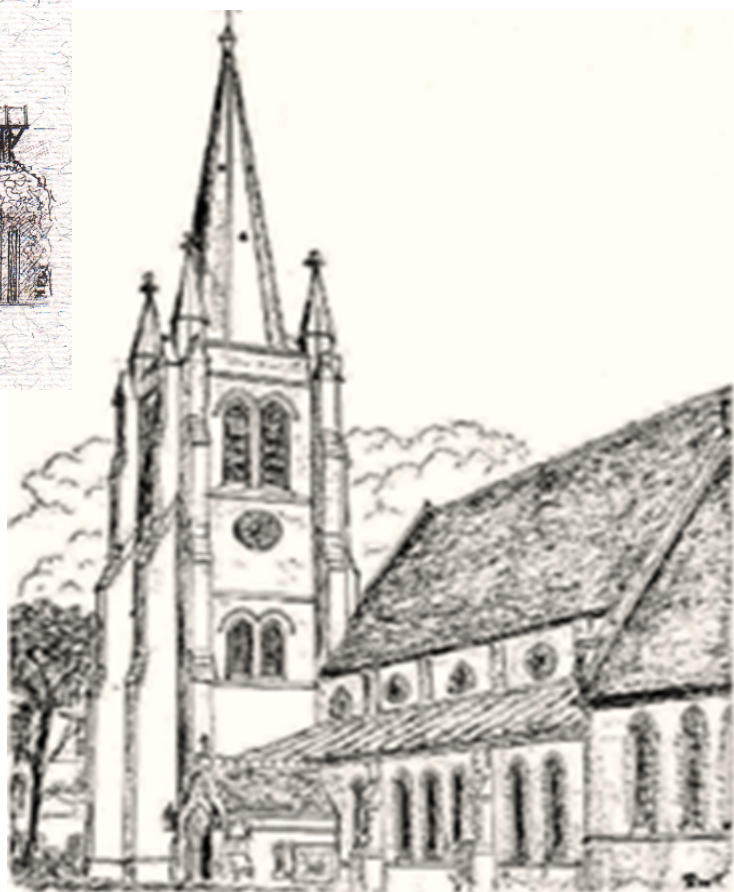
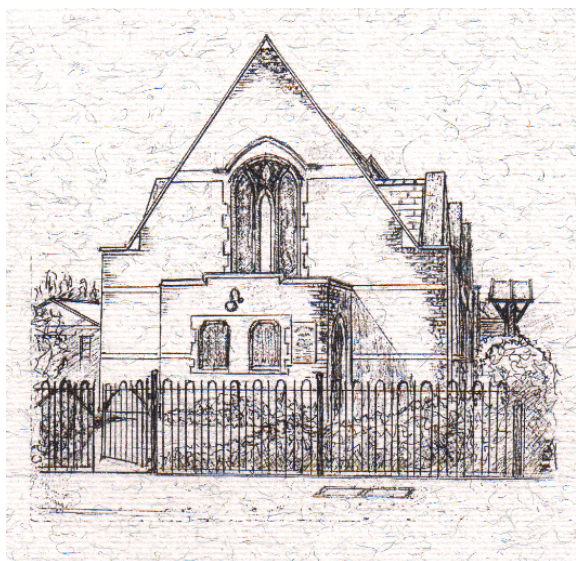


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Agenda and Reports
for the
Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 29th March 2020 at 11.15 am

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

(Also known as the Annual Parish Meeting or Easter Vestry Meeting)

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 7th April 2019
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 7th April 2019
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Reports of the PCC to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting:
 - (a) Electoral Roll
 - (b) Secretary to the PCC
 - (c) Financial Statement of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2019
 - (d) Fabric Report
 - (e) Deanery Synod Report
 - (f) Church reports
5. Elections

A minimum of 3 members to serve for a period of 3 years on the PCC
6. Appointments

Independent Examiner
7. A.O.B

any items to be raised must be notified in writing to the Chairman no later than 12 noon on Saturday 28th March 2020.
8. Closing Prayers

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the Church Representation Rules, the PCC is able to have a maximum of 12 elected lay members, and during the last year has been made up of 11 elected lay members; there are 7 vacancies to be filled at the APCM in 2020.

Objectives and activities

The purpose of the PCC is set out in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, and it states:

- (1) It shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish.
- (2) The functions of parochial church councils shall include—
 - (a) co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;
 - (b) the consideration and discussions of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question;
 - (c) making known and putting into effect any provision made by the diocesan synod or the deanery synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the council on any particular matter;
 - (d) giving advice to the diocesan synod and the deanery synod on any matter referred to the council;
 - (e) raising such matters as the council consider appropriate with the diocesan synod or deanery synod.
- (3) In the exercise of its functions the parochial church council shall take into consideration any expression of opinion by any parochial church meeting.

Reserves policy

The Reserves policy was agreed by the PCC at the meeting on 15th June 2017. £60,000 is currently set as the level for the Parish Reserves. This will be reviewed by the PCC at the first meeting of the new PCC after each APCM. (This money will only be touched in great need.)

Church attendance

As of March 2019 there were 141 members on the electoral roll, a increase of 3.

