

THE DEANERY CHURCH
OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
BOCKING

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ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ending 31st December 2019

THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BOCKING

**THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETINGS**

October 20th 2020

7 p.m.

AGENDA

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2019**
- 2. Election of Churchwardens**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019**
- 2. Matters arising**
- 3. Elections:**
 - a) Deanery Synod Representatives**
 - b) Parochial Church Council members**
 - c) Sides people**
 - d) Appointment of Independent Examiner**
 - e) Appointment of Responsible Officer – Safeguarding**
- 4. Reports:**
 - a) Electoral Roll Officer's report**
 - b) Churchwardens' Fabric report**
 - c) Church organisations' reports**
 - d) The Dean's Parish Report**
 - e) Annual Accounts for year ending 31st December 2019**
- 5. Any further questions**

St Mary's Church, Bocking
Minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting – April 14th 2019

Item	Notes
Welcome	Fr. Rod opened the meeting at 11:45 am. Present: 41 Apologies: 1
1.Minutes 29.04.18	The proposal to accept the minutes was made by Irene Brewer and seconded by Gary Fleming. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.
2.Appointment of Churchwardens	Fr. Rod expressed grateful thanks and appreciation of the support given by the Wardens over the past twelve months. The appointment of Churchwardens for the year 2019-20: Jo Mallows, proposed by Caron Francis and seconded by Brian Collins; Graham Shaw, proposed by Ann Shaw and seconded by Brian Collins. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting – April 14th 2019

Minutes of the Annual Parish Church Council Meeting April 27, 2019

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Welcome	Fr. Rod (RR) opened the meeting at 11:47 am. Present: 41 Apologies: 1															
1.Minutes 29.04.18	The proposal to accept the minutes was made by Julie Wilkinson and seconded by Graham Shaw. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.															
2.Matters arising	There were no matters arising															
3. Elections	<p>a) The election of 4 members to sit on the PCC for the term 2019-22 took place.</p> <table><tr><th>Nominee</th><th>Proposed by</th><th>Seconded by</th></tr><tr><td>Angela Adams</td><td>Ann Harrington</td><td>Ann Lanham</td></tr><tr><td>Monica Cook</td><td>Betty Cotton</td><td>Janice Warren</td></tr><tr><td>Ann Shaw</td><td>Graham Shaw</td><td>Janice Warren</td></tr><tr><td>Chris Weston</td><td>Angela Comfort</td><td>Caron Francis</td></tr></table> <p>There was also a vacancy for a two year period but this remains unfilled. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>b) The election of Sidespersons: Fr.Rod thanked everyone engaged in this vital role as the first line of contact and welcome for those coming to our church. All of those who had agreed to remain on or volunteered to join, the rota, were nominated en bloc by Caron Francis and seconded by Steve Johnson. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>c) The appointment of Independent Examiner: The PCC is very grateful to Mrs. Elizabeth Burden for agreeing to act as the Independent Examiner for St. Mary's for the year 2019-2020. She was nominated by Tony Everard and seconded by Terry Brewer. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>d) The election of the Safeguarding – Responsible Officer: Sue Beattie has covered this role for some time but has now stepped down. The PCC is very grateful to her for ensuring we are up to date in fulfilling our legal responsibilities as legislations changes over time. A replacement has offered to take on the role, but the appointment cannot be formally approved until the PCC meeting in July. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p>	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by	Angela Adams	Ann Harrington	Ann Lanham	Monica Cook	Betty Cotton	Janice Warren	Ann Shaw	Graham Shaw	Janice Warren	Chris Weston	Angela Comfort	Caron Francis
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4.Reports	<p>a) Electoral Roll: As reported on p7 of the Annual Report by Monica Cook, Electoral Roll Officer. On the Electoral Roll there are currently 139, 45% of whom are resident in the Parish, exactly the same as in 2018, although 8 or 9 are new members.</p> <p>b) Churchwardens' Fabric Report: this report can be found on p.7 of the Annual Report document. The Wardens were thanked for everything that has been done to ensure that the maintenance of the fabric of the building is in good order.</p>															

