

St. Mary's Church, Ash Vale

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2019



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Background

Introduction - Legal Requirements

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and reflects the organisation, financial situation and activities of St Mary's Church throughout the year 2019.

This Annual Report conforms to the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. St Mary's PCC is a charitable body in law and subject to the conditions of the Charities Act 2011. PCC members are legally held to be Trustees of the Charity.

The PCC is required by law to present '*an annual report on its proceedings and on the activities of the parish generally*', which will be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

This report has to contain certain Statutory Information, and must be adopted by the PCC before presentation at the APCM. It must also be seen by the Independent Examiner when s/he is given the Annual Accounts for examination. The Report may also contain other information that may be presented and discussed at the APCM at the discretion of the PCC and Incumbent.

The PCC - Aims, Definitions and Organisation

The basic function of the PCC may be defined as: *"having the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."*

Membership of the PCC is made up of those who are ex-officio (*licensed Clergy and Readers, the elected Churchwardens, and Diocesan and Deanery Synod Representatives*), those elected (*up to a maximum total of 16 members*), and those co-opted because of special responsibilities they hold in the Church.

Elected members serve initially for three years. The PCC meets at least six times a year to conduct its business and pray together.

Various sub-committees (see Statutory Information) assist the PCC in addition to this, and members and others serve on them according to the skills and interests they can offer.

Statutory Information and Statistics

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PCC Membership

Ex-Officio members:

Vicar:	The Revd Neil Lambert	(Chair)
Churchwarden to April 2020:	Mr Martin Lindsay	(Lay Chair) from April 2017
Churchwarden to April 2020:	Mrs Nicola (Nikki) Glover	(Lay Chair) from July 2017

Deanery Synod:
from April 2013 to April 2020 Ms Caroline Johnson

Elected members:

from April 2013 to April 2017; re-elected from April 2017-April 2020: Mrs Karen Pugh
from April 2015 to April 2018; re-elected from April 2018-April 2021: Mr Patrick Brown;
from April 2017 to April 2020 Mr Peter Wickwar
from April 2017 to December 2019 Mrs Gill Jordan
from April 2017 to April 2020 Mr Charles Lusty
from April 2019 to September 2019 Mrs Amanda Gunness

Co-opted members:

Alexandra Sanderson (project manager - staff) Jackie Scott (Parish Administrator - Staff)

Sub-Committees of the PCC

The **Standing Committee** is the only legally required sub-committee. It is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a PCC member. The PCC member who volunteered for the standing committee was Charlie Lusty.

Finance and Governance Committee: A Sanderson, P Brown, N Glover, P. Wickwar

Premises Committee: M Lindsay (Chair) and N. Lambert with support from R Elsey

Summary of PCC meetings 2019

The PCC met on six occasions on Wednesday evenings. All the meetings were quorate. At each meeting members led opening prayers. Regular reports were received from the Vicar, the Project Manager including progress on the building project at the Chapel, the Churchwardens and the Finance and Premises Committees.

The PCC continued to support the work in Uganda by Neil and Amaha We Uganda. The January visit to Uganda was re-scheduled to the summer following the Ebola outbreak in the Congo.

PCC supported a stewardship campaign by the finance sub-committee, which was held in March.

All PCC members undertook online safeguarding training as required by Guildford Diocese. PCC approved and signed the Safeguarding Policy as required by Guildford Diocese.

It was agreed that the church should trial iKnow, a church administration tool, for a year to assess whether it would assist and empower good communication.

PCC approved the policy for the CCTV system that has been installed and approved the updated Health and Safety Policy. The Fire Risk Assessment was also updated and a new Key Policy was agreed in the light of Butterflies Nursery needing to ensure that entry into the Main Hall is by known and approved people only.

The liaison with the Salvation Army and Guildford Borough Council continued as the Syrian Refugee family moved in. We were delighted to welcome a family to Ash Vale in November 2018 and enjoyed hosting their 1 year celebration lunch in November 2019. We would like to thank all involved in helping the family settle in and start a new life here. St Mary's continues to be the charity governing the project so that donations can be gift-aided.

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

At the APCM on 30th April 2019 the revised Electoral Roll was presented by Irene Cummings. The Electoral Roll underwent its 6-yearly revision in 2019 and the number on the roll at the Annual Meetings in April was 88. By the end of the year it had increased to 90.

It may be of interest to note that of the 90, 67 are resident in the Parish.

The usual Sunday attendance numbers were taken over four Sundays in October. The figures for a 'normal' Sunday were recorded as: 60 adults and 13 under-16s.

There were 9 baptisms, and 1 marriage in church, and 3 funerals were conducted by the clergy elsewhere.

Safeguarding (Denise Weaver, Parish Safeguarding Officer)

St. Mary's continues to be committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a safeguarding policy which is reviewed and renewed annually.

Guildford Diocese also strongly recommends that all members of the PCC do a basic online safeguarding training course and most PCC members have now completed this course.

The Church's Safeguarding Policy is clearly displayed in the foyer by the front doors. It is updated every year and signed by the PCC.

At a recent Sunday School meeting, additional measures were put in place to heighten the safety of our children. New volunteers have come forward to help with Sunday School and are in the process of being DBS checked.

Before the new Nursery, Butterflies, started in November, discussions were held to ensure that the building is an appropriately safe place. Names and details of all Church keyholders are now kept in the Church Office, and keyholders have been made aware that they are unable to use the key to the back door when Nursery are in session unless pre-arranged with the owner of the Nursery.

St Mary's Health and Safety Officer is Nicola Glover and she ensures that our Risk Assessments are up to date. They are available in the Church Office should anyone wish to see them.

Review of Progress and Achievements in 2019

Churchwarden's Report (Nikki Glover)

I am now very settled into my third year as church warden. I feel that as a church we have a strong and supportive congregation who always step up to the plate and help in many areas including clean up days inside and outside of the church, community activities and special church events. Martin and myself are very blessed to have a wonderful relationship with all the congregation, staff and vicar.

I have continued to organise the church quiz with the help of Alex and others. This is a wonderful way to all come together including a lot of non church goers and also raise some church funds. We have decided to include a "grand draw raffle" again and hope to continue doing 2 or 3 quizzes a year.

We received the quinquennial report and had a meeting to prioritise any work that needed doing into its correct time frame and Martin, who is on the Premises Committee has been organising various works to be carried out.

The 2019 Christmas period was very busy for us all with the many activities going on in or around the church. These were all well attended and a wonderful feeling of community and church coming together was felt by all. I would like to express my particular gratitude for the amazing carol service organised by Peter and Jackie Scott. The choir was wonderful and the service was very well attended.

Once again I feel privileged to hold the roll of church Warden at St Mary's and pray that God continues to guide me in everything I do.

Management

Sally Lowe continued to lead the Pastoral work of the church. Denise Weaver continued in her role as **Parish Safeguarding Officer** and Peter Wickwar continued as **Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults**. Patrick Brown continued as **Covenant Secretary**, in addition to his role as **Treasurer**, and Barbara Stevens continued as **Stewardship Recorder**. Nikki Glover has continued in the role of **Health and Safety Officer**. David Voller continued to manage St Mary's **insurance**. Jane Cox continued as **Lay Reader** to the parish.

Administration

Jackie Scott continued in the post of **Parish Administrator** and Alex Sanderson continued in her role as **Project Manager** for St Mary's and the Chapel. In 2019 we purchased the iKnow App which is designed to enable smoother running of contacts and resources. Neil and Jackie went on a training course prior to its purchase. The programme has been up and running since the summer but we are still learning how to use it as a Church. It is slowly being implemented in the administration of the Church – from storage of personal information in a GDPR compliant form, production of rotas, and room booking to being able to have a current diary for Church events and soon to be able to function alongside the Church website.

