

# THE PARISH OF THE ITCHEN VALLEY

Incorporating the Parish Churches of  
St Mary's Avington, St Mary's Easton,  
St John's Itchen Abbas and St Swithun's Martyr Worthy



## ANNUAL REPORT 2019







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## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of the Itchen Valley is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Itchen Valley Parish Office St John's Church Itchen Abbas Winchester SO21 1BJ (01962)779845. The office is open from 9 am to 1pm on weekdays. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Itchen Valley is a Registered Charity No: 1133110.

The Churches of the Parish are St Mary's at Avington, St Mary's at Easton, St John the Baptist's at Itchen Abbas and St Swithun's at Martyr Worthy.

### Ministry team:

Rector	The Reverend Alex Pease
Licensed Lay Minister	Mr Gerry Stacey

### Churchwardens:

St Mary's Avington	vacant
St Mary's Easton	Vanessa Rosewell, Theo Mezger
St John's Itchen Abbas	Tony Gaster, Nick Owen
St Swithun's Martyr Worthy	Sara Mason, Robin Greenwood

### Deanery Synod Representatives (elected in 2017 for 3 years):

Martyr Worthy	Gerry Stacey
Easton	Theo Mezger
Itchen Abbas	Julia Wright
Avington	Tim Clapp

### Elected members of the PCC:

Helen Wayne (Avington), Sara Janssen (Easton) Sarah Hunt (Itchen Abbas) Verity Coleman (Martyr Worthy)

Hon Secretary: Verity Coleman  
Hon Treasurer: Richard Coleman

## 2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the Parish of the Itchen Valley is the governing body for the Parish. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the Parish Scheme. The PCC met six times during 2019. The PCC was supported by a Standing Committee and a Finance Committee.

The Constitution of the Parish of the Itchen Valley and the supporting Policy Guidance document can both be found on the parish website.

There are four District Church Councils (DCCs), one for each District centred on the churches of the Parish. All the DCCs met regularly during 2019.

All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC and DCCs.

## 3. AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the [Rector](#), to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical - in the Ecclesiastical Parish and the area of the Itchen Valley. It is the duty of the Rector and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish.

#### 4. OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The Parish Ministry Team and PCC all acknowledge the need to consider public benefit in planning activities and guidance on the advancement of religion.

#### 5. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE –

The Rector's report and the churchwardens' report set out some of the highlights of the parish's achievements and performance in 2019.

		Average Attendance			
		2019	2018	2017	2016
8.00 am		8	8	8	8
10.00 am	Parish Communion	41	44	36	38
	All Age Worship	55	54	63	62
	Valley Worship	56	43	72*	n/a
	<i>10.00 am average</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>39</i>
11.00 am	Matins	-	-	18	30
6.00 pm	Evensong	13	19	13	12
	Christmas Eve & Day	461	512	509	579
	Easter Day	136	169	220	178
		Number of services			
	Baptisms	12	10	1	8
	Weddings	6	4	5	3
	Funerals	12	15	7	12

\*only two Valley Worship in 2017

#### 6. ELECTORAL ROLL

There are 169 names on the 2020 Electoral Roll for the Parish, of whom 20 live outside the parish. This is an increase of 8 on 2019 when the new Electoral Roll was compiled.

#### 7. REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCHES

##### *St Mary's Avington*

Work is continuing in order to fulfil requirements from the Quinquennial inspection of 2018. Special bricks were made in Suffolk and are expected in Spring 2020. Arrangements will then be made for scaffolding in order to complete this part of the works. The downpipes have been repainted. Electrical works are still outstanding, awaiting quotations. Work on insulation and the hatch in the Bell Chamber has been completed. Thanks to a contribution from Boomtown obtained by the Village Fete Committee, and a grant from ChurchCare, a cabinet to house the Vinegar Bible was purchased and delivered in early January 2020. Work is ongoing to fulfil the terms of the ChurchCare grant, which will include restoration of the Bible and the purchase of suitable storage containers, hygrometers and wedges. A new shelving unit has been built in the Vestry.



### ***St Mary's, Easton***

The lighting for the path which runs from the lychgate to the south door was completed in the summer of 2019. At the end of the year the cracked steps leading from the lychgate were renewed. The quinquennial inspection is due to take place at the end of March and the architect will inspect the work carried out in 2018 on the chancel roof and parapet so that it can be signed off.

### ***St John's, Itchen Abbas***

No major works have been needed to the church itself. During the year, minor issues have been fixed. The church remains in good condition. Moss on the roof was cited for removal and a satisfactory solution has not yet been found. Further work has been completed on the carpark. A section of boundary wall collapsed and was rebuilt at a cost of £4500.

### ***St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy***

As in 2017 and 2018, there were no major repairs in 2019. However, the works arising out of its quinquennial inspection that took place in November 2017 started on 16 March and were completed on 30 July. These works involved repairs to the roof tiles, roof vents, bell chamber louvres, gutters and downpipes, boiler house chimney and some brick and stonework repairs. By the time we receive the last invoice, it is expected the cost will be about £42k including professional fees and all other additions and before VAT which we are hoping to be able reclaim. A faculty for one year was obtained on 27 June 2019, an extension of one year from 27 June 2020 was granted on 3 April and a bat licence was obtained on 18 February.

## **8. REPORT FROM THE RECTOR**

In my speech at the 2019 APCM, I asked a provocative question: 'Who wants there to be a church here in 20 years' time?' I observed that we face a serious challenge in the rural church in England with a massive decline in stipendiary clergy. I mentioned the reduction that we had faced in our own clergy numbers over the last few years and that we were now categorised as a post for a half time stipendiary minister (even though I as a Self-Supporting Minister (SSM) and do not draw a salary, only receiving a small housing allowance). I mentioned the corresponding reduction in services over the combined parish to two per Sunday.

