



**UNITED BENEFICE OF CORRINGHAM AND  
FOBBING**

**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN  
AND  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CORRINGHAM**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at St. Mary's Church at 5pm.

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### **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

#### **AGENDA**

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  2. Matters Arising from those Minutes.
  3. Election of two Church Wardens. (May not be required).
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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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2. Matters arising from those Minutes
3. Parish Priest's Report – Fr. David Rollins
4. Curates' Report – Fr John Noddings & Rev Wendy Mott.
5. Church Wardens' Report – Peter Craggs & John Hibbert.
6. Treasurer's Report – Beverley Howells.
7. Deanery Synod Report – Peter Handscombe
8. Health & Safety Report – Peter Handscombe
9. Mother's Union Report – Pam Hibbert
10. Edward Bear Report
11. Messy Mass Report
12. St Luke' Chaplaincy Report
13. Benefice Safeguarding Report
14. Little Feet Report
15. Walsingham Cell Report
16. Call in for coffee Report
17. Lunch Club Report
18. Open the Book Report
19. Knit & Natter Group Report
20. Thurrock Food Bank Report
21. Electoral Roll Report
22. Flexible Friday Group Report
23. Collins House Care Home Report
24. Accounts for Churches
25. Election of Independent Examiner of Accounts
26. Election of PCC Members (May not be required)
27. Election/Ratification of sidepersons (May not be required).

**Minutes of Easter Vestry Meeting held in St. Mary's Church on  
Sunday  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 12.19pm.**

**Present:** Fr David Rollins in the chair  
29 Parishioners present.

**Apologies:** Peter Craggs, Jean Dodd, Margaret Eve.

**Election of Church Wardens:** There were two nominations:

Mr. Peter Craggs	Proposed by Jean Dodd Seconded by Len Collier
Mr. John Hibbert	Proposed by Beverley Howells Seconded by Carol Webb

Mr. Peter Craggs and Mr. John Hibbert were duly elected and will be duly licensed.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WHICH  
FOLLOWED THE EASTER VESTRY MEETING WITH 29 PARISHONERS  
PRESENT.**

The Annual General Meeting Minutes and Accounts having been circulated throughout the Parish two weeks prior to the meeting made it unnecessary for any reports to be read aloud.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous APCM had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by David Mott and seconded by Beverly Howells that the minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. All in favour.

**PARISH PRIEST'S REPORT:** Fr David added to his report by saying that Lesley Handscombe's presence was severely missed, a strong character who organised us. All were in favour in accepting the report.

**CURATES REPORT - Fr John Noddings and Revd Wendy Mott:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**CHURCHWARDENS REPORT - Peter Craggs and John Hibbert:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Bev Howells:** Bev read out aloud the Auditors Report by Mr Thornton Wallace. It was proposed by Victoria Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Roz Cummings that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. All were in favour of accepting the Treasurer's report and the Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts.

**DEANERY REPORT – Peter Handscombe & David Tweddle:** All were in favour of accepting the report

**HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER’S REPORT – Peter Handscombe:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**MOTHERS’ UNION REPORT - Pam Hibbert Branch Leader:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**EDWARD BEAR REPORT - Revd Wendy:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**MESSY MASS REPORT - Revd Wendy:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**ST LUKE’S CHAPLAINCY REPORT- Revd Wendy:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING REPORT - Carole Howes:** Carole was thanked for dealing with the changes in the regulations. All were in favour of accepting the report.

**LITTLE FEET REPORT- Kim & Helen:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**WALSINGHAM CELL REPORT - Carol Webb:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**CALL IN FOR COFFEE REPORT - Pam Hibbert:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**LUNCH CLUB REPORT – Margaret Eve:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**BENEFICE KNIT & NATTER GROUP - Christine Matthews:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**CHRISTIAN CARE HOMES - David Tweddle:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**ELECTORAL OFFICERS REPORT – Barrie White:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Barrie White:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**FOOD BANK – Len Collier:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**MENS CLUB – Len Collier:** All were in favour of accepting the report.

**ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS:** It was proposed by Mrs. Bev Howells and seconded by Mrs. Pam Edwards that Mr. Thornton Wallace be re-appointed as Independent Examiner. All were in favour.