Review of the year

The report of the Secretary to the PCC is included within this report

Financial Review

The report of the Treasurer to the PCC is included within this report

PCC information for the APCM

The Parish of Felixstowe, Saint John the Baptist with Saint Edmund

Annual Reports of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2019

Administrative Information

Saint John the Baptist's Church is situated on the corner of Orwell Road and Princes Road within the Felixstowe Conservation Area; and Saint Edmund's is on Langer Road. It is a part of the Colneys Deanery within the Ipswich Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The correspondence address is The New Vicarage, 54 Princes Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 7PL.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1135596

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2019 until this report was approved are:

<i>Priest in Charge:</i>	Reverend Andrew Dotchin	<i>Chairman</i>	
<i>Assistant Curate (Associate Priest from 1st March 2020):</i>		Reverend Penny Brinkley	<i>Ex – Officio</i>
<i>Associate Priest:</i>	Reverend Philip Young	<i>Ex – Officio</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	Mr Terry Gibb	<i>Ex - Officio</i>	

<i>Wardens:</i>	Mr Terry Gibb	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
	Mrs Garath Jones	

<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod</i>	
Reverend Penny Brinkley	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Mrs Gillian Berry	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Mrs Jan Hickman	<i>Ex-Officio</i>

Elected Members:

Diana Barnard **	
Penny Brookes *	
Edwin Candy***	
Graham Denny ***	
Sheila Donald **	<i>Secretary to the PCC</i>
Kath George***	
Sharon Hume **	
Garath Jones***	
Alan Middleton *	<i>Treasurer to the PCC</i>
Celia Sims ***	
Mary Trayler***	

***Term expires at APCM 2019

**Elected in 2018 for 3 years

*Elected in 2019 for 3 years

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday, 7th April, 2019 in St. John's Church

The Revd. Andrew Dotchin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Diane Flack, Frank and Phyllis Atkinson, Celia Sims, Jan Stapleton.

2. Minutes

Peter Leitch proposed that the previous year's minutes be accepted by the meeting. Jan Hickman seconded, and the 2018 minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of Churchwardens

Andrew told the meeting that Diane Flack was not standing again due to health problems. Two nominations had been received for Churchwardens, Terry Gibb and Garath Jones, who were duly elected. Andrew thanked Terry Gibb and Diane Flack for their hard work and service through the last year.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Held on Sunday, 7th April, 2019 in St. John's Church

1. Apologies

Diane Flack, Frank and Phyllis Atkinson, Celia Sims, Jan Stapleton.

2. Minutes

Vicki Westren proposed that the 2018 minutes be accepted by the meeting, Liz Watson seconded, and the minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

Vicki Westren asked about the progress of the roof repairs. Andrew said that this would be covered by the Fabric report.

4. Reports of the PCC to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(a) Electoral Roll

Twig Shrubbs, the Electoral Roll officer, told the meeting that there had been a full revision of the Electoral Roll in 2019, and thanked the Revd Elizabeth Corker for her help with this. There were now 132 members in total on the Electoral Roll, of whom 56 were resident in the parish, and 76 non-resident. Twig told the meeting that there may be more forms to fill in regarding the new Data Protection laws, but the Diocese was still considering the format.

(b) Secretary's Report

There have been 11 PCC meetings this year – 8 full meetings and 3 brief ones. Matters under discussion have been:-

- Growing in God
- Church roof repairs
- The choice of a new church architect
- Finance – including possible economies, such as a cheaper photocopier rental
- Safeguarding, particularly the new regulations
- Social and worship events

Andrew thanked Sheila Donald for her work as secretary and a round of applause was given.

(c) Financial Report

The finances had been similar to the year before, with more drawn from reserves due to expenditure on maintenance at St John's. The Gift Aid tax had been claimed, but had not yet arrived.

Andrew told the meeting that Graham Denny had been trying to stand down as Treasurer for the last 2 years, but had still been working hard on the accounts. A round of applause was given for Graham. Andrew said that the gap between income and expenditure had narrowed, due to hard work on economising by various people on the PCC. He pointed out that the Bishop would like all parishes to become self-sufficient.

(d) Fabric Report

In answer to Vicki Westren's query on the roof, Andrew explained that the costs of repairs, which had been over £90,000 had been reduced by the Churchwardens having appointed a new Church Architect, and using a non church specialist roofing firm. The cost would now be in the region of £20,000. Work was now due to start in May.

The dishwasher had been replaced in the church kitchen, and 3 new microphones purchased for St John's. Further work undertaken was the staining of both front doors of the church, new light bulbs in the clock face, and light saving bulbs in other parts of the church. Garath Jones and Ed Candy had done this work voluntarily.

The fire door at St Edmund's Hall was vandal damaged and replaced, paid for by insurance. The organ at St Edmunds church had been removed for extra space.

(e) Deanery Synod Report

There were no questions on the Deanery Synod report. Andrew pointed out that the first hour of all Deanery Synod meetings were open to all.

(f) Church reports

Andrew thanked Jan Hickman for her report on Safeguarding, which he had asked for. He said how pleased he was with the number of people who had completed training.

Sharon Hume was thanked for her report and work with Messy Church.

The excellent work done by Christians against Poverty (who had received money from the Christmas collections) was also mentioned. Kath George was the Church representative.

