

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley
Annual Report 2019

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Church, Wheatley, has the responsibility to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the Church.

1. Wheatley Ministry, Local Ecumenical Partnership and Wheatley Area Churches:

The Rev. Nigel Hawkes is our minister licensed by the Bishop to take services at St Mary's. Wheatley is part of a Benefice with Albury, Holton, Waterperry and Waterstock with Nigel as its vicar and he is assisted by Rev. David Bendor-Samuel, an Associate Priest, based at Holton who in the main looks after the four additional parishes. Alexandra Hewitt is licensed to serve as LLM to preach and assist with pastoral work in this benefice.

Local Ecumenical Partnership: The Church has an ecumenical partnership with the United Reformed Church and St Bartholomew's, Holton. Close links are maintained; joint services and social activities are shared.

Wheatley Area Churches: The WAC consists of St Mary's Church, United Reformed Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Bartholomew's Church and Wheatley Community Church. It continues to hold core events, such as service for Christian Unity, Good Friday's Procession of Witness; Meditation Service; Stations of the Cross; Remembrance Day Service; Village Carol and Crib Services, World Day of Prayer and Community events held by 'Fusion'. A BBQ was held for new residents. Due to the efforts of WAC, Wheatley village has achieved Fair-Trade Village status. The Christian Aid Collection in the village is organised by this group.

2. Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin Wheatley is situated in Church Street, Wheatley. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is the Vicarage, London Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1YA
Registered Charity Number 1159100.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC has met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include worship, mission and outreach, fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back regularly with notes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2018 until the date the report was approved are:

*Ex Officio members:

* **Incumbent** The Reverend Nigel Hawkes (Chairman)

* **LLM** Mrs Alexandra Hewitt

***Church Wardens** Mrs Jane Fanning
Mrs. Anne Walker

* **Deanery Synod Representative**

Mrs. Valerie Farmer

Mr. Gareth Hatton (till May 2019)

Elected Members

Mrs Karen Benny

Ms. Ruth Burdett

Mr Chris Clements (Vice Chair)

Mr Peter Fanning (Treasurer)

Ms. Samantha Knight (from April 2019)

Mrs Zannifer Mason

Mrs. Carole Newman (till May 2019)

Mr. Tony Wigley

Mrs. Margaret Wilson (Secretary)

*URC Representative Mr. Malcolm Benson

3. Worship

BPC Holy Communion: Sundays at 8.00am

Parish Eucharist: Sundays at 10.00am with a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.

Holy Communion: Wednesdays at 12 noon

Special Services and Events: The following services and events were held during the year: - Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Lent groups were attended and the Palm Sunday Service was preceded by a procession with palms. During Holy Week a Maundy Thursday Vigil was kept. Easter Sunday consisted of 6.00am Outdoor Service, 8am Holy Communion and 10am sung Eucharist Service. A Fusion Holiday Club Service, Benefice Healing Service, three Choral Evensongs, Family and School Harvest Festivals were held. A service to Commemorate the Departed and Remembrance Service were held in November. Village Advent Carol Service, School Carol Service, Crib Service and Christmas Day Services in December.

Deanery Synod

Two members represented us on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between parish and the wider structures of the Church. Please see Deanery Synod Report.

Music: Please see Music Report.

Servers, Sacristans, Sidespersons and Bellringers

One Sacristan prepares for our church services and a rota of Servers and Eucharistic Assistants carried out their duties. Liz Clements co-ordinated the 15 sidespersons, who support the Churchwardens in welcoming those who come to worship. The Bellringers have rung regularly for services, including weddings and special events throughout the year. Please see Bellringers Report.

Attendance 2019

The annual attendance has decreased slightly over the year mainly due to bereavements or people moving away.

There were 134 Communicants on Easter Day, with a total attendance of 192. There were 124 Communicants on Christmas Day & Christmas Eve, with a total Christmas attendance of 378. A further 248 attended the Village Carol Service.

The Primary School, had its usual service in Church for the year 5/6 pupils when there was an attendance of 65.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals:

There were 7 baptisms and 5 weddings. Clergy officiated at 18 funerals held in Church and there were a further 7 at the Crematorium plus committal/burial of ashes of another 6.

Young People A new toddlers session Play and Praise, a short time of song, story and fellowship for pre-school children and cares was tried for the year. The light party was a success in October and we continue to support Fusion's Holiday Club and St George's Day events.

4. Church Activities: Social Events and Fundraising:

The Events Committee organised several events including Summer Garden Party, Coffee Morning, Quiz nights, Table Top Sale, Grand Summer Draw, Afternoon Tea, Harvest Supper, Christmas Fayre and Village Christmas Fayre. A holiday club for seniors was also run. Parishioners took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Trust Ride and Stride. These and musical events raised £6,116.

