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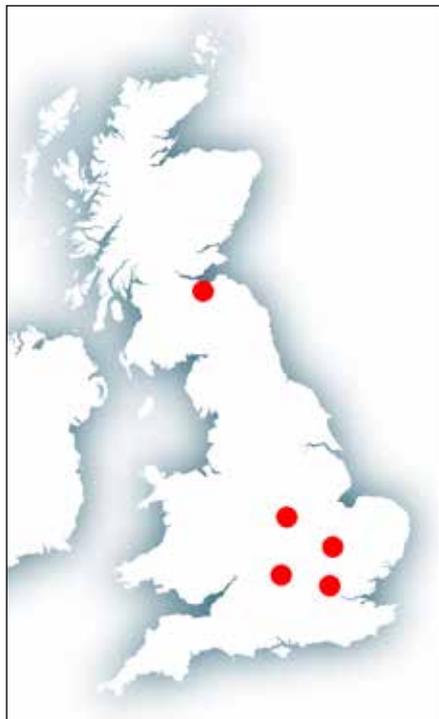


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FOR THE PERIOD 1ST OCT 2019 - 30TH SEPT 2020

## THE DOMINICAN FRIARS IN BRITAIN



THE DOMINICAN FRIARS (est. 1216) are an international Catholic religious order with a specialisation in preaching, teaching and pastoral work. Officially titled the ‘Order of Preachers’, they are known as ‘Dominicans’ after their founder, St Dominic.

### THE ‘PROVINCE OF ENGLAND’

The friars first established themselves in Britain in 1221, as the ‘Province of England’. The Province (one of around 40) endures to this day. It is legally constituted as a single charity ‘The English Province of the Order of Preachers’, with responsibility for the friars’ work in England, Wales and Scotland.

### PRIORIES

The Province is made up of a number of priories, which are local communities of friars with a large degree of self-government. Currently these are in Oxford, London, Cambridge, Leicester, and Edinburgh. The Dominican houses in Grenada and Jamaica in the West Indies are also canonically dependent on this Province, and supported by grants, though not part of this charity.

### KEY FACTS

Houses: 4 in England,  
1 in Scotland  
(+ 2 canonically  
associated in  
West Indies)

Total Friars: 82

- 60 in UK,
- 9 in West Indies,
- 7 assig. to other provinces
- 3 working overseas
- 3 on leave

Bishops: 1

Priests: 61  
(+ 7 in West Indies)

Novices /  
Student brothers: 9

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### OBJECT OF THE CHARITY

The Province Trust Deed lists ten charitable purposes, which for the purpose of registration as a Charity are summarised as ‘the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion and the establishment and maintenance of schools, churches and priories for these purposes and the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers’.

### OUR MISSION: THE AIMS OF THE CHARITY

The ultimate aim and purpose of the Catholic Church and therefore of the Order of Preachers is ‘the salvation of souls’ (cf. *CIC* 1752; *LCO* 1 §2). In furtherance of this goal, the Order of Preachers and the English Province aim to provide effective preaching, teaching and pastoral care flowing from fraternal religious communities of prayer and study. Through the work of the friars we seek to awaken and deepen faith, hope and charity, to the benefit of those to whom we minister, to their families and to the wider community.

*More detailed information can be found on pp. 33ff.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL

“This was an unexpectedly difficult year for us, as it was for so many. We entered it with expectations of planning with joy for our Province’s 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary jubilee year in 2021, but instead we had to learn to take our apostolates online and provide pastoral care in new ways. Our finances were badly hit, but the generosity of our supporters has helped us through, as ever. Our province has survived far worse than this!

“This year more than any other we have come to realise the inherently physical nature of the faith we profess, and in the forced absence from our churches and priories of so many friends, we have come to value ever more greatly those friendships. We look forward to a renewal of these friendships in the months to come.”

*Very Rev Dr Martin Ganeri OP, Prior Provincial*



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## OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES FOR THE YEAR 2019–20

### (A) RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

To train priests and religious for pastoral and educational ministry, and to maintain the success of the full-time Director and Promoter of Vocations in drawing larger numbers of young men to enter the Province.

- Through pastoral engagement and work with young people, promote the Dominican vocation as a worthy and fulfilling life in the service of God and his people;
- Through prudent investment and fundraising provide funds to help support student friars and the communities in which they live;
- Plan for the future needs of the Province's centre of studies ('Studium') by identifying and training future teachers.

### (B) MINISTRY

To continue effective and responsive ministry in the priories and parishes of the Province.

- Continue the training and ordination to the clerical state of friars who will work in the Province's priories and parishes;
- Ensure the friars are present in the locations where they are best able to minister;
- Secure celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments in a way that responds to the pastoral needs of each place;

### (C) BLACKFRIARS HALL

To maintain and support the educational and research activities of Blackfriars Hall and particularly to develop the research projects of the Las Casas and Aquinas Institutes, and foster links with the other private halls of the University.

- Expand the number of postgraduate students, especially in theology and philosophy;
- Continue to encourage visiting research scholars;
- Continue collaboration with the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (registered charity no. 274327);
- Continue to enhance the programmes of the Las Casas and Aquinas Institutes, seeking new sources of funding and collaborating with similar institutions elsewhere.

### (D) BLACKFRIARS STUDIUM

Strengthen the Province's centre of studies in Oxford, ensuring proper levels of funding and administrative support.

- Foster links with other religious congregations to open up a wider pool of prospective students and teachers.
- Raise funds, so that an adequate and sustainable system of payment for lecturers can be provided.

*Of these objectives (a), (b), (e), (g) and (h) applied to Scotland as well as to England and Wales; (c), (d) and (f) were specific to England and Wales, although not to the exclusion of participation by friars assigned to Scottish priories.*

**(E) BUILDINGS**

To maintain the buildings of the Province so that they are fitting places for the religious life, including for older and sick members of the Order, and for the pastoral and educational apostolate.

- Ensure that regular surveys of the buildings are conducted;
- Perform the maintenance works identified by surveys, as prioritised;
- Identify, where possible, external sources of funding for maintaining buildings.
- Carry out plans for renovation of insulation and heating for the churches, chapels and priories of the Province.

**(F) LONDON AND LEICESTER**

Support and develop the mission of the Rosary Shrine in London and Holy Cross Priory in Leicester to their local and extended surrounding areas.

- Finalise strategic development plans;
- Take forward fundraising for fabric maintenance, facilities renovations, and the support of the priory communities.

**(G) 2021 ANNIVERSARY**

Commence planning for suitable ways to mark the Province's 800th anniversary in 2021, including events, strategic development initiatives, and opportunities for recruitment, fundraising and communications.

- Finalise and implement programme of events and publications to mark the Jubilee year
- Plan fundraising as appropriate to support the Jubilee events and wider work of the Province

**(H) IMPACT OF COVID-19**

From the middle of the financial year, steps were taken to comply with public-health mandates and to mitigate the impact of these restrictions on the Province's mission and its income.