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	<p>c) The issue of bees falling into the nave from the roof space has continued, despite the removal of all the honeycomb last year. Q – Gary asked whether it might be possible to open one of the windows in the clerestory to enable the bees to get out? A – it was agreed that the feasibility and cost of this action would be investigated and reported to the PCC meeting in July. Q – Irene enquired whether placing a beehive in the Church grounds could be an option? A – It was reported that there had been thefts of beehives recently in the local area so it could be an issue. The District Council would need to be consulted on the matter.</p> <p>d) Newala Link: Chris Weston’s report can be found on p.6 of the Annual Report. We are grateful to Chris for his work in maintaining and developing our links St. Mary’s parish, Newala, enabling us to support the purchase of an operating table for the Lulundi Health Centre. Other fundraising efforts have continued, in particular a concert organised by David Felsted as well as donations given in the place of gifts to Jackie and Ian Mitchell on the occasion of their marriage. A visit to Newala in 2020 is being investigated.</p> <p>e) The Friends of St. Mary’s: this report can be found on p8 of the Annual Report. Fr. Rod thanked the Friends’ Committee, and everyone who has supported the events put on over the past year, for their commitment to promoting the Church in the community and putting the fun into fundraising. The Friends have generously donated considerable funds towards meeting the costs of the provision of CCTV in the Church and the Hall, alarms to the Office and Clergy Vestry in line with our policy on Lone Working.</p> <p>f) St. Mary’s Choir: Jeremy Nicholas, Director of Music at St. Mary’s, reported that the average number of members who regularly sing for Sunday services is 14. Many of the couples who book the choir to sing at their wedding have written to praise the high standard of singing. We have lost one of the basses due to him moving to another area but have welcomed a young soprano and her mother to the choir. Jeremy offered a warm welcome to anyone wishing to commit to joining the choir.</p> <p>g) St. Mary’s Fellowship Group: Ann Lanham’s report on the success and growth of the Fellowship can be found on p8 of the Annual Report. Fr. Rod thanked Ann and the catering team for working so hard and maintaining this link with St. Mary’s local community through arranging 10 lunches and very interesting speakers, as well as an annual outing, which was to Camden Lock, Charterhouse for an enjoyable canal boat trip this year.</p> <p>h) St. Mary’s Bell Ringers: this report can be found on p9 of the Annual Report. The maintenance of the bells is on-going but the need for more urgent work has been identified. Whilst some smaller matters have been addressed, total costs for all the works necessary may be prohibitive.</p> <p>i) The Braintree Deanery: Fr. Rod’s report on the Deanery Synod and its purpose in providing the communication link between congregations, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Church of England nationally can be found on p9 of the Report. During 2018/19 St. Mary’s was represented in the House of Clergy by himself and Fr. Mark and in the House of Laity by Isabel Adcock, Angela Comfort and Celia Coulson. The main focus of Synod’s work was the development of the Braintree Mission and Ministry Partnership, which was formally commissioned by the Bishop of Colchester in June 2018. Fr. Rod’s report outlines the progress that has been made since then.</p>

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5) Parish Report & Review of the year	<p>Fr. Rod's report and review can be found on pages 11-16 of the Annual Report. He began with the operation of the PCC and the Standing Committee, before drawing attention to St. Mary's response to the Diocese of Chelmsford's strategic priorities outlined in the document 'Transforming Presence'. The section on 'Serving with Accountability' on p11 & 12 describes everything that has been accomplished within the priority areas of 'Worship', 'Generosity' and 'Hospitality'. There is special mention of the ways in which we wish to ensure that our church is a place of safety.</p> <p>Figures for church attendance show that the average for Sunday morning services is regularly over 100 and that over 450 people attended the Christingle service on Christmas Eve. Attendance at the monthly 'Sunday Club' for our younger members continues to be well supported.</p> <p>He expressed his sincerest thanks to members of the PCC and everyone who has worked to keep the church life at St. Mary's going so strongly. Average attendance by members at the six meetings of the PCC held in 2018 was 68%.</p> <p>The section on General Finance explains that St. Mary's has again met all of its obligations to the Diocese in full. Fr. Rod reported continued growth in charitable giving through the Sunday coffee monies, home collecting boxes and special appeals. Details of the amounts raised for the nominated charities during 2018 are to be found on p13 of the Report.</p> <p>He felt that the highlights of 2018 in profile on p14-15 were: another successful Flower Festival and May Fayre; the continuing growth in Fellowship, hospitality and involvement with the wider community eg St. Mary's Toddler Group, Messy Church, Christmas Tree Festival, Carols on the Green; the number of baptisms and weddings; school visits to the church and the encouraging signs of growth for the future. The Children's Society 'Grow it Lent' campaign was a huge success, raising over £2000.</p> <p>He recorded the sad loss of a number of people associated with the life of the Church over the years, amongst whom we remember with thanksgiving Cyril Cotton, Val Hurry, John Page, Beryl Townley, Kath Jobson, Sheila Allen and Roy Dove.</p> <p>Fr. Rod recorded his grateful thanks for all of the hard work and dedication by the many who contribute in so many ways to the continued success of the worship, pastoral care and fellowship of life at St. Mary's.</p> <p>The Dean's Reflections on 2018 on p15-16 detail the highlights and significant events of the year including: hosting Fr. Philip's celebration of 40 years in ordained ministry; Fr. Mark's ordination and first Mass, signifying the start of the next stage of his priestly life in God's presence and grace: the service on Nov. 11th to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1.</p> <p>Fr. Rod ended his report with a look towards the challenges that will inevitably need to be faced in the coming year, along with embracing opportunities to reach out and to take risks together as we seek to serve God.</p>
6) Annual Accounts for the year ending Dec 31 st 2018	<p>Fr. Rod expressed his thanks to Julie Wilkinson for taking over the role of Treasurer when Bryan Gullick moved to Kent in the new year. He went on to present the Annual Accounts to those present, giving details of the various accounts provided on p.18 -19 of the Annual Report. The Independent Examiner's Report appears on p17 and Notes on the Statement of Financial Activities is on p20.</p> <p>Total Assets less liabilities are £334,588.24 including a re-evaluation of investments. There was a deficit on the year was £948.44. Income continues to lag behind operational costs and we are very reliant on funds generated by events such as the May Fayre. The value of the Dean Roger's Million Penny Fund – a restricted fund from which St. Mary's receives only the interest – is £12000 less than in 2017. Thought must be given to the future</p>

