u>102755</u>	<u>100133</u>	<u>(11485)</u>	<u>660523</u>
Restricted funds					
Fabric funds (incl. Dean and Church Warden's Fabric)	83623	7736	6119	2007	87247
Flower fund	1469	1050	1020	382	1881
Dean and Churchwardens (general)				10000	10000
Chancel Trust		321	3960	5600	1961
Telham Organ fund	380	-	-	-	380
Telham Electricity	528	1000	845	(1)	682
St Mary's Organ Fund	20850	250	18146	(901)	2053
Donations for Parish Contribution	-	17502	17500	(2)	-
	<u>106850</u>	<u>27858</u>	<u>47590</u>	<u>17085</u>	<u>104203</u>
Endowment funds	<u>88735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9562</u>	<u>98297</u>
Total funds	£ <u>864971</u>	£ <u>130613</u>	£ <u>147723</u>	£ <u>15162</u>	£ <u>863022</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (Continued)

- a. The endowment funds comprise investments held by the Diocese on behalf of the PCC as detailed in note 6 to these accounts.
- b. The Fabric Funds are restricted to expenditure on the fabric of the church.
- c. The Designated Busy Bees Buggy Stand Fund represents monies donated before 1 January 2011 towards the provision of a covered buggy stand for parents visiting the Busy Bees group. The stand as envisaged was not possible and permission has been given to use the monies to to refresh the Busy Bees room as needed.
- d. The Pastoral Care Fund is money raised or donated specifically to be used by the Pastoral Care Team for incidental expenses.
- e. The Flower Fund represents monies given and used specifically for the provision of flowers at St Mary's.
- f. The Telham Organ Fund represents surplus funds from an appeal made prior to 1 January 2008 for the major refurbishment of the organ at the Church of the Ascension. The monies shown were transferred to the Parish during 2008 and are held for future major refurbishment of the organ but not for routine tuning or minor maintenance.
- g. Telham Electricity Fund is donations and expenses for the cost of electricity of Telham Church.
- h. Donations for the Parish Contribution were made during the year.
- i. St Mary's Organ Fund is donations specifically for the repair and upgrade of the organ, most the work was completed this year. Remaining money will be used for future repairs.

11 TRANSACTIONS WITH PCC MEMBERS

No members of the PCC received expenses or payments for services apart from:

B Cox	£ 260	Parish Clerk
T Dixon	£ 6020	Parish Administrator
V Cook	£ 525	Sacristan

12 TRADING SUBSIDIARY

St Mary's (Battle) Nursery Ltd started trading as a private company limited by guarantee in September 2012. The Nursery pays rent as agreed by the PCC year on year and any profits of the Nursery will be a charitable donation to the PCC.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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