- Comply with mandated regulations on social distancing and other measures
- Prioritise pastoral care for those suffering as a result of the pandemic and related restrictions
- Encourage laypeople to return to church when possible
- Further develop online presence and introduce virtual meetings and events
- Support employees and friars in remote working
- Promote electronic giving to replace lost cash income
- Run emergency appeals to offset lost income

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW: KEY FACTS

## BROADCASTING TO THE WORLD [p.10]



## DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES FIND A HOME AT ROSARY SHRINE [p.18]



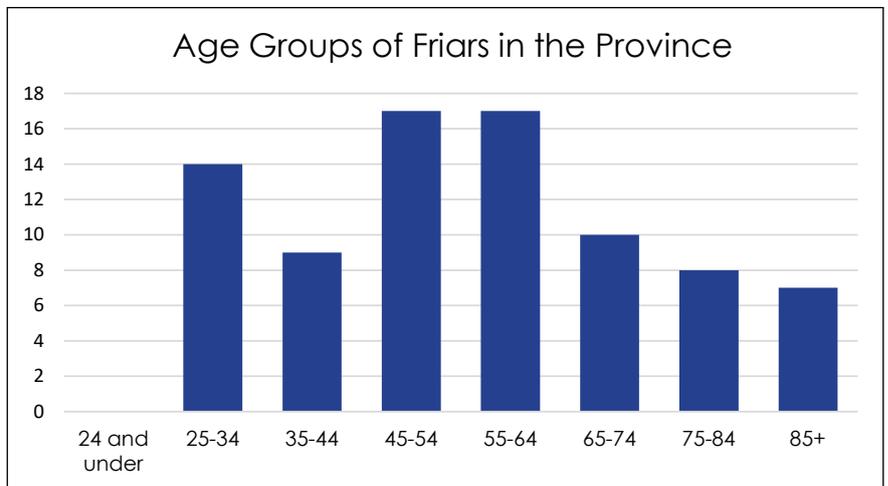
## FRASSATI CENTRE WORKS BEGAN IN LEICESTER [p.15]



## CAMBRIDGE: MASS IN THE OPEN AIR [p.21]



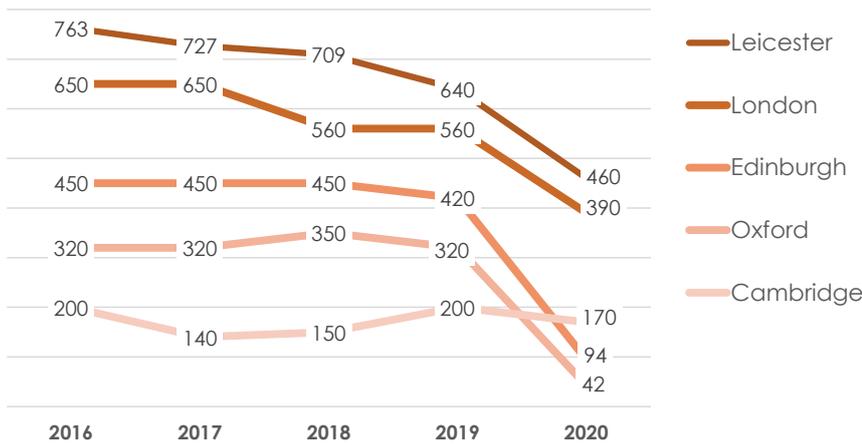
Figures from the 2020 *Catalogus* of the Province. Excludes those assigned in the West Indies (8), those serving as bishops (1), and those from other provinces resident in the UK (1).



Pastoral offices include parish priests, assistant priests, chaplains etc. (37 in previous year). Some are part-time: the count is 16 (22 if considered as 'full-time equivalents'. Some individuals hold more than one office. Paid work means the Charity receives income as a result of this work (89% paid in previous year).

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW: PASTORAL FIGURES

## ESTIMATED TYPICAL SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE AT DOMINICAN PRIORIES\*



\*Sunday Mass attendance figures are included merely to provide a rough idea of the scale of pastoral work in each priory. These exclude the many other forms of pastoral ministry undertaken (*see below*) and the many and varied other ministries that happen within this Province (*see the reports in pp.9–29*). They are of course susceptible to vagaries of local populations and of measurement.

Please note that these figures represent **average attendance in Sept 2020**, at which time restrictions remained in place on gathering for public worship, and many individuals chose to stay away from churches. Cambridge bucked the downwards trend by introducing outside Masses in their garden.

## SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

Baptisms	Infants: 62 (2019: 95) Adults/older children: 3 (15) TOTAL: 65 (110)
Receptions of Baptised Christians into the Catholic Church	10 (17)
Confirmations	19 (41)
First Communions	Children: 15 (60) Adults: 9 (17) TOTAL: 24 (77)
Public Masses each week	Sundays: 28 (30) Weekdays: 58 (79) TOTAL: 86 (109)
Average Mass attendance	Sundays: 1,321 (2,944) Weekdays: 206 (349)
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)	9 hours scheduled per week (11) Average of 54 other individual confessions per week (46)
Marriages	12 (22)
Funerals	57 (63)
Hours of Pastoral Contact	162 (323)

The age-profile of the Province is such that at present there are fewer friars available to engage in full-time pastoral work, but more engaged in study and other forms of preparation for such work. Moreover, it is impossible to reduce the effectiveness of pastoral ministry to statistics; but the Charity Trustees consider that these figures indicate that the Province is continuing to provide in its parishes, priories and other apostolates the sacramental and pastoral resources that are a necessary prerequisite for effective and responsive ministry. A very considerable number of people benefit from this activity of the Charity.

It is to be noted that 3 friars (4) who are not resident in priories carry out pastoral work in various other parishes and chaplaincies in England and Scotland.

## PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Charity Trustees view the following as particular objectives for the year to September 2021:

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### **(F) LONDON AND LEICESTER**

Support and develop the mission of the Rosary Shrine in London and Holy Cross Priory in Leicester to their local and extended surrounding areas; refine development plans and take forward fundraising for improving the facilities that support these missions.

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### **(G) 2021 ANNIVERSARY**

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### **(H) COVID-19**

Continue to comply with public-health mandates as necessary, and to mitigate the impact of current and anticipated future restrictions on the Province's mission and income, in particular investing in online platforms and digital systems to support these goals.

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## REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES



### INTRODUCTION

The friars have continued their pastoral work in the parishes and chaplaincies both attached to the priories of the Province and elsewhere; and their educational apostolate which is undertaken alongside the pastoral work, and in a special way within Blackfriars, Oxford. As far as can be determined, in the course of the present reporting period friars and communities of the Province were involved in the concrete activities listed on the following pages. These reports are grouped by geographical location and followed by a Province-wide round-up of the wide range of educational activities undertaken.

# BLACKFRIARS: PRIORY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OXFORD

**Oxford priory** (known as ‘Blackfriars’) has as its principal work the formation of student Dominicans and other religious in our Studium (*see p.27*). The friars also undertake pastoral work, through the liturgy and preaching in their own church, with several flourishing youth groups, and in co-operation with local parishes, the Defence Academy at Shrivenham and the Catholic Chaplain-

cy to the University of Oxford. Blackfriars offers the most central open Catholic church in Oxford, with sung Divine Office and daily Mass.

The priory responded to the Covid-19 crisis by establishing a high-quality live stream for Masses, with an increase in video output (*see below*) along with regular electronic newsletters and Zoom events to keep the

congregation engaged with life at the Priory. The online activity had an international reach and appeal, and this helped secure income in difficult times.

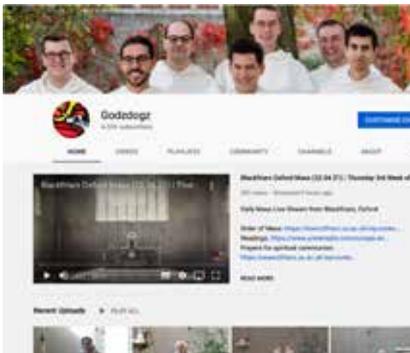
Prior: Robert Gay OP

21 resident friars, including

- 8 full-time students
- 1 friar of another Province engaged in full-time study.