Finance

In the 2018 Annual Report it was reported that we were facing a deficit for the next three years as a result of the 5% year-on-year increase in Parish Share and the fact that grant funding for Alex's role was exhausted. As a result the PCC carried out stewardship updates early on in the year to inform church members of our financial position and asking them to prayerfully consider increasing their giving. As a response there was an increase in planned giving (including Gift Aid) of over £6,000 which was matched by an anonymous donor who pledged to match any new or increased planned giving to £3,000 for the next two years. As a result of this increased giving and once off grants of £6,000 from the Diocese and £2,400 from the Methodist Circuit as well as the Chapel agreeing to fund 50% of Alex's costs, funding for her role has now been secured up to at least 2022.

Despite this we are still facing a deficit for the next three years mostly as a result of a few sacrificial givers either leaving St. Mary's or have stopped regular giving as well as the 5% increase in Parish Share. During Lent 2020 the PCC will start to give weekly Stewardship updates of our financial position and once again ask church members to prayerfully consider increasing their giving.

Our overall net worth at the end of 2019 was around £82,700 as compared with £77,400 the previous year – an increase of around £5,300. This increase was made up of reductions in both unrestricted and restricted funds, each of around £2,200, and a revaluation of our reserves in the CBF Investment Fund of around £9,700.

Invested funds increased in value by around £6,500 in 2019 as compared to a reduction of £1,950 in 2018. This increase was as a result of the revaluation of our shareholding at around £9,700 and by the receipt of dividends of around £1,800 which were reinvested in the purchase of more shares. These increases were offset by the sale of

£5,000 worth of shares as our agreed contribution to the costs of the West Wall of the Chapel. The market value of our shareholding as at 31 December 2019 was around £60,800.

Income during the year was around £144,400 which was £900 lower than the previous year. This was made up of small reductions in unrestricted and restricted funds of around £300 and £600 respectively. These reductions were mainly as a result of a number of larger variations which more or less balanced out. The most significant variations were an increase in planned giving and tax recovered of around £8,100 which was offset by reductions in once off grants of £8,300.

Expenditure during the year was around £148,000 was £4,500 higher than the previous year. This was made up of increases in both unrestricted and restricted funds of £1,400 and £3,100 respectively. The only significant increase in expenditure was the increase in parish share of around £4,100 while all other variances of around £2,200 or less are too numerous to detail here but can be found in more detail in Note 3 to the accounts on page 25..

The Community Centre showed a gain of around £1,200 in 2019 which was the same as last year's gain. Once again it should be noted that the community centre fund covers the cost of utilities for the church and the rest of the church buildings.

This year **The Parishioner** made an overall loss of around £900 as compared with a loss of £1,300 in 2018. This loss was made up of losses in running costs of around £100 and the cost of the annual depreciation of £800 on the new duplicator which is applied to its value held on the balance sheet.

Our policy on Investment did not change during 2019 and continued to be firstly to reinvest the interest from our restricted share account held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF) and secondly to donate to local church appeals the interest accumulated in the Memorial Fund without eroding the original capital (unless specifically approved by the PCC). Other CBF accounts are used to hold funds surplus to our immediate cash flow requirements as they attract a higher interest level than our current bank accounts and are available immediately on request.

Although the church buildings do not appear specifically in the Church accounts as they are consecrated property and are therefore excluded from the financial statements, the PCC has a responsibility for their insurance. Our insurance cover through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group was £5 million for buildings and contents, £10 million for employers' liability and £10 million for public and products liability. The insurance premium (including tax) paid during 2019 was around £1,350.

Missions and Charities: Outward Giving

The PCC agreed a total of around £7,100 of financial support to a variety of missions and charities both at home and overseas from our planned giving which is in line with our commitment to giving 10% of our planned income.

At the November PCC meeting it was agreed to review the recipients of our planned outward giving for 2019 and subsequent years. At the PCC meeting on 4th March 2020 it was agreed that these will be:

30% (£2,330) each to:

Amaha We Uganda

CYFA's work at Haslemere

Weeks' Music Ministry at Ash Vale Chapel

Of the remaining 10% (£750) only £115 was used on small donations, each of £100 or less.

The Christingle collections totalling around £580 were also given to the Children's Society. Please note that these collections do not appear in our church accounts as they are termed 'agency' collections for Charities Act purposes

Premises Report (Church Wardens)

The day to day running of the church has had its challenges, but with general contacts through members of the church and our trusted supply of contractors most have been met.

In addition it has been over a year since the Diocesan Architect came to visit (November 2018) and most the points highlighted which required a year turnaround have been met. This included guttering repairing and making good, clearing old chairs/ carpet from behind the small hall, getting rid of drones from the roof, general housekeeping in the Narthex and maintenance of the hall ceiling.

General maintenance included Annual Fire Extinguisher Check, boiler service, repairing doors closers, replacing urinals and the toilet cistern cover in the Men's and a toilet in the Ladies Cloakrooms, glass repair for the front doors and car park wall repairs. 6 people were trained in the use of the Fire Extinguishers in November in readiness for Christingle services and for other occasions that we have fire risks such as in the Kitchen, use of candles in other services and electrical faults.

Work was carried out in the autumn by Butterflies Nursery staff and other contractors to bring the Main Hall up to Ofsted standard as Butterflies Nursery took over from Sunflowers Nursery as the main hirer in the Hall in weekday mornings. The hall is now fit for purpose for children to occupy safely officially; a good selling point for renting out both the small and large halls.

The heating control system has been repaired with the addition of a new control hub and the whole system was serviced in October. Consequently the problems of lack of heating which were symptomatic in 2018 and early 2019 were largely resolved. We have a large area in the Church to heat and although we do attempt to get the Church as warm as we can even though the Church is not double glazed and some windows are old and drafty.

The Terrier is looked at annually and we do an audit of all the church items listed and make sure everything is properly maintained. It is fantastic that everyone contributes to the fabric of the church from general handiwork to maintain the car park grounds. A big thank you for all that you do.

With Prayers
Martin Lindsay
Churchwarden

Project Manager's Report 2019 including the Chapel Report

Alex Sanderson is our Project Manager, who is employed by St Mary's 16.5 hrs per week, (9am-2.30pm Tues/Wed/Thurs) to work on projects that deliver outreach. Her 2 priorities set by the PCC when the role was created in Nov 2016 remain unchanged:

1. Open up St Mary's Church
2. Deliver & run the Chapel project

Priority 1: Opening up the church

Little Lambs Library (Toddler Group):

- Alex set up and now runs "Little Lambs", which takes place on Thursdays in term time. Each week the theme is based around a bible story and the craft, story and our first song always link to it. We have seen numbers increase this year, and have been pleased to see members coming to other events too, such as Christingle, Chapel Picnics and Messy Church.
- The session is 9.30-11.30, intentionally overlapping with Thursday Cafe. We have been delighted to see the inter-generational friendships forming thanks to the warm welcome received at the café.
- We have hugely enjoyed the fun and musical talents of Peter Scott, who joins us for play and for story & song time as often as he can. In 2019 we made an especial effort to teach a Christmas Carol for Christingle, and in 2020 we look forward to teaching a song for Palm Sunday.
- In July 2019 both Ash and Tongham children's centres / Sure Start centres closed. We reached out to families, and we have seen our numbers grow at Little Lambs as a result.

Alpha & Biblestudy for Parents & Carers:

- We are delighted to share that a few of our Little Lambs friends joined the lunchtime 'Alpha Course for parents and carers' led by Jackie Scott at the end of 2018 and one of them was baptised in Feb 2019.
- Jackie continued to lead the group in a weekly bible study until Easter 2019 and Alex was on hand to look after the little ones.

Messy Church:

Alex took over the coordination of Messy Church in Sept 2016, and we have been very blessed by lots of people joining the team to help make it a success. We have an amazing team and huge thanks must go to everyone who helps from planning and prepping to welcoming, crafting and praying, baking and cooking, singing and providing music, storytelling, tidying and clearing, cleaning and hoovering! Thank you to all those who came along to take part and those who reached out and invited friends to join in. Thank you too the fantastic "MustardSeeds" worship band who played for us on several occasions!

