

St Mary's Church Ticehurst
Trustees Annual Report 2019

1. Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Reverend Ashley Evans (incumbent) in:-

- the promotion of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- promoting in the parish the mission of the church, pastoral, social, ecumenical and evangelistic.
- practical support and care for all people in the parish irrespective of age, need and ability to pay.
- providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

2. What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

To enable as many people as possible become part of our parish community:-

- teaching, baptism and nurturing new and existing believers
- keeping the church open during the daytime for the community to visit, use for prayer and meditation

To offer services of worship to God:-

- maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- putting faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- being as receptive as possible to those wanting baptism, weddings and funerals at St. Mary's.

To promote the Gospel and pray that the unchurched may find the fullness of life in Jesus Christ:-

- assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of and trust in Jesus
- holding courses to advance discipleship, theological understanding and education.
- establishing small groups at which we learn about the Bible and faith with study worship prayer and fellowship.
- witnessing the good news of Jesus Christ by pursuing the mission of God in its different forms

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To engage in Evangelism and Outreach to the parish

- reaching out to those who do not come to church at events such as a strawberry tea, the summer village fete, holiday club, the Christmas Fayre, Christmas tree festival, and at the Annual Village assembly.
- promoting Harvest Festival, providing refreshments and distributing food gifts to the local food bank.
- encouraging care for the environment, God's creation through our Eco Church status and initiatives
- reaching out to the community by advertising seasonal events and celebrations
- seeking to grow our church through our 'Future Acts' initiative aimed especially at the younger generation and developing our links("Open the Book" assemblies and worship) with our village C of E primary school.

We provide a special building and churchyard for people to enjoy:-

- enabling an appreciation of church building in the history and archaeology of the area by being open from 8am until 4pm for everyone to use.

We provide tangible pastoral and financial support to the poor and needy:-

- providing pastoral care for people whether part of St. Mary's Church or not
- providing financial assistance to those in need in the parish
- spending the income of our parish trusts according to the objects established by their donors.

We consider the needs of people served by other charities and overseas:-

- giving grants to wider Christian charities
- giving grants to missionary organisations that show God's love in the poorest nations.

When planning our activities for the year the PCC and our incumbent have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

3. What we achieved and how the activities of the church affected the beneficiaries lives

Attendance at worship

The church welcomes visitors from the parish as well as those coming from outside . So we welcome all who visit our church and we feel that this and attendance at worship is a major demonstration of our activities providing spiritual and pastoral support to the community.

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The average regular weekly attendance counted for the diocese records during October 2019 was 69. There was good attendance on all major festivals during the year, 187 came to worship at Easter and 644 (109 were children) attended over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In addition to regular services we held a quiz in the village hall, an Eco strawberry tea in the churchyard , lunch party in the vicarage garden with activities for children and music provided by a local band, a holiday club in the summer provided activities for younger children and the local primary school has held regular end of term services in the church as well as a Harvest Festival service.

A pet service was held which was very well attended by many with small and larger animals.

A service of Remembrance which started around the War Memorial in the village was attended by over 300 people of all ages and 297 went on to attend the subsequent church service.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

- small group meetings every Wednesday with special courses in Lent and Advent
- prayer meetings, e.g. prayer breakfasts, weekly hour long vigils
- we hold weekly church led assemblies/collective worship at the village school following 'Open the Book', a national Bible stories drama scheme run by the Bible Society
- All Age Services with teachings that children and enquirers can appreciate

Evangelism and outreach

Our church has several pages in the very popular monthly village magazine in which our Vicar writes to the community about the Christian season at hand or on current issues from a Christian perspective.

We held an Eco Fair Trade coffee morning, a party in the vicarage garden with refreshments and a local band which attracted non churchgoers as well. Games were organised for the children.

We provided a buffet lunch for all who attended our all age Harvest Festival Service.

We held a bi-monthly talk Entitled 'Out of the Ordinary' to encourage non churchgoers to use church facilities

The Church had a stall at the village summer fete and a presence in the procession which was led by the Vicar who also opened the fete.

We organised a very popular Christmas Fayre with a live stable scene, 'Living Crib'

We held a lovely one day holiday club open to all children of primary school age in the area on which the feedback was very good.