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## GODZDOGZ: FROM BLOG TO VIDEO BROADCASTS

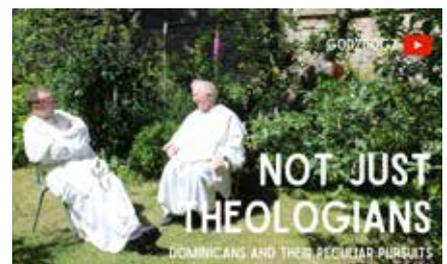


The student brothers have blogged for some years at [english.op.org/godzdogz](http://english.op.org/godzdogz) and have a strong following. When the lockdowns prevented personal contact, the brothers found a new way to preach the gospel. As soon as public worship was suspended, Blackfriars began to livestream its liturgies, with the first on Sunday 22nd March. The ‘Godzdogz’ YouTube page was used, with its existing base of subscribers. The priory livestreamed Mass daily, plus occasional special events such as a Rosary vigil at Pentecost and a sung Compline retreat in the seven days before Christmas.

On Sundays and major feasts the homily at Mass was extracted and posted as a separate video.

During the week, up to 150 viewers joined live, and ordinarily close to 500 had watched by the end of the day; on Sundays, those numbers doubled. Our most popular livestream was Good Friday, when 600 viewers joined live and 2000 had watched by the end of the day. In the period from March 2020 to April 2021, the channel had 3.9m impressions, 470,000 views, and gained almost 3000 new subscribers. Almost half of the viewers are in the UK, then the US at 12%, and we have also had regular viewers from as far away as Singapore.

The additional traffic provided the impetus to create more video content for this wider audience. These included short meditations, such as a Holy Week retreat on the Seven Last Words, and a set of longer videos reflecting on the Stations of the Cross in the priory church. The student brothers also produced a short podcast called ‘Not Just Theologians’, interviewing members of the province about their passions and pursuits outside of theology, a series which proved popular among viewers.



## BLACKFRIARS HALL, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

**Blackfriars Hall** is one of three Catholic Permanent Private Halls in **Oxford University**. It welcomes postgraduate students taking degrees in a range of humanities subjects, and hosts a small number of visiting students and academics. It shares facilities, staff and resources with **Blackfriars Studium** (*see p.27*) but is institutionally separate.

The Hall specialises in Catholic theology and philosophy in the Thomistic tradition. Research activity is focussed largely on its two research centres (*see over*).

### CHANGING TIMES

Following the 2020 Provincial Chapter, Fr John O'Connor was appointed Regent and Fr Bruno Clifton Vice-Regent.

The academic life of the Hall was affected significantly by the pandemic. University teaching was delivered online, and, following government and university guidelines, many students returned home. Thankfully, the guidelines for Michaelmas Term of academic year 2020/21 allowed postgraduate students to return and student events to take place, though with severe restrictions; all teaching remained online. The focus during summer 2020 was getting Covid-safe procedures in place to allow normal academic



life to return as much as possible.

Work on the new annexe building was completed in autumn 2019, and Hall offices were moved to the new building. The annexe has a SCR and a Research Room, the latter offering workspaces for academic staff and visiting scholars, facilitating an interdisciplinary research environment. Unfortunately, shortly after opening, the annexe had to be closed to non-essential personnel. The building will be re-launched as soon as rules allow.

### DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI

In-person events, such as the Annual Alumni Dinner, were not possible. A farewell event for students at the end of Trinity Term was held online. The 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign for Blackfriars had to be suspended in March 2020, with effort instead put into an emergency appeal planned for October 2020.

### ACADEMIC EVENTS

In addition to the many events of the Aquinas and Las Casas Institutes (*see over*), the Hall

also enjoys a partnership with the **Anscombe Centre for Bioethics**, a Catholic academic institute that engages with moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. Some of the planned events co-sponsored by Blackfriars had to be cancelled, but the following did take place:

- A half-day symposium on 'Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Philosophical and Empirical Perspectives' with Dr Jorge Martinez (Assoc. Prof., Pont. Catholic Univ. of Chile), Prof. David Albert Jones (Director of the Centre), Prof David Paton (Prof. of Industrial Economics, Univ. of Nottingham) and Dr Pia Jolliffe (Research Fellow, Blackfriars Hall).
- Maureen Condic, Assoc. Prof. of Neurobiology and Anatomy, Univ. of Utah, gave the tenth annual Anscombe Memorial Lecture, on 'Twinning and human individuality', followed by a reception in the Priory and Mass for benefactors of the Centre.

Regent: John O'Connor OP

Vice-Regent: Bruno Clifton OP

Students: 47 from 9 countries (33 postgraduates, 2 undergraduates, 12 visiting students).

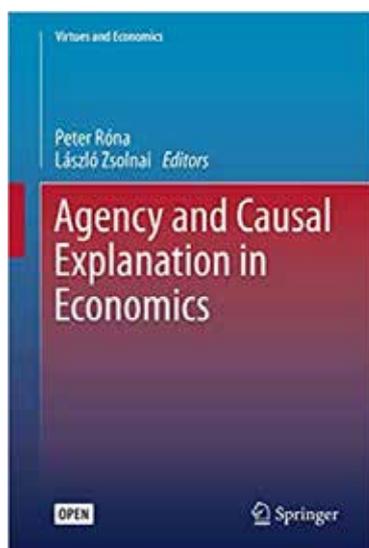
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## BLACKFRIARS: LAS CASAS INSTITUTE

**The Las Casas Institute for Social Justice** is a research centre for applied Catholic Social Teaching based at Blackfriars Hall. The academic year 2019–20 was characterized first by the successful publication and reception of books linked to the Institute’s research programmes, second by the transition of popular seminars and lectures from public gatherings to on-line events in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and third the continued growth of the Institute’s fellowship.

### ECONOMICS AS A MORAL SCIENCE

The fourth volume in the ‘Virtues and Economics’ book series edited by Profs Peter Rona and Laszlo Zsolnai, ‘Agency and Causal Explanation in Economics’ was launched in October 2019, and the



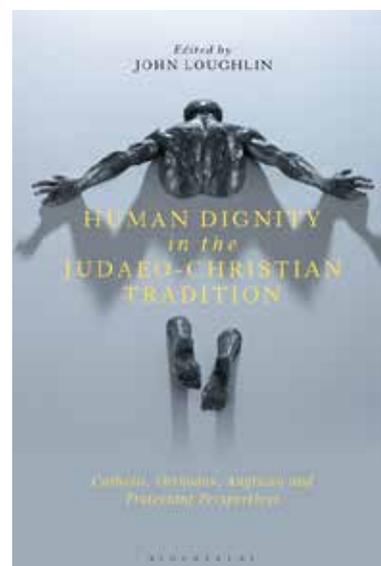
international symposium on ‘Free Will and Economics’ was held from 4–6 October 2019. In January 2020, Dr Agnieszka Wincowicz Price joined the Las Casas Institute as a part-time Junior Research Fellow funded for three years to contribute research linked to the Economics research programme and to assist Prof. Rona in the editing of conference papers for publication. The continuing impact of earlier publications was confirmed by news that chapters from the ‘Economics as a Moral Science’ volumes published by Springer saw 1,216 downloads during 2019, and a further 592 in the first six months of 2020.

### DIGNITY SERIES

A book edited by Prof. John Loughlin, *Human Dignity in the Judaeo-Christian Tradition – Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant Perspectives* was launched on in November

2019. This was a collection of papers from earlier lectures and seminars in the Dignity series. Initial book reviews have been very positive.