I raised the concern of movements within the national church (and at a Diocesan level) towards consolidation of parishes with mergers based upon market towns. I described the difference between two models of ministry (based on the analogy from TV police shows of the 60s): On the one hand, Dixon of Dock Green who lives in the community and knows everyone. He can deal with local crime because he has a pretty good idea who will have committed it. He knows them. Or on the other hand, Z Cars: policemen who sit in a squad car waiting for something to happen and then drive in to sort things out - strangers in uniform. I said that it's a bit like that with ministry. Is the vicar the person that is known in the community and trusted? Or are they a stranger who comes in from time to time to conduct services, but otherwise are absent?

I made a guess as to the means by which we as a parish might avert that consequence: by being good at what is regulated; by paying our contribution to the Common Mission Fund in full and on time; by good public relations; and by the church growing and growing significantly. I made a presentation on what makes a church grow and I encouraged everyone to be involved in evangelism in a way appropriate for our community.

During February 2019 our PCC spent a whole day discussing these issues and we developed a parish Mission Action Plan to set our path for the next few years. We established four basic objectives to our ministry (consistent with the Diocesan Strategic Priorities): **Growing authentic disciples** – we sought to evolve from a church which was seeking not to decline, to a church

which is actively seeking to grow; **Reimagining the church** we wanted to increase our number of house groups, through running the Bible Course, through encouraging individuals to preach under the Rector's authorisation for occasional ministry, through encouraging people to attend the Bishops Commission for Mission, through more in depth teaching and testimony at Valley Worship and ecumenical services with St Peter's Catholic church; **Being agents of social transformation** we wanted to involve more of our parishioners in getting their hands dirty helping both inside and outside the Parish and in a variety of settings; and finally our aim was to be engaged in **Stewardship and Generous Giving** aiming to increase our level of giving to match our running expenses and to expand our outreach and mission.

In 2019 we achieved some of these objectives and took steps down the path of achieving others.

**Growing Authentic Disciples:** During Thy Kingdom Come 2019 (TKC 2019) we encouraged the whole parish to pray for five specific people who were not followers of Christ that they would start to engage with God and start to worship with us. To this end each parishioner was given a bookmark to write the names and as an aide memoire to pray each day. Also, as part of TKC2019 we conducted extensive prayer walks throughout the parish. At the conclusion of TKC2019 on Pentecost Sunday the Itchen Valley Parish Choir (led by Maj Gen Tim Tyler and involving both Anglicans and Catholics) sung Evensong at St Swithun's Martyr Worthy. It was an opportunity to invite friends and I gave a talk under the title 'Not drunk as you suppose' on why it is rational to believe in Christianity.



Our evangelism strategy continued during the year with the Rector dog walking throughout the parish and engaging with anyone and everyone praying to develop friendships which might (with the Holy Spirit's intervention) eventually lead to faith. There has been some progress in this with some churchgoers going much deeper in their faith and some starting on the path to discipleship from scratch.





In September, we ran the Alpha Course for a group of around six, some of whom had attended before but for whom this was to reinforce and develop their faith. During Lent we ran Sharing God's Life (the Rule of Life) course for our more experienced parishioners and this was well received.





We continued our outward facing events: The Way of the Cross pageant on Good Friday and Carols in the Barn just before Christmas, using these as ways of getting those we have met through occasional services (Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings) involved in what the church is doing. Our Little Rainbows Toddler Group led by Julia Wright and supported by Nora Haywood, and our Youth Group UTX led by Kelly and Mike Gibson both continued to go from strength to strength.



**Reimagining the Church:** Our monthly experimental service, Valley Worship, continued during 2019. This aims to challenge those with a deeper faith with more in-depth preaching and teaching than is appropriate at our Parish Communion services. In 2019 we spent every Valley Worship service teaching on the Sermon on the Mount culminating with a sermon from Bishop David. These services have given a number of people a chance to preach occasionally (under my licence) and I am grateful to them for stepping out in this way and it has undoubtedly developed them as disciples (our college of preachers grew to eight in 2019!). It also provides an opportunity for personal testimony about parishioners' individual journey with God. I had thought that when this service was introduced in October 2017 that we would rapidly run out of those willing to share their personal testimonies, but throughout the whole of 2019 we continued monthly with individuals willing to do so and I am most grateful to them. This sort of service appeals particularly to those younger adults who are engaged in our ministry but also to many of the older ones. The service is also experimental in that we are also using the Band to lead worship. Our Family Service also continued to experiment with new ways of engaging with the children and adults simultaneously. The Band also played at those services. David Parker, Tim Clapp and Chris Ellis led the way on this, with many others.

In addition, our wonderful Wednesday Night Worship team have continued during 2019 providing a fantastic monthly opportunity for charismatic worship and *ex tempore* prayer.





Our house groups continued to grow through 2019 with our 2018 Post Alpha Group being enormous fun and a renaissance of our Mums Group organised by Beccy Clark. The Empty Nesters led by Lucy Pease also had a powerful time during this year. The Monday Group of more senior worshippers also worked really well under John Bouldin's leadership. Thank you to all who have led and been involved.





As at the end of 2019 we had four additional BCMs as well as Lavinia Owen who was appointed in 2018: Tim Clapp, James Greig, Lucy Pease and Julia Wright. Their ministry continues to grow in confidence and in impact. It has been wonderful to see.

Our growing relationship with St Peter's Catholic church resulted in a Lenten Stations of the Cross as well as our annual Lent lunches and working together in various aspects of mission. We have many very committed Catholics in our Parish and it is wonderful to work with them.



**Agents of social transformation:** During 2019 a number of parishioners were involved in mission both within and outside the parish.