5. Elections

(a) Deanery Synod

Garath Jones had been nominated, and was elected to the Deanery Synod.

(b) PCC members

There were 3 vacancies on the PCC. Sonia Worrall was standing down, and was thanked for her years of service. Alan Middleton and Penny Brookes had been nominated and were duly elected.

6. Appointments

(a) Sidespeople

Vicki Westren said that 5 new people had joined through the year. All had completed their safeguarding training.

(b) Independent examiner

Graham Denny proposed that Philip Keble be appointed as Independent Examiner, which was agreed by the meeting.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

8. Closing prayers

Andrew asked the new Churchwardens to come up to collect their staves, and said a prayer. The meeting then gave them a round of applause.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE PCC 2019 – 2020

There have been 11 PCC meetings this year – 10 full meetings and 1 brief one.

A considerable amount of time has been spent on church fabric. The roof repairs at St John's have been a major subject this year, and the various repairs at St Edmund's hall. The proposed automatic glass door for the Tower corridor has finally been set in motion.

Finance has also taken up much time. A contactless terminal has been purchased and the Parish Giving Scheme has been started.

A great number of Health and Safety policies have also been set in place.

Sheila Donald
PCC Secretary
March 2020

St John the Baptist with St Edmunds
Felixstowe
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TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2019

Please find attached the Annual Audited Accounts for 2019.

I would like thank Philip Keeble for carrying out the Audit and Terry Gibb for arranging for this to be carried out.

As the Accounts show, we ran into a Deficit of Income over Expenditure in the sum of £40,751.16. This mostly came about due to us having repairs carried out on the roof of St Johns which cost £25,899.66.

This meant that without the roof repairs we would have had a Deficit of £14,851.50.

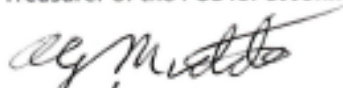
To cover the overall bills this year it became necessary to transfer funds from our CCLA Deposit Account which came to £40,000, this has reduced this account to £87,574.97 after interest added, from £126,694.40.

We also have The Browse Bells Fund CCLA Account with a balance of £53,622.97 which is Restricted and so we can only use these funds for bell repairs and replacement.

I have put into action the collecting of Gift Aid Refund Tax which should be our account within the next month, this is for 2018 and 2019.

Terry has been very helpful in keeping the bills paid and passing me the relevant documentation in order for me to produce the accounts in a timely manner, for which I give my grateful thanks. I would also like thank Sharon Hume and Susanne Barsby for keeping the banking up to date, and Susanne for producing the Gift Aid figures.

Alan Middleton
Treasurer of the PCC for St John the Baptist with St Edmunds


08/03/2020

St.John the Baptist with St.Edmund's

Balance sheet (Summary)

As at: 31 December 2019

	As at 31/12/2019 £	As at 31/12/2018 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	146,527	187,278
	<u>146,527</u>	<u>187,278</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>146,527</u>	<u>187,278</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>146,527</u>	<u>187,278</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>146,527</u>	<u>187,278</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	(33,390)	7,360
Designated		
Designated - Revaluation reserves	53,222	53,222
Restricted		
Restricted - Revaluation reserves	126,694	126,694
Funds of the church	<u>146,527</u>	<u>187,278</u>

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

St.John the Baptist with St.Edmund's

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2019	As at 31/12/2018
Current assets		
6501: Bank current account	3,963.37	6,972.95
6505: CCLA The Browse Bells Fund	53,622.97	53,222.89
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	87,574.97	126,694.40
6515: Restricted Account	874.24	100.00
6520: Welfare Account	491.53	288.00
Total Current assets	146,527.08	187,278.24
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	146,527.08	187,278.24
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(40,751.16)	—
Z01: Starting balances	187,278.24	187,278.24
Total Reserves	146,527.08	187,278.24

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	(33,390.21)	7,360.95
Designated	53,222.89	53,222.89
Restricted	126,694.40	126,694.40
Endowment	—	—
Total	146,527.08	187,278.24

St. John the Baptist with St. Edmund's
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	To From	01-Jan-19 31-Dec-19	01-Jan-18 31-Dec-18
General-General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid-Bank		22,293	22,946
Gift Aid-Envelopes		13,723	12,982
Other planned giving		344	-
Loose plate collections		2,349	1,086
Special Collections		1,010	5,252
Donations appeals etc		2,732	1,510
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		8,024	-
Recurring Grants		5,663	-
Other funds generated		4,504	8,758
Income not allocated		-	7,290
Totals Donations and legacies		60,642	59,824
Income from charitable activities			
Fees for weddings,funerals and baptisms		5,197	6,635
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		39	48
Church Hall Lettings-objectives		15,662	12,540
Total income from charitable activities		20,898	19,223
Other trading activities			
Fund Raising Events, Fetes etc		5,844	2,267
Church hall lettings- fund raising		150	-
Parish magazine sales		351	222
Total Other trading activities		6,345	2,489
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		1,404	929
Rent from lands and buildings		13,033	7,307
Total Investments		14,437	8,236
Other Income			
Insurance Claims		-	2,055
St Edmunds Group Funds		400	-
Votive Candles		368	317
Tea and coffee		-	410
Floodlighting		210	180
Weddings, funerals and baptism collections		133	432
Children & young people mission, Messy Church		101	269
Fund Transfers		40,774	12,000
Total Other Income		41,986	15,663
Total income and endowments		144,308	105,435
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Fees paid to fund raisers		1,694	-
Costs of fetes & other events		556	219
St. Johns Roof Project		25,900	-
Transfer of funds		40,874	12,000
Total Raising funds		69,024	12,219