**ELECTION OF P.C.C. MEMBERS.** Due to resignations and passing of members who were due to serve until 2020 there were three PCC posts vacant. There was only one nomination received from Mandy Waite, proposed by Peter Handscombe and seconded by Barrie White. All were in favour. Mandy was duly elected to stand until 2022.

**ELECTION OF SIDESPERSONS.** John Graves and Doreen Wilkinson were removed from the list of Sidepersons and Ann Nash, Barrie White and Gill White were added. All were in favour of the amendments and those continuing in that role. Full list published below.

There being no further business the meeting was close at 1.05pm. Fr David thanked everyone for attending and closed with a prayer.

Peter Handscombe. PCC Secretary.

I certify that the above minutes are a true record of that meeting.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Dated.....

## **PCC 2019**

Churchwardens: Peter Craggs  
John Hibbert

Deanery Synod: Len Collier  
Peter Handscombe      Secretary of PCC  
David Tweddle

(Deanery Synod Members serve until 2020)

### **PCC Elected Members**

Bev Howells	Treasurer
David Mott	Vice Chairman
Pearl Shaw	
Victoria Thompson	
Carol Webb	
Barrie White	Electoral Roll Officer
Mandy Whaite	
Two vacancies	

### **To serve until 2020**

Barrie White  
Beverley Howells  
Pearl Shaw

### **To serve until 2021**

David Mott  
Victoria Thompson  
Carol Webb

### **To serve until 2022**

Mandy Whaite

Parish Safeguarding Representative  
Social Committee  
Health and Safety

Carole Howes  
Barrie White  
Peter Handscombe

### **Sidespersons**

Allan Cummings  
Christine Dodd  
Marion Edwards  
Pam Edwards  
Brenda Graves  
Ann Nash  
John Hibbert

Pam Hibbert  
Bev Howells  
Pearl Shaw  
Carol Webb  
Barrie White  
Gill White  
Sandra White

## **Annual Report United Benefice of Corringham and Fobbing**

The Parishes of St Mary & St John Corringham and St Michael Fobbing

**February 2020**

I began to write this report before certain world and national events changed our whole perspective on how we live and worship.

I now return to my report.

Within our APCM report you will find many reports covering nearly every aspect of our Benefice's life. I commend all these reports to you as they give a real picture of how we are church both in our worship and through our Outreach into the wider community. There are also detailed reports describing our financial position, looking at our income and expenditure across the two Parishes which form our Benefice.

We are faced with many challenges as we ensure our beautiful and ancient Parish churches alongside St John's and Gardner Hall remain fit for purpose. Alongside an ageing congregation and greater demands upon our finances to make greater contribution towards the wider costs of the Diocese. However, we face these challenges with determination and Christian Hope.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who worships with us, whether on a Sunday, midweek or through one of our Outreach projects for being a part of our community.

I wish to thank you all for your generosity, whether through regular giving or through the offering of your time and skills. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without so many of you playing your part.

The summer saw Rev Wendy and Fr John ordained Priests, which for both of them was the culmination of long personal journeys. I am grateful that we now share the privilege of celebrating the Eucharist. Fr John is likely to leave us by the summer of 2021 and Rev Wendy is expected to remain with us. They are both valued and respected colleagues.

Offering thanks to all who do so much in our Benefice always runs the risk of missing someone out by mistake. However, I do need to offer my personal thanks to our four Church Wardens Christine, Mo, John and Peter who do so much, often unseen. Peter has decided to step down this year and we thank him for his dedication and faithful service.

Just like any business or charity those who hold our 'purse strings' are fundamental to our good management of resources. I would like to thank our two treasurers Bev and David who work to ensure our financial stability.

This year I would like to thank Bev, Peter and Victoria especially who have taken a lead in raising the funds for the necessary roof works at St Mary's.

I would also like to thank our PCC secretaries Peter and Carole who do so much and especially Carole who also takes responsibility for Safeguarding across the Benefice.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who plays their part whether keeping the grounds tidy, linen cleaned, cleaning the church, arrange the flowers, whatever the task whether big or small, thank you.