In 2019 we ran the following Messy Church sessions:

- 20th Jan: Messy church: John the Baptist said "Follow Jesus!" – based on the Bible passage about the baptism of Christ
- 24th Feb: Messy Church: "Jesus said follow me!" – based on the miraculous catch / fishers of men
- 24th March: Messy Lent: "Look what happens when you follow Jesus" – based on the little boy's picnic in the feeding of the 5,000
- 19th April: Good Friday: Messy Easter – activities for each of the days through Holy Week, from foot washing to Easter gardens, and #100candlesproject station led by Rev Neil.
- 2nd June: Messy Church Pentecost Picnic at The Chapel
- 21st July: Messy Church: Uganda Messy – sharing news from the Uganda Mission and activities to share what life is like for our friends there
- We provided Messy church style crafts at the Summer Picnic & Play at the Chapel – see Chapel report
- 29th Sept: Messy Church – Caring for Creation (Themed with the season of creation and encouraging eco-actions)
- 31st Oct: Messy Light Party – celebrating the light of the world! (a fun alternative to secular Halloween events)
- 1st Dec: Messy Advent – getting ready for Christmas (claiming Christmas for Jesus!)

Open for Prayer: Since October half term Alex has made a point of working from St Mary's on Tuesdays in term time 9am-2.30pm (meetings permitting) so that the church can be kept open for prayer with both Alex and Jackie on hand to welcome people when the office is open. We welcome at least 1 person every week, sometimes more, please do take the opportunity if you would like to come.

Priority 2: Chapel Project

The Chapel is an ecumenical Fresh Expression of Church, jointly run since 2009 by St Mary's Church and the Hants-Surrey-Border Methodist Circuit. Our vision remains as it always has been "Sharing Christ's love through Hospitality, Creativity & Worship". We welcome everyone, of all faiths and none, to enjoy what we have to offer here. Overall, 2019 has been a fantastic year with lots of progress made on the building itself and some incredible mission and community events taking place.

Chapel Hospitality & Worship:

We have had a wonderful year welcoming our community in to The Chapel every week. The regular activities have included:

- Chapel Kids toddler group Wednesdays 9.30-11.30
- Chapel Kids Lunch Club Wednesdays 11.30-12.30 (this was initially monthly, then twice a month, in 2020 we will be trialling weekly but need volunteers)
- Chapel Evensong Wednesdays 3.30-4.30
- Chapel Craft Wednesdays 8pm-10pm
- Chapel Filmshare fortnightly on Thursday nights
- Chapel Café Fridays 10am-12.00
- Chapel Poetry monthly workshops
- Chapel Greens monthly meetings
- Monthly Prayers Friday Night 7.15pm
- Monthly Get Up meetings on Sundays 11am.
- Our most exciting new activity in 2019 was the "Picnic & Play in the Holidays" project, with Churches Together responding to the two issues of isolation and hunger in the school holidays. We were hugely blessed by this work and each of these Wednesday sessions was well attended ~70 people per session on average.
- Coop Foodshare has been a wonderful addition since Sept 2019. Each Tuesday we collect all the 'final reduction' food items and these are then used to feed families the following morning. Thanks to this programme we have been able to support struggling families through difficult times. The feedback from them has been full of gratitude and very moving.

I asked the group for feedback. I wasn't expecting them to make me cry! See below:

"My family and I are ever so grateful to the church. I don't drive and rely on coming to playgroup at the chapel every Wednesday, its within walking distance. My son loves it, we've been coming about 2 years now. It gives him time to play with other children and a life line for me as I get to chat to other mums/helpers. Sometimes when you are only use to seeing the 4 walls at home this means everything to see a adult friendly face. My son enjoys doing the crafts at the playgroup. He has gained a lot of confidence from when we first came to now. Music time is another favourite part of playgroup for him. He enjoys making a loud noise and singing songs. The recent swap shop that we have at the chapel is great. My son and older daughter have benefited from several bits here. And I am able to bring any unwanted items we have to pass on to others. It's so helpful to many.

Co op food share, my family and I have had a tough few months. Hopefully after this month we will be back on track. Nothing worse than your husband losing his job just before Christmas. Thankfully things turned itself around, but a rough few months we have had. The food that we are allowed to take home from the food share has been a lifesaver, helping top up my food weekly. Usually able to make a meal on a Wednesday out of items we bring home. Bread for the freezer. My daughter loves me getting the bread as she loves beans on toast, the rye bread is her favourite.

I honestly don't know what we would of done without the generosity of being able to take home some of the co op food share. So thank you so so much.

Another reason why I love chapel kids and the church is, it has helped my anxiety, quite a bit. I have been able to confide in several people I am close to and open up to them about things.

Talking has helped me a lot.

I am forever grateful for everything you do.

Thank you so much."

Chapel Music:

After a long and difficult journey the Chapel Music Studio & Multimedia Hub finally opened its doors in May, and welcomed "Arthur" the grand piano in June 2019. We would like to say a very big thank you for all the prayer support, generous giving, and all who supported the fundraising concert that allowed us to finish the sound proofing. We must also give a special mention to the Project Committee who have faithfully brought the project over the line: Matt & Dan Weeks, Martyn Lass, Eddie Gage, Graham Cowdery, Neil Lambert, Gina Hoff, Caroline Johnson, Colin Gawthrop and Alex Sanderson.

Musicians in Residence Dan, Matt and Will Weeks have been extremely busy using the new studio, and with great success. They are men in demand, and it is a joy to have Christian artists, singers, composers and musicians filling the Chapel with worship music. Feedback from their clients has been overwhelmingly positive, and everyone who comes here says it feels very special. Even the secular musicians and singers comment on the sense of homecoming and lovely atmosphere.

It has been a testing journey but God is blessing this project, answering prayers and doing great things. The community music coming from the studio in the last 6 months has been wonderful, from the packed worship session at the Chapel Open day in the summer, to the deeply moving and Holy Spirit filled 'Psalm Surfing' at the Christian Creatives Creativity day in the autumn. Dan and Matt have already welcomed many groups & choirs, and even made the Chapel Studio available for local groups to record a Christmas song as a fundraiser. The groups who took up the opportunity were delighted with the experience, the warm welcome, and with their recordings. St Mary's church choir and friends have also enjoyed opportunities to be "congregation voices" for some of Matt's tracks, great fun and a wonderful way to enjoy new worship music. ashvalechapelmusic@googlemail.com

Chapel Art Studios:

The Art Studios were finally constructed in Feb / March 2019, with Debi and Jono taking on the mammoth task of preparing the bases. We would like to say a huge thank you to all involved in helping move 10 tonnes of hardcore and helping pour the concrete! The insulation, lining and interior decoration is complete in studio 1, and nearing completion in Studio 2. Electricity is yet to go in, but this hasn't stopped the Retallicks from getting creative in the space! Jono has already been able to use the space to work on some of his commissions and the community has benefited too. After such a long time of prayer and waiting, it was pure joy to see the studios open and in action for the Chapel Open Day, with creativity flowing and people engaging and enjoying themselves.

While all the construction was going on, the creativity did not stop! Debi and Jono have run creativity workshops throughout 2019, using the main hall of the Chapel to host the sessions. Their programme has settled into a great "Monthly Makes" rhythm now, offering fascinating activities from weaving to mono printing, and from 'papier mâché' to portraiture and felt vessels. If you haven't been to one, do book a place for the 2020 workshops! For 2020 there will be more "monthly makes" taster sessions (2 hour sessions for all ages 6+) and also some adult art workshops that run for longer and offer more challenging projects.