Our monthly CAMEO lunch for our senior residents is a perpetual joy and it has been fantastic that, after founding this lunch and running it to its 100<sup>th</sup> lunch, during the year Lavinia Owen stepped down from this important task. We are so grateful to her, it is a huge achievement. Also, we are so happy that Charlotte Appleby has taken over the mantle with a team of helpers.



We continued to be involved with Itchen Abbas Primary School, leading assemblies and services for them and their parents at Easter, Christmas and Harvest and, under Sonia Cragg's directorship, running Open the Book there. St John's Itchen Abbas continues to be the venue for many of their school events.





Our Valley Visitors led by Lavinia Owen continued to visit the most vulnerable in our community. We have been particularly keen to provide opportunities for training for them, and this year we had a seminar on Dying Well based around the excellent book by John Wyatt on this subject.

In addition to this, a number of our parishioners have been getting involved in mission in Winchester and further afield. We have people who were engaged during 2019 in the Winchester Night Shelter, Winchester Street Pastors and helping to run the Sycamore Tree course at Winchester Prison. During 2019 we looked at the possibility of doing something with Christians against Poverty. All of these are great opportunities for parishioners to engage more deeply with the Lord in situations of poverty and deprivation.

**Stewardship and Generous Giving:** We have continued during 2019 to pay our Common Mission Fund obligations in full and on time. Our finances were at the end of 2019 in good shape (please see Treasurer's report) which is a very considerable turnaround from five years ago. We have also been looking at ways in which we might as a parish give more widely. Our approach to giving outside the Diocese was to have particular occasions on which we give the whole of our collection from our main service on a Sunday to such charities as the Tear Fund, Winchester Churches Night Shelter, Winchester Food Bank, Christians against Poverty and (of course) for Remembrance Sunday to The Royal British Legion.



In addition, to all these achievements in 2019, we continued our active baptism (including a baptism in the River Itchen), wedding and funeral ministry, providing some of the most significant events of the year and supporting parish families at times of joy and grief. Our All Souls Service continues to draw many attenders and helps families through their sorrow.



In summary, 2019 has been a huge year for Itchen Valley Parish.

All this could not possibly have been achieved in a small parish with four church buildings led by a half time SSM minister (three days a week plus three Sundays a month), without an enormous amount of work from the Churchwardens and the many people to whom the Churchwardens refer in their report. I would like to make a particular point of thanking our Churchwardens for the huge amount of work that they do to keep the show on the road. This year sees Nick Owen and Vanessa Rosewell standing down as Churchwardens. I would like to thank Nick and Vanessa for the massive contribution that they have made. They have both been a great encouragement to me personally and I am not sure how we could have achieved everything that we have achieved in this year without them.

I would also like to thank the PCC, our Parish Ministry Team comprising Gerry Stacey our LLM, our BCMs Lavinia Owen, Lucy Pease, Tim Clapp, Julia Wright and James Greig, our college of preachers (the Parish Ministry Team and James Wright, Nicky Barber and John Barber) and our amazing parish administrator Beccy Clark, who continues to carry a huge administrative burden,



and without whose support we could not possibly operate. I would like to thank everyone who is involved from the bottom of my heart. Their contribution to the Kingdom of Heaven in this place is of cosmic significance.

This report was composed for a year before the effects of Covid 19 were felt on our mission in Itchen Valley Parish. Next year's report will address how we have met the extremely challenging circumstances created by the pandemic, but I am happy to summarise that the parish remains dynamic, worshipping God and engaged with the needs of our community with attendance strong at our online services and finances secure. We have every reason to feel confident about the future.

*Revd. Alex Pease, Rector, Itchen Valley Parish*

## **9. CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

We are happy to report that 2019 has again been a successful and busy year in the life of our parish. We warmly welcome all those who are new to the Parish including the many young families, and those from outside the Parish who have chosen to worship with us and become part of our community.



We would like to pay tribute to Alex our Rector, supported by Gerry Stacey, our Licensed Lay Minister, and our BCMs, who have also helped lead worship, for all that they have done and feel truly blessed to have them.



In addition, and most importantly, we would like to thank the many people who volunteered to

- serve on the Parochial Church Council and its committees and our District Church Councils and their secretaries
- act as vergers, sacristans and bankers of cash
- organise the finding of organists in the absence of a full time organist
- help at services whether as sidesmen, lesson readers, intercessors, chalice or eucharistic assistants, bell ringers, Band members, helping with young children, providing activity bags for children in each of our four churches and those who make and serve coffee, and all their co-ordinators
- become members of our choir and to Maj Gen Tim Tyler for leading it
- help with church cleaning, flower arranging and opening and locking up the churches, and again all their co-ordinators
- keep our churches and churchyards in good condition, and again all their co-ordinators
- organise Wednesday Night Worship and Home Groups
- organise, participate in and help with The Way of the Cross, Carols in the Barn and the Crib Service
- organise and help with CAMEO, Little Rainbows, the Ark and UTX
- organise and help with Alpha and the Parenting Course
- organize and act as Valley Visitors
- organise and help with fund raising and other events
- organise and help with the Harvest Lunch,
- guide us on important administrative items such as health & safety, safeguarding, data protection and food hygiene

It has always been and remains one big team effort and we are truly appreciative of all that you have done. We thank you.



We have been able to keep up the momentum and build on the successes of the last five years and continue to pursue new initiatives. This has of course had its challenges given that:

- the post of Rector is now a half-time post and we no longer have a curate. This has meant that we have had to continue adjusting to being a half-time post parish including recognising that Alex only works Sundays and three weekdays a week and has one Sunday off a month, with the other Sunday being covered by Gerry and outside clergy provided by the Diocesan Registry. It has also meant moving to having two rather than three services each Sunday. Alex has appointed a number of BCMs to help with leading worship.
- we continue to be faced by the increasing administrative and regulatory burden of running a small rural parish and the need to free up our ministry team for pastoral work. As a result we employ Beccy Clark as a paid administrator working five mornings a week and Beccy has taken over many tasks and is now the first point of contact in the parish, including for baptisms, marriages and funerals. However, with Madeleine Quest-Ritson and now Janet Denyer as a paid bookkeeper as well, it also comes with a cost implication.
- we are required to work closely with the clergy and laity in the Deanery to ensure that we have a creative strategy and a plan for the future that is good for both us and the Deanery as the Diocese faces the challenge of maintaining and growing the church with a declining number of clergy and limited cash resources.