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	<p>wellbeing of the financial position at St. Mary's by seeking the most beneficial ways to generate funds as well as invest our savings.</p> <p>Some questions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q. What is the difference between Fees and the Parish Share? A. Fees chargeable for weddings and funerals are set by the Church of England and we receive credits that off-set the Parish Share (based on the number on the Electoral Roll) of £65 to £70 thousand a year, payable to the Diocese for the provision of a full-time priest, housing, training and on-costs. • Q. Why is the return on Gift Aided giving down by over £5000 on that for 2017? A. This is due to the timing of the application for the return. The money is not lost but will appear in next year's accounts. <p>The formal Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Fr. Rod and seconded by Ann Shaw. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p>
A.O.B.	<p>a) Are the Hand bells likely to be used again? A leader is needed.</p> <p>b) Has there been any feedback on having the Church open during the day? So far it has been well-received. Are the opening times advertised? No.</p>
Closure of the meeting	<p>Congratulations were offered on the quality and breadth of the Report.</p> <p>Fr. Mark gave a vote of thanks to Fr, Rod for the Report and for everything he does for the Parish.</p> <p>There being no further questions, Fr. Rod thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12:57pm.</p>

NEWALA LINK REPORT 2019

Following our donation of the operating table we have continued to exchange news and photographs with their Fellowship although their chairman, Dr Lawi Issa was severely incapacitated by a hip problem. Their fellowship has continued with the Cow project as well as the Chicken Project. They are now looking to include the villages, but this has problems of travel and communication. We hold some funds which are designated to assist. Last year we accepted their invitation to visit and several exploratory meetings were held including a visit to Cambridge to seek Richard Price's advice; Richard having been instrumental in the original introduction. As a result, a party of four led by Father Rod will visit Newala in the first week of July. We wish them bon voyage and look forward to their travellers' tales. Publications on Newala and Tanzania are available to read or borrow are on the display stand in the church.

Chris Weston, Co-Ordinator
on behalf of St Mary's PCC

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT 2019

The main fabric of the Church continues to be in a satisfactory condition as remarked upon by the Architect during the quinquennial inspection under the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955. The report contains recommendations for works to be carried out in order of priority:

The work to redress the lead cover flashings and point up the parapet to north and east parapet walls of the roof nave has been carried out. The remaining repairs required under

the quinquennial inspection were put on hold during 2019 as expenditure was directed to replacing stolen lead from the roof the Church Hall. Routine checks and maintenance have continued as usual. Annual services were carried out to check the boiler, lightning conductors, fire hydrants and blankets plus the alarm system.

The Churchwardens on behalf of St. Mary's PCC

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT 2019/20

The Electoral Roll has been renewed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The Roll at April 2019 consists of a total of 140 persons. Numbers for April 2020 remain the same:-

46% (64) of these are resident in the Parish

54% (76) are non-resident

Monica Cook on behalf of St Mary's P.C.C.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S AND CHURCH HALL REPORT 2019

Yet another year on and the Friends of St Mary's continues to develop the fellowship and friendship within our community, and to raise funds to support the fabric of St Mary's.

We started the year with the AGM, a free afternoon tea for all catered by our fantastic committee. Later in the Spring the Dean killed off one of our number in a Murder Mystery evening, authored by Jacky Mitchell, followed by another successful quiz evening and Harvest Supper. We repeated the ever-popular Light Party, always attended by many people who don't normally visit St Mary's. All of that followed up by a Christmas Concert presented by the Colchester Band. All in all, a great year of fundraising and entertainment.

We've also managed to spend some money again this past year. We've renewed the sound and Public Address system in the Church, replaced and repaired the Church Office windows. We've also committed to covering the costs of the forthcoming Office redecoration.

The Church Hall continues to be an essential community resource producing valuable revenue to support the work of St Mary's. As we talk about the Hall we must recognize the contribution of St Mary's Fellowship in paying for the installation of Window Blinds in the Kitchen and a Benefactor for the installation of sound baffles in the hall itself.

One project for this coming year will be the resurfacing of the floor, which is starting to deteriorate and is of course a concern especially as we now have regular toddler group meetings in the hall.

I am continually grateful for the help and support of the Friends committee without whom none of this would be possible.

Graham Shaw
for the Executive Committee Friends of St Mary's

ST MARY'S CHOIR 2019

St Mary's Choir has continued to flourish with many new hymns and anthems added to its extensive repertoire in the past year. The average number who regularly sing in the choir every Sunday is 12-14.

Those couples who book the choir for their wedding invariably write to praise the high standard of the singing and to congratulate the choir on its contribution to the success of the service.