Events in the Dignity programme have included a reading group on ‘War, Peace and the Christian’, led by Dr Maria Power and Edward Hadas, as well as a lecture by Edward Hadas: on ‘Improving the modern approach to freedom’. A seminar was held



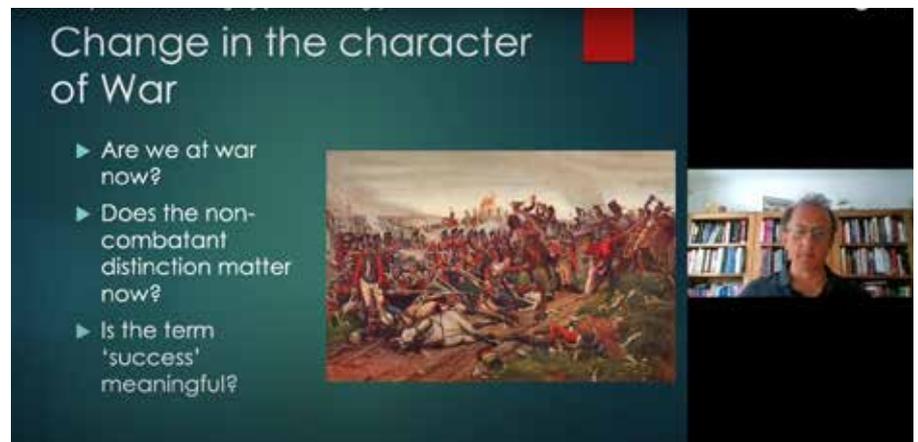
## BLACKFRIARS: LAS CASAS INSTITUTE

in January 2020 on ‘Human Dignity and Mother Earth: Historic and Contemporary Sources in Conversation for a Socio-Ecological Ethic’ with two panellists: Christopher Hrynkow from the University of Saskatchewan and Dr Jack Cunningham of Bishop Grosseteste University. The Respondent was Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond from Campion Hall, Oxford.

More recently, during the restrictions in place due to COVID-19, a set of two lectures on just war theory and its applicability to modern warfare was held online with the speakers Frank Ledwidge and Edward Hadas.

### THE FUTURE OF THE HUMANITIES

In conjunction with Georgetown University, the Institute held a series of lectures and seminars around the theme of Shakespeare and Christianity. Led by Blackfriars Fellow, Prof. Michael



Scott, speakers included Rev. Dr Paul Edmondson, Dr Beatrice Groves, Trinity College, Prof. Michael Collins, Georgetown, Dr Yvette Khoury, Blackfriars, Clare Asquith, Prof. Paulina Kewes, Jesus College, Oxford, Dr Elizabeth Schafer, Royal Holloway University, and the Very Rev. Dr Rowan Williams, Magdalene College, Cambridge

Later talks on this theme were delivered by webinars with Dr Bonnie Lander Johnson, Andrew Moran, John Drakakis, and Molly Clark

Earlier in the year the Humanities programme also

hosted a lecture in London by Julia Gillard, former Prime Minister of Australia, on ‘Women in Public

Life: Transforming a Culture’. This was followed by a Round-Table Discussion with Baroness Mary Goudie, Baroness Margaret Prosser and Prof. Rosie Campbell, and chaired by Prof. Evelyn Welch, Provost, Kings College, London.

The Las Casas Annual Lecture for 2019 was delivered on 5th December 2019 by Isabella Tree: ‘Wilding – the return of nature to a British farm’.

### SPONSORS & BENEFACTORS

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Director: Richard Finn OP

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## BLACKFRIARS: THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE

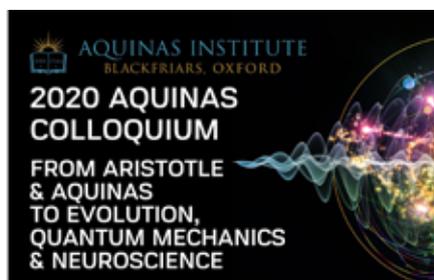
### ANNUAL PROGRAMME

- Aquinas Lecture by Prof Russell Hittinger (Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago): ‘Tradition or Pottage? Reflections on Catholic Social Doctrine.’
- Aquinas Seminar Series (7 seminars): ‘Evolution and Human Origins: Theological & Philosophical Reflections.’
- Aquinas Colloquium: ‘From Aristotle and Aquinas to Evolution, Quantum Mechanics and Neuroscience.’
- Monday evening Aquinas study group for young people; in Trinity Term this was held online owing to COVID restrictions.
- Thomistic Institute lectures (*see below*).
- A public lecture on ‘Aquinas and the Latin Averroists’.
- Study week for students and young adults, held online.

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

The theme of the Aquinas Seminar Series, and of one paper in the Colloquium, were chosen to accompany the Thomistic Evolution Project (*see below*).

Prof Ryan Meade and Mr Michael Wee became associate members of the Institute in view of their part-time research on, respectively, what, from a



Thomist perspective, makes for just regulations; and connatural moral knowledge in Aquinas and Wittgenstein, especially as regards prudence.

### SUPPORTING RESEARCH

The Institute hosted Prof Robert Koons as a visiting scholar to work on ‘An Aristotelian Framework for Quantum Theory.’

The Director supervised a MSt student on Aquinas, especially on his account of the Incarnation, and advised the author of a new commentary on part of the *Summa Theologiae*.

### DISSEMINATION

The Aquinas Lecture, Seminar and Colloquium papers, and Study Week talks were uploaded to [YouTube](#) or [SoundCloud](#).

The Director and other members of the Institute made three lockdown podcasts during Trinity Term, a number of videos for the English version of **iAquinas**, and a short video introducing the Institute.

An earlier Aquinas Lecture and

some previous seminar papers were published in a special issue of *New Blackfriars* for November 2019 on ‘The Rational Animal and Modern Science’.

### PARTNERSHIPS

#### The Thomistic Institute

continued funding evening lectures by international speakers, attracting large numbers of young people (*see p.27*).

The Institute is participating in the **Thomistic Evolution Project**, led by the US Dominicans but involving an international team of men and women, to bring into conversation with each other current evolutionary biology and Aquinas’ account of human nature. A workshop was held in August, and further workshops will lead to a published collection of papers.

### BENEFACTORS

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £11,637, and several smaller one-off or recurring gifts.

We thank the benefactors who have enabled the Thomistic Institute to fund work in Europe.

The current stage of the Thomistic Evolution Project is being generously funded by the Templeton Foundation..

Director: Richard Conrad OP

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## HOLY CROSS PRIORY & PARISH, LEICESTER

**Holy Cross Priory** has proved resilient despite the lockdowns. Our large church served well in allowing us to maintain services while keeping people at a safe distance. Up to March 2020, life continued as usual, serving our culturally diverse parish. Ours was the first city in the country to face a complete lockdown in June. When church services were allowed, attendance gradually recovered to well over half the usual levels.

### APOSTOLATES

The priory provides a chaplain to **Leicester** and **De Montfort universities** and the two student groups enjoyed many social events and met for discussion and talks. After lockdown, they continued to attend Mass here.

Chaplaincy to **HMP Leicester**. More prisoners now have access to weekly Mass, and increased volunteer support worked well.

Chaplaincy to **Leicester Royal Infirmary** continued and was not confined to working with Covid patients but included attending terminally ill patients of various ages and conditions.

The parish scripture group moved quickly to Zoom and continued to attract a good number of participants from a much wider area. Many other



activities had to be suspended.

Our priests continued to be active in teaching and preaching remotely, including in the Studium and abroad.