We were pleased therefore to have been able to sustain a minimum of two church services each Sunday. The services are spread across our four churches in a regular pattern of worship which our congregation appreciated. As set out in the parish profiles agreed at the time of both Alex and the last three Rectors' appointments and in recognition that the Church of England is a broad church, with a balance of traditional and more family-orientated services, we aimed to offer worship across a broad spectrum and so both maintain a wide appeal and attract younger people that is so important if we are to be a vibrant and growing rural parish. We appreciate that the more modern form of services does not appeal to some of our older congregation members. However, it attracts younger families who are already playing an active role in church life. We propose to keep the format and content of these more modern form of services under regular review.

We are blessed with beautiful and well-maintained churches and are pleased that, until the impact of Covid19, we have been able to keep them open daily and to use them for regular and festive worship and other events. It is gratifying to see from the visitors' books how many people visit and appreciate our churches. This is in large part due to the four District Church Councils, who have delegated responsibility for the upkeep and general maintenance of the churches and churchyards, together with the large number of people who provide additional support.

We assisted the Rector and his ministry team with implementing our Parish Mission Action Plan, which we were required to revise during the year as part of Bishop Tim's Strategic Priorities for Mission. This has led to various initiatives including a renewed focus on attracting more families and younger parishioners to our churches. These initiatives have been more fully detailed in the Rector's Report.

Supported by the paid Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper, we have been, and will continue to be, entirely dependent upon our wonderful volunteers doing the various jobs. We are truly appreciative and grateful. We would also like to thank Alex Pease who ensures that the parish website is kept up to date. The website continues to become an increasingly important way of communicating our message to the wider public, showcasing our events and activities as well as hosting the Itchen Valley diary. We encourage you to use it.

The work of the Parish is reflected in the wide range of activities which take place. Notable events included the annual Way of the Cross Service, our Patronal Services and Carols in the Barn. The many regular Parish activities are mentioned in the Rector's report.

With a focus on mission and outreach, and mindful of the importance of public benefit in the work of a charity, many of the activities of the parish continued to be directed towards the wider community and beyond:

- we supported a number of charities, including Winchester Night Shelter, Winchester Basics Bank, The Children's Society and Royal British Legion, both through monetary donations from special collections, through donations in kind and by active involvement.
- our pastoral visitors programme, which was relaunched in 2018, supports those in need, whether members of our congregation or not.
- we continued to foster our links with local schools and nurseries.



2019 was a less active year for fund raising with nine events: Avington Car Boot Sale, Easton Barn Dance, Easton Bridge and Tea Party, Easton Fete, Easton Safari Supper, Itchen Abbas Harvest Festival Lunch and the three Martyr Worthy Lectures. These events not only make a significant contribution to our financial position (as detailed in the Financial Report) but also provide a social dimension to our life as a parish and demonstrate that the congregation is active in the local community. Some are put on jointly with other organisations and may raise money for several charities as well as church funds. We are once again grateful for the energy and enthusiasm of fundraising teams which makes this possible, and we are always looking out for new ideas and helpers.

In summary the churchwardens thank all those who contribute in many different ways to the work and smooth running of the parish.





## 10. REPORTS

### Deanery Synod

This parish has four elected lay members to the Deanery Synod, plus our Rector, who for the last year have been Theo Mezger, Tim Clapp, Gerry Stacey and more recently Julia Wright. As usual Synod have met three times this year in February, June and October. At all three meetings, as well as lesser routine matters, the same two topics have been debated and progressed and for this report I shall summarise the current situation with these matters.

**Lango:** Synod has been questioning whether it remains appropriate that the longstanding relationship with Lango should continue. Although our communication with the Diocese of Lango is now good, the projects we have been funding are coming to a conclusion, our Lango Committee stalwarts are retiring and the Diocese of Winchester are suggesting that they wish to organise our international relations on a different basis. It is possible that our Lango relationship will cease over the next few years.

**Focal Ministry:** With the scarcity of new clergy, Synod has been debating the pros and cons of Focal Ministry and how such concept might be applied in our Deanery, particularly the responsibilities and reporting line of such a lay 'minister'. It has been concluded that, as a pilot, a Focal Minister will be appointed for the parish of Bighton, which is part of the Arle (Alresford) Valley Benefice, with wide responsibilities, reporting directly to the Priest in Charge. For the time being Focal Ministry is not appropriate for the Parish of the Itchen Valley, as we are a multi church parish, not a multi parish benefice, because we are geographically and socially close and because, other than our Rector, we also have a Lay Minister and currently five BCMs - but this is a situation that may not last for ever.

*Theo Mezger*

**CAMEO (Come and meet each other)** takes place once a month on the third Tuesday in St. John's, Itchen Abbas. It achieved its hundredth lunch in August 2019 which we celebrated with a French-themed party. Lavinia Owen, who started CAMEO and ran it brilliantly until the end of 2019 has now stepped down as planned, but the team are continuing seamlessly. They continue to prepare and serve delicious meals and join in conversation and camaraderie. Our thanks to everyone involved, to Alex for taking our services so beautifully, and to Vernon for making our lives so easy by organising all the tables and chairs. We continue to welcome new guests – if anyone knows of neighbours who would enjoy coming to CAMEO please spread the word.