Community Art has been a wonderful blessing too, with Debi and Jono bringing their creativity to Sunday school, Messy Church (Remember the beautiful dove?), picnic & play, running a special craft café for charity, and delivering a special event for local families who home educate. One highlight this year was the lantern making for St Nicholas day. This being our 3rd year it's now a firmly established "tradition"! The latex and willow lanterns made at the Light Party lantern workshop in October were beautiful and the lantern walk and bonfire party were even more popular this year. A wonderful community event claiming Christmas for Christ!

Chapel Clay

While the sheds are becoming studios, what was the foyer of the Chapel is slowly transforming into a ceramics space. While the kiln installation is not yet complete, clay workshops have been happening already and Rev Neil Lambert has been running community workshops. A big project in 2019 was the #100CandlesProject, with the local community all invited to make a candle holder, and then come at Easter to see their candles lit up to celebrate! We also ran a clay workshop in the Easter holidays and had clay at Messy Church. A wonderful activity that lends itself to meaningful conversations as the clay is worked.

Christian Creativity Days:

Alongside our regular events The Chapel was also the host venue for a Clergy Creativity day in May run by Sarah from the diocese, and we jointly ran a Christian Creatives day with Sue Luff from Living Stones Christian resource centre in Fleet and Jackie Maw who leads the church plant in Wellesley in Aldershot. Rev Neil lead the clay workshop and a colour workshop, Jackie Maw and Matt Weeks ran Psalm Surfing in the live room, Max Alcazar our Poet in Residence ran a poetry workshop and Sue from Living Stones provided a textiles 'stained glass window' activity. We were blessed by some amazing volunteers too, who helped to host these Creativity days, huge thanks to all involved in setting up, cooking, cleaning, etc.

Alexandra Sanderson
Project Manager

Please keep the Project Manager role and all the projects in your prayers. Thank you.

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Worship and Ministry in the Church (Peter Scott)

The monthly pattern of services continues as in previous years:

- A book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion at 8am nearly every Sunday
- The 10am Holy Communion Common Worship services were sung on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, a shorter and simpler said service of Holy Communion took place on third Sundays
- Morning Worship, a more informal service, took place at 10am on the first Sunday of each month
- We have celebrated the church festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Christmas with services of Communion and Praise. We held a service for All Saints remembering those who have died.
- Several people from within the congregation have had the opportunity to preach during 2019 and we are the richer for their contributions: thanks go to Derek Monds, Jono Retalick, Karen Pugh, David Voller, Jane Cox and Steve Cox.
- Steve Cox has also led and celebrated communion on a number of occasions following his retirement when Neil has been on holiday.

Music

First Sunday services were led by an established group, Matt, Gill, Ben, Jan, Anna and Gethin providing an opportunity for more informal worship and the introduction of some new songs.

Other Sundays were led by the Choir with Pete and Jackie Scott, Natalie Jones and Anna White. Anna Lambert has occasionally played for services during her University holidays and Jan Lusty has also played on the occasional third Sunday of the month, or when Natalie is unavailable.

The choir has continued to be pivotal in a large majority of the services, leading us in our worship and through sung communion (2nd and 4th Sundays) and said communion (3rd Sunday), sometimes with an anthem to highlight the service theme. They continue to practice on Tuesday evenings. Natalie Jones continues to give invaluable service through playing at choir practices and during services. Choir practices are often attended by up to a dozen people – we have been providing opportunities for people to try out the choir or come just to enjoy the singing and the fellowship.

Easter was also led by a large combined worship group. We have had a great mix of hymns and modern songs. Christmas season began on Advent Sunday with the Advent Carol Service held in the morning; this was led by a large combined worship team. A mixed team led **carol singing** at Ash Vale station and was well received. Pete Scott and Anna Lambert led the music at the Christingle services which were again very full! The **Flute Choir** played in many of the various Christmas services and the **Gospel Choir**, led by Matt Weeks, performed at the carol concert. The Christmas Carol Service followed a similar pattern to last year with lots of hymns and fewer verses so that the congregation could sing many of the familiar carols. Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day morning pattern are now well established in a familiar pattern.

We thank the PA team, (led by Dick Elsey) and the Audio Visual team (led by Derek Monds) for serving us each week.

Mustard Seeds

Mustard Seeds came together in 2015/2016 with the aim of encouraging the musical children in our congregation to participate in worship activities. Time constraints have meant fewer sessions but the musicians have regularly been involved in providing music during Messy Church times – practising in the Main Hall when it is available.

The regular worship team continues to welcome the young people who like to play – particularly on the first Sunday of the month.

One body, many parts

Many church members were involved in various ways to ensure that the church functioned, particularly for the Sunday services. The commitment of so many members in their roles as sidesmen, servers, readers, intercessors, communion assistants, Sunday School teachers/helpers, coffee makers, carers for the altar linen, flower arrangers, brass and church cleaners, and sound and projector system operators is gratefully acknowledged. Steve Cox held training sessions for those who are involved in welcoming – our sidesmen during September and many people have spoken about how valuable this training has proved to be. Particular thanks go to Pat Trotter who, after 30 years cleaning the Brass, has handed over her polish and cloth to a new team.

Prayer (Karen Pugh)

Prayer at St Marys or “THE ENGINE ROOM” as I like to think of it has been continuing to pump away to underpin and ignite all we do at St Marys.

So this is how we do it ...

We are SO Blessed to have the wonderful and dedicated prayer chain administrated and co-ordinated by Rachel and Joyce Watts. They are truly at the heart of prayer for our community . We have had so many answers to pray due to the dedication of prayer warriors who intercede for ourselves family friends and community at the click of a mouse.

Prayer ministry continues to be available after the 10am service and again we have a dedicated team of people available for anyone who is in need for themselves or friends or family. During this personal time of prayer ministry God often meets with us and I know those of you who have received prayer ministry often go home feeling much better for it! Thank you again to all of our wonderful prayer ministers.

Thursday lunch time prayers lead by Neil and Alex are a real encouragement and outreach as they are often joined by visitors and Mums who hang around after Little Lambs or Thursday Café and again we have seen many answers to pray through this initiative.

Once monthly Friday evening prayer meeting is still ongoing and very productive. The time is spent between The Chapel and St Marys. Kicking off at the Chapel at 7.15pm until 8.15pm moving on to St Marys from 8.30pm until 9.30pm. Again we have a small team of dedicated regular prayers but we would dearly love more people to join us!

Going forward the Vision is to go deeper with God in Prayer as a church and to be led by his Spirit in to what He wants us to do, including prayer days arranged for Feb 2020. Prayer is and should be the engine room! Lets keep it going....

Pastoral Care (Sally Lowe)

The Pastoral Care at St Mary's continues to be popular, it is important to let people know that we care and this is well received. Sally does her best to notice if people are missing on a Sunday and if so checks that all is well. She also depends on Church members. to let her know if anyone is ill or needs contacting. Those unable to attend Church due to age or disability are not forgotten especially at Christmas and Easter. It is good to get a phone call or receive a card when unwell. It lifts the spirits and makes people feel better.

Fellowship groups (Helen Lambert)

We have eight home groups.. At least one meets for prayer, Bible study and fellowship on most weekdays , either weekly or every other week, as follows:

Day	Led by	Venue
Tuesday morning weekly	Helen	Member's home
Wednesday afternoon fortnightly	Irene C	Joyce's home
Wednesday evening fortnightly	Ben and Jan	Ben and Jan's home
Thursday evening weekly	Jan	Various homes
Thursday evening fortnightly	Derek	Derek and Eileen's home
Friday morning weekly	Helen	Various homes

We spent the time between Epiphany and Lent focussing on the Lectionary readings in Luke, as well as some Psalms. We were thinking about "How to be church". During Lent we made use of the resource provided by Guildford Diocese, "Transforming Lent". After Easter we looked at "How to be transformed", using mostly Lectionary readings, from the Gospels and Old and New Testaments. The theme following Pentecost was on being "Pentecost People", from readings in Galatians, followed by a series over the summer on Colossians. In September and October we looked at Paul's letters to Timothy, thinking about aspects of Christian living. In November we spent several weeks writing our own acrostic psalms, based on Psalm 119, and finally, during Advent, we took the opportunity to read some Christmas poems, linking them to Scripture and our thoughts about Christmas.