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Giving to missionary societies	173	3,446
Special Collections	1,006	-
Home mission	610	-
Parish Share	63,590	64,122
Salary of Parish Administrator	3,332	3,276
Children & Young People Mission	168	398
Donations made	600	800
Church running-Insurance	6,563	6,403
Council Tax	30	-
Printing & Stationary	7,032	4,949
Organist Expenses & Tuning	6,928	5,811
Church Fabric	225	3,006
Cleaning	3,487	3,120
Vestry Expenses	1,800	1,144
Upkeep of churchyard	190	-
St. Edmunds Maintenance	489	156
St Johns Utilities	5,535	7,541
St Edmunds Utilities	75	199
Church running- Water	419	-
Wedding and Funeral Fees	681	210
Church Running-Heating and Lighting	135	-
Magazine expenses	84	-
St Edmunds Hall Maintenance	550	248
St Edmunds Hall Utilities	1,321	1,239
St Johns Meeting Room	130	-
St Edmunds Hall Lettings	1,807	-
Hall running - maintenance	110	-
Hall running - water	660	-
Bank Interest and Charges	636	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	108,366	106,068
Other expenditure		
Incumbant Expenses	3,258	4,206
Curates Expenses	845	1,480
St. Johns Maintenance	1,233	6,139
Graham Court	1,083	1,709
St Edmunds Ladies Group	300	-
Subscriptions	-	90
Other Funds Paid	949	1,132
	7,668	14,756
Total expenditure	185,058	133,043
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-£ 40,750	-£ 27,608

St.John the Baptist with St.Edmund's
Trial balance
Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

Nominal code	Class	Opening balance	Debit	Credit	Closing balance
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	Income	—	—	22,293.00	(22,293.00)
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	Income	—	—	13,722.48	(13,722.48)
0201 - Other planned giving	Income	—	—	343.80	(343.80)
0301 - Loose plate collections	Income	—	—	2,348.66	(2,348.66)
0401 - Special Collections	Income	—	—	1,009.83	(1,009.83)
0550 - Donations appeals etc	Income	—	—	2,731.93	(2,731.93)
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	Income	—	—	8,024.36	(8,024.36)
0801 - Recurring grants	Income	—	—	5,663.00	(5,663.00)
0901 - Other funds generated	Income	—	—	4,504.42	(4,504.42)
0910 - Fund Raising Events, Fetes etc	Income	—	—	5,844.39	(5,844.39)
1020 - Bank and building society interest	Income	—	—	1,403.79	(1,403.79)
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	Income	—	—	13,033.78	(13,033.78)
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals and bapt	Income	—	—	5,197.00	(5,197.00)
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	Income	—	—	38.75	(38.75)
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	Income	—	—	15,661.65	(15,661.65)
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	Income	—	—	150.00	(150.00)
1260 - Parish magazine sales	Income	—	—	351.57	(351.57)
1330 - St Edmunds Group Funds	Income	—	—	400.41	(400.41)
1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	Expenditure	—	1,694.38	—	1,694.38
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	Expenditure	—	556.59	—	556.59
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	Expenditure	—	173.35	—	173.35
1830 - Special Collections	Expenditure	—	1,006.20	—	1,006.20
1850 - Home mission	Expenditure	—	610.02	—	610.02
1901 - Parish Share	Expenditure	—	63,590.00	—	63,590.00
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	Expenditure	—	3,332.00	—	3,332.00
2101 - Incumbent Expenses	Expenditure	—	3,258.65	—	3,258.65
2120 - Other Ministry Team Expenses	Expenditure	—	844.80	—	844.80
2170 - Children & Young People Mission	Expenditure	—	168.04	—	168.04
2172 - Donations made	Expenditure	—	600.00	—	600.00
2301 - Church running - insurance	Expenditure	—	6,563.29	—	6,563.29
2302 - Council Tax	Expenditure	—	30.00	—	30.00
2310 - Printing & Stationery	Expenditure	—	7,032.41	—	7,032.41
2320 - Organist Expenses & Tuning	Expenditure	—	6,928.24	—	6,928.24
2329 - St Johns Roof Project	Expenditure	—	25,899.66	—	25,899.66
2330 - Church Fabric	Expenditure	—	224.83	—	224.83
2331 - Cleaning	Expenditure	—	3,486.96	—	3,486.96
2340 - Vestry Expenses	Expenditure	—	1,799.54	—	1,799.54
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	Expenditure	—	190.00	—	190.00
2351 - St Johns Maintenance	Expenditure	—	1,232.78	—	1,232.78
2360 - St Edmunds Maintenance	Expenditure	—	489.10	—	489.10
2401 - St Johns Utilities	Expenditure	—	5,535.01	—	5,535.01
2410 - St Edmunds Utilities	Expenditure	—	1,321.28	—	1,321.28
2420 - Church running - water	Expenditure	—	419.17	—	419.17
2430 - Wedding & Funeral Fees	Expenditure	—	680.75	—	680.75
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	Expenditure	—	134.48	—	134.48
2501 - Magazine expenses	Expenditure	—	84.00	—	84.00
2520 - St Edmunds Hall Maintenance	Expenditure	—	550.22	—	550.22
2530 - St Edmunds Hall Utilities	Expenditure	—	75.00	—	75.00
2540 - St Johns Meeting Room	Expenditure	—	129.77	—	129.77
2555 - St Edmunds Hall Lettings	Expenditure	—	1,806.65	—	1,806.65
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	Expenditure	—	110.00	—	110.00
2580 - Hall running - water	Expenditure	—	659.95	—	659.95
2931 - Graham Court	Expenditure	—	1,082.82	—	1,082.82
2940 - St Edmunds Ladies Group	Expenditure	—	300.00	—	300.00