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Provision of the church building and churchyard for people to enjoy

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving.

During 2019 we celebrated the baptism of seven infants, eight weddings, we held seven funeral services and held a service of Confirmation for seven candidates from the area. The church is always open during the daytime and visitors and parishioners regularly call in to pray and enjoy the peace. A fourteenth century church has many beautiful and interesting architectural aspects which are regularly commented on by visitors. The churchyard is a well kept place by a group of volunteers who have adopted trees keeping brambles, ivy and weeds at bay. Trees are replaced that die, the grass is mowed by the district council under contract and we have a volunteer who cares for the burial ground. We have formed an Eco Church Working Group and in January 2019 joined A Rocha UK, a Christian charity with a remit to mobilise Christians and Churches to care for the environment. We have involved people from the village in our project to care for God's acre and have installed bat boxes, bird boxes and a bug hotel as well as a hedgehog home in the churchyard. In addition we have pledged to reduce our carbon footprint and in working towards the A Rocha Awards we were delighted to receive the Bronze Award in April 2019.

We receive many comments in our Visitor's Book:-

'Lovely to see an ancient church so well looked after. Compliments to the brass shiner!'

'Thank you for the peace in a lovely village'

'Very different and enchanting church'

'We love the children's corner. Family connections in the 16th century, a very enjoyable visit'. 'A beautiful peaceful church, historic information welcome, well kept church.'

'The Lord is here, lift up your hearts. Gorgeous church and churchyard. Beautiful connection between past and present'.

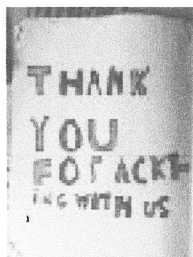
Often

'Open

Finally a

child in

Bible"!



heard in the village from a child addressing a member of our the Book' assembly team "You're from Open the Book"! member of the Open the Book Team was approached by a a large supermarket who delightfully said "You're from the Here is one of the cards we received.

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Music is an important part of our worship and we have a good choir which sings weekly. There are regular comments from the congregation on the choice of anthems and canticles as well as the hymns. Our service of nine lessons and carols during Advent was well attended by 134 people, a mixture of parishioners and others. We hold a Songs of Praise service in the summer when the hymns and readings are chosen by the congregation.

A concert by a local choir, The Tongswood Choir was held in the church and well attended by local people as well as many from neighbouring towns and villages. Our youth choir sing once a month at our main All Age Service and on other appropriate dates such as Mothering Sunday. They performed a very challenging 'Carol of the Bells' at our Christingle service on Christmas Eve which was attended by 287 adults and children.

Spatial reordering of the church building and future projects.

One project that will need to be considered is the very old heating system so that we cannot only extend a warm welcome to visitors but in a warm church. We are reviewing our energy source as part of this project which also includes working towards Eco Church Silver Award status.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The Vicar makes hospital visits and home visits. He takes communion in two local care homes monthly. The church choir sings at carol services at the care homes. St. Mary's Fellowship, an open meeting, is held most months in a local sheltered home providing entertainment and companionship for residents and other parishioners.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

The church donated the non perishable gifts at harvest time to the Family Support WorkCharity set up originally by the diocese and during the year we collect groceries, toiletries and clothing items for this charity. The Vicar is a founder member of The Ticehurst Community Network which meets periodically to consider especially how to reach out and help those in our community who need our support. In addition the Vicar is a committee member of the local GP Surgery's Patient Participation Group.

The PCC also made donations to The Children's Society (from the Christingle Service), Royal British Legion (from Remembrance Sunday Service), Family Support Work (Chichester Diocese), Church Mission Society , Bible Society, Diocesan Harvest Appeal and Friends of Nakuru (Chichester Diocese).

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Financial review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts were £84,641 and are detailed in the Financial Report.

Sharing the Ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £45,320 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This amount covers house, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to general church funds.

Staff costs

The PCC paid for Bookkeeping services, a Parish Administrator, occasional Clerical duty, and the expenses of an organist. Details are provided in the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses .

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax, water charges, a share of the telephone bill and travelling expenses.

Office costs.

These were just day to day running costs this year amounting to £2573

Repairs to the fabric of the church building.