Sunday School (Martin Lindsay)

We are now entering the 2nd Year of the present Sunday school led by Martin, Rev Neil and Jono Retallick . The number of children on the Sunday School roll reads as 30. We are very pleased that at St. Mary's Sunday School we are welcoming and occasional visiting children can feel safe. There has been a wide range of teaching techniques for the Gospel and readings. Roots has been used but other resources have been used too. From Art, Music, Singing and Dancing, the children have been confident not only to show their work to the rest of the church but also to speak in the microphone as well at the end of the service. For the 1st time Sunday school led the singing with a song Good News from Bethlehem the Musical.

Special Thanks to Charlie Lusty, Dawn Mann, Jo Thorne, Jo Weeks, Stephanie Farry and Alex Sanderson who have supported the rota and covered leading on some occasions.

Youth Work

We have a small number of young people who come to St Mary's with their parents. In order to meet their needs, the young people met most months once a month during the service with Chris Jordan and Ben Philpot to discuss life as a Christian using the Alpha Course as a basis for their sessions.

Haslemere Ventures

A few of our young people attended Haslemere again this summer with Neil and Anna Lambert attending as leaders. This is a very crucial time for young people to spend with others learning about faith, and then learning how to live out their faith at school.

The Parish Magazine – The Parishioner (Alex Sanderson)

The Parishioner Magazine is a local publication provided to the residents of Ash Vale by a fantastic team of volunteers both from within the church and beyond. It is one of the most effective ways to reach large numbers of our neighbours, as we deliver just under 3,500 copies to local people with every issue. This year's editors for 2019 were Amanda Gunness and Alex Sanderson, and they would both like to thank everyone who has been part of The Parishioner in 2019. So many people have provided art work, photos, articles, event listings, news and local interest items to give us a fun and interesting magazine every 2 months throughout the year.

Thanks must also go to the army of amazing volunteers who print, collate and distribute the magazine, and the organisers of each stage in the process Alex, Alison and Caroline. Of course we could not make it all happen without our local advertisers whose contributions help towards covering the printing cost for the paper, toner and printer servicing. Huge thanks to Eileen Monds who runs the magazine advertising and thank you to all who have

advertised with us this year. Finally our readers - thank you all for your support, thank you for the feedback you send us, and thank you to those who donate towards the costs - we couldn't do it without you! If you would like to join the team in 2020 please get in touch! parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk

Social Life and Fellowship

Thursday Café (Irene Cummings)

The Café remained popular throughout the year providing a cheerful meeting place for church members and a welcoming place for newcomers. The Café continues to be enlivened by our Little Lambs customers in much need of teas, coffees, and hot chocolates. It is great seeing some of the little "lambs" sitting at the tables enjoying their chocolate treats. On the third Thursday of each month (when we are running) a friend from Holy Angels provides a selection of Traidcraft goods for sale.

In May we were delighted to join in with the celebration of Irene Hankin's 90th birthday. In December many of the Café regulars, along with previous members of Silver Circle, were treated to a Christmas lunch arranged by Neil, Alex and Jackie.

We are grateful to all who opened their homes on Thursday mornings for coffee during our summer break so that our "customers" could continue to meet.

Thanks, as always, go to the Café team who worked so well together in getting everything set up, put away, and of course serving. As before, we held three Café specials in the year as little end of term celebrations.

We are likely to be losing one or two of our volunteers in 2020 so the need for new volunteers is becoming critical. After covering our costs, we passed on £300 to church funds.

Social Events

Hospitality was offered after most of our services, from coffee on Sunday mornings to mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols. The traditional bring and share meal marked Maundy Thursday. During the year Neil regularly cooked different meals, from soup to pancakes, to share with the congregation after morning services: a very welcome addition to the normal Sunday refreshments. The fundraising quizzes organized by Brian and Nikki Glover continued to prove very popular, drawing in members of the local community who have no other link to St Mary's. Neil and Helen continued to offer barbecues in the spring summer and autumn, Most homegroups have held their own social activities during the year.

The Wider Church

Aldershot Deanery Synod (Caroline Johnson)

Aldershot Deanery Synod is where the eleven parishes in the Aldershot Deanery meet to share news and co-operate with each other; our lay representative in 2019 was Caroline Johnson.

Frimley Park Hospital Chaplaincy

Ian Arnold continued to serve as a Volunteer.

Mother Teresa Group (Beryl Wagner)

After a demanding 18 months, since the worst Monsoon disaster in almost a century hit orphanages in India run by Children's Homes in Kerala State (Chiks), restoration work costing the non-profit charity more than £70,000 has been completed.

"And, thank God, our children in care are fine", says charity founder Robin Radley. "Hundreds of people died in the flooding and storms - multi thousands were injured, and many more than a million people were made homeless. But we had no casualties - although very many of the children were deeply traumatised."

Chiks' management concentrated on working towards a resumption of 'normality', giving the children a greater sense of security and easing tensions. Towards that aim the charity has been planning further improvements - including the creation of a modern kitchen at our busiest Home, where hundreds of meals will be prepared daily ... "Curries a speciality!"

High on the shopping list has also been school uniforms, books and equipment required by up to 100 boys and girls, in order for the children to gain admission to classes. Children come to us from such poor backgrounds contributing no more than what they are wearing. Please help if you can."

Contact Robin for full information plus Chiks' latest newsletter at robin.radley1@btinternet.com (or call Beryl Wagner).

#IMFH In My Father's House

2019 was a Biennale year in Venice and once again Rev Neil Lambert, Jono Retallick and Neil Musson joined forces to take an interactive art installation to the people. They started their journey at Guildford cathedral and continued on through France and on to Venice, sharing #IMFH wherever they stopped on the way. The trip ended in Guildford as it had started and the team were able to set up their booths at the Pentecost event at the Cathedral, talking to many people in our home patch about their experiences. This year's question "What is a Father" gave rise to some incredible conversations and wonderful opportunities to be a witness. If you have not yet read all about it on Instagram it is highly recommended!

Uganda Mission

In late June, early July, Neil, Helen, Tina, Mike and Judith travelled to Uganda to take part in Mission 2019. We organised a musical talent show for the young people of the area based on 'The Road to Emmaus' – Luke 24. There was great excitement as our students graduated from the Good Samaritan Training Centre and we handed out certificates.

We visited women's groups, both new and old, offering encouragement and listening to their amazing stories.

We met our new group of street boys and visited some in their homes where the team have been successful in reuniting them with their families. We also met up with some of our graduated street boys.

We saw the progress at the library garden which has now been planted and named The Garden of Eden. There are now plans to buy space behind the garden to begin a tree nursery. Many, many people were fed thanks to your kind donations. It was a joyful mission.

And the plan!

We will now be focussing on 4 projects, each project underpinned by mission and Prayer. The fingers represent each project we will be involved in, going forward. The thumb represents mission and every project will be delivered through that, Mission and Prayer.



A few testimonies from the members of the women's Microfinance groups.

Naomi in Dorica group said, "I take a loan to buy onions which I sell for profit. I can then pay the school fees for my children."

Pridas in Dorica Group said, "AWU helped in many things. I had loans from AWU which meant I could buy tomatoes and egg plants which I sell. The profits pay for food to eat and my children's school fees. I was able to give my child with problems in P7 a business to make chapati."

Miele in Namara Group said, "AWU is not only teaching us business skills but teaching us to grow spiritually as well. Each meeting starts with the bible. Many in Namara group are widows so we support each other. We can now pay our offertory in church."

Joras in Namara group said, "On our own we would not be sustainable. We meet together and read God's Word. It gives us courage and power to see how to grow spiritually."