Nominal code	Class	Opening balance	Debit	Credit	Closing balance
2950 - Other Funds Paid	Expenditure	—	949.49	—	949.49
2960 - Bank Interest and Charges	Expenditure	—	636.22	—	636.22
3000 - Transfer of Funds	Expenditure	—	40,874.24	—	40,874.24
302 - Votive Candles	Income	—	—	367.99	(367.99)
305 - Floodlighting	Income	—	—	210.00	(210.00)
405 - Weddings, Baptisms and Funeral Collectio	Income	—	—	132.41	(132.41)
551 - Children & Young People Mission, ie Mess	Income	—	—	101.27	(101.27)
6501 - Bank current account	Current assets	6,972.95	141,850.91	144,860.49	3,963.37
6505 - CCLA The Browne Bells Fund	Current assets	53,222.89	400.08	—	53,622.97
6510 - CCLA (CBF) deposit account	Current assets	126,694.40	880.57	40,000.00	87,574.97
6515 - Restricted Account	Current assets	100.00	774.24	—	874.24
6520 - Welfare Account	Current assets	288.00	402.93	199.40	491.53
950 - Fund Transfers	Income	—	—	40,774.24	(40,774.24)
Starting balance	Reserves	(187,278.24)	—	—	(187,278.24)
Totals		—	320,368.62	320,368.62	—

Totals incorporating opening balances	331,586.97	331,586.97
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23rd February 2020

To whom it may concern.

I, the undersigned confirm that I have examined the accounting records & final accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019.

I am pleased to record that all was in order & the accounts so produced are a true & fair report of the transactions carried out during the year & the financial position at the end of the year.

Signed:



Philip Keeble, esq ACMA, CGMA.

Church Wardens Fabric Report

The work on the roof at St Johns is now complete, no more scaffolding. The cost was eventually, after extra scaffolding £ 25,000 This included both sides as opposed to £100,000 quoted for one side only. A considerable saving. Plus we had a grant of £9000 from the Taylor Review.

Mary Traylor, our Health and Safety officer, has done a full safety audit and as a result many measures have been put in place. Extra hand rails, pat testing of all electrical appliances, portable emergency lighting .

I would like to thank Mary for the great support she has given me, lifting some of the pressure. The PCC are now in the process of implementing the many policies that are now required, but a lot more work is still needed.

The front door of the parish hall has been replaced at a cost of £1600.

The faculty has been submitted to the DAC to install an electric glass door in the main entrance and the boxing in of all the electric boxes. This will make the entrance more welcoming in keeping with our motto " Open to God - Open to all" and keeping the church warmer. It was approved in principle but several points still have to be rectified but hopefully work will commence in the not too distant future.

A gardener was employed to give the church grounds a good tidy up following the roof repairs and the PCC are looking into a planned maintenance to keep it tidy.

The next phase to be focused on is St Edmunds and the parish hall. With the Revd Penny Brinkley now actively engaging with youth and family work focused mainly on the west end of the parish, St Edmunds and the Parish Hall need some upgrading. The floor of the parish hall is in need of refurbishment , the church roof of St Edmunds needs some work and looking to the future, the possibility of a completely new front to the church to include toilet and kitchen facilities.

I am standing down as Church Warden at APCM to focus on my reader ministry. I would like to thank the PCC and all of you for the great support you have given me.

Terry Gibb - Church Warden
March 2020

Deanery Report 2019-2020

The items of the running of Deanery Synod (general housekeeping) have been by-passed in this report and the highlights and speakers have been reported.

July Synod held at Waldringfield. An item discussed was that church buildings were to be registered as an Eco building. we are working with other Deanerys so that our Diocese can become a Silver Diocese the next step up from the Bronze Diocese we have already attained. There was quite a lot of discussion on the next item, Safeguarding with all the new rules and regulations. The Revd. Paul Clarke would be licensed and installed as Vicar to Walton and Trimley by the Bishop of Dunwich on 8th January 2020. The PCC's of the parishes of Playford and Little Bealings has decided they would like to align themselves with Kesgrave and the Rev'd Gary Jones an SSM with permission to officiate would become Local Minister in those parishes. 2 people from each parish were to acquaint each other with news within their own parishes. Martlesham Heath were now running a pop-up shop. Kesgrave had started re-organizing itself to work with Playford and Little Bealings. Levington were praying for various notes left in the church and reducing plastic by serving coffee in china mugs. Bucklesham were running a lunch club and periods of coffee time and use the church's library. St. Johns Felixstowe had started a pop-up shop providing prams and other items for toddlers and babies. Old Felixstowe were running a monthly after school club for junior ages children and a youth Alpha course.