We are always looking for recruits to the choir. No previous singing experience is required. You do not have to read music (but it helps!). All that is needed is a commitment to the weekly choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm and the Sunday morning service at 10am. You will be warmly welcomed to join in the music-making, hard work and laughter.

Jeremy Nicholas, Director of Music

ST MARY'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2019

The Fellowship group has had another wonderful year welcoming church members, friends and many from the village to our monthly meetings. We had 10 meetings with a wide range of talks. In September we had a wonderful coach trip to Cromer which included the End of the Pier show, everyone had a fantastic time. Our sessions are open to everyone and we would love to see you, every third Thursday in the month, meeting at the Church Hall and this year's outing taking place in September.

Ann Lanham

ST MARY'S BELL RINGERS 2019

St Mary's Guild is part of the Northern District, one of five districts of The Essex Association of Church Bell-ringers which in turn is part of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.

We are fortunate enough to have a ring of 10 bells (the majority of village churches has 8, 6 or fewer), the heaviest of which is 18 cwt. or 914kg. They were augmented from 8 in 1973 after many years of fund-raising by the then band of ringers. Sadly, now we rarely ring the 10, usually managing 8 ringers for Sunday service and frequently insufficient attendees for our Thursday practice night. However, we gather bands for weddings and other special occasions but sometimes have to rely on help from other local towers.

While our Steeple-keeper and other ringers undertake ongoing maintenance of our bells regularly we have discovered that work by skilled bell hangers needs to be done to prevent damage, repair existing damage and to improve the "bell-handling" to help make them easier to ring. Some of the urgent work has already been done and some is planned but if we are to contract experts then the costs are prohibitive and we would need to do some serious fund-raising and may need your help.

If you would like further information or want to "have-a-go" please contact our Ringing Master, Alan May, on 01376 345290, or 07935344038, or just come up and see us in the ringing room when you next hear the bells ringing. We would love to see you soon.

BRAINTREE DEANERY

Braintree Deanery Synod is a council of church members drawn mainly from the clergy and congregations in each of the Deanery's parishes. It provides the communication link between congregations, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Church of England nationally.

The Synod met on 5 June and 2 October 2019 and 5 February 2020. Responsibility for chairing was shared between Rev'd Canon Chris Davey (Area Dean), Rev'd Rod Reid (Assistant Area Dean) and Canon John Turton (Lay Joint Chair).

The Synod considered one motion during the year, calling for a review of the mechanism for the removal of a lay officer for conduct unbecoming/misconduct. The context, supported by a case study, was a realisation that current procedures designed to deal with safeguarding and lay conduct were not sufficiently robust for managing severe and intractable cases. Following a debate, the motion was carried and referred to the Diocesan Synod for further consideration.

A recurrent theme of the Synod's discussions was the financial challenge faced by the Diocese and the potential effect of this on future mission and ministry. We welcomed the Venerable Robin King, Archdeacon of Stansted, to one of our meetings to help us think about how the Deanery may look in future and the steps we could take in the short term to move closer to that vision.

Work to develop the Mission and Ministry Partnership has continued, although it has proved challenging and members have noted a certain lack of momentum. A strong level of commitment remains however, and this will prove invaluable as efforts are made to re-focus the existing enthusiasm and sense of partnership.

Other issues considered by the Synod included:

- Responding to a Diocesan consultation on how to encourage people to stand for election to the Deanery Synod. One of our suggestions led to the inclusion of an article in WePray (the Diocesan prayer diary)
- Regular reports of proceedings at Diocesan Synod and General Synod, and updates on news and events from parishes across the Deanery.

As we approach the triennial election of lay representatives, the Synod expresses thanks to all who have served as members for the past three years.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio*, are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted for a set term.

Ex Officio Members

Rev'd. Roderick Reid
Rev'd. Mark Payne

The Dean of Bocking
Curate until October 2019

Mr. Graham Shaw	Churchwarden from May 2019
Mrs. Joanna Mallows	Churchwarden from May 2019 & PCC Secretary
Mrs. Isabel Adcock	General Synod & Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs. Angela Comfort Dr. Celia Coulson	Deanery Synod Reps until 2020
Mrs. Julie Wilkinson	Treasurer
Mrs. Sue Beattie Mrs. Nicola Jaynes	Safeguarding Officer until May 2019 Safeguarding Officer from April 2019

Elected Members

Mrs. Angela Adams Mrs. Monica Cook Mrs. Ann Shaw Mr. Chris Weston	until April 2022
Mrs. Irene Brewer Mrs. Gill Hunt Mr. Stephen Johnson	until April 2021
Mr. Gary Fleming Mrs. Caron Francis Mrs. Jackie Lawrence Mr. Alan Richardson	until April 2020

The PCC operates through full meetings of all its members and through Standing Committee meeting occasionally between PCC meetings. This committee consists of the Priest in Charge, the Wardens and the Treasurer and has power to transact business of the Council between meetings.

Review of the Year

PCC Meetings

The Church Council met 6 times for business meetings during 2019, with an average of 66% of its membership in attendance. The PCC continued to review its Child Protection policy and Risk Assessments as well as hearing reports on the work of the Deanery Synod, the Church Hall, the Friends of St. Mary's, Health and Safety, Church Fabric, the Pastoral Group and our link church in Newala.