Jennifer in Nyamwamba group said, "After the 4 months we got a loan. I am making great steps forward. I trade in second hand clothes. My business is growing so I am able to keep up with school fees. The loan was used to develop my business. I have children in Nursery top class, P6 and S3."

Ecumenical Action

Christians Together in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham (CTAAT)

CTAAT followed our usual pattern of ecumenical worship and outreach in 2019. Activities included:

- Monthly afternoon Teas were hosted on a rota basis by all the churches, organised by Pauline Baxter
- Continuing with the Homelessness Awareness theme St Peter's hosted a CTAAT curry night fundraiser in support of The Vine and Step by Step

- The World Day of Prayer in March was hosted brilliantly by St Peter's, thankfully this year there was no snow!
- Walk of Witness, open air service at Ash Wharf and the refreshments of Hot Cross buns at The Chapel were well attended.
- Pentecost visit to Guildford cathedral – the team noted the activities at the cathedral were much reduced compared to the previous years. We plan to stay local with a joint event in 2020.
- Ash Village Fete (Peace celebration) – Tablechurch tent, Messy Church taster activities and Mother's Union (MU) serving refreshments in the Ash Centre
- Picnic at the St Peter's Rectory
- Refreshments after the Remembrance Day parade / civic service
- Christian Card making & carol singing at Ash Fantasia Christmas event, and MU serving refreshments in the Ash Centre

In response to Holiday Hunger, and the closure of the local children's centres we added to our CTAAT activities this year.

1. We created a **"Your local churches are open"** leaflet listing all the activities on offer at the CTAAT churches and took copies to the closing down event at the children's centre at Ash Grange. Each church has groups (either church run or run by others), and we wanted to invite the community to make full use of what is available. We have seen numbers increase as a result. While the churches cannot replicate the services that have gone, we can provide a safe, warm and welcoming environment for families to come and find friendship and support. (If you would like to volunteer please see Alex!)

2. **Summer Holidays Picnic and play:** By way of a feeding programme and to build community we delivered weekly 'picnic & play' sessions at The Chapel for all ages on Wednesdays in the holidays 10am-1pm. This included a breakfast bar, pancakes and picnic lunch, an opportunity for us to host the local community and provide a free meal. We provided toys and games outdoors and crafts & biscuit decorating indoors. It was very well attended with ~70 people on site per week on average. Feedback was excellent with many families valuing the inclusiveness, the food, and the fact this was a local and inexpensive event that they could walk to. We believe the attendance levels demonstrate that there is a need for this programme, so we plan to run the summer sessions again in 2020. (Many hands needed, please see Alex if you can help!)

Lutheran Congregation

We continued to offer the use of St Mary's to a German-speaking Lutheran congregation which has no building. They worshipped at St Mary's four times in 2019 and their service was followed with a fellowship tea in the small hall. The Lutheran congregation in Ash Vale have now welcomed a new pastor for their services who comes from London for each service. (At the time of writing this report we are sad to note the death of Helga Burgess (February 2020) who has been responsible for organising the meetings during the year.)

In the Community

- The Ash Vale Village Singers continued to meet, enjoying a wide range of music on Wednesday evenings during school terms. The last Wednesday of each half-term is always an open session, where friends and family, former choir members and anyone who is curious to hear what the choir is like can join the singers for music, food and drink. It is a very relaxed and easy group to join, since it is not necessary to learn to read music. Singing is known to be very good for physical and mental health, and many of the Village Singers can attest to that.
- Jackie Scott has been trained to repair Hearing Aids by Guildford Diocese and has been running a hearing aid clinic at the Chapel on a Friday once a month since September. It has been well received with people now making return visits.
- Maggie George used the church one Sunday afternoon for her pupils' recitals.
- St Mary's hosted the Russian Group, Lyra, again in May. This was well attended.
- Harvest gifts of toiletries were donated to Step by Step, a charity supporting young people in Aldershot. Christmas donations of toiletries were given to the Food Bank.
- Voluntary groups continued to use our church buildings for various activities, including carol services and concerts and workshops for children.

In Conclusion: the Vicar's Report – Sharing Jesus in 2019 -

Another AGM and another opportunity to reflect on what is church, how we're doing and where we're going. I wondered what image best encapsulated who we are St Mary's?

Maybe something clumsy, creative, compassionate and courageous? You might think I would go for a painting by an artist I'm passionate about who seems to have his or her finger on the pulse of the Gospel. But NO! The picture I found was (on our fridge) of a young French boy running home with a loaf of bread under his arms. He has a big smile on his face and looks kind of proud that he has been trusted to bring the bread home. I know how he feels, every Sunday I bring the bread that Helen has baked that morning to Church to share at communion, to remember all that Jesus did for us. We receive the bread and are sent out to to share not only Jesus but even ourselves with those we meet. Simple reallylove God and love our neighbour.

I remember one week being in a small town in France and the profound crises there was when it was discovered that all the bakers in the town had taken the same week off for their holidays. Of course you could buy bread that was not fresh but that was not bread for the French people.

So how are we doing with sharing the fresh 'Jesus' bread with others in 2019?

At the heart of being the body of Christ in Ash Vale is that we do not neglect to meet together. we do this primarily on a Sunday but also on other days in the week growing closer and more like Jesus, that's why we prioritise reading the bible and prayer, listening to the Spirit, hospitality and mission over everything. We know that it's how we will live well and die well. We must always be aware of any fear or distraction that may occur, keeping our eyes on Jesus. Take a moment and reflect on what fears or distractions are holding you prisoner in your actions, opinions or habits. Look at where they are preventing you from reaching out to others. What would those areas of your life look like if instead of being distracted or living out of fear you lived out of courage?



When I look back at 2019 I see a lot of courage and God using ordinary us to reach out. Some of the highlights for me were.....

- Vickie's baptism, Scott and Amber's wedding
- Debbie and Jono's studios going up at the chapel.
- Seeing home groups grow. Reading Helen's Bible Notes
- The Uganda Mission 2019 faced with the Ebola crises this was a mission that needed a lot of wisdom and prayer. The outcome was extraordinary, home team and away team working together.
- Mission across Europe with 'in my Fathers house' and 'table church'. Truly prophetic and fruitful.
- Seeing the music studio up and running. This was a major project involving a lot of prayer, sweat and tears. Project manager Alex made sure we didn't give up on what God had called us to.
- 2019 also saw Alex transform and grow Chapel Kids and Little Lambs into a loving thriving community where the love and story of Jesus is shared.
- Christmas 2019. An extraordinary time from Stir-Up Sunday to Midnight Mass of celebration, joy and growth. Choir shining!
- The army of helpers at Messy Church.
- Tuesday coffee shop, seeing carers from Little Lambs join in.
- The phenomenon of the Parishoner magazine and all who make it possible.
- The prayer chain and prayer meetings.
- Chapel Greens, helping us wake-up to the crises of global warming.
- A great week at Haslemere youth camp with some of our young people.

What are the challenges for 2020?

- Don't get distracted. Pray and read the bible every day. Open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.
- Don't neglect meeting together.
- Consider how we can be carbon neutral in the next ten years.
- Continue studying the 'setting Gods people free' report and implement its recommendations where appropriate.
- Wait to see what God will do in 2020. And always remember 'Walls Down-Roots Down'
- Never lose the joy of sharing the Jesus bread.

Love and blessings to you all,
Neil

ASH VALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the parish of Ash Vale

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 which are set out on pages 20 to 31.