October meeting held at Walton. Ian Morgan, Archdeacon of Suffolk had died on 3rd of October after a long illness. Bishop Mike paid tribute to Ian's service to God, his congregations, fellow clergymen and women and the Diocese in his various functions as priest. A report back from working parties discussed "Being Outwardly Focused", "Telling our story", "Understanding Ourselves" and "Being Political".

Safeguarding Training Modules were discussed at length.

January Synod held at Kesgrave where a guest speaker from Diocesan House spoke of the work and dedication of Lay Readers. a discussion was prompted by a Safeguarding topic where several Safeguarding officers explained how their role had mushroomed beyond all expectations since they had agreed to take the post on. It seemed we were now doing a lot of the work previously done by other authorities.

Jan Hickman
March 2020

Safeguarding Report 2019-2020 from your Parish Safeguarding Officer Jan Hickman

The House of Bishops have stated

"The Bishops' Council agreed to make C0 training a diocesan requirement"

As safeguarding Officer I have to implement this instruction. Some people are of the belief that is they possess a certificate from the education department or the police that this is transferable. It is not. C0 is an awareness course that can be found on your computer at www.cofesuffolk.org then go to training and complete C0. A certificate will be issued to you. Please let me have a copy of this certificate as otherwise I do not know that you have completed the course and when the powers that be ask if you have completed the course I would have to say no unless a certificate is given to me.

Who needs to complete this awareness course? Anyone that has a public face within our church. If you serve coffee, if you are a sidesperson and give the hymn books out on a Sunday, if you are a member of our ministry team and so it goes on. So far 63 of you have completed the course so a big Thankyou. If you have completed the course and not given me the certificate please do. If you have no computer and would like to attend a course with other churches please let me know. Since last year more changes have taken place and my job has mushroomed far more than when I set out to do this task as DBS checks have come into my remit. I dare say by next year more will be required but like you I have to comply and go forward to a safer church.

Messy Church and Children`s Activities Report

We have a core base of families who regularly attend Messy Church, and there are usually around 35-40 attendees. New families come via recommendations from friends and some who hear about Messy Church from Andrew and the Ministry team when discussing christening arrangements or at Langer school assemblies. Banners are displayed outside both St John`s and St Ed`s with the academic year`s worth of Messy Church and Messy Sunday dates.

Children attend from across the whole town (and beyond) and from various schools. During Messy Church sessions we follow the biblical theme of the month, guided by the official Messy Church publication.

As children arrive between 3.30 and 4.00pm we often start the session with a treasure hunt style game based upon that session`s theme, which the children enjoy. The parents/grandparents/carers join in as well and this is a fantastic way to get those new to St John`s to explore the church.

We introduce the biblical theme with a short reading or story followed by craft activities, which are set up in the main church based on the theme, allowing for the varying skills of the broad age range.

We draw together the activities and biblical story in the Lady Chapel where we hold the “Celebration story” before we all eat a shared meal together in the Meeting Room. There is a donations box at the back of church and the families give what they can towards the Messy Church session. Some donate directly to the church bank account, others use the card machine.

Not every family is available to attend church on a Sunday due to work or other commitments. A mid week Church session serves some families` needs well in bringing them together as part of the family we have at St John`s and St Edmunds.

Messy Sunday is held on the second Sunday of the month during the 10am service, following the Messy Church theme. We start off in the church for the beginning of the service then Penny and Sharon hold the session in the Meeting Room, following the gospel for the day, using prayer, a story and a craft activities. There are a few regular attendees who enjoy the sessions. We return back to church in time for Communion or a blessing.

The half term holiday club that was planned for the October half term had to be postponed (but was successfully run during February 2020 half term instead)

The Crib Service “DIY Nativity” was well attended, it proves to be a popular event with children bringing friends and family along to watch. They all did a fantastic job on Christmas Eve.

Thank you so much to everybody who helps support Messy Church and young people`s events, they couldn`t happen without you! We are always grateful for volunteers, so if you would like to come along and help, even if you can`t stay for the whole session, please let one of the Messy Church leaders know.

Sharon, Andrew, Penny and Philip

St. John the Baptist Church Felixstowe

Servers report 2020

Our loyal team of 8 servers continue provide the church with two servers at the 8am said service and a team of four at the 10am Sung Eucharist each Sunday plus midweek services, as required. We welcomed back Leslie Ann at Christmas after her period of medical treatment and pray for her continuing period of recovery.

We would like to recruit more servers to give more flexibility on the rota especially during the holiday period. If you have served in other churches you would be very welcome to join our team. If you have no experience of serving, then full training will be available for anyone who is prepared to make the commitment.

If you need any further information, please speak to myself at 8am, Sue at 10am or any of the Worship Team.

John Cardy (Sacristan).