Mission and Outreach

£1,287 (excluding any Gift Aid declarations) was raised to support mission projects at home and overseas. St Mary's along with Wheatley Area Churches, shared in the distribution of Christmas and Easter cards to every household in the village. St Mary's parishioners made regular donations to the Community Foodbank and actively support Christian Aid week collections in the village.

Xplore

Xplore runs on Tuesday lunchtimes at Wheatley Park School. Attendance has remained fairly consistent, with 6-10 enthusiastic and friendly students every week. Two older students regularly lead sessions, and we have welcomed Nigel and Al McNichol as guest leaders. This year we have completed the Youth Emmaus course, as well as regularly considering the Big Questions that the students themselves ask, such as 'Whose God is it

anyway? What about other faiths?', and 'Why doesn't God always answer prayers?' It is such a privilege to serve this small community of young Christians.

Light Party

St Mary's hosted a Light Party on All Hallows Eve. Attendance was lower than in previous years, but there were three changes: to date (midweek instead of the usual Saturday), in the middle of half term, and with an earlier start time. We intend to try the same model next year but will ensure that publicity is more extensive. Nevertheless, there was a quiet buzz throughout the evening, as the children and their parents were clearly enjoying themselves.

The Church Magazine

The Church magazine is produced on a monthly basis, except for joint editions in July/August, and December/January. This excellent magazine keeps everyone up to date with Church family news, events and services and is provided free of charge.

House Group

A small number of us have been meeting regularly on a Tuesday morning thanks to the kind hospitality of Meg Barbour at her home in London Road.

We begin with coffee and a chat for ten minutes or so and then, before our discussions, we have a quiet time of prayer, a psalm and a reading.

At the beginning of 2019 we were looking at St. Mark's gospel. This was followed around Easter time when we watched and discussed the film, the Shack which is a fascinating and to some, challenging depiction of the Holy Trinity.

For several months, we alternated between St John's gospel and an excellent book by the former Bishop of Oxford entitled 'How to Explain your Faith'. It covered such challenging issues as 'Science has all the answers today', 'What's the use of praying' and the big one – 'How can a good God tolerate so much suffering?'

During Advent, we looked at some of the Old Testament prophets. More recently we have been looking at the readings for each Sunday and the sermon linked to these.

You will note that we cover a great variety of topics, all of which engender lively discussion and occasionally some disagreement! It all takes place in a friendly atmosphere and anybody is very welcome to join us.

Val Farmer March 2020

Ladies Group Report

The Ladies group met throughout the last year, usually on the first Friday of the month. They are an electric mix of people and have enjoyed various events including board games evening, calligraphy evening, BBQ, walk and meal out, fashion show evening and supported world day of prayer.

St Mary's Guild

We are a group of friends who meet the 4th Tuesday of the month except August and December. We have a summer outing and tea party in July. We enjoy a speaker at most meetings, and have a healthy membership of 40. We meet in the URC at 2pm.

Wendy Rogers Chairman March 2020

Wheatley CE Primary Academy School

The primary school has had a successful year under the guidance of the two new heads. They have made good progress and have come out of special measures and now have a 'Good' Ofsted report. The new Governing body has been formed and Revd. Nigel Hawkes is a member. He also attends two assemblies every week, one for each key stage. With the year six children he is composing a new school prayer.

The school has also completed some much needed alterations, with the completion of a new early years area and four new classrooms to the back of the building.

With finances being tight, we have assisted them to fund some new R.E. resources.

Project 2020 - Re-ordering of St. Mary's Church, Wheatley

Our aim for this ongoing project is to make St Mary's a more welcoming place of worship and refurbish the building to meet the wider needs of the community

- a) A Church where people can come together to worship and praise God that has adequate heating, good lighting and a better public address system
- b) A community meeting place for all ages. A chance to meet with others at set times of the week without having to arrange anything.
- c) A greater range of classes held here in the village. We'd like to see a greater range of options available locally – in a warm light and airy space.
- d) The biggest performance space in the village for concerts, exhibitions and theatre.

Since the fundraising launch in September, more than £200,000 has been pledged by the people of Wheatley. In order to help the goal become a reality architects Brocklehurst Ltd. have drawn up plans and the project has gone out to tender. It is hoped that the builders will be appointed by early summer. Meanwhile, applications for grant funding have been prepared, whilst we wait formal approval from the Diocese.

Meeting the needs of the wider community is no empty goal. Letters of intent have been received from groups as diverse as the Wheatley Singers and drama groups to those planning to address the needs of the lonely and the disabled. Following the very successful Lord's Taverners' Table Cricket Finals in January, a number of local schools for the disabled have voiced a strong interest in forming partnerships with St Mary's, to develop life skills and possible work experience. Discussions are ongoing but the opportunities are considerable.