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 in 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 matters have come to my attention which give 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 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 obtain a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9th March 2020

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2019

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
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Incoming resources	Notes					
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2(a)	84,392	34,363	—	118,755	120,170
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	20,677	1,372	—	22,049	21,071
Investment income	2(c)	6	1,818	—	1,824	1,895
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2(d)	1,789	—	—	1,789	2,211
Total incoming resources		106,865	37,553	—	144,418	145,348
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Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	562	9	—	571	612
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other...	3(b)	522	—	—	522	451
Charitable activities	3(c)	107,712	39,770	—	147,481	142,976
Governance costs	3(d)	225	—	—	225	225
Total resources used		109,021	39,779	—	148,800	144,263
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer		(2,156)	(2,225)	—	(4,382)	1,085
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Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds	5	—	—	—	—	—
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains /		(2,156)	(2,225)	—	(4,382)	1,085
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	6(b)	—	9,677	—	9,677	(845)
Net movement in funds		(2,156)	7,451	—	5,295	240
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Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		6,544	70,901	—	77,444	77,204
Total funds carried forward		4,387	78,352	—	82,739	77,444

The notes on pages 22 to 31 form part of this account

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

		2019	2018
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6 (a)	3,119	3,899
Investments	6 (b)	60,824	54,333
		<u>63,943</u>	<u>58,232</u>
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		104	126
Debtors	7(a)	5,311	5,015
Cash at bank and in hand	7(b)	21,323	21,112
		<u>26,738</u>	<u>26,252</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8	7,942	7,040
Net current assets less current liabilities		<u>18,796</u>	<u>19,213</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>82,739</u>	<u>77,444</u>
Total net assets less liabilities		<u>82,739</u>	<u>77,444</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted - General fund		3,482	5,609
Designated			
Designated - Administrators Float		50	50
Designated - Bookstall Fund		383	395
Designated - Community Development		423	420
Designated - Thursday cafe		49	70
Restricted			
Restricted - Abbeywood Minibus Training		—	320
Restricted - Flood Forum		40	40
Restricted - Haslemere		648	1,400
Restricted - Maintenance Fund		150	150
Restricted - PCC Investment Fund		63,943	59,465
Restricted - PCC Memorial Fund		468	464
Restricted - Postcode Community Trust Fund		3,350	3,500
Restricted - Project Manager		3,939	464
Restricted - Refugee Project		4,284	2,882
Restricted - Roof Appeal		389	239
Restricted - Table Church		235	235
Restricted - Uganda Project		905	1,741
Funds of the church		<u>82,739</u>	<u>77,444</u>

Approved by the PCC on 4th March 2020 and signed on their behalf by:
The Revd Neil Lambert (PCC chairman) and Mr Patrick Brown (PCC Treasurer)

Patrick Brown

Neil Lambert

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2019

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown 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 financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General or unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that may be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in note 9,

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income and capital sources

Planned giving collections and similar donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Tax received under Gift Aided giving is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fetes and special events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from lettings of the Community Centre and church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable, the interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December 2019.

RESOURCES USED

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

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

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their current anticipated useful economic life (initially over ten years) on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis for purchases at purchase price of

over £4,999	-	over ten years
£1001 - £4,999	-	over five years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December 2019 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31st December 2019 in respect of church fees and suppliers of goods or services to the 31st December 2019 for which accounts have not been received. They include unfulfilled commitments made by the PCC in respect of Christmas and outward giving.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Gift Aid - Bank	41,082	100	4,462	—	45,644	37,897
Gift Aid planned giving	1,730	—	580	—	2,310	800
Gift Aid - Envelopes	12,630	—	—	—	12,630	13,318
Other planned giving	8,348	—	150	—	8,498	10,008
Other planned giving - Envelopes	924	—	—	—	924	1,421
Loose plate collections	1,733	—	—	—	1,733	3,432
One-off Gift Aid gifts	326	—	7,879	—	8,205	10,558
Donations appeals etc	453	184	7,997	—	8,634	3,314
Sundry Donations - Churches Together	95	—	—	—	95	162
Sundry Donations - Table Church	—	—	—	—	—	150
Sundry Donations - Messy Church	326	—	—	—	326	222
Sundry Donations - Little Lambs	547	—	—	—	547	543
Sundry Donations - Stir Up Sunday	74	—	—	—	74	74
Sundry Donations - Advent Books	—	—	—	—	—	35
Chapel - Friday Cafe	—	—	233	—	233	344
Chapel Arts	—	—	—	—	—	22
Chapel Filmshare	—	—	319	—	319	516
Chapel Kids	—	—	464	—	464	477
Uganda 2018	—	—	—	—	—	789
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,943	25	3,230	—	17,198	15,664
GASDS	1,014	35	633	—	1,682	2,757
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	150	8,417	—	8,567	16,868
Church Events	673	—	—	—	673	802
	83,898	494	34,363	—	118,755	120,170
2(b) Activities for generating funds						
Quiz Nights	1,535	—	—	—	1,535	2,382
Strawberry Tea	—	—	—	—	—	137
Churches Together Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	640
General Fund Raising	42	—	1,372	—	1,414	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	14,108	—	—	14,108	13,628
Magazine income - advertising	—	4,040	—	—	4,040	3,220
Sunday Coffee Money	370	—	—	—	370	435
Thursday Cafe	—	583	—	—	583	629
	1,947	18,730	1,372	—	22,049	21,071
2(c) Investment income						
Dividends	—	—	1,814	—	1,814	1,889
Bank and building society interest	3	3	3	—	10	6
	3	3	1,818	—	1,824	1,895
2(d) Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	783	—	—	—	783	861
Organist & Verger fees	50	—	—	—	50	—
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	81	—	—	81	121
Hire of Church	875	—	—	—	875	1,229
	1,708	81	—	—	1,789	2,211
Total incoming resources	87,556	19,309	37,553	—	144,418	145,348

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income						
Costs of stewardship campaign	161	—	—	—	161	157
Costs of fetes & other events	401	—	9	—	410	445
Cost of Fund Raising - Table Church	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cost of Fund Raising - Uganda 2018	—	—	—	—	—	9
	562	—	9	—	571	612
3(b) Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs						
Sunday Coffee Money	218	—	—	—	218	116
Thursday Cafe	—	304	—	—	304	335
	218	304	—	—	522	451
Cost of generating funds						
3(c) Charitable activities						
Giving to missionary societies	2,330	—	—	—	2,330	2,260
Giving - relief and development agencies	2,360	—	—	—	2,360	2,290
Home mission	2,416	—	—	—	2,416	2,355
Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	640
Ministry parish share etc	68,020	—	—	—	68,020	63,908
Salary of parish administrator	7,726	—	—	—	7,726	6,917
Salary of Project Manager	82	—	10,784	—	10,867	10,444
Vicar's telephone	624	—	—	—	624	624
Hospitality	93	—	535	—	628	171
Health & Safety	477	89	34	—	601	1,499
Parish training and mission	160	—	—	—	160	—
Youth & Families Work	120	—	120	—	240	270
Outreach	236	—	507	—	743	361
Holiday Hunger	—	234	—	—	234	—
Churches Together	13	—	—	—	13	32
Pastoral	97	—	—	—	97	204
Burger Budget	667	—	—	—	667	1,474
Houseware	—	—	454	—	454	185
Clothes & Food	—	—	414	—	414	160
Transport Costs	—	—	742	—	742	—
Church running - insurance	—	951	—	—	951	926
Computer Equipment / Consumables	885	—	996	—	1,881	1,126
Audio Visual	171	—	—	—	171	376
Organ & Choir	105	—	—	—	105	211
Church maintenance	940	—	403	—	1,344	2,399
Upkeep of services	1,002	—	—	—	1,002	1,125
Flowers	107	—	—	—	107	237
Baptism & Confirmation	81	—	—	—	81	—
Messy Church	153	—	—	—	153	136
Little Lambs	11	—	—	—	11	42
Sofa Church	—	—	—	—	—	605
Administration	478	14	—	—	492	692
Presentations	—	—	—	—	—	129
Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	102
Social Events	662	—	—	—	662	873
Study Groups	324	—	—	—	324	426
Haselmere Costs	—	—	752	—	752	1,148