How can I express my thanks for the hard work of my colleagues in the Ministry Team, do so much especially supporting me

- Wendy alongside her new responsibilities continues to take the lead for the Edward Bear Toddler and Carer Group, the organising of the Messy Mass and one day each week as a Chaplain at St Luke's Hospice
- David alongside his role as Reader acts as a Chaplain to Christian Care Homes with the valued support of Jenny
- Pam continues with the Open Book team which visit local schools to lead christian based assemblies and lead our MU
- Fr John has taken on leading Flexible Fridays a group for our young adults.
- Kim & Helen have handed over the leading of Little Feet group each month to Jenny. Kim and Helen thank you so much to responding to my request 11 years ago for help. Jenny thank you for stepping into this role.
- Margaret and Jean lead the monthly lunch club and their delicious lunches are devoured!
- 'Call in for Coffee' staffed by volunteers from the MU, thank you.
- Messy Mass team of helpers Jean, Peter, Lesley, Margaret, Christine, Linda, June, carol and Thomas - we couldn't do it without you
- A huge thank you to Deborah, Christine and Margaret for the Jigsaw Days
- Knit and Natter led by Christine is a popular event on Mondays for the enjoyment of great fellowship.
- I still lead assemblies at Corringham Primary each half term and act as Chaplain to the Deanery Mothers Union, as a MDR reviewer for the Diocese and as part of the Vocations team for the Diocese
- Special thanks to Elaine our Parish Administrator who does so much behind the scenes.
- A huge thank to Darryl for providing our musical accompaniment and the Choir for assisting at so many services.



- For our Serving Teams at both St Mary's and St Michael's. Derek at St Michael's is stepping back after many decades of faithful service. Derek THANK YOU

A Parish would be unable to function without all those unsung heroes who do so much in our church to ensure we run smoothly, whether your part of the regular reading rota, preparing refreshments, part of the choir, thank you one and all.

2020 will be an unusual year however, we will work hard to face the challenges presented to us. Our experience of church is changing because of the effects of COVID19. However, we must remain resolute and place our trust and hope in GOD.

May God Bless us as we go forth in faith to share the good news of the Gospel.

Fr David Rollins Rector February / March 2020

## **CURATES' REPORT – Fr John and Rev Wendy**

Being ordained as priests in June has led us into the fullness of our vocation and we are most grateful for all the support you have given us in our journey from diaconate to priesthood. It is a great joy and privilege to serve you sacramentally and pastorally.

Having had the opportunity to experience the whole liturgical year, Christmas was a highlight. We are most grateful to Fr David for allowing us to celebrate the major services. Fr David continues to be a dedicated mentor and training incumbent encouraging us to develop and grow in our early stages of priesthood. Alongside this we are now covering in other Parishes which in many ways helps broaden our understanding.

Within the Benefice we have really enjoyed planning and leading the Alpha Course which you all helped to make a great success. Leading Quiet Days and the activity in Walsingham was also very special.

Both of us now have connections to local schools, Fr John with Gable Hall School where assemblies are to 250 young people at a time on a cycle of each year group thereby five assemblies over a two week period. In its initial stages, having only started in November having taken a long time to set up, the link is growing and the school are giving very good feedback. Revd Wendy has taken on the role of a Foundation Governor for Horndon School, who are making use of her previous experience of working in a Primary School.

Throughout the year we have continued with our Diocesan curacy training. This has included presentations on Mission and Ministry, a residential weekend looking at engaging young people, and focussed days looking at community development and organising.

Thank you all for your encouragement and generosity. We will never forget our ordination and the following birthday party. The gifts you kindly gave us will always be put to good use.

As we continue to serve you we would like to express our thanks for all the help, the feedback and prayers. Thank you also to Fr David whose wealth of knowledge and approach to training us is much appreciated.

We both look forward to the coming year and all that holds for us and the Benefice.

## **CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT – Peter Craggs and John Hibbert**

This has been a busy year in our parish.

At St Mary's church after raising a huge amount of money we were able to start work on the north roof on 16 September. Tiles were removed batons replaced where necessary new roofing felt applied then new tiles fitted. Work had to stop in late October due to the bats hibernating. The south porch and boiler roofs will be done in 2020.

The main work at St. John's in February was the replacement downpipes, soffits and gutters, this made the church watertight. We would like to thank Peter Handscombe and his team for the repainting at St. John's, it certainly has freshened it up.