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Gift Aid receipts	12,740	-	758	11,149	24,647	17,612
Grants	-	-	-	8,000	8,000	-
Other income	18,109	-	328	-	18,437	21,194
Stewardship	727	-	-	-	727	728
Vat recovery	0	-	-	-	-	573
Bank interest	137	-	-	-	137	36
Total income	82,854	-	4,365	90,653	177,872	103,713
Expenditure on						
Buildings	8,935	-	-	-	8,935	6,668
Charity donations	1,287	-	-	-	1,287	1,046
Fees ODBF	4,434	-	-	-	4,434	3,220
IT costs	389	-	-	-	389	113
Magazine	694	-	-	-	694	558
Ministry	6,460	-	-	-	6,460	5,472
Office	3,433	-	-	-	3,433	2,904
Parish share	59,838	-	-	-	59,838	58,878
Utilities	1,956	-	-	-	1,956	2,097
Project 2020 Architect fees	-	-	-	23,865	23,865	-
Consultants fees	-	-	-	13,883	13,883	-
Other costs	-	-	-	5,189	5,189	5,983
Bank charges						
Total expenditure	87,426	-	-	42,937	130,363	86,939
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(4,572)	-	4,365	47,716	47,509	16,774
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(4,572)	-	4,365	47,716	47,509	16,774
Funds brought forward	35,794	35,404	30,422	-	101,620	84,846
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

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Current Assets			
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capital projects		557	35,404
Friends of St Mary's		33,967	28,602
Project 20-20		72,170	-
Coventry Building Society		17,459	12,322
Debtors	5	14,959	4,820
		<u>151,023</u>	<u>101,620</u>
Less: Current Liabilities			
Sundry creditors	6	<u>(1,894)</u>	-
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4. Restricted fund - Project 2020

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	2019 £	2018 £
5. Debtors		
Gift Aid	<u>14,959</u>	<u>4,820</u>
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6. Sundry Creditors		
Accrual - Architects fees	<u>1,894</u>	<u>-</u>
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7. Analysis of Assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund Friends of St Mary £	Restricted Fund Project 20-20 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Bank account - Current account	11,911	-	-	-	11,911	20,472
Capital projects	-	557	-	-	557	35,404
Friends of St Mary's	-	-	33,967	-	33,967	28,602
Project 20-20	557	34,847	-	36,766	72,170	-
Coventry Building Society	15,651	-	-	1,808	17,459	12,322
Debtors	3,103	-	820	11,036	14,959	4,820
Creditors	-	-	-	(1,894)	(1,894)	
	<u>31,222</u>	<u>35,404</u>	<u>34,787</u>	<u>47,716</u>	<u>149,129</u>	<u>101,620</u>

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8. Statement of Financial Activities - Analysis of 2018 Comparative

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	£	£	£	£
Income				
Congregation income	11,995	-	-	11,995
Monthly standing orders	35,158	-	-	35,158
Other planned giving	12,827	-	3,590	16,417
Gift Aid receipts	15,792	-	1,820	17,612
Other income	19,944	1,000	250	21,194
Stewardship	728	-	-	728
Vat recovery	-	-	573	573
Bank interest	36	-	-	36
Total income	96,480	-	6,233	103,713
Expenditure on				
Buildings	6,668	-	-	6,668
Charity donations	1,046	-	-	1,046
Fees ODBF	3,220	-	-	3,220
IT costs	113	-	-	113
Magazine	558	-	-	558
Ministry	5,472	-	-	5,472
Office	2,904	-	-	2,904
Parish share	58,878	-	-	58,878
Utilities	2,097	-	-	2,097
Project 2020	5,983	-	-	5,983
Total expenditure	86,939	-	-	86,939
Net income for the year	9,541	1,000	6,233	16,774

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Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2019

I report on the financial statements of the Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley for the period ended 31 December 2019 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act ;
and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

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 disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

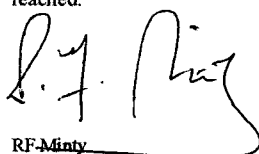
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present "a true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not accord with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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IT costs	113	-	-	113
Magazine	558	-	-	558
Ministry	5,472	-	-	5,472
Office	2,904	-	-	2,904
Parish share	58,878	-	-	58,878
Utilities	2,097	-	-	2,097
Project 2020	5,983	-	-	5,983
Total expenditure	86,939	-	-	86,939
Net income for the year	9,541	1,000	6,233	16,774

Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley

Charity No. 1159100

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2019

I report on the financial statements of the Parochial Council of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley for the period ended 31 December 2019 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the Act ;
and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

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 disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

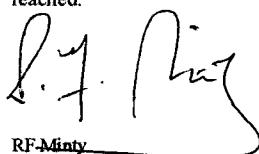
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present "a true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not accord with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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