

St Mary Magdalene with St Leonard, Bridgnorth

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Aims and Purposes – The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility for co-operating with the Team Rector, the Reverend Prebendary Simon Cawdell, in promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish. It is responsible for the maintenance of the parish church of St Mary Magdalene, and acts as managing trustees for St Leonard's Hall Church in Racecourse Drive and St James' Hall Church in Lodge Lane.

Objectives and Activities – The PCC is committed to enabling and encouraging as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, sacrament and music. To facilitate this work it is important that the PCC maintains the fabric of the church and two hall churches. As at the end of 2019 there were **130** parishioners registered on the Electoral Roll following the renewal in March of this year. This is a significant decrease, but was to be expected taking into account the number of deaths and people moving away since the previous revision. There is an average weekly attendance of **146** at regular services, including St. Leonard's Hall Church and St. James Youth Church (during 2018, average weekly attendance was **131** at regular services).

Achievements and Performance – The PCC is keen to offer a range of services and activities during each week and over the course of the year for the benefit and spiritual fulfillment of the community. There are weekly services of Holy Communion at 8:00 am (spoken) and 10:30 am (choral) and Evensong each Sunday. There is also Morning Prayer Mondays to Thursdays at 8:30 am and Saturdays at 9am and Holy Communion at 10:30 am each Wednesday. During 2019 there were **11** baptisms (2018: **22**), **3** weddings (2018: **7**), and **30** funerals (2018: **21**). No confirmation service was held in 2019.

It was a pleasure to officiate at the wedding of Miss Emma Lambert the Children, Families and Education Co-ordinator, now Mrs. Emma Bristow in April. The church hosts a pre-school group for toddlers and parents/carers "**Little Stars**" every Thursday morning during term time, run by Emma, together with Kate King, Intergenerational Missioner, with the enthusiastic practical support of several regular volunteers. Little Stars continues to steadily grow in its weekly attendance. There is also a **Youth Club** in St James Hall Church during term time on Thursday evenings.

There is an active **church choir** led by the Director of Music, Dr John Turnock. As well as supporting choral church services, the choir and its chamber choir have also hosted several choral events, such as in Holy Week and at Christmas. Dr Turnock has also organised several musical concerts with both amateur and professional performers in church this year which have been attended and enjoyed by the wider community. St. Mary's became the principal venue for the English Haydn Festival in June 2019 and the event was hailed as a significant success, with St. Mary's lauded as an ideal venue. It is anticipated this move will now be permanent, bringing in a significant hire fee. The church also has an enthusiastic team of **bell-ringers** who perform every Sunday before the 10:30 am service.

The church participated in the Team Ministry's Lent Collection which led to a total of **£1137** being collected and donated to the Starfish Clinic (through the Cherish Fund, Uganda), which is a healthcare and community project in Uganda.

There were Spring and Autumn Fairs held in church organised and run by a number of members of the parish which had several stalls selling produce, gifts, books and bric-a-brac to raise funds for the church. Volunteers also sell hot drinks and cakes at the rear of the church each Saturday, a facility much appreciated by visitors and tourists. We received a visit in May from St. Helen's Burton Joyce in Nottinghamshire for whom we provided tea in the Rectory garden and a talk about the history of the church. We are grateful for their generous financial contribution for this.

In Advent the theme was 'Lost Sheep' recalling the shepherds who visited the manger, and knitted sheep were named and distributed around retail venues in the town. This was warmly welcomed by traders who brought the sheep back to church in time for the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

2019 saw the arrival of a new curate, Rev Tom King in December and we ended the year looking forward to his priesting in January 2020. He is now an able member of the team alongside Rev Clive Munday as senior curate, together with the Team Vicar, the Rev Sarah Cawdell, who principally ministers within some of the rural parishes of the Team Benefice. Our Associate Vicar, the Rev Marjorie Brooks also leads at some of the services at 8.00 am at St Mary Magdalene. Services and ministry have also been actively supported by our Reader, Mrs Jane Peeler. Mrs Kate King continues her work as our Intergenerational Missioner for Bridgnorth working alongside our Children Families and Education Co-ordinator Mrs. Emma Bristow. As well as many responsibilities developing mission work in Bridgnorth, Kate also has Diocesan responsibilities.

During the year the PCC authorized a group to enable St. Mary's church to become an 'Eco-Church' under a national scheme supported by the diocese. At the year end the activities and checks which had taken place meant that St. Mary's were well on the way to achieving a Bronze award under the scheme. This was in fact achieved early in 2020. We are very grateful to those involved, ably led by Miss Sheila Royle in raising our awareness of environmental issues and the actions we can take to be more responsible in the way we manage our buildings and activities.

At its November PCC meeting we received a presentation from the charity Transforming Lives for Good who seek to encourage the interaction in schools of church members and young people who are disadvantaged. The PCC has endorsed our participation in this and Mrs Kate King and Mrs Emma Bristow will be undertaking training in order to lead and promote this among suitable volunteers.

Throughout the year (except in August and Winter) the Rectory Garden opens once a month for anyone in the wider community to freely participate in a "Quiet Garden", with refreshments and creative prayer workshops.

Fabric – Following a year of considerable activity in 2018 maintenance of the fabric during the year has been of a more routine nature. Electrical, gas and heating checks have all been undertaken and the services are well maintained. We are particularly grateful to Mr. Stan Oakes for his watch of and care for the fabric of the church, and to him and Mr. Roger Taylor, the vergers for many hours of care and cleaning. Cleaning in the church is operated on a voluntary basis and we are profoundly grateful to all those who assist with this on a weekly and monthly basis, and especially to Mrs Kathy James in organizing periodic 'spring cleans' throughout the year.