*Charlotte Appleby*



### **Valley Visitors**

Valley Visitors are a team of seventeen, spread across a range of ages. Our intention is to visit and give pastoral care, comfort and prayers to those in the Parish who need it. We are currently visiting about nineteen people regularly, including several former Valley residents who now live outside the Valley. We also visit some others when required. Confidentiality and data protection are of prime importance. Referrals come from the Rector and by word of mouth, and we hope to continue with further training later in the year. Everyone has been DBS checked, and I have completed Safeguarding Courses C1, 2 and 3 and the Bishop's Commission for Mission.

*Lavinia Owen*

### **UTX (Under the Cross)**

As part of our ministry to our young people, during the year we held a UTX social evening once a month. In July we held our annual BBQ for our end of term summer activity, inviting those in year 6 from Itchen Abbas Primary School to introduce them to UTX. Other evening activities have included our annual movie night, a Star Gazing Live in the Valley evening, a board games evening, Christmas chocolate craft, a quiz, and Mothering Sunday gift making. Our average number of attendees between April 2019 and March 2020 is 8 young people, which is slightly more than last year. Our highest attendances were at our special events – 20 young people attended our end of year BBQ and 18 attended our Star Gazing Live evening. We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us with UTX this year.

*Kelly Gibson, UTX Leader*





### **The Ark**

The Ark continued to meet every Sunday. We have been studying a range of subjects, this term being the psalms. The children have made some fantastic craft creations and we have sung a number of songs as well. At Christmas we had a party attended by many of the children in the Valley and everyone had a great time. The children brought presents for less fortunate families that were distributed by the Salvation Army. Many thanks to all the helpers, and to Sara and Frits Janssen for letting us use their house in Easton.

*Tim Clapp*





## Little Rainbows

Little Rainbows continued to meet every Monday during 2019 at St. John's Itchen Abbas. There was a significant influx of new families who joined in September last year. We now have anywhere between seven and fifteen mums/dads/grannies/nannies, each of whom bring one or two children. The families come from within the Valley and surrounding villages. The mornings begin with playtime and a craft for the children, then a snack followed by singing and dancing, and finishing with a Bible story and prayer.

The mornings are run by Alex Pease, Nora Haywood, and me. Nora has recently taken over Sally Parker's role running the craft. Sally had filled this role (craft genius) for the last seven years and we are hugely grateful for her invaluable contribution - and we are equally grateful to Nora stepping into the role with her talent and creativity.

This term we have revived the weekly rota of older members from the community serving coffee and cake to the adults. This is a huge bonus for us and we love getting to know them better. The mornings continue to serve as a valuable source of friendship and support for all those who attend, particularly as the baby and toddler years can be a lonely and tiring time for mums. I hope that LR can continue to be a blessing to mums/dads/carers and toddlers living in the valley and nearby. And I really hope it will help to build faith and spark interest in Jesus amongst both the parents and their children.

*Julia Wright*



### **Wednesday Night Worship**

These evenings continue to run on the first Wednesday of each month, meeting at St. John's Itchen Abbas, from 8-9.30/10pm. Our aim continues to be to provide a space to meet with each other and meet with God, through informal worship and prayer. We hope to encourage everyone in their walk with Jesus and build their faith.

The evenings tend to see between 15-25 people, mainly in their 30s-40s, with a good representation of the 50s-60s too. There is a growing sense of fellowship amongst the group, and the evenings are a valuable time of support and encouragement for each other. This term, during the teaching slot, we're looking at a series of talks given by John Mark Comer, which we watch on the big screen and discuss in groups afterwards.

The evenings are open to anyone who is thirsty for meeting with God through this style of worship, teaching and prayer.

*Julia Wright*

### **The Marriage Course**

This term (in 2020 following on from the success of the Parenting Course in 2019) James and I have been running The Marriage Course at St. John's, Itchen Abbas. The Marriage Course is a seven week course put together by Nicky and Sila Lee from HTB in London. We've had 11 couples on the course (including us) from within the Valley and the surrounding area, ranging in age from 20s to 50s.

The church is transformed into a restaurant for the evening, with small tables for two, laid up with tablecloths, flowers, candles etc. Lamps and background music set an informal, welcoming and hopefully romantic atmosphere. As couples arrive, they are given a drink and sit down with their spouse. After a brief welcome, the food is served and we begin watching the DVD on the big screen. There are breaks during the DVD for discussions between each couple, and we try to play the background music loud enough to ensure enough privacy. The two-course meal is served and cleared away, with amazing discretion, by two helpers. The feedback has been very positive, with couples saying they are recommending it to their friends and family.

The evenings have only been made possible by an incredible workforce of volunteers. The meals have been delicious (as good if not better than any restaurant), so huge thanks to all the cooks: Clare Davis, Jude Mezger, Beccy Clark and Verity Coleman. The team of helpers have been equally crucial to making the evenings run so well – in helping set up the church, serve and clear the food, and wash up afterwards. A huge thank you to this team: Alex and Lucy Pease, James and Nathalie Paterson, John and Joanna Lang, Robin and Gilly Greenwood, Nick and Lavinia Owen and Amanda Seymour. And of course, huge thanks to Beccy Clark for managing all the administration with her wonderful grace and competence, and to Vernon Tottle for setting out and clearing away the tables and chairs each week.

We think the course has been a success and we hope it has had a significant, positive impact on all the marriages represented there.