In order to raise this extra money we must thank everyone involved with planning, organising and supporting the fundraising events that have been held during the year.

It was joyous occasion in June when Reverend Wendy and Father John were ordained priest. This will enable Father David to share some of the duties that a priest can do.

St. Mary's church is still open every Wednesday from March to October from 10.00am to 4.00pm for visitors. As it had become difficult to find volunteers to sit in the church, we have extra security on the vestry gates and the church is left open and unattended. This has proved to be satisfactory. We have to keep the church open for 10 years to fulfil our obligation to Historic England, formerly English Heritage, after our grant from them of £40,000 for work on the tower. We only have two more years to go, 2020 and 2021, before this agreement comes to a close.

Peter and John would like to thank everyone who have worked tirelessly in keeping our two churches and grounds in good order. We could not function without the help that is given by you all.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Bev Howells**

I would like to start by thanking everyone who has contributed in any way to the finances of the Church over the past year

This year some of us started to use the 'Parish Giving Scheme' – this has been brilliant. If you don't already give this way please consider it. On the first of every month your planned giving is taken from your account, within a few days it arrives as one payment into our account and a few days later the Gift Aid arrives. Each year they ask if you would like to increase your giving in line with inflation. At present we have 10 people using this scheme which generates over £700. If you don't already give in this way and would like to, please ask Bev, or there are packs on the stand in Church.

This year has seen a small increase in our giving and a larger increase in our spending. Our increase in income has mainly been generated by the increase in hall users – thank you Peter. The use of restricted funding increased due to the fact that we had money put into this account which was specifically for the Repair Fund so it needed to be moved over. Overall 2019 left us in the black – hopefully we will continue to be like this.

The Repair Fund continued to grow this year with a number of Fundraising Events held – thank you to the team for all their VERY hard work. We have now started to spend the money raised for the roof – the job will be finished later this year.

Miss Long and Cathy Charlton's money continues to grow – last year we said we would dip into it if necessary for the roof but it looks like we may not need to.

Sunday morning coffee continues to break even and is appreciated by everyone. Call in for Coffee is thriving under the new management – the money they raise has been used to help support the charity in India that the Church agreed to help.

Finally, I would like to thank John for his support as my assistant – it makes my trips to Somerset a lot easier knowing that the accounts are going to be left in safe hands.

## **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – Peter Handscombe and David Tweddle**

The Deanery met on four occasions during the year in January, April, July and October, although due to ill health your representatives were only able to attend two of these meetings.

The meetings attended were at St. Cedds, Stifford Clays where Paul Dunnett gave an update of the business of the General Synod. Transforming presence and Re-imaging Ministry were again the main topics and updates were given regarding the progress of Units of Mission and ministry.

The July meeting was held at St. Peter & Paul, Grays. John Orchard from Church Mission Society gave a talk on the work of the Society in various parts of the world. Three new clergy were welcomed to the Deanery.

As the Deanery has a vacancy for a Secretary some of the minutes were not available for meetings missed.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT – Peter Handscombe**

### **St. John's Church and Hall.**

The fire extinguishers have been tested and are correctly placed. All exit doors signed. The Accident book checked and no incidents to cause concern. The Church and hall are checked on an ongoing basis for hazards and action taken where necessary. The electrical appliances have been PAT tested and held in file in the Parish Office. The emergency lighting system is engaged in the event of a power failure and a torch is supplied for the Church. The Gas system has been checked. During the summer a group painted the hall entrance lobby, corridor and Committee Room which brightened the areas up significantly. Thank you to those whose undertook this task in the heat.

During the year Stanford Table Tennis Club have hired the hall to provide table tennis coaching on a weekly basis and the hall has been hired out for occasional children's parties and a Christian Studies Course.