Serving with Accountability

The PCC discussed its response to the Strategic Priorities outlined in the diocese of Chelmsford's 'Transforming Presence' document and chose 'Worship' and 'Generosity' for

development during 2017, 'Hospitality' to develop during 2018 and 'Interdependence' during 2019.

Briefly, the discussion around our **Interdependence** considered: **How we are working in partnership with other Christian communities in our locality and at diocesan, national and global levels?** It was acknowledged that we already work in conjunction with other Christian communities in the locality e.g.

- Joint services with the United Reformed Church in Bocking village several times a year.
- Participation in services organised by the local 'Churches Together' group.
- Organisation of joint 'Messy Church' outreach events in a local community hall with St Peter's, Bocking.
- Engagement in the organisation and delivery of the annual World Day of Prayer joint service with all Christian communities in the area.
- Joint work to establish and deliver the aims of the Mission and Ministry Partnership through attending group planning events and supporting team leaders of four main areas – nurture, resources, mission and youth.
- Provision of opportunities, through involvement with our Sunday Club, Toddler Group, village school and pre-school organisations, for local families to participate in worship e.g. Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, Christingle.
- Maintenance of contact and support with the organisers of The Braintree Youth Project and with The Braintree District Interfaith Forum.
- Partnership work to develop and support the growth of the Church in our link parish of St. Mary's in Newala, Tanzania.

Summary of possible actions: We are aware that there is much more to be accomplished in all aspects of working interdependently and have discussed the fact that we now need to:

- Make a plan of all the events taking place in the local area, in order to manage expectations and deliver on commitments made.
- Ensure that our communication systems – fliers/posters/website/Facebook etc – are up to date and fully accessible to everyone with whom we look to connect.
- Recruit volunteers willing to commit to various events or groups, without expecting too much from too few individuals.
- Developing skills to enable volunteers to deliver outreach events and support existing projects.
- Gather information and research the logistics of visiting our link parish in Tanzania.
- Listen to feedback from organisations and respond respectfully and with sensitivity.

The Church

We continue to be dedicated to using St Mary's Church in the most creative ways we can to worship God and draw others to him through the ministries of stewardship, prayer, teaching and welcome, whilst continuing to develop our overseas link with the Parish of St Mary's Newala and other aspects of the wider Church.

General Finance

In the year 2019, we again met our obligations to the Diocese and parish in full and as usual, the Gift Aid Scheme has continued to benefit our work considerably. We are grateful to

those who have completed a Gift Aid Declaration for their giving and to all who contribute regularly and generously through Standing Orders and Weekly Envelopes. If you are a Tax Payer we cannot afford for you not to be in the Gift Aid Scheme! We are also pleased to report the continued growth of charitable giving through the Sunday Coffee monies, Home Collecting Boxes and special appeals.

Charitable Giving 2019			
Recipient	Value	Recipient	Value
First Stop, Braintree	£138.54	Braintree Mencap	£100.47
Alzheimer's Society (Mid-Essex)	£110.28	Christian Youth Outreach	£100.68
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	£110.87	Multiple Sclerosis Society	£144.57
Braintree Stroke Survivors' Exercise Group	£116.47	Salvation Army Christmas Meal Project (Braintree)	£101.24
Christian Aid	£110.19	The Royal British Legion	£109.53
Little Havens Children's Hospice	£143.48	The Tabor Centre	£108.44
Total donated over the year			£1394.76

Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund

St Mary's Church continues to be grateful to the Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund for the payment of the Insurance Premium, details of which are included in the accounts. As planned, additional funds were donated during 2019, via personal giving and the Sunday Coffee morning monies during June.

The Year 2019 in profile:

- *Sunday Club continued to grow & flourish with new children each time. A special mention for their additional contribution to the Flower Festival.*
- *St Mary's took part in the Women's World Day of Prayer in April, hosted wonderfully at Christchurch in Braintree.*
- *Over the Flower Festival and May Fayre weekend St Mary's welcomed many visitors from Bocking and further afield.*
- *In the second week of May a service of Thanksgiving for departed loved ones was once again held with Janet C. Davies Funeral Directors.*
- *The Toddler Group continued to flourish with some sterling help from congregation members.*
- *Through the pastoral team and helpers, monthly Holy Communion was taken into 5 of our local care homes, with additional services at Easter and Christmas.*
- *St Mary's saw 34 baptisms and 20 weddings during the year. Fr Rod and Fr Mark conducted 17 funerals in the Church and over 51 more in local cemeteries or crematoria.*
- *The Bible Study Group met regularly during the year with breaks for Advent and Lent. This year we have studied the book of Job and the Gospel of Matthew.*
- *The Book Club continued to regularly meet, a number of publications have been read and discussed through the year. The club always welcomes new members.*