### EVENTS

In the first half of the year there were regular events involving young adults, students and lay Dominicans. A performance in October of Rossini's *Stabat Mater* was attended by 330 people. Special events included a talk on Catholic bioethics and a day of Marian prayer in October. A study day on the Dominican Rite was held in November. In December we hosted 3 visiting students who gave the parish retreat. Fr Matthew Jarvis gave the presidential lecture for the **Leicester Theological Society** in January to about 40 people. Confirmations were performed by the bishop in

February. From March, there were few events; one exception was Prof. Robin Graham-Brown's talk on Christians in the Holy Land in March.

### DEVELOPMENT

The restrictions had at least one positive result; the renovations of the Frassati parish centre began in earnest with demolitions over the summer and repairs to the roof. Plans were adjusted for greater flexibility of use and a more spacious open-plan first floor, and to offer caterers a good working space in the ground-floor kitchen.

In addition to the financial help of parishioners, grants were won to provide security grilles for the church windows, and for aspects of the Frassati Centre.

Prior: John-Patrick Kenrick OP

5 friars

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## ST ALBERT'S PARISH & CHAPLAINCY, EDINBURGH



**The House of St Albert the Great** serves a thriving Parish and vibrant Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier University, and Queen Margaret University.

### CHAPLAINCY LIFE

The Catholic Chaplaincy serves the pastoral and spiritual needs of university students and staff. The weekly Mass attendance is ordinarily about 450. Staff bring their families and continue to attend after retirement, so that the weekly congregation includes people of every age. Baptisms, weddings and funerals are a regular feature of Chaplaincy life as well as instruction in the faith for both adults and children. There are regular talks on issues of justice and peace, faith and

the arts, and contemporary ethical issues. The St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy Staff Fellowship meets regularly. **The Albertus Institute**, which is not part of the Parish but closely linked to it, organises a series of 'Coffee House' events, to facilitate informed group discussion on issues of public interest.

### MINISTRY IN LOCKDOWN

With the lockdown in March 2020, we began to live stream Mass and many of these events went online also. An email was sent daily to over 200 parishioners and each weekend a newsletter. When public masses were allowed again, we found that social distancing limited the capacity of the Chapel to 17,

so we celebrate three additional Sunday Masses in a nearby parish church.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

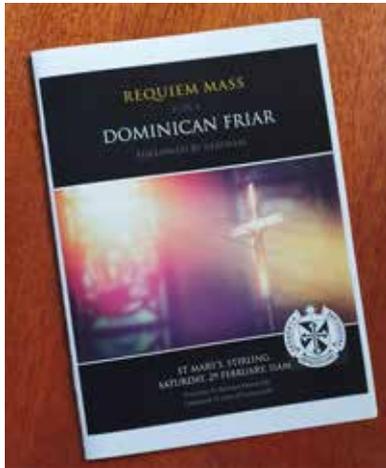
Two very significant events happened during the course of this year before the lockdown began. **The University of Edinburgh** conferred an Honorary Doctorate on Fr Fergus Kerr in December.

At the end of February the community celebrated a Requiem Mass in Stirling for



# ST ALBERT'S PARISH & CHAPLAINCY, EDINBURGH

a medieval Dominican friar whose remains had been discovered at the site of the pre-Reformation Priory in the city. This was followed by the reburial of the friar's remains.



This initiative came from the civic authorities in Stirling, who were represented at the Mass and Reburial, and who hosted a reception and lecture afterwards.

## CATHOLIC STUDENTS' UNION

The Catholic Students' Union, an official University of Edinburgh student society, continues to be very active. It has a membership of almost 120 students; but many other students attend Mass and participate in the life of the Chaplaincy as well. Among the student events this year were two student retreats, and a range of catechetical and social events including a weekly Theology (Faith & Reason) group. The Young Women's Fellowship and a newly formed Frassati Fellowship for young men met regularly and have continued online through the lockdown. The Midweek meal, Friday baked potato lunch, and social events after the Sunday Student Mass were

held each week until this was no longer possible. Before lockdown the CSU held their Christmas Carol Concert, St Andrew's Night Ball and Burns Night Supper. Students also helped out at a local project for

homeless people.

In September 2020 we launched an online platform to help us keep in touch with those who have been involved in the Chaplaincy over many decades, [www.stalbertsnetwork.org](http://www.stalbertsnetwork.org). We hope this will strengthen current friendships and to renew old friendships.

We are grateful once again to The Lady Marian Gibson Trust for providing financial support for



the lay chaplain.

This year Fr. Samuel served as Dominican liaison to the two chapters of the **Thomistic Institute** at the University of Edinburgh and the University of St. Andrews. Both chapters organise public lectures and other activities which showcase the best of Catholic thought in the academy

## THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr John O'Connor was Superior of the community and Parish Priest until his departure for Oxford in July. Fr Dermot Morrin replaced him as Superior and Parish Priest. Fr Samuel Burke was ordained as a priest also in July and continued to work alongside Fr Dermot Morrin as chaplain. They are assisted in their work with students by Lilian Lee who is employed as a lay chaplain. Fr Aelred Connelly continued his work as part of the chaplaincy team at HM Young Offenders' Institution and Prison at Polmont. In September, Fr Fergus Kerr retired as Editor of *New Blackfriars*, a journal of Theology, Philosophy and Cultural Affairs. He had been Editor for 25 years.

4 / 5 resident friars

[www.scotland.op.org](http://www.scotland.op.org)

# ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY & ROSARY SHRINE, LONDON

**St Dominic's Priory** is a hub for Catholic Faith and culture in a diverse and dynamic part of north-west London. At the centre of all this activity is the Priory church, a Grade II\* listed building that is the largest Catholic parish church in London, and which serves as the Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of the Rosary; the only designated Rosary Shrine in the UK.

Members of the priory are all engaged in a wide range of ministries serving the parish and Shrine, and also that support the wider community and have an international outreach.

The Prior Provincial resides and has his office here.



## CHAPLAINCIES PROVIDED

- 2 friars serve the 2 local Catholic primary schools and the Parish Priest is foundation Governor for both
- Lead Chaplain, UCL NHS Trust
- Friars assist the Chaplain at the Royal Free Hospital
- Chaplain to Imperial College
- 1 friar serves 2 nursing homes
- Assistant RC Chaplain to HMP Wandsworth
- Spiritual Director to the Westminster Curia of the Legion of Mary

## LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

- Monthly Eucharistic Processions with Healing Prayers;
- Weekly torchlit Rosary Processions in October and May;
- Weekly 'Missa Cantata' in the Dominican Rite (live-streamed from March 2020). Young adults assisted in serving, singing the chants, and providing refreshments afterwards. Catechesis was also provided by a friar for this group once a week;
- Annual Pro-Life Vigil;
- A Day with Mary;
- International World Priest Rosary Relay;
- Daily Adoration and Mass

When permitted, the church was open for:

- Rosary groups (twice a day)
- Mothers' Prayer group
- Bereavement Prayer group

- Visits by Catholic Schools and first Communion groups from neighbouring parishes;
- Occasional pilgrimages by various diocesan Groups;
- Legion of Mary Pilgrimages and annual events.

## A HOME FOR COMMUNITIES

A Filipino choir sings at one monthly Mass, on feast days and the Simbang Gabi novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. The Filipino community hosts a hot meal for all in the parish Hall afterwards.

The **Catholic Medical Association** held two day retreats here, and its annual Requiem Mass. Another Mass was live-streamed from here for their online conference on Care for the Dying.