### **St. Mary's Church**

Gas boilers have been checked and electrical appliances PAT tested. Certificate in Parish Office. Signs correctly displayed on exits. Accident books checked and no incidents of concern. Fire extinguishers checked and correctly placed. The standing gravestones have been checked by applying physical pressure and found to be secure. Steps have been marked with white paint and refreshed where appropriate. The Church and grounds are regularly checked for trip hazards and action taken when required. The rear fence needs attention/replacement and action is being taken to obtain quotes. During roofing work it was necessary to close and restrict access to the Church for a short time whilst the work was undertaken

## **MOTHERS' UNION REPORT – Pam Hibbert (Branch Leader)**

In 2019 Mothers' Union met eight times when we had speakers on a variety of subjects. The talks were varied and included a talk on Beatrice Potter – Revd. Wendy, Farming – Mo Froot, and Mike Rawlinson who spoke on his singing journey from school to CDOT. One of our highlights was when Bishop Laurie spoke on the 'Friends of the Poor, South India'. We had a slide show to accompany Bp. Laurie's talk.

In March, 21 of us went to Westminster Abbey. We hired a minibus and was met at the Abbey by David Mott who took us on a private tour. The tour was very informative, and David answered all our questions.

We had other things throughout the year such as our Cream/Strawberry Tea and a BBQ. We enrolled three new members during the year and our membership now stands at 23 members.

Our last event in 2019 was our Christmas Lunch at the Springhouse Club and 29 attended. It was a nice day and hopefully enjoyed by all.

## **EDWARD BEAR REPORT - Revd Wendy**

Edward Bear has had another successful year in providing hospitality, fun and enjoyment for pre-school; children and their primary carers. Hosting between 30 and 40 children each Tuesday during term time all have enjoyed the resources available, the story time with our linked craft and the singing. Many of the children get excited when they know it is time to come to Edward Bear.

The age and appropriate provision of toys has varied during the year. In July we said goodbye to many who had been coming for a few years. In September we saw lots of babies who are now beginning to explore for themselves as they develop their independence for moving around.

All who attend are aware that the group is run on behalf of the Church; they value the welcome they receive and the availability of space to meet and share with each other and the members of our team when they need a listening ear. We continue to share bible stories once each half term with stories in between reflecting Christian values. Craft activities continue to be linked to the theme of the stories, with painting, gluing, icing and stickers which are always the most popular.

At Christmas we walked to St Michaels for our own Christingle gathering which was greatly enjoyed. Once again, our thanks go to Fr David for engaging all the children as he related the Christmas Story.

All our activities and the time given to provide this resource for our community would not be possible without the team that diligently commits themselves each Tuesday, Peter for refreshments, Jean, June and Dawn for their listening and their help with equipment, Fr John for helping put the chairs and tables away, Len and Judi who help on messy Mass days when Peter and Jean have preparations to make for Messy Mass. Thank you to the team and to everyone who helps and supports with Edward Bear.

### **MESSY MASS REPORT – Revd Wendy**

Now in our sixth year, Messy Mass has continued to be enjoyed by the children and the adults who are all part of the families who attend. Sharing together in the activities, participation in the Mass and the opportunity to all sit and enjoy a cooked meal together creates fellowship and enjoyment.

Still based each month around a theme, the children and some of the adults engage in the activities helped and encouraged by those who look after each activity and explain its relevance to the focus of the session. Some activities have proved challenging many have been Messy but at the heart of it all is fun and enjoyment and the memories that I went to Church and every part of the session was great.

During this year we have introduced the Peruvian Gloria to the Mass which was initially accompanied by Fr John on his guitar until October when Thomas from Orsett started accompanying the singing with his drum. We thank both of them for their contribution to the enjoyment and participation of all.

The opportunity for families to come and share together and participate would not be possible without the team we have who help. Thank you to all of them for their time, creativity in leading the tasks and all the resourcefulness and practical help that makes each session so worthwhile.

### **ST LUKE'S CHAPLAINCY REPORT – Revd Wendy**

Being at the Hospice each Wednesday as the volunteer Chaplain has continued to be challenging and humbling. Week by week practical and spiritual support for the Day Hospice and In Patient Unit varies according to need, but reciprocated care, kindness and time to listen are always part of the ethos and welcome.

Every individual is valued and all work together to provide the best care for every situation. Continuing to rely on fundraising to cover all their expenses their time and effort is greatly valued by all who experience their support and help.

In helping as part of the Chaplaincy Team I have continued to attend Chaplaincy meetings, fulfil my Mandatory Training and help with the organisation of their regular memorial services, Carol Service, Churches Together and the service connected to the Annual Fete.