*Julia Wright*

### **Health and Safety**

I am pleased to report that the approach of recent years has operated effectively by all churches. Training refreshers have been carried out where required. We have no formal incidents or accidents to report. The H&S team have been involved with monitoring and corrective actions for several roof, graveyard and other fabric issues and remain diligent on issues such as electrical appliance and fire extinguisher testing. The kitchen facilities at St Johns Itchen Abbas have been



inspected by the Local Authority and awarded the top grading for hygiene. All policy documents have been brought up to date. I continue to be pleased by two things which demonstrate not only management responsibility and closed loop actions, but perhaps more important the culture we have established in a realistic and co-operative approach to this important topic. First is cross auditing. This is where Churchwardens or PCC members from one church audited a different one. This is great as it is a fresh pair of eyes, and shares ideas and culture. Second is a significant improvement in special risk assessments and proactivity around big and special events such as the Candlelight Service, Carols in the Barn and the river baptism. Many thanks to all for that. I would like to register my appreciation to all those involved: Churchwardens, PCC members and Beccy, with a special mention to David, Jacqui, Vernon and Simon for their diligence, help, time and the fantastic style in which they keep everyone safe and comfortable in our churches.

*David Parker*

### **Safeguarding**

Those who take on an additional role within the parish, such as BCM (Bishop's Commission Mission) are required to have another DBS certificate, which adds to diocesan paperwork and time. One member of the Itchen Valley Parish has filled in three separate application forms in the last two years. The obligatory paper form can be registered online for continuous annual update over five years, once the certificate has been received, after which there are three long numbers to note down. Everyone has been most co-operative over attending the relevant courses, C1, C2, C3 and in alerting me to the arrival of their certificates. On the recommendation of the Safeguarding team at Old Alresford Place I now have a safeguarding email address: [safeguarding@itchenvallychurches.org](mailto:safeguarding@itchenvallychurches.org)

*Sarah Hunt*





## Section 2

### Itchen Valley PCC End of Year Financial Statements Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached financial report shows the financial performance of the Parish of the Itchen Valley for 2019. In summary, the financial position of the Parish remained strong in 2019 but faces some challenges in the future.

Total Funds at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 were £262,076 (2018 - £275,921). The unrestricted deficit in 2019 was £4,680 (2018 surplus - £26,356). The unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2019 stand at £130,314 (2018 - £134,994) which remains in excess of the target of nine months' expenditure.

Regular giving (unrestricted planned giving and tax reclaim), which is the bedrock of our finances, was £86,576 (2018 - £86,410). This has remained at the current level for the past 4 years but is short of our aim for regular giving to cover the day-to-day running costs of the parish, which are currently £130,000 pa. We need to seek to persuade those who are members of our regular worshipping community and those on our electoral roll that they all contribute regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme. Our fund-raising activities are wonderful and a major feature of our annual calendar, but they are a very demanding way, in terms of volunteer time and effort, of paying our regular bills.

2019 fundraising was quieter with 9 separate events raising a net total for the parish of £11,491 (2018 - £25,073). We are grateful for the tremendous enthusiasm and hard work that goes into fund-raising and it remains a core part of our finances.

As part of the arrangement for the Parish having a half-stipendiary Rector, the Diocese provides a mission transition grant underwriting the cost of the Parish Administrator to the extent of £10,000 in 2019 as part of a three-year grant ending in 2021.

The Parish has invested £50,269 of its funds in equity-based investments which thanks to the strength of stock markets around the world generated income of £1,906 and gains on investment assets of £7,684. A full review of the Parish's investments is planned in 2020.

The contribution to the Common Mission Fund this year was £70,744 (2018 £66,504). The increase is caused by effect of inflation on Diocese costs and a small increase in the IV worshipping community combined with an overall decrease in the worshipping community elsewhere in the Diocese. This increase in costs for a successful parish is not equitable and our views have been communicated to the Diocese.

The main expenditure on Repairs, Maintenance and New Building during 2019 was the installation of new surfacing to the car park at St John's, Itchen Abbas cost £14,400 – this expenditure was largely underwritten by a generous donation. The installation of lighting to St Mary's Easton cost £8,200.

Since the end of this financial year, the Parish has faced the challenge of dealing with the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. Whilst activities in the churches ceased for several months, with the resulting loss of income, the financial strength of the Parish has meant that it has remained solvent and met all its financial commitments.



Over the next couple of years, the Parish will have to spend in excess of £50,000 on work resulting from quinquennial inspections at Martyr Worthy, Avington and Easton. This will be funded from the respective fabric funds and the Were Fund.

St Mary's Avington is the custodian of a 16<sup>th</sup> century "Vinegar" Bible and two prayer books. These need to be repaired and stored appropriately and the Parish has been offered a grant of £6,000 from Church Care and received a grant from Boomtown via the Parish Council for £800. A museum quality cabinet has been acquired and the books are safely stored.

During 2019, the complex financial structure of the Parish has been simplified with the number of funds reducing from 13 to 6. This has been achieved by consolidating the smaller restricted and endowment funds into the restricted fabric funds of each church. There is now a general fund for the Parish as a whole, the Were Fabric Fund and fabric funds for each church. These changes were reviewed by the DCCs and the Diocese and approved by the PCC.

Madeline Quest-Ritson stood down as bookkeeper and Gift Aid secretary during the year and has been replaced by Janet Denyer. Madeline held the position for 4 years and we thank her for her tremendous efforts. Janet is a very experienced bookkeeper and she has started very well, doing most of the legwork in preparing these Accounts. We thank her too. Scot Johnston remains as Independent Examiner and we owe him enormous thanks. Thanks also to Andrew Impey, Robin Greenwood and Henry Labram who together with the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper form the finance committee.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

As required by Charities legislation, the PCC reviews regularly the financial risks associated with the operations of the Church. The main financial risk to income would be a change in the giving profile of parishioners and the main financial risk to costs would be a requirement for significant expenditure on the buildings.

The PCC's policy is to maintain liquid funds (not designated for other purposes) to cover 9 months expenditure of unrestricted funds.

**Approved by the Itchen Valley PCC on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and signed on their behalf by Rev Alexander Pease.**

Rev Alexander Pease

Signed: *Alex Pease*

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to Itchen Valley Parochial Church Council**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 5 to 11 inclusive, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act (the "Act").