## INTELLECTUAL APOSTOLATE

Several members of the Priory provide teaching support to

## ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY & ROSARY SHRINE, LONDON

the Studium in Oxford. One friar is engaged in research and translation work at **Princeton Theological Seminary**, and another teaches full-time in a primary school. Several friars give talks to University chaplaincies in the UK, and for the **Thomistic Institute**, and also preach retreats in the USA.

The friars continue to engage in catechesis and talks online: new opportunities have arisen, with invitations from the USA, Singapore, and across the UK.

### ART AND CULTURE

Our historic Willis organ is used every Sunday, but it is during the regular monthly recital that it is heard in all its splendour. Notable organists visited in the last year to give recitals.

The annual Art Exhibition, which attracts local artists, was held in October, and was visited by Bishop Michael Campbell who also celebrated our annual Rosary Sunday Mass.

On the cusp of the first lockdown in March 2020, the Rosary Shrine hosted the **Bach Players** who performed Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater'. The poignant tones of this piece were especially fitting as we entered into a prolonged period of silence.

### ONLINE APOSTOLATE

The pandemic led to an increase in our online activity. A professional livestream system was installed in the church, and the daily Mass, and occasional devotions and processions have been streamed to a dedicated YouTube channel. We began broadcasting the Dominican rite Mass every Sunday and holy day; and Sunday catechesis to a newly-formed youth group has attracted attendance from North America and Asia.

In addition, we officially launched the VR tour of the Rosary Shrine in May which received coverage in Catholic news sites such as *Aleteia*.

### PROMOTING THE ROSARY

In April, the Dominican Order had its first international Rosary Rally which was prayed by the friars at the Rosary Altar and live-streamed. Subsequently, two friars led a daily Rosary on the Rosary's Shrine's Facebook page, and this led to a national Rosary Crusade in May in which the Rosary Shrine had a major role, leading hundreds online in a daily Live Rosary. From May, the friars committed to praying a live-streamed Rosary every Friday with an international following of over 100.

### DEVELOPING THE SHRINE

In this year, preparations were made for the restoration of the apse, High Altar and tabernacle and for the restoration and re-gilding of the Nativity chapel.

The shift to online ministry has given us a greater local and international profile. Many have been encouraged by photos they have seen on social media of the beauty of the church and the Rosary Garden, and the videos of the Liturgy celebrated in the church, and this led to an increase in new visitors when the lockdown eased.

We are grateful to our supporters, friends, and benefactors who have helped us and accompanied us in these difficult times, and we are privileged to serve all those who have found solace in prayer through Our Lady of the Rosary and through this Rosary Shrine. We look forward with hope and confidence as large restoration works will be taking place, in preparation for the 800<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Province and the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the feast of the Holy Rosary.

Prior: Thomas Skeats OP /  
Lawrence Lew OP (from Aug. 2020)

11 resident friars

[www.rosaryshrine.co.uk](http://www.rosaryshrine.co.uk)

## BLACKFRIARS: PRIORY OF ST MICHAEL, CAMBRIDGE

### The Priory of St Michael

**Archangel** is the location of the Province's noviciate, where new friars spend their first year in the Order.

Members of the priory are also involved in writing, preaching and teaching. They provide pastoral care for a congregation of c.150 people, as well as assisting with the sacramental needs of the adjacent parishes.

The priory promotes projects supporting educational provision in Ethiopia in co-operation with the **Jean Grove Trust** (reg. charity 1109593).

The priory had no novices this year. We welcomed, in November, Fr Colin Carr, formerly of St. Dominic's Newcastle, and he has thrown himself into the pastoral apostolate of the house, especially the growing demand for the Sacrament of Penance. This summer, with Fr Bruno moving to Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, to be Vice Regent, Fr Gregory Pearson arrived to start as Novice Master, with two novices starting in September. Fr Robert Verrill is the acting University Chaplain until Easter, and Fr Nicholas Crowe will be living with us in the vacations while he studies for his Master's in Theology at the University of Fribourg.



### APOSTOLATES

The Priory offers a programme of theological education in the form of regular talks, advertised in the city of Cambridge and environs, as well as at the University Catholic Chaplaincy. This year's Aquinas Lecture (Jan) by Prof. Catherine Pickstock, Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, on 'Truth as Conformation: Forgotten Theorists of Verity', which attracted a full house. Fr Bruno continued his teaching in Oxford and Fr Dominic at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, also taking on Master's supervisions for the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. Fr Euan, in spite of a serious illness from which he is now recovering, continued his writing work for Redemptorist Publications.

We also took on new apostolates. In October we hosted an art exhibition of work by our fellow Dominican, Sr Marie Pavlina Kasparova OP, and other Central European Christian artists, hosted by Zoltan Körösvölgyi of Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest.

In the absence of novices, we let **Radio Maria England** use a noviciate room pending completion of their studio premises. This made it easy to broadcast Mass, Lauds and Vespers every day during the lockdown, though it had been planned for a while before that, reaching many new participants all over the world, one of whom is now being prepared for baptism. We have expanded our website, treating lockdown as a 'retreat' for which we provided regular meditations, to which we also asked our Sisters and lay

## BLACKFRIARS: PRIORY OF ST MICHAEL, CAMBRIDGE



people to contribute. Our new Facebook group has over 260 members. We are continuing the radio apostolate with the reopening of our premises for public worship, and have also taken on a programme for talks on the Sacraments for Radio Maria, in collaboration with the Dominican Sisters in Cambridge.

Fr Dominic's Wisdom Circle discussion group is continuing, and he hosted a conference of the **Friends of Sophia** (theme: 'Divine Harmony') at the Margaret Beaufort Institute on Zoom, and this attracted a global audience of 90 participants. See [www.friendsofsophia.com](http://www.friendsofsophia.com)

Fr Bob Eccles continued as Assistant Priest at St Lawrence's parish and supported many people through the Covid crisis.

### THE EFFECT OF THE PANDEMIC

The Covid crisis affected the priory in two stages. Firstly was the cessation of public masses and office, but thanks to the good offices of Radio Maria we kept up an apostolate of sorts.

The second stage was when it became possible to allow a certain number of people to come back to our Eucharist. We quickly realised that our garden could be used to accept a large amount of people, while still

staying within the confines of government regulations and the stipulations of the Bishops of England and Wales. The Bishops forbade collections, so we tried to encourage more standing orders to the priory, with concomitant Gift Aid declarations. Our income from Masses did go down, but we managed to host well-attended Masses during the summer.

Prior: Euan Marley OP

Eight resident friars including one full-time student, and two novices.

[www.blackfriarscambridge.org.uk](http://www.blackfriarscambridge.org.uk)

## EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE

**Education and the intellectual apostolate** are a key part of the Dominican charism. The Intellectual Life of the Province of England was affected significantly by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. Lockdown started on 23 March 2020, with severe restrictions on events for the rest of the academic year. Many events were cancelled, but the Studium teaching, and some of the events organised by the brethren, moved online. Audiences unused to working with technologies such as Zoom learned to participate in this way. The brethren also used the opportunity to learn more about how our ministries might avail of electronic media platforms.

### 1. TALKS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

Talks and public lectures by the brethren were given in our priories and parishes, in other venues, as well as online. Most were open to the general public, but some were for specific groups (e.g. Lay Dominicans or young adults). Some of the talks and public lectures were one-off and some formed parts of series.

In some cases, such as the Edinburgh Parish series of monthly talks on Theology and the arts, 'Holy Ground' (average attendance approximately 20-25), the speakers were non-



Dominicans. This allowed the parish to establish connections with local academics.