- *The Christmas Tree Festival took place over the second weekend in December and was a great success, especially with the addition of Father Christmas himself.*
- *We enjoyed Carols by Candlelight on the Sunday before Christmas when the church was packed. Our Christingle service on Christmas Eve drew over 450 people and raised over £570*
- *We had our first Outdoor Christmas Tree in the churchyard. After a group of local residents raised over £3000 we now have funds to regularly have a tree outside as well as to put on extra events.*
- *Carol singing took place in a number of our local care homes. Also in The Retreat, which returned after a very successful event last year.*
- *There have been continued links with our schools; a number of classes from Bocking School have been down to visit, as well as Scallywags Nursery. The Dean remains Chair of the Governors at Bocking Primary School.*
- *We have also had regular visits from the local Beavers group particularly in the lead up to Easter and Christmas.*
- *St Mary's Fellowship Group has continued to meet each month with ever growing numbers. Last year, members enjoyed the varied lunches, visiting speakers, and a coach trip to Cromer.*
- *At All Souls, we hosted a Memorial Service, inviting all those for whom the parish had conducted a service. It was appreciated by many and will return.*
- *We celebrated Fr Mark's last Sunday with us in October and enjoyed being able to go with a coach load of folk to see him licensed to The Colnes within the Halstead Team Ministry.*
- *Glebe Messy Church continued to grow and reach more people. It has been wonderful to work with Friends from St Peter's Bocking on this project.*
- *We record the loss, during 2019, of a number of people associated with the life of the Church over the years, contributing widely in their different ways. Amongst them we remember with thanksgiving Roy Dove, Dorothy Shaw, Greg Spurgeon, and Jack Blackwood*

Grateful Thanks

The P.C.C. wishes to thank the many, too numerous to mention by name, whose hard work and dedication has meant another successful year for St Mary's Church. We continue to thrive and flourish only because so much is done by so many people in a huge variety of ways and we truly value the contributions made by each and every one. Without so much being done to clean and decorate the Church, provide flowers, music, singing, bells, pastoral care, ministry to the sick and bereaved, take minutes, make coffee, soup and many other meals our parish and its fellowship would be the poorer.

The Dean's Reflections on 2019

Firstly, let me begin with a thank you! A heartfelt thank you, to each person reading this and many others aside. It is an absolute privilege to lead St Mary's, but we could not achieve all we have without the support, gifts and talents of so many others. Your commitment, your faith and your willingness to both things forward are helping us shape St Mary's for the future, so thank you for the many ways you have contributed to that in the last year.

St Mary's then has once again been at the very heart of the community with special services but also through our regular worship, seeing some new faces joining us, more wedding couples, and lots more children! It has been wonderful to see the numbers grow steadily in Sunday Club services, newly renamed by the children as Junior Church. Many comment to me how fantastic it is to hear the children feeding back on all they have been learning. During the year Fr Mark and I conducted over 30 more funerals than the usual 40-50. These have ranged from the very public like Keith Flint, drawing over 5000 people to Bocking on a day I will never forget, to parishioners, local residents and those with a link to Bocking. Each one though has our full attention and each one is shaped and prepared as a unique service with the life and story of the person who has died at the heart. In response to these larger numbers we have also broadened the links we have with families, sending cards out to families for whom we have conducted a funeral service both at 3 months and a 1 year. This maintains the link and explains why we had more attending our All Souls service than in the past.

Of course, this was also to be our last year with Fr Mark and the family. It was a joy working alongside him and while we were sad to see him move on, we knew it was the right time for him, Suz and Caitlin. How wonderful to be able to take a coach load of supporters to his licensing in Earls Colne in November. I am sure he won't be a stranger to the parish and we thank him for his contribution.

As we closed out the year, we celebrated the countdown to Christmas as a community even more than before with the addition of a huge 20ft tree in the churchyard. Another example of congregation members and local residents raising funds to make it happen. As you know I love Christmas and once again we hosted extremely popular services in the lead up to the big day with over 450 attending Christingle and over 250 attending the Carol Service. With all of that in mind we also began preparations for Confirmation which would take place in 2020, so a very busy year indeed.

As I prepare to write this reflection on 2019 here in March 2020 the anxieties about Covid and the impact of lockdown leave us unsure of what will happen next this year. However, if 2019 taught us anything it is that we are stronger together, that through collaboration and each other's commitment we can face any challenge. Throughout, we recognise that we don't do this on our own but in the knowledge that God is by our side. As we look forward with uncertainty, I hope and pray that we hold fast to that hope and to each other.

The Very Revd Rod Reid, Dean of Bocking, April 2020

NOTE ON THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS WHICH FOLLOW

We are grateful to Elizabeth Burden for continuing to be our Independent Examiner.