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and S.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43(7)(b) of the Act and is to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of disclosure in the financial statements and seeking explanations from your trustees concerning such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Scot Johnston

Signed:

*Scot Johnston*

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the 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 accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established. Following extensive consultation, the endowment funds have been transferred into the fabric funds for the respective churches.

*Restricted funds* represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. During 2019 a number of small restricted funds were transferred into the respective fabric funds for each church.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes in accordance with its constitution.

*Designated funds* are unrestricted funds set aside for expenditure on a specific purpose agreed by the PCC. The designation has no legal status and may be changed.

### **Incoming resources**

All income is generally recognised when it is received.

### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross. In certain cases, where significant liabilities have been incurred but not paid for, these are accounted for on an accruals basis.

### **Fixed assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.92(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December comprise short-term investments shown under current assets.

Investments sold are revalued immediately prior to disposal



## Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>						
Planned donations	1	69,219	—	2,680	—	71,899	71,176
Collections and other donations	2	10,534	—	5,735	—	16,269	16,091
Other voluntary receipts	3	11,503	—	4,195	—	15,698	58,596
Gift Aid recovered	4	17,357	—	1,885	—	19,242	18,379
Other receipts	5	242	—	—	—	242	614
Activities for generating funds	6	8,622	—	3,785	—	12,407	26,208
Investment Income	7	217	930	538	221	1,906	1,725
Receipts from church activities	8	7,953	—	—	—	7,953	7,729
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>125,647</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>18,818</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>145,616</b>	<b>200,518</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Cost of generating funds	9	776	—	—	—	776	255
Missionary and charitable giving	10	—	—	—	—	—	880
Common Mission Fund	11	70,744	—	—	—	70,744	66,504
Clergy and staffing costs	12	21,832	—	—	—	21,832	18,328
Church running expenses	13	36,975	—	634	221	37,830	28,989
Church repairs & maintenance	14	—	4,500	13,470	—	17,970	15,565
New building work	15	—	—	17,993	—	17,993	4,930
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>130,327</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>32,097</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>167,145</b>	<b>135,451</b>
<b>Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer</b>		<b>(4,680)</b>	<b>(3,570)</b>	<b>(13,279)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(21,529)</b>	<b>65,068</b>
<b>Transfers</b>							
Gross transfers between funds - in		31,554	8,276	40,117	221	80,167	—
Gross transfers between funds - out		(31,554)	(10,350)	(30,470)	(7,794)	(80,167)	—
<b>Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses</b>		<b>(4,680)</b>	<b>(5,643)</b>	<b>(3,632)</b>	<b>(7,574)</b>	<b>(21,529)</b>	<b>65,068</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>							
Gains / losses on investment assets		—	4,970	1,535	1,179	7,684	(1,926)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(4,680)</b>	<b>(674)</b>	<b>(2,097)</b>	<b>(6,395)</b>	<b>(13,845)</b>	<b>63,141</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>134,995</b>	<b>27,726</b>	<b>106,805</b>	<b>6,395</b>	<b>275,921</b>	<b>212,779</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>130,314</b>	<b>27,053</b>	<b>104,709</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>
<b>Represented by</b>							
<b>Unrestricted</b>							
General fund		130,314	—	—	—	130,314	134,994
<b>Designated</b>							
Itchen Abbas fabric		—	27,053	—	—	27,053	27,726
<b>Restricted</b>							
Avington Bells		—	—	—	—	—	438
Avington Fabric		—	—	13,057	—	13,057	8,977
Easton Bells		—	—	—	—	—	469
Easton Development		—	—	—	—	—	6,256
Easton Fabric		—	—	19,327	—	19,327	10,675
Easton Friends of St Marys		—	—	—	—	—	623
Itchen Abbas Fabric		—	—	—	—	—	5,352
Martyr Worthy Fabric		—	—	30,258	—	30,258	31,948
Were Fabric Fund		—	—	42,067	—	42,067	42,067
<b>Endowment</b>							
Easton Ransome Trust		—	—	—	—	—	3,504
MW Graveyard Trust		—	—	—	—	—	2,890
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>130,314</b>	<b>27,053</b>	<b>104,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>

## Balance Sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	7,267	4,415
Investments	130,891	123,119
Cash at bank and in hand	132,558	151,469
	<b>270,716</b>	<b>279,004</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8,640	3,083
	<b>8,640</b>	<b>3,083</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
General fund	130,314	134,994
<b>Designated</b>		
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Were Fabric Fund	42,067	42,067
<b>Endowment</b>		
Easton Ransome Trust	—	3,504
MW Graveyard Trust	—	2,890
<b>Funds of the church</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>						
CAF current account	16,069	—	2,361	—	18,430	16,429
CAF Gold bank account	831	—	74,504	—	75,335	101,524
Nat West current account	38,793	—	—	—	38,793	33,516
Scottish Widows 90 day account	70,318	—	10,303	—	80,621	80,533
CCLA - Easton	—	—	4,150	—	4,150	3,504
CCLA - Martyr Worthy	—	—	3,423	—	3,423	2,890
CCLA - Itchen Abbas	4,871	27,053	—	—	31,924	26,954
M&G Charifund	344	—	10,429	—	10,773	9,238
Debtors	1,912	—	5,356	—	7,268	4,415
<b>Totals</b>	<b>133,138</b>	<b>27,053</b>	<b>110,526</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>270,717</b>	<b>279,004</b>
<b>Liabilities - Liabilities</b>						
Agency collections	—	—	2,532	—	2,532	303
Creditors	2,824	—	3,285	—	6,109	—
Prepaid income	—	—	—	—	—	2,780
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,817</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>3,083</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>130,315</b>	<b>27,053</b>	<b>104,709</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>275,921</b>