- Three student friars in Oxford ran the 'Aquinas Group', which meets weekly in Oxford academic term and with an attendance of 12–20. Many of the talks were by Dominican friars. In Trinity Term 2020, the events went online due to lockdown; these had similar or slightly larger attendances than the pre-lockdown situation.
- The Leicester Parish has a Scripture Study Group that met weekly with an attendance of 15–20, including during lockdown.
- fr. Fergus Kerr led an Aquinas' *Summa* reading group in Edinburgh.
- Our London Parish (the Rosary Shrine) provides an important venue. Evening talks at the shrine attracted

15–20 people; but for some events such as the 'Day with Mary' on 23 November 2019, the attendance was approximately 300 people.

### RANGE OF THEMES

The topics on which the brethren gave talks on were wide and varied and included (a selection):

- 'The Eucharist in the Old Testament';
- 'Is there evidence for Jesus?';
- 'Marriage as Covenant';
- 'Why we sing the liturgy?';
- 'Music and the Dominican Tradition';
- 'Joy in the Gospels';
- 'Being a Dominican Preacher';
- 'Quelle personne humaine, dans quelle Eglise pour quel monde?';
- 'Life and Learning';
- 'What I have learnt as a religious from the pandemic';

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- ‘Como Hablar de Dios’;
- ‘Acedia in the Fathers and St Thomas Aquinas’;
- ‘The Journey of Healing’ (series of 18 talks in San Francisco over 9 days by fr. Allan White, with average 300 approx. in attendance);
- ‘The Mission of an Apostle’ (series of 18 talks over 9 days);
- ‘The Book of Jonah’;
- ‘The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament’;
- ‘Aquinas on Jesus’s Parables’;
- ‘Aquinas’ Commentary of Matthew 5’;
- ‘An Introduction to Natural Law’;
- ‘Mary, Mother of All Souls’;
- ‘Behold, the Heart of Mary’;
- ‘What we have seen in Heaven: towards a New Theology for Christian Art’;
- talks on Medjugorje;
- ‘Religious Liberty and the Second Vatican Council’;
- ‘Finding Christ in the Old Testament’;
- ‘Aquinas and Quantum Theory’;
- various talks on the statutes of religious congregations;
- ‘Christianity and Tragedy’;
- ‘Charismatic Renewal’;
- ‘Mathematics, metaphysics and mysticism’;

- ‘Christ’s Resurrection’;
- ‘Why I became a Dominican?’;
- ‘Preaching on Matthew’;
- ‘Christian Discipleship’;
- ‘Scripture and Creation: *Laudato Si’*’;
- fr. Matthew Jarvis organised and spoke at a Study Day on the Dominic Rite at Leicester.

This list does not include general catechetical talks given to students in our university chaplaincies, or in our priories and parishes.

### GEOGRAPHY

Among the places in the UK at which talks were given were: Abingdon, Bangor, Cambridge, Cardigan, Clitheroe, Darlington, Edinburgh, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Ludlow, Manchester, Newcastle, Oakham, Oxford, Perth, St Andrews, Sawston, Spilsby (Lincolnshire), Sussex, York.

Places outside the UK at which talks were given include: Batavia (Illinois), Brussels, Hague, Krakow, Malta, Montreal, St Louis, San Francisco, Trinidad, Vatican (lecture by fr. Timothy Radcliffe on ‘The Holy Spirit as the Protagonist of Evangelisation,’ Conference on the New Evangelisation, approx.. 1,300 attendees), Waco (Texas).

### DOMINICAN FAMILY

Whilst the bulk of the talks mentioned and referred to above were open to the general public, talks were also given to Dominican friars at St Louis, the **Dominican Sisters in Crawley, Lymington and Stone**, to the Dominican Secular Institute at Leicester, and to several Lay Fraternities.

Several of the brethren gave talks at the annual Dominican Seminar (annual 2-day event for members of the Dominican Family).

fr. Timothy Radcliffe recorded two videos for an initiative for 17 congregations of Dominican sisters from the US, Zimbabwe, and Zambia; and he gave a webinar to the Provincial Assembly of Columbia.

### OTHER GROUPS

Among other groups to whom the brethren gave talks were:

- Dominican Nuns of Northern Europe,
- Buckfast Study Week (annual event for young adults and run by the brethren),
- Students at Imperial College,
- Westminster Cathedral Choir School,
- Headteachers, Shrewsbury diocese,

## EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE (CONT.)

- Religious of Lancaster dioc.,
- Priests of Trinidad,
- Students of Stonyhurst,
- Conference at Montreal held by Le Pèlerin Institute,
- Groups of Dutch and Belgian business people,
- Newman Assoc., Worcester,
- Communities of the English Benedictine Congregation.

Following lockdown, numerous brothers continued giving talks using Zoom or similar technologies.

### ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Our houses also give hospitality to, and support, other groups, such as the **Albertus Institute** (for Science, Religion and Public Affairs) in Edinburgh ([albertusinstitute.org](http://albertusinstitute.org)). The institute organised several ‘coffee house’ events (average attendance 25) at which political topics were discussed from a Christian perspective. It organised a one-

day Conference on ‘Atheisms: History, Science, and Religion’ at the Faculty of Divinity, University of Edinburgh (attendance: approx. 50). Fr. Samuel Burke replaced fr. John O’Connor on the Board of the Albertus Institute, following fr. John’s move to Oxford.

### DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

A study weekend was held on the Holy Spirit in December 2019 at SPEC, led by student brothers Pablo and Bede. 15 attended.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

The usual Summer School was undertaken through online sessions this year with around 20–35 live participants. Videos can be viewed on the **Aquinas Institute’s YouTube**.

### THE DOMINICAN FORUM

The Province took its series of lunchtime talks on living the Christian faith online from the middle of the year, and in this

way reached out to many new participants. The meetings and webinars were again hosted and supported by Smith & Williamson and CCLA (two firms of investment managers); the Province extends its gratitude for this support. Several brethren from different priories contributed to this series over the year. Themes included:

- What should a Christian family be like?
- Living with others
- What is Faith?
- Going to church at home
- Lessons from lockdown
- Courage

### 2. EXPERTISE

As well as giving and arranging talks, brothers also serve the wider Church through giving expert advice as consultants and members of various bodies.

- fr. Richard Conrad was an external reader for Cambridge University Press.
- fr. Timothy Radcliffe gave endorsements to several books.
- fr. Matthew Jarvis was President of the Leicester Theological Society.
- fr. Andrew Brookes is Theological Advisor to ‘The Faith Companion’ magazine.



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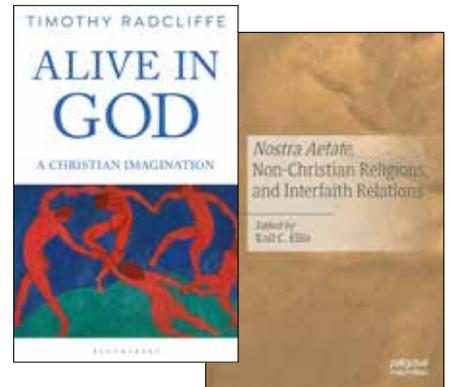
- fr. Thomas Crean was a theological advisor for the ‘Reformation’ documentary produced for EWTN.
- fr. Robert Gay is on the board of the Anscombe Institute for Bioethics.
- fr. Robert Ombres is on the editorial boards of three journals: Ecclesiastical Law Journal, Law & Justice, and Angelicum.
- fr. Benjamin Earl is a canonical consultant for a number of different religious institutes.

### 3. PUBLICATIONS

A wide audience can also be reached through publications, both electronically and in more traditional formats.