Despite the age of the church building there have been no significant repairs this year. Next year our Quinquennial Inspection is due and additional items including repairs and renewal to our rainwater goods will be completed having been delayed during the year.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Ticehurst has been entered onto the Register of Charities, registered number 1180171. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Council(Powers) Measure 1956. During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Ashley Evans	Chairman
Reader	Mrs Penny Evans	
Warden	Mrs Judith Whiteman	
Warden	Mrs Marianne Barratt	

Elected Members	Mrs Marian Cook	Secretary
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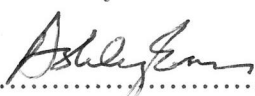
Mrs Andrea Pilcher
Mr Peter Reeves
Mrs Diane Procter
Mrs Sheila Minet
Mrs Catherine Baigent
Mrs Angela Howitt

Deanery Synod	Mrs Rosemary Hunneybell Mrs Isobel Tucker Mrs Judith Whiteman
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Diocesan Synod	Mr Barry Richardson Mrs Jacky Ward
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Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of several ex officio members, (the incumbent, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church, the church wardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balanced of skills where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Ashley Evans, PCC Chairman

Signature..........Date.....2/10/20.....

Accounts
for the Parochial Church Council of
St Mary's Church, Ticehurst
for the year ended
31st December 2019

2019
Cash Basis

St Mary's Ticehurst
UK Balance Sheet - Standard
As of 31 December 2019

	<u>31 Dec 17</u>	<u>31 Dec 18</u>	<u>31 Dec 19</u>	
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Investment Funds				
Dora Luckin Fund	86,119	89,638	120,240	A
Fabric Fund	2,218	2,185	4,206	B
Music Fund	1,822	1,831	1,844	C
Rule	3,114	3,064	3,619	D
	<u>93,273</u>	<u>96,717</u>	<u>129,909</u>	
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current Account	510	500	750	E
Business Reserve	52,540	59,347	47,693	F
Cash	0	511 **	0	
Petty Cash (Vicarage)	112	120	151	G
	<u>53,161</u>	<u>60,477</u>	<u>48,594</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>146,434</u>	<u>157,194</u>	<u>178,503</u>	
Represented by:-				
Reserves				
Opening Funds	135,403	146,434	157,194	
Add: Previously Undisclosed Investments	0	0	0	
Profit for the Year	11,031	10,760	21,309	
	<u>146,434</u>	<u>157,194</u>	<u>178,503</u>	
Closing funds	<u>146,434</u>	<u>157,194</u>	<u>178,503</u>	

** collection monies that didn't clear in account until Jan19

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Profit & Loss

January 2018 through December 2019

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec 18	Jan - Dec 19	Increase	Notes
Income				
Activities for Generating Funds	7,358	8,597	1,239	Includes Quiz, coffee mornings, Tongswood concert, Fete, tea party, Out of the Ordinary, raffle, garden party, Christmas Bazaar
Gift Aid	13,232	10,701	-2,531	2018 fig Jul-Dec 2017 & 17/18 small donations, 2019 fig Jan-Dec 2018 & 18/19 small donations
Giving	46,743	44,816	-1,928	
Tower Appeal	4,917	0	-4,917	2018 fig refund of remainder of VAT element of tower work
Income from Church Activities	190	120	-70	room and field rental
Interest on Bank Accts	51	101	50	
Other Income	24,361	20,306	-4,055	Includes £12,691 weddings/funerals, £4,782 specific collections (either restricted or for onward donation to charity), £1,785 Flimwell portion of costs
Total Income	96,852	84,641	-12,211	reduction includes of ESK tower and £2.5k Gift Aid, reclaimed early during Tower appeal
Expense				
Advertising and Promotion	30	0	-30	
Bookkeeping Services	1,633	2,044	412	
Books & Music				
Subscriptions	40	80	40	
Books & Music - Other	913	246	-668	
Total Books & Music	953	326	-628	
Charitable Grants & Donations	3,694	3,967	273	
Church Building				
Churchyard Maintenance	1,451	1,782	332	
Cleaning	700	0	-700	
Cleaning Materials	28	110	82	
Repairs and Maintenance	1,492	2,287	795	
Tower Repair	5,919	0	-5,919	
Utilities	2,941	4,112	1,171	
Total Church Building	12,531	8,291	-4,239	by Feb20 electricly acct in credit by £834
Clergy & Other People's Expenses				
Bellringing Services	640	560	-80	
Choir Charges	600	400	-200	
Gravedigging	0	175	175	
Occasional Clerical Duty	278	338	60	
Organist Expenses	1,540	1,870	330	
Parish Administrator	3,422	4,448	1,027	annual cost £4,106
Training	213	10	-203	
Vergering	0	75	75	
Total Clergy & Other People's Expenses	6,692	7,876	1,184	
Conferences & Meetings	0	24	24	hall hire for APCM
Cost of Raising Funds	1,500	160	-1,340	
Ecology	0	530	530	
Equipment				
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	175	130	-45	
Expensed Equipment	142	35	-106	
Fire Equipment & Service	76	81	5	
Organ Tuning & Maintenance	230	274	44	
Piano Tuning	30	0	-30	
Total Equipment	653	520	-133	
Events	0	259	259	Away Day