## Notes to the Accounts: Analysis of Income and Expenditure

### 1 Planned donations

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Gift Aid eligible donations	59,596	—	155	—	59,751	56,583
Non-gift aid donations	473	—	2,525	—	2,998	2,174
Gift aid inclusive donations	9,150	—	—	—	9,150	12,419
Total	69,219	—	2,680	—	71,899	71,176

### 2 Collections and other donations

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Loose plate collections	83	—	—	—	83	453
GASDS Avington	762	—	—	—	762	819
GASDS Martyr Worthy	3,356	—	—	—	3,356	3,298
GASDS Itchen Abbas	2,325	—	—	—	2,325	2,360
GASDS Easton	3,680	—	—	—	3,680	7,112
One-off Gift Aid gifts	328	—	5,735	—	6,063	2,050
Total	10,534	—	5,735	—	16,269	16,091

### 3 Other voluntary receipts

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Church wall boxes	653	—	—	—	653	678
Easton bellringers	—	—	27	—	27	—
Donations for specific purposes	—	—	—	—	—	7,750
Legacies	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	42,067
Recurring grants	10,000	—	—	—	10,000	7,500
Other donations and one-off grants	850	—	3,168	—	4,018	600
Total	11,503	—	4,195	—	15,698	58,596

### 4 Gift Aid recovered

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Gift Aid tax reclaim	17,357	—	1,885	—	19,242	18,379
Total	17,357	—	1,885	—	19,242	18,379

### 5 Other receipts

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Other funds generated	242	—	—	—	242	289
Courses	—	—	—	—	—	326
Total	242	—	—	—	242	614

## 6 Activities for generating funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Fund raising events	8,482	—	3,785	—	12,267	26,208
Christmas card sales	140	—	—	—	140	—
Total	8,622	—	3,785	—	12,407	26,208

## 7 Investment income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Bank interest	217	—	—	—	217	90
Investment income	—	930	538	221	1,689	1,635
Total	217	930	538	221	1,906	1,725

## 8 Receipts from church activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Wedding & funeral fees	7,953	—	—	—	7,953	7,729
Total	7,953	—	—	—	7,953	7,729

## 9 Cost of generating funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Costs of fund raising events	776	—	—	—	776	255
Total	776	—	—	—	776	255

## 10 Missionary and charitable giving

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Mission giving	—	—	—	—	—	880
Total	—	—	—	—	—	880

## 11 Common Mission Fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Common Mission Fund	70,744	—	—	—	70,744	66,504
Total	70,744	—	—	—	70,744	66,504

## 12 Clergy and staffing costs

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Assistant ministry expenses	1,424	—	—	—	1,424	1,564
Parish administrator & bookkeeper	20,408	—	—	—	20,408	16,647
Rector's expenses	—	—	—	—	—	117
Total	21,832	—	—	—	21,832	18,328

## 13 Church running expenses

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Bank charges	60	—	—	—	60	104
Deanery Synod	100	—	—	—	100	100
Wedding and funeral expenses	1,970	—	—	—	1,970	1,313
Stationery, printing, computing	4,404	—	—	—	4,404	3,265
Sacristy	407	—	—	—	407	364
Training courses	672	—	—	—	672	454
Children's activities	993	—	—	—	993	825
Parish entertainment and hospitality	833	—	—	—	833	683
Insurance	6,150	—	—	—	6,150	5,952
Organ tuning	369	—	—	—	369	789
Church maintenance	1,074	—	634	—	1,708	2,635
Service: fire, heating, safety	2,100	—	—	—	2,100	1,416
Worship and music	2,803	—	—	—	2,803	2,460
Upkeep of churchyard	4,115	—	—	221	4,336	3,007
Church running - electric	2,330	—	—	—	2,330	1,704
Church running - gas	7,040	—	—	—	7,040	3,510
Church running - water	583	—	—	—	583	409
Church running - annual maintenance	972	—	—	—	972	—
Total	36,975	—	634	221	37,830	28,989

## 14 Church repairs & maintenance

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Quinquennial inspection	—	—	5,270	—	5,270	5,410
Church & graveyard major repairs	—	4,500	8,200	—	12,700	10,155
Total	—	4,500	13,470	—	17,970	15,565

## 15 New building work

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Avington Bible cabinet	—	—	2,993	—	2,993	—
Itchen Abbas car park	—	—	14,400	—	14,400	—
Easton extension	—	—	600	—	600	4,930
Total	—	—	17,993	—	17,993	4,930



## 16. Additional notes

### Details of fund-raising activities

Event	Net sum raised for the parish £
Avington car boot sale	2,000
Easton barn dance	666
Easton bridge and tea party	1,385
Easton fete	1,600
Easton safari supper	400
Itchen Abbas harvest festival lunch	409
Martyr Worthy lectures	5,002
Other (Ride and Stride 2019, Way of the Cross) *	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,491</b>
<b>Total including amounts donated to other charities</b>	<b>11,521</b>

\* Ride and Stride 50% donated to Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust

In many cases, fund raising expenses are not reported to IVPCC and only net funds have been received. Although this is relatively common practice, it is not strictly in compliance with generally accepted accounting practice.

### Collections for other charities

During 2019 there were the following collections for other charities (not including special collections at weddings and funerals). As these collections are for third parties, they are not counted as part of the funds of the Parish.

Martyr Worthy Service Collection on 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 split between:	
Winchester Churches NightShelter	102
Winchester Basics Bank	103
Remembrance Sunday Collection for Royal British Legion	495
Christingle Service Collection for The Children's Society	106
Christmas 2019 services collections split between:	
Winchester Churches NightShelter	808
Winchester Basics Bank	808
<b>Total collections for other charities</b>	<b>2,422</b>



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