Safeguarding – The PCC has a safeguarding policy in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and has complied with its duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Administrative information – The church is a Registered Charity (Charity number **1181347**).

PCC members who have served at any time during 2019 are:

Team Rector, ex officio chair – Rev Prebendary Simon Cawdell

Curates, ex officio – Rev Clive Munday, Rev Tom King

Reader, ex officio – Mrs Jane Peeler

Churchwardens – Mr Andrew Coley (until 7th April), Mrs Jane Parr, Mr David Oxtoby (from 7th April)

General Synod Member, ex officio – Mrs Elizabeth Bird

Representatives on the Deanery Synod – Miss Sheila Royle, Mr Roger Taylor, Miss Catherine Wilson, Dr J.

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Elected members – Mrs M Shaughnessy, Mrs S Palmer, Mrs C Blaze, Mrs C Cundy (until 7th April), Mrs J Downing (until 7th April), Mrs S Griffiths, Mr S Oakes, Mrs K Prior, Miss S Royle, Mr R Taylor, and Mr D Oxtoby, Mr M Blackburn, Mr. J Fadelle (from 7th April), Mrs. H Howell (from 7th April)

Secretary to the PCC – Miss Catherine Wilson

Treasurer to the PCC – Mr Martin Blackburn

Jane Parr and David Oxtoby, Churchwardens, 4th October 2020

2019 Financial Statement at Saint Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth

1. Receipts and payments

	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Fabric Fund	Shop Fund	Friends Fund	Music Fund	Floor Fund	Youth Fund	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts										
Donations:										
Planned giving (SOs+Envs)	42680	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42680	41325
Gift Aid/VAT tax recovery	12821	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12821	10272
Service collections	4475	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	4491	4337
Church safe & donations	5797	-	406	-	-	3573	-	-	9776	5990
Grants	-	-	10000	-	-	-	-	13625	23625	15950
Legacies	14525	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14525	17525
Fundraising:										
200 Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200
Special events (Fetes etc)	2404	-	731	-	-	4450	-	-	7585	10734
Investments:										
Bank & CBF deposit interest	-	-	61	-	-	11	7	-	79	89
Rent/church hire	2235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2235	479
Church activities:										
Wedding & funeral fees	5727	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5727	5933
Insurance claim receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Shop sales	-	-	-	2217	-	-	-	-	2217	2393
Magazine sales	452	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	452	585
Refunds	-	-	647	-	-	-	-	-	647	216
	91116	0	11861	2217	-	8034	7	13625	126860	117028
Payments										
Church activities:										
Parish Share	57881	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57881	56746
Administration	15396	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15396	11767
Church running costs:										
Musician fees	2532	-	-	-	-	602	-	-	3134	3801
Music support	-	-	-	-	-	1776	-	-	1776	2177
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12378	12378	16874
Youth work	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	119	186	680
Sacristy & worship material	526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	526	689
Shop costs	-	-	-	1697	-	-	-	-	1697	1336
Printing, copying, stationery	106	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	143	303
Insurance	5384	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5384	5765
Heating & Light	5987	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5987	5212
Fabric maintenance/improvement	-	-	4920	-	-	110	-	-	5030	6865
Architect & faculty fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	480
Subs, licences, fees etc.	269	-	-	-	-	192	-	-	461	476
Miscellaneous	368	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	448	135
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69
Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	1983	-	-	1983	3884
	88516	0	5037	1697	-	4663	-	12497	112410	117259
Receipts minus payments	2600	0	6824	520	-	3371	7	1128	14450	(231)
Opening balance	3249	421	3815	510	-	10486	30347	2244	51072	51304
Transfers	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0
Closing balance	5849	421	10639	1030	-	13857	30354	3372	65522	51073

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2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as at 31 December 2019

	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Fabric Fund	Shop Fund	Friends Fund	Music Fund	Floor Fund	Youth Fund	CONTRA	Total 2019	Total 2018
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	£	£	£
Assets:											
Current a/c 00147176 (Lloyds) 30-91-19	5849	421	7816	1030	-	8935	10951	3372	52	38426	24057
BIA a/c 48975368 (Lloyds) 30-67-35	-	-	7	-	-	-	14043	-		14050	14043
Rstrtn Trust 00495921 (Lloyds) 30-91-19						3421				3421	3421
Deposit fund 3001D (CBF) Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			0
Deposit fund 3008D (CBF) Music	-	-	-		-	1501	-	-		1501	1490
Deposit fund 3009D (CBF) Fabric/Floor	-	-	2816		-	-	5360	-		8176	8115
Deposit fund 3010D (CBF) Friends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			0
Deposit fund 3012D (CBF) P.Share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			0
Totals:	5849	421	10639	1030	-	13857	30354	3372	52	65574	51126

Note: While the BIA a/c has a very low interest rate (0.05%), it does save us from bank charges.

Liabilities:

Agency accounts	52
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Net Assets:	65522
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Other Assets:

St Mary's 200 Club	1304
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St Leonard's Hall Church, Racecourse Drive, Tasley, Bridgnorth WV16 4NR	9016
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St James Hall Church, Lodge Lane, Bridgnorth WV15	????
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Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: ST MARY MAGDALENE BRIDGNORTH Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2019 Charity Number (if applicable): 1181347

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the following requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
 - to account for statutory fees correctly.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Michael Fones

Date:

24th APRIL 2020

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