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The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	53,634	1,578	—	55,212	49,567
Income from charitable activities	34,811	—	—	34,811	55,928
Other trading activities	12,693	120	—	12,813	9,800
Investments	6,701	—	—	6,701	12,737
Total income	107,840	1,698	—	109,538	128,033
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	5,822	—	—	5,822	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	108,832	2,900	—	111,732	128,895
Total expenditure	114,654	2,900	—	117,554	128,895
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(6,813)	(1,201)	—	(8,015)	(862)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	1,445	—	1,445	1,635
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,445)	—	—	(1,445)	(1,635)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	11,680	—	—	11,680	(15,372)
Net movement in funds	3,420	243	—	3,664	(16,235)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	334,488	100	—	334,588	350,823
Total funds carried forward	337,908	343	—	338,252	334,588
<i>Represented by</i>					
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General fund	30,158	—	—	30,158	23,616
<i>Designated</i>					
Buildings Capital	128,044	—	—	128,044	115,763
Church hall	(10,180)	—	—	(10,180)	5,221
Fabric Fund	189,886	—	—	189,886	189,886
<i>Restricted</i>					
Choir Fund	—	170	—	170	100
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	—	36	—	36	—
Funds collected on behalf of other charities	—	137	—	137	—

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The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2019

		Balance	Previous balance
Investments			
6450: CBIFS 11787.15 Units 608264001S - Asset			
Fabric Fund	Designated	189,886.27	189,886.27
		<u>189,886.27</u>	<u>189,886.27</u>
	Investments	189,886.27	189,886.27
Tangible assets			
6420: Dean Rogers Million Penny - Asset			
Buildings Capital	Designated	127,444.06	115,763.97
		<u>127,444.06</u>	<u>115,763.97</u>
	Tangible assets	127,444.06	115,763.97
Cash at bank and in hand			
6501: Bank current account - Asset			
Buildings Capital	Designated	600.24	—
Choir Fund	Restricted	170.00	100.00
Church hall	Designated	(10,180.97)	5,221.83
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	Restricted	36.58	—
Funds collected on behalf of other charities	Restricted	137.20	—
General fund	Unrestricted	30,158.97	23,616.00
		<u>20,922.02</u>	<u>28,937.83</u>
	Cash at bank and in hand	20,922.02	28,937.83
	Grand Total	338,252.35	334,588.07

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	11,617	—	—	—	11,617	12,165
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	14,233	—	—	—	14,233	12,281
0201 - Other planned giving	157	—	—	—	157	—
0301 - Loose plate collections	5,089	—	—	—	5,089	2,211
0410 - Giving through church boxes	488	—	48	—	536	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	2,736	—	435	—	3,171	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	9,333	—	125	—	9,459	12,133
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	7,552	—	—	—	7,552	3,396
0701 - Legacies	—	600	—	—	600	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	853	—	—	—	853	—
0901 - Other funds generated	971	—	969	—	1,940	7,379
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	53,034	600	1,578	—	55,212	49,567
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	22,220	—	—	—	22,220	24,798
1110 - Activities to generate funds	7,338	—	—	—	7,338	21,724
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	73	—	—	—	73	—
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	5,179	—	—	5,179	9,405
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	29,632	5,179	—	—	34,811	55,928
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0910 - General Fundraising	3,523	—	120	—	3,643	9,800
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	84	—	—	—	84	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	9,085	—	—	9,085	—
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	3,607	9,085	120	—	12,813	9,800
<i>Investments</i>						
1001 - Dividends	6,567	—	—	—	6,567	6,406
1002 - DRMPF Contribution to Insurance Costs	—	—	—	—	—	6,295
1020 - Bank and building society interest	133	—	—	—	133	35
<i>Investments Totals</i>	6,701	—	—	—	6,701	12,737
Income and endowments Grand totals	92,974	14,865	1,698	—	109,538	128,033
Expenditure						
<i>Raising funds</i>						
1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	981	—	—	—	981	—
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	4,840	—	—	—	4,840	—
<i>Raising funds Totals</i>	5,822	—	—	—	5,822	—

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
1850 - Home mission	142	—	—	—	142	3,811
1870 - Secular charities	490	—	—	—	490	1,860
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	48,632	—	—	—	48,632	52,119
2001 - Assistant staff costs	1,609	—	—	—	1,609	1,815
2002 - Playgroup leader costs	400	—	—	—	400	—
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	649	—	—	—	649	1,964
2170 - Education	448	—	—	—	448	—
2201 - Parish training and mission	40	—	—	—	40	150
2205 - Launde Abbey Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	8,041
2301 - Church running - insurance	6,715	—	—	—	6,715	6,184
2310 - Church office - Phone & internet	1,149	—	—	—	1,149	686
2311 - Church office Photocopier	828	—	—	—	828	586
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	612	—	—	—	612	560
2330 - Church maintenance	84	—	—	—	84	6,224
2331 - Cleaning	1,565	—	—	—	1,565	795
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,283	—	2,900	—	4,183	3,173
2341 - Director of Music & organists	5,384	—	—	—	5,384	4,529
2345 - Bellringers	100	—	—	—	100	225
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	80	—	—	—	80	—
2360 - Administration	2,258	—	—	—	2,258	3,070
2361 - Photocopier costs	—	—	—	—	—	453
2362 - Fees paid to Diocese	—	—	—	—	—	14,082
2401 - Church running - electric	276	—	—	—	276	783
2410 - Church running - gas	4,495	—	—	—	4,495	6,378
2420 - Church running - water	177	—	—	—	177	—
2520 - Hall running - Hall Manager	—	1,035	—	—	1,035	520
2521 - Hall Running - Cleaning	—	1,779	—	—	1,779	2,837
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	2,320	—	—	2,320	919
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	3,567	—	—	3,567	—
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	1,265	—	—	1,265	214
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	76	—	—	76	—
2580 - Hall running - water	—	219	—	—	219	359
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	47
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	1,740	—	—	—	1,740	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	11,604	—	—	11,604	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	7,800	—	—	7,800	6,500
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i>	79,163	29,668	2,900	—	111,732	128,895
Expenditure Grand totals	84,986	29,668	2,900	—	117,554	128,895