Social Committee

During the year we have held Charity Coffee Mornings in Church in aid of BOOST, Fairtrade, Christian Aid, Motor Neurone Disease and the Sea Cadets raising considerable sums of money for each.

Good food and fellowship were enjoyed at the Passover meal, Harvest Lunch, Tea and later Lunch on the Vicarage lawn and the Parish Lunch at the Brook Hotel.

Money was collected for presentations to Penny Brinkley, when she was licensed as an Associate Priest and Terry Gibb when he retired as Church Warden.

The Church became a Concert hall during the year for the Dorian Singers, Prometheus Orchestra, Ipswich Community Light Orchestra, Rotary 'G and S', Proms on the Prom (relocated), Last Night of the Proms, British Legion Band, and Ward Piano Quintet

Penny Brookes has been responsible for organising the concerts, and Di and Vicki the publicity and organising the Victorian Christmas Market and the Parish Lunch.

A big thank you to Sheila Donald. for producing the pew sheet and magazines and to Sharon Hume for producing a mountain of posters, flyers and tickets throughout the year.

Vicki Westren
March 2020

Choir Report

I am amazed to find another year has gone by since I wrote the last report and I worry that we are all a year older. However, Sonia celebrated her 90th birthday reminding me that, if we can all sing like she does when we reach that august age, the rest of us have got many years of service left in us!

Joe, our only tenor, has decided to leave the choir and join Sally in the congregation. I am pleased to say he has agreed to help out occasionally. My thanks to Joe for his years in the choir, and a big thank you to Sally for giving the choir a small electronic keyboard. This comes into its own in the winter months as it allows us to have choir practice in the vestry under a small heater, rather than freezing in the body of the church.

Obviously we need new members, particularly men. If you are not used to singing a part, electronic help is easily available so you can practice in privacy; in addition I, or another choir member, can give individual help.

I want to thank all the choir for their generosity with their time, particularly for singing at additional services and funerals. Probably the highlight of the year for the choir is the carol service. This year we had 18 singers including our regular guests, Paul Bloomfield, Sue Farthing and Philip Young. Thanks to Angela Bryant who helped at Midnight, and Barbara Durrance for playing the piano on Christmas morning.

This is my opportunity to say a public thank you to Jeremy. I am very fortunate to have the privilege of working with him to make the music at St John's as good as we can. I'll let the hymn say it for me:

*O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs his glory forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp the story of what he hath done.*

*O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

Liz Watson – March 2020

St Johns Mothers Union Group 2019

Members of the Mothers Union belong to the largest Worldwide Christian Women's Organisation with over 3million members in 77 countries.

Here at St John's Church we are a small but enthusiastic group supporting through our subscriptions, local projects and the MU overseas. We are 1 of several branches in the Colneys Deanery.

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the church meeting room and are open to all both men and women. We begin with a short worship and finish with refreshments and usually have a speaker on a range of different subjects.

In 2019 we welcomed the new MU Diocesan President Linda Ginn who inspired us, a former vicar of St John's, Rev Canon David Lowe telling us of his adventures in Italy, held a fish and chip supper at The Hut in June and several other interesting speakers on a variety of subjects.

We meet with the other Colneys Deanery branches for a Deanery Festival, a Christmas service, Wave of Prayer, coffee morning and quiet days.

We aim to uphold the aims and objects of the Mothers Union supporting Families and Family Life. Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings with information in the church magazine and weekly pew sheet.

Gillian Berry
March 2020

ST EDMUND'S GROUP REPORT FOR AGM

During the past year the Group has continued to enjoy the welcome and relaxing comfort that the lounge at Mays Court offers us, and we are grateful for that when we meet there each month. Our membership has grown and 5 members live in Mays Court, so the traditional links between the Group and the Churches of St Edmund's and St John's are still maintained. We also still enjoy the presence of a few members from the early days of the group when it was formed by Moreen and Tony Marsh at St Edmund's.

Since last April we have discussed and learnt about a variety of subjects by very welcome and interesting speakers.

The Port Chaplain Patricia Ezra came and told us about her visits to the various ships that arrive here and she brought the 'uniform' she wears (including the 'hard hat') as identity when she is boarding the vessels. She said she was always welcomed by the Captains and crew as well as the many seafarers that work so hard during the loading and unloading of the ships, often after long and difficult voyages.

Later, we enjoyed a visit from Malcolm Taylor representing 'Dogs for the Deaf'. Malcolm gave us a valuable insight into all the work and devotion needed for the care and training of the suitable dogs, much of it by volunteers who will house and care for them until they are ready to go to give companionship and help to people with various degrees of hearing loss.

In June we were able to enjoy a day at 'The Hut'. It was a pleasant relaxing time for us all and the sun shone for us too! It also shone in the colourful video talks that we enjoyed when Chris Parfitt came to continue his account of his visits to the Scilly Isles. Chris is always a welcome visitor and seems to have the knack of bringing sunshine each time he comes to Mays Court!

We raised funds during our Garden Tea Party in August at Josie Wakelin's lovely garden and that meant we could go for a coach trip for Christmas shopping at the Perrywood Garden Centre in Tiptree. The shopping bags were well filled for the journey home and a good time was had by all!