2020 sees the Hospice celebrating 30 years of service to the communities of Basildon and Thurrock. Special events are being planned one of which is a special Thanksgiving Service in St Gabriel's Pitsea. Please continue to support the work of the Hospice if you can and continue to pray for their outreach and quality care they provide.

### **BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING REPORT - Carole Howes**

All the guidelines for running activities involving vulnerable adults and young people have been followed during the last year.

Six DBS checks have been undertaken during the year and a further four individuals will require their DBS checks to be renewed in the coming year. All individuals who are required by the Diocese to complete on-line safeguarding training have duly done so.

The Benefice Safeguarding Statement and Policy remain displayed on the church notice board.

### **LITTLE FEET REPORT– Prepared by Fr. David**

Little Feet has continued to meet on the last Sunday of the month. We regularly have five families who attend.

Helen and Kim have now stepped back and Jenny Frood has taken up the mantle. I huge THANK YOU to Kim and Helen for all their hard work through the years. And thank you to Jenny for volunteering to lead the group.

### **WALSINGHAM CELL REPORT - Carol Webb**

We continue every second Saturday to pray for clergy, staff and all pilgrims of the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.

Last year twenty one of us attended our annual pilgrimage to this very special place at Walsingham. We were mainly accommodated in St Joseph's house where we were very comfortable. We attended all the services including the beautiful healing service and pilgrims' parade. Rev Wendy and Father John gave a presentation in the Barn to follow the cross. We filled plastic crosses with coloured sand, a lovely reminder of our morning worship. Later some of us took the bus to Wells next the Sea and had crab sandwiches. A walk to the slipper chapel was taken by some brave souls in the pouring rain. Father David pushing a wheelchair! This year in May, sixteen of us will be making this special journey to the Shrine again.

Last October six of us attended St Clement's, Leigh on Sea for a Walsingham day. A beautiful service, followed by fish and chips!

Thank you to Father David, Rev Wendy, Father John and all the pilgrims for making our pilgrimage so special.



### **CALL IN FOR COFFEE REPORT – Pam Hibbert**

Call in for Coffee is still going strong with approximately 25 people joining us for coffee plus cakes/toast on the first Saturday in every month except December. We have our last coffee morning of the year in November which allows us to hold our Christmas Bazaar at the beginning of December.

We do not charge for our refreshments, but, put a dish out for any donations. The amounts donated each month vary from. We also put out a box of books which anyone can take and all we ask for is a small donation.

Out of the money received, the church gives an amount to an Indian Sewing Project. We are always on the lookout for more helpers and more cake bakers and if anyone would like to help in any way, please see me.

### **OPEN THE BOOK REPORT– Pam Hibbert**

This is a relatively new project and I have been working on this, with others, for the past four-five years.

I go to Arthur Bugler School, Corringham on a Wednesday morning in term time to act out bible stories for the children.

There are eight of us at the school, mainly from SLH Methodist church. Bible stories are recommended to us from the Bible Society and we try to keep to the stories where possible. We dress up in costume and re-enact the story. The children appear to enjoy the stories and join in where asked to. At the end of each session we end with a prayer and a song that the children can join in.

If anyone is interested to hearing more about this, please speak to me after church any Sunday.

### **LUNCH CLUB REPORT - Margaret Eve**

I would like to start this report by saying a big thank you to all that help to bring this lunch to our table, much appreciated. Also thank you to Jennifer who washes up each time.

Our first meeting in 2019 was on the second Wednesday of January and thereafter we met on the first Wednesday of every month except August. We have had a steady flow of 18 to 20 people monthly and still the plates come back empty which is fantastic.

Who knows when we will be back again, hopefully soon. We have taken as many telephone numbers as possible and will inform those people when we restart.

## **BENEFICE KNIT & NATTER GROUP REPORT - Christine Matthews**

The Knit & Natter group has now been going for 4 years and we have 16 regular members.

This year we have continued producing Baptism shawls and Bootees for use at Baptism services at St Michael's & St Mary's. We are still knitting scarves and balaclavas for the Seaman's Mission and we have started on Christmas novelties ready for the Christmas Bazaars.

We have also started a new project of knitting for premature babies and will send these to Hospitals requesting items when we have a reasonable amount. We are also still knitting for babies in Africa and we have acquired patterns for the tunic and hats which are very simple to make for a worthwhile cause. One of our members is able to send these to an agency who deliver them.