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January 2018 through December 2019

Future Acts				
Children's Worker	216	0	-216	
Total Future Acts	216	0	-216	
Gifts	200	122	-78	
Holiday Club costs	37	0	-37	
Insurance Expense	4,476	4,617	140	
Management & Administration				Card Machine Fees
Bank Service Charges	0	102	102	
Consumables	14	27	13	
DBS Checks etc	24	18	-6	
IT & Internet Expenses	80	0	-80	
Licences	424	269	-155	Invoiced for fees into Jan 2020
Postage and Delivery	0	6	6	
Printing	30	18	-13	
Repairs & Maintenance Office	0	90	90	
Stationery	1,084	1,592	509	
Stationery (Printed)	200	219	20	
Website Maintenance	0	232	232	
Total Management & Administration	1,856	2,573	717	
Membership Fees	150	152	2	
Other Fees to Diocese				
Misc payments to Diocese	120	0	-120	
Occasional Services	2,919	4,428	1,509	
Total Other Fees to Diocese	3,039	4,428	1,389	statutory fees for Weddings & Funerals 2018 figure pays 2017 income, 2018 income figure of £4428 pd out January 2019
Parish Contribution	44,000	45,320	1,320	
Regular Church Costs				
Candles	0	104		
Flowers	550	261	-280	
Total Regular Church Costs	550	365	-185	
Service Expenses General				
Children's Supplies	0	72	72	
Decorations (Christmas etc)	18	0	-18	
Service Expenses	142	226	84	
Total Service Expenses General	160	298	138	
Vicar's Expenses				
Vicar's Expenses	5,199	4,786	-413	
Total Expense	87,569	86,657	-912	
Net Ordinary Income	9,283	-2,016	-11,299	
Other Income/Expense				
Bank Compensation	0	100	100	
Increase in Investments	-1,556	21,360	22,915	of which £1,550 donation to Fabric Fund and £12,000 'borrowed' from Dora Luckin during Tower project
Dividend	3,032	1,865	-1,167	
Total Other Income	1,477	23,325	21,848	
Net Other Income	1,477	23,325	21,848	
Profit for the Year	10,760	21,309	10,549	

Report to Accompany Accounts for year ended 31 December 2019

The accounts have been prepared on a "Cash" rather than an "Accruals" basis, as required.

Fund Increases

Fabric Fund - It should be noted that although the fund balance increased by £2,021 across the year, £1,150 of this was from one restricted donation.

Dora Luckin Fund - It should be noted that although the fund increased by £30,602 across the year, £12,000 of this was the re-investment of funds previously withdrawn to facilitate cashflow during the Tower Project.

Building Repairs

It should be noted that despite the age of the Church building, and therefore the ongoing financial requirements for its upkeep, no significant repairs or improvements have been undertaken in 2019.

The Field

The value of the field has historically not been included as an asset on the accounts. As at 23.02.2009 the field was valued at £40,000.00.

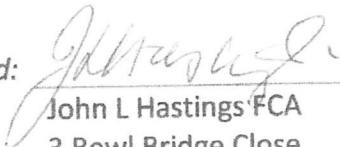
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed:



John L Hastings FCA
3 Bewl Bridge Close
Wadhurst
East Sussex

Dated:

2nd September 2010.