'The Do's and Don'ts of Recycling' proved to be an interesting talk by Sharon Lockhart who gave us several ideas to ponder when she brought samples of 'non plastic' items – toothbrushes, straws, small bags to 'fill' at the shop, wooden picnic cutlery etc., all ideas being recommended now to help us be realistic in helping to cut down the plastic waste.

Now, spring is hopefully on its way and we are looking forward to a visit from Karen Kenny to talk about the wildlife in the garden, and then in April and May we have speakers from closer to home to entertain us. Ivan Barley is eagerly awaited for a storytelling afternoon ... and then by popular request Sylvia Bye is coming with further reminiscences of her busy and interesting times as a Nursery Nurse in High Places!

As a climax to the Summer programme we shall be anticipating another informative account of their travels with Sue and John Hockenhull who are planning to visit the Passion Play activities at Oberammergau, and will hope to bring some more of their always impressive video pictures to tell us about it in July. We wish them a wonderful trip.

So - there is much to look forward to at our meetings ahead and we do offer an open invitation to all who would like to come to join us at any time. We meet at Mays Court at 2.30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

BELLRINGERS ANNUAL REPORT

Beginning of Jan: still had 6 recruits: Sarah, Katie, Willow, Kerry, Louise and Noah.

S and K beginning to study Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, but ringing rounds and call changes.

Willow learning to release coils for ringing up. She and the rest getting to grips with backstroke, handstroke, and putting the two together.

Main band: Grandsire /Plain Bob.

Jan - Feb:

Willow: ringing up with tutor's help. Putting both strokes together with some help at handstroke.

Katie and Sarah ringing up and ringing treble (K) and 3rd (S) to Kaleidoscope places and long places.

Main band: Try new doubles methods.

Feb-Mar:

W: same plus ringing down.

K: inside bell to kaleidoscope (places, long places, dodges and double-dodges) and R&CC, standing behind to Grandsire/Bob Minor.

S: kaleidoscope R&CC, treble to Grandsire, 2nd to Grandsire, tenor behind to Doubles.

Main band: Attempted Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Mar-Apr:

W: needs more confidence: revert to handstrokes with dummy trail, shadowing at hand.

K: as above plus Mexican Wave, treble to Bistow Doubles practice ringing up/down following/leading one other bell.

S: as above plus Mexican Wave, Bistow Doubles, practice ringing up/down in peal of 2/3, Bastow Little Bob.

Main band: minimus/doubles

Jacky, Sarah, Katie and Willow to SE District training day at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

May-Jun:

W: as above plus ring in rounds on 3.

Marie: New recruit: progressed to ringing backstrokes, shadowing hand.

Kerry: back to basics, progress to both strokes with tutor standing by/helping, ringing in rounds.

K: Mexican Wave, whole pull plain hunt (4), treble to Bistowe and Penultimate Doubles, plain hunt on 4.

S: Inside to Penultimate Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles.

Main band: As above plus new doubles/touch of Grandsire/Bob Doubles.

Jul-Aug:

W: as above, rounds on 4/5, help to ring up, take coils with tutor ringing down, treble to kaleidoscope, ring down.

Kerry: rounds on 6, learn to ring down.

K: As above, plus plain hunt on 5 inside.

S: As above.

Touches of doubles.

August: J, S, K & W went to Norwich Ringing Day. Lots of good teaching, building confidence, loved the Vestey(?) mini-ring.

Sept-Dec:

No Kerry.

W: Ringing up and down, treble to rounds with support, treble to kaleidoscope (unaffected).

K: Ringing treble to Doubles, 2nd/3rd to Grandsire Doubles, 2nd/3rd to Plain Bob Doubles.

S: Inside bells to Grandsire/Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor.

Oxford Treble Bob Doubles/minimus/touches of doubles.

2 with Sarah, Katie, Willow and me and 1 with just Sarah and me.

Sarah and Katie achieved Level 1 ART and are Sunday Ringers.

Jacky Savage

March 2020


THE PARISH CHURCH OF St. JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH St. EDMUND, FELIXSTOWE
Registered Charity no. 1,135,596

St. John's Flower Team report for the 2020 A. P. C. M.

Many thanks to the very small team of arrangers who make the church beautiful for our services. As there are so few of us, we would welcome new volunteers. The rota is arranged to meet your own circumstances, so you will only be asked to arrange flowers as and when it suits you. I have a modest Parish Flower fund, which is available to buy flowers (see below).

Flower room (North porch) Please may I remind everyone that the north porch is a designated emergency exit, not to leave old arrangements and other bits and pieces in the room, and to remove any finished displays out of the building and wherever possible re-recycle materials.

Thank you,


Jenny Holland
1st January 2020

St. John's Flower Fund Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2019

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Date	Details	Amount	Date	Details	Amount
29 th April	Easter Lilies	£200.50	29 th April	Easter Lilies etc.	£436.31
			17 th Dec.	Other festivals	£ 66.28
	Total	£200.50		Total	£502.59
	Excess payments over receipts	£302.09			
	£502.59			£502.59	

Represented in NatWest St John's Church Flower Fund Account by -

Opening balance 1/1/2019	£825.39
Excess payments over receipts	£302.09
Closing balance 31/12/2019	£523.30