As a group we have continued our monthly lunches at the Haywain and we had our Christmas Lunch there in December.

We have been fortunate to receive substantial amounts of wool from various people which is very useful and we have used proceeds from sales of knitted items to purchase more white wool for the Baptism shawls and coloured wool for our other projects.

Of course meetings are on hold at the moment due to the Corona virus Pandemic, but we are keeping in touch with each other through texts, phone calls and social media. Meanwhile knitting is apparently still happening in our homes and gardens so when we do eventually meet again we will probably be overwhelmed in more than one sense of the word.

+Once we resume meetings new members will be very welcome. We meet at St Michael's every Monday except Bank Holidays from 10 - 12.

## **FOOD BANK REPORT – Deborah Raddon**

During the year the Benefice has continued to support the Thurrock Food Bank by donating some 272.4 Kg of food items with collection boxes in our three Churches.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT- Revd Wendy (Currently overseeing the Electoral Roll)**

Our Electoral Roll had opened for revision just as the Churches were closed for public Worship. Within this revision time three people applied to be added to our current roll.

With the three additions and one sadly deceased since our last APCM, there were at the time the revision closed, 83 people on the Electoral Roll. Of these 49 were resident in the Parish and 34 were non-resident.

Since the revision organised to comply with the timing of our original planned APCM in April we sadly have to report the death of our Electoral Roll Officer, Barrie White, who was fully committed to the organisation and life of our Parish and was greatly valued for all the work he did each year to revise and renew the Electoral Roll in compliance with Church of England Guidelines. He will be greatly missed by all in our community.

As this report is being written at a time where no paperwork can be circulated or checked as a hard copy, the updated Electoral Roll has not been accessible for the 15 days stipulated prior to the APCM. If you have any changes in your circumstances or want to verify or check your details at any time during the coming months please contact me. Thank you.

### **FLEXIBLE FRIDAY GROUP REPORT – Fr John**

The group (now in its second year) has continued to meet once a month during term time and has doubled in size since year 1 – we now have 10 children attending.

This year opened in September with a BBQ for children and parents and has since looked at the themes of Advent, Christmas, New Year, Lent and Prayer. All of which help our young people to explore a life of faith. The children also took part in a research project that I was asked to complete as part of my curacy training for the diocese.

Recently, 2 parents have volunteered to help with food and activities and are currently undergoing the safeguarding requirements.

## **COLLINS HOUSE, CARE HOME REPORT – Fr John**

The weekly service at Collins House continues to be popular among residents and their families. Initially 5 residents attended, but we have now grown to around 15 or more at each service. The service held is a Service of The Word, which anticipates the forthcoming Sunday with the following structure:

1. Introduction & Opening Prayer for the Sunday.
2. Hymn
3. Old Testament Reading for the Sunday
4. The Gospel for the Sunday
5. A Homily
6. Hymn
7. Prayers
8. Hymn
9. Final Blessing
10. Tea / Coffee & Biscuits

Residents have commented that they feel part of our worshipping community and are grateful for your support and prayers.

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**General Fund Receipts and Payment Account**

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
<b><u>Incoming resources from donors</u></b>		
Planned giving	24,657.00	24,723.00
Collections and other giving	8,794.00	6,110.00
	<b>33,451.00</b>	<b>30,833.00</b>
<b><u>Other Voluntary Incoming Resources</u></b>		
Donations	1,167.00	1,063.00
Restricted Donations	4,796.00	4,042.00
Charities	1,698.00	2,951.00
Fundraising Events	2,080.00	1,589.00
Hall Income	13,029.00	11,889.00
	<b>22,770.00</b>	<b>21,534.00</b>
<b><u>Income from Charitable &amp; Ancillary Trading</u></b>		
Sale of magazines & candles	517.00	636.00
Fees PCC	3,717.00	5,768.00
Fees (Restricted)	9,674.00	11,564.00
Sundries	1,722.00	1,112.00
	<b>15,630.00</b>	<b>19,080.00</b>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>£71,851.00</u></b>	<b><u>£71,447.00</u></b>