#### BOOKS

- fr. Martin Ganeri contributed a chapter on, ‘Catholic Teaching on Hinduism and Buddhism: phenomenology of religion and its implication in the case of Hindu theism’ to *Nostra Aetate, Non-Christian Religions and Interfaith Relations* (Palgrave Macmillan).
- fr. Simon Tugwell has a book in preparation: *Lorens of Orléans on the Decalogue and the Creed* (Istituto Storico Domenicano).
- fr. Richard Conrad published a book chapter co-written with fr. Peter Hunter, ‘Why Aquinas Would Agree That Human Economic Behaviour is Largely Predictable’, for the book, *Agency and Causal Explanation* (Springer).
- fr. David Goodill has had a book accepted for publication by The Catholic University of America Press.
- fr. Bede Mullens (student friar) co-authored a chapter, ‘Augustine’s “Inner Self” and Identity Politics’, for the book, *Augustine in a Time of Crisis* (Palgrave Macmillan).
- fr. Robert Ombres published a book chapter with A. McGrath entitled, ‘Roman Catholic Canon Law’ in *Church Laws and Ecumenism* (ed. N. Doe).
- fr. Gregory Pearson translated an article on canon law from Italian to English for a *festschrift*.
- fr. Dominic White wrote a book chapter, ‘Artists and the Poor: A Dialogue for Fullness of Life’ for the book, *Fullness of Life and Justice for All: Dominican Perspectives* (ATF Theology).
- fr. Thomas Crean wrote ‘Sacrifice, Penance and



Reparation in the Message of Fatima’ in *Fatima 100 years later: a Marian Call for the Whole Church* (ed. Serafino Lanzetta). He also wrote the following books: *Integralism: a manual of political philosophy* (Editions Scholasticae; co-authored with Alan Fimister) and *De Oratione* (Aroucan Press), a translation from the Latin of Humbert of Romans.

- The publications by fr. Timothy Radcliffe are too numerous to list here. A highlight is his book, *Alive in God: A Christian Imagination* (Bloomsbury). Other notable publications include translations into Vietnamese, Italian, French of some of his books. Among other publications in which fr. Timothy Radcliffe published are: *Osservatore Romano*, *The Tablet*, *The Roberts Reporter*, *La Croix*, and *Avvenire*.

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### NEW BLACKFRIARS JOURNAL

An important part of our corporate mission in publishing is our bimonthly journal, published by Wiley-Blackwell. The current Editor is fr. Brian Davies, who was appointed by the Provincial Chapter in March 2020, to replace fr. Fergus Kerr who was Editor for 25 years. The Assistant Editor is fr. John O'Connor, and fr. Robert Ombres is Reviews Editor. Fourteen friars of the English Province are on the newly constituted Editorial Board. The number of article downloads per annum is approximately 140,000 and from across the globe. As *New Blackfriars* is published by Wiley-Blackwell, articles in *New Blackfriars* are available through the UN World Health Organisation Hinari project, which gives access to research for free, or at greatly reduced cost, to scholars and students of countries of low GDP.

### OTHER JOURNALS

- fr. Richard Conrad published two papers ('The Rational Animal and Modern Science', 'Aquinas on the Unfolding Law'), for the journals, *New Blackfriars* and *Law and Justice*, respectively.
- fr. John O'Connor had an article on 'Natural Law and ethical Non-Naturalism'



accepted by *Studies in Christian Ethics*.

- fr. Bruno Clifton had an article accepted by the journal, *Nova et Vetera*.
- fr. Benjamin Earl published 'Spirituality of Dominican legislation for the exercise of government' in *Analecta Ordinis Praedicatorum* and 'Opera propria: property or patrimony? Consequences for mutual relations between bishops and religious' in *Commentarium pro Religiosis et Missionariibus*.
- fr. Thomas Crean wrote 'Hilary of Poitier on the inter-Trinitarian Relation of the Son and the Holy Spirit' for *Augustinianum*.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

As well as academic publishing, brothers were also engaged in publication at a popular level in the service of the Church.

- fr. Neil Ferguson has written several pieces for *Living Word* published by Redemptorist Publications;

- fr. Andrew Brookes has written for the *Faith Companion*, a magazine for Catholic parishes.
- fr. Isidore Clarke wrote a pamphlet, 'Coping With Illness' for distribution to the Leicester Parish, as well as hospitals and care homes in Leicester.

### ONLINE PUBLISHING

Nearly every brother in the province contributed to **Torch**, the preaching website of the English Dominicans, which had an estimated\* 243,348 (293,615) unique pageviews during the year. Its international audience was an estimated 55,165 (50,809) visitors, including a core of around 16,680 (4,197) returning visitors, who are typically email notification subscribers or followers of the Province's Facebook page.

The student brothers' blog, **Godzdogz**, received an estimated\* 151,521 (94,309) unique pageviews during the year. The audience is estimated at 95,947 (56,183) visitors, including 13,926 (2,771) returning visitors. Among the topics were: 'Friendship vs Prudence? St Therese of Lisieux's Little Way', a series of eight short articles on each of the beatitudes, 'Christianity and Tragedy: the case of St Alexius' and 'Diaconal Ordination', 'What

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has racism got to do with me?’ And in response to the lockdown, the Godzdogz blog provided links to ‘Spiritual Resources for Times of Isolation’, which was very well received.

[\**Statistics from Google Analytics accessed 6 May 2021*].

### 4. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

#### BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

A key intellectual apostolate of the Province of England is the Studium Generale (‘Blackfriars Studium’) at Blackfriars, Oxford. Following the 2020 Provincial Chapter, fr. Simon Gaine stood down as Regent of the Province and fr. David Goodill stood down as Acting-Regent of Blackfriars Studium and Hall. Fr. John O’Connor was appointed Regent, which includes being Regent of the Province and Regent of Blackfriars Studium and Hall; and fr. Bruno Clifton was appointed Vice-Regent.

#### BLACKFRIARS STUDIUM

The Studium offers a first cycle of studies leading to an STB accredited by the Angelicum. The Studium had nine Dominican students enrolled, including a friar from the Province of Southern Germany and Austria. The Studium also had 13 others in the student body: Benedictines, Franciscans

(Conventual and Capuchin) and an Oratorian. Due to lockdown, the teaching in the final term had to be online. The teaching is largely provided by Dominican friars as well as other religious and lay people; 17 Dominican friars taught on the Studium’s STB programme. Three friars are involved in the governance of the Studium (fr. John O’Connor, fr. Bruno Clifton, and fr. Robert Gay).

#### BLACKFRIARS HALL

Blackfriars Hall is a Permanent Private Hall of the University of Oxford (*report on p.11*). The Hall hosts two institutes, the **Aquinas Institute** and the **Las Casas Institute for Social Justice**, and enjoys a partnership with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre** (registered charity no. 274327).

As well as providing opportunities for the brethren, the two institutes, together with the Hall, continue to provide a basis for non-Dominican scholars and Dominicans from outside the Province to collaborate with us in our intellectual mission. **Reports on the activities of the Institutes are on pp. 12–14.**

In addition to the work of Blackfriars Hall, friars participate in the wider life of the University.

- fr. Richard Ounsworth supervised a Masters thesis, and gave eight undergraduate tutorials.
- fr. Richard Conrad supervised an MSt. dissertation, and directed an undergraduate in Applied Theology.
- fr. Richard Conrad, fr. Richard Finn, and fr. Simon Gaine are members of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, and fr. Richard Finn is also member of the Faculty of Classics.

#### THOMISTIC INSTITUTE

This is a US-based organisation aimed at strengthening the intellectual formation of Christians at universities. Chapters of this are present in Oxford and are beginning to be formed elsewhere in our province. The