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
3(c)						
Charitable activities (continued)						
Prayer Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	42
Utilities - Refugee Project	—	—	—	—	—	100
Church running - electric	—	667	—	—	667	365
Church running - gas	—	1,373	—	—	1,373	1,308
Church Running - Boiler	—	—	—	—	—	178
Church running - water	—	235	—	—	235	517
Magazine expenses	—	4,146	375	—	4,521	4,225
Bookstall costs	—	93	—	—	93	116
Chapel	—	—	17,527	—	17,527	15,292
Uganda	—	—	5,388	—	5,388	6,093
Hall running - electricity	—	667	—	—	667	365
Hall running - gas	—	1,373	—	—	1,373	1,308
Hall Running - Boiler	—	—	—	—	—	178
Hall running - insurance	—	407	—	—	407	397
Hall running - maintenance	—	6,227	—	—	6,227	4,709
Hall running - water	—	235	—	—	235	517
Hall Running - Supplies	—	658	—	—	658	746
Quinquennial	—	—	(41)	—	(41)	1,180
Equipment Depreciation	—	—	780	—	780	780
Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	97
Church repairs - miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	114
	90,342	17,370	39,770	—	147,481	142,976
Governance costs						
3(d) Governance costs examination/audit fee	225	—	—	—	225	225
	225	—	—	—	225	225
Total resources expended	91,347	17,674	39,779	—	148,800	144,263

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4 STAFF COSTS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	22,845	20,827
Pension	1,553	725
Social security costs	455	751
Total staff costs	24,853	22,303

During the year we employed on a part-time basis a parish administrator, a project manager and a cleaner/caretaker.

5 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During 2019 there were no transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds.

6 FIXED ASSETS

6(a) TANGIBLE ASSETS

EQUIPMENT

Fixed Assets - Equipment

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	3,899	3,899	4,679
Acquisitions at cost	—	—	—	—
Depreciation	—	(780)	(780)	(780)
Sale of Equipment	—	—	—	—
Market value as at 31st December	—	3,119	3,119	3,899

During 2014 a digital printer was purchased at a capital cost of £6,800 from proceeds from the sale of shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

During 2016 we purchased high capacity paper trays for the digital printer at a capital cost of £999

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6(b) INVESTMENTS

Income shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2019	2019	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Market value as at 1st January	—	54,333	54,333	56,289
Acquisitions at cost (reinvested dividends)	—	1,814	1,814	1,889
Net unrealised gain / (loss)	—	9,677	9,677	(845)
Sale of Shares (Transfer to funds)	—	(5,000)	(5,000)	(3,000)
Market value as at 31st December	—	60,824	60,824	54,333

Original value of the investment was £20,000. The market value quoted includes the revaluation of shares and dividends reinvested at the year end

7 CURRENT ASSETS

7(a) DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2019	2019	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,280	415	2,695	3,048
GASDS	753	440	1,193	1,421
Paid in advance	(140)	—	(140)	(192)
Parishioner advertising	360	—	360	210
Salvation Army Carol Service	—	968	968	—
Aged debtors	200	—	200	200
Other debtors	35	—	35	328
	3,488	1,823	5,311	5,015

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7(b) CASH IN BANK AND IN HAND

		Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
CCLA Deposit Accounts (4)		1,300	1,290
Co-op Current Account		10,572	9,319
Lloyds Current Account		5,111	4,931
Lloyds Community Centre Account		761	2,481
Lloyds Refugee Project Account		3,201	1,620
Lloyds Bookstall Account		247	247
Cash in hand	General	—	—
	Refugee Project	—	1,060
	Bookstall	32	44
	Thursday Café	49	70
	Admin Float	50	50
		131	1,224
		21,323	21,112

8 LIABILITIES

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Annual outward giving (current year)	6,990	-	6,990	6,780
British Gas	900	-	900	900
Castle Water	(731)	-	(731)	(1,200)
Southern Electric	(1,847)	-	(1,847)	(1,225)
Chapel Project	-	1,811	1,811	-
Farnham Maltings	-	-	-	420
Nye Saunders	-	-	-	1,180
Other creditors	668	150	818	185
	5,981	1,961	7,942	7,040

9 FUNDS

Designated funds

Designated funds are funds held by the PCC to capture the cost of specific activities and, with the exception of the Bookstall, Thursday Café, Community Development Fund and the Administrators float, their net surpluses/deficits transferred back to the general fund at year end.

The Community Development Fund was set up in 2015 to encourage engagement with the community in supporting local, short-term community projects.

Restricted funds

The main restricted funds are:

The PCC Investment fund which may be used for religious purposes only

The Uganda Project fund which may be used to support our work with our partners in Uganda (including the cost of visits to and from Uganda)

The Chapel fund, which during previous years was used to support the work and costs associated with the upkeep of the Chapel, was transferred to the Chapel's own bank account during 2014. From 2015 onwards the balance of income and expenditure through St. Mary's books are transferred to the Chapel's own bank account.

The Roof Appeal fund was created in 2013 to help provide for the costs of the repair work to the roof of the church buildings.

The Maintenance fund was created in 2014 to help provide for the costs of structural improvements and for fixtures and fittings.

The Project Manager fund was created in 2016 to partly provide for the costs of employing a part-time project manager from a re-occurring but reducing grant from the dioceses.

The Haslemere fund was originally created in 2014 to provide support for our young people attending Haslemere Ventures during 2014 and 2015. During 2016 it remained dormant but has now been reactivated as a result of Co-op Local Community Funding received during the latter part of 2017 specifically for this purpose.

The Abbeywood Minibus Training fund was set up in 2018 to raise money to provide for the training of an Abbeywood employee to drive their minibus so that more residents will be able to attend our church services and functions.

The Postcode Community Trust fund was created in 2018 as a result of a successful bid for funding for the Project Manager costs (50%) and specific arts & crafts equipment (50%).

The Refugee Project was set up in 2018 to support a Syrian refugee family to settle in Ash Vale under the Government scheme run through Guildford Borough Council.

The Table Church fund was set up in 2018 to provide for the transport costs during Table Church activities.

The other restricted funds are normally raised for their specific purposes and expended during the same year with the exception of the Memorial Fund which was set up to support local churches in need.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balances as at 1st January 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Gains and Losses £	Balances as at 31st December 2019 £
Unrestricted						
General fund	5,609	87,556	91,347	1,664	—	3,482
	5,609	87,556	91,347	1,664	—	3,482
Designated						
Administrators Float	50	—	—	—	—	50
Bookstall Fund	395	81	93	—	—	383
Community Development Fund	420	3	—	—	—	423
Community Centre Fund	—	14,111	12,897	(1,213)	—	—
Holiday Hunger	—	491	234	(257)	—	—
Parishioner	—	4,040	4,146	106	—	—
Thursday cafe	70	583	304	(300)	—	49
	935	19,309	17,674	(1,664)	—	905
Total (non restricted funds)	6,544	106,865	109,021	—	—	4,387
Restricted						
Abbeywood Minibus Training	320	188	508	—	—	—
Chapel Fund	—	12,383	12,383	—	—	—
Flood Forum	40	—	—	—	—	40
Haslemere	1,400	—	752	—	—	648
Maintenance Fund	150	—	—	—	—	150
PCC Investment Fund	59,465	1,814	7,013	—	9,677	63,943
PCC Memorial Fund	464	3	—	—	—	468
Parishioner	—	375	375	—	—	—
Postcode Community Trust Fund	3,500	—	150	—	—	3,350
Project Manager	464	14,259	10,784	—	—	3,939
Refugee Project	2,882	3,826	2,424	—	—	4,284
Roof Appeal	239	150	—	—	—	389
Table Church	235	—	—	—	—	235
Uganda Project	1,741	4,555	5,390	—	—	905
Sub total	70,901	37,553	39,779	—	9,677	78,352
Total funds	77,444	144,418	148,800	—	9,677	82,739