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<u>Payments</u>		
<u>Grants</u>		
Charities	2,590.00	697.00
	<b>2,590.00</b>	<b>697.00</b>
<u>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</u>		
Diocesan Quota	36,482.00	36,480.00
Clergy Expenses	3,122.00	692.00
Return Fees (Designated)	6,068.00	8,562.00
Sanctuary	3,126.00	2,263.00
Flowers	248.00	252.00
Building,maintenance,etc	6,774.00	9,660.00
Use Restricted Funding	2,928.00	350.00
	<b>58,748.00</b>	<b>58,259.00</b>
<u>Church management &amp; administration</u>		
Printing & stationery	4,129.00	4,217.00
Power & Utilities	3,788.00	4,086.00
Miscellaneous	1,819.00	2,816.00
	<b>9,736.00</b>	<b>11,119.00</b>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>£71,074.00</u></b>	<b><u>£70,075.00</u></b>
Excess of payments over receipts	<b>777.00</b>	<b>1,372.00</b>
Excess of receipts over payments		
Transfer Reconciliation	<b>44.00</b>	<b>130.00</b>
Opening balance at 1st Jan	<b>13,841.00</b>	<b>12,339.00</b>
<b>Closing balance at 31st Dec</b>	<b><u>£14,662.00</u></b>	<b><u>£13,841.00</u></b>

Approved by Parochial Church Council on  
and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev. D. Rollins (Chairman)

Mrs. B. Howells (Treasurer)

*D. Rollins*  
*B. Howells*

18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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	<u><b>2019</b></u>		<u><b>2018</b></u>
<u><b>Sunday Morning Coffee</b></u>			
Opening Balance 1st Jan	31	-2.00	
Donations	324		306.00
Expenses	347		273.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts	23		
Excess of Receipts over Payments			33.00
<b>Closing Balance 31stDec</b>	<u><b>£8.00</b></u>		<u><b>£31.00</b></u>
 <u><b>Call in for Coffee-new</b></u>			
Opening Balance	123.00	48.00	
Donations	467.00	194.00	
Charity Donations	160.00		£119.00
Expenses	38.00		
Excess of Receipts over Payments		75.00	
<b>Closing Balance 31stDec</b>	<u><b>£392.00</b></u>		<u><b>£123.00</b></u>

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**Repair Fund Receipts and Payments-Restricted Fund**

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Restricted Donations	18,516.00	6,771.00
Donations	180.00	180.00
Fundraising Events	8,795.00	16,082.00
Legacy CCLA	126.00	68.00
	<b>£27,617.00</b>	<b>£23,101.00</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Maintenance	10,080.00	138.00
Administration/Fabric		
Specific Fund	37,424.00	
Miscellaneous	2,861.00	
	<b>£50,365.00</b>	<b>£138.00</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		22,963.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts	22,748.00	
Opening Balance 1st January	42,417.00	19,454.00
<b>Closing Balance at 31st December</b>	<b>£19,669.00</b>	<b>£42,417.00</b>

**Miss S.E.Long Endowment Fund**

<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
CBF Deposit Interest	59.00	55.00
Accumulated income which could be used by Parish for Repair Fund	1,178.00	1,118.00

**Kathy Charlton Legacy**

Held on behalf of Kathy Charlton Legacy-opened in 2007

Deposit Fund Investment (CCLA)	17,250.00	17,250.00
Accumulated Fund Investment (CCLA)	65,668.00	53,656.00



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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b><u>BARCLAYS</u></b>		
Bank Current Account	14,662.00	13,841.00
Bank Repair Fund	19,669.00	42,417.00
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>£34,331.00</u></b>	<b><u>£56,258.00</u></b>
<b><u>DEPOSITS</u></b>		
Miss Long Account	1,178.00	1,118.00
Deposit Fund Investment	17,250.00	17,250.00
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>18,428.00</u></b>	<b><u>£18,368.00</u></b>
<b><u>SHARES</u></b>		
Accumulated Fund Investment	<u>£65,668.00</u>	<u>£53,656.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>£118,427.00</u></b>	<b><u>£128,282.00</u></b>

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Corringham**

I report on the accounts off the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out over 5 enclosed pages.

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 142 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on 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 s.130 of the 2011 Act or to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) Which, in my opinion, should be drawn to the notice of the PCC in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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