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The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
Buildings - Buildings Capital (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Legacies		600	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>600</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>600</u>	<u>—</u>
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		600	—
Brought forward balance		115,763	127,779
Adjustments		11,680	(12,015)
Total carried forward balance		<u>128,044</u>	<u>115,763</u>
Choir - Choir Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations appeals etc		—	100
Other funds generated		50	—
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>50</u>	<u>100</u>
Other trading activities			
General Fundraising		20	—
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>20</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>70</u>	<u>100</u>
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		70	100
Brought forward balance		100	—
Total carried forward balance		<u>170</u>	<u>100</u>
DeanRogers - Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Loose plate collections		—	1,454
Giving through church boxes		36	—
Donations appeals etc		—	131
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>36</u>	<u>1,585</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>36</u>	<u>1,585</u>
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Home mission		—	1,811
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,811</u>
Total expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>1,811</u>

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Note	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
		36	(225)
		—	—
		—	225
Total carried forward balance		36	—
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund			
		189,886	193,243
		—	(3,356)
Total carried forward balance		189,886	189,886
Flowers - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
One-off Gift Aid gifts		435	—
Donations appeals etc		—	481
Other funds generated		919	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>1,354</i>	<i>481</i>
Other trading activities			
General Fundraising		100	—
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<i>100</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments		1,454	481
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Upkeep of services		2,900	1,231
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>2,900</i>	<i>1,231</i>
Total expenditure		2,900	1,231
		(1,445)	(749)
		—	—
		1,445	749
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Hall - Church hall (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations appeals etc		—	7,146
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>7,146</i>
Income from charitable activities			
Church hall lettings - objectives		5,179	9,405
<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>		<i>5,179</i>	<i>9,405</i>
Other trading activities			
Church hall lettings - fund raising		9,085	—
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		<i>9,085</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments		14,265	16,551
Expenditure			

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Note	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Hall running - Hall Manager		1,035	520
Hall Running - Cleaning		1,779	2,837
Hall running - electricity		2,320	919
Hall running - gas		3,567	—
Hall running - maintenance		1,265	193
Hall running - telephone		76	—
Hall running - water		219	359
Hall + major repairs - structure		11,604	—
Hall + major repairs - installation		7,800	6,500
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>29,668</i>	<i>11,329</i>
Total expenditure		29,668	11,329
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(15,402)	5,221
Brought forward balance		5,221	—
Total carried forward balance		(10,180)	5,221

Mission - Funds collected on behalf of other charities (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Giving through church boxes		11	—
Donations appeals etc		125	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>137</i>	<i>—</i>
Total income and endowments		137	—
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		137	—
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		137	—

Retreats - Parish Retreats * Outings (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Other funds generated		—	7,379
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>7,379</i>
Total income and endowments		—	7,379
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Launde Abbey Retreat		—	8,041
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>8,041</i>
Total expenditure		—	8,041
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	(661)
Brought forward balance		—	—
Transfers to/(from)		—	661
Total carried forward balance		—	—

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Note	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
		11,617	12,165
		14,233	12,281
		157	—
		5,089	757
		488	—
		2,736	—
		9,333	4,273
		7,552	3,396
		853	—
		971	—
	Total Donations and legacies	53,034	32,874
Income from charitable activities			
		22,220	24,798
		7,338	21,724
		73	—
	Total Income from charitable activities	29,632	46,523
Other trading activities			
		3,523	9,800
		84	—
	Total Other trading activities	3,607	9,800
Investments			
		6,567	6,406
		—	6,295
		133	35
	Total Investments	6,701	12,737
	Total income and endowments	92,974	101,934
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
		981	—
		4,840	—
	Total Raising funds	5,822	—
Expenditure on charitable activities			
		142	2,000
		490	1,860
		48,632	52,119
		1,609	1,815
		400	—
		649	1,964
		448	—
		40	150
		6,715	6,184
		1,149	686
		828	586
		612	560
		84	6,224
		1,565	795
		1,283	1,942
		5,384	4,529
		100	225
		80	—
		2,258	3,070

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Note	From To	01 January 2019 31 December 2019	01 January 2018 31 December 2018
		—	453
		—	14,082
		276	783
		4,495	6,378
		177	—
		—	21
		—	47
		1,740	—
		<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>106,483</i>
		79,163	106,483
Total expenditure		84,986	106,483
		7,988	(4,548)
		23,616	29,800
		(1,445)	(1,635)
Total carried forward balance		30,158	23,616

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Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of The Deanery Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bocking

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bocking (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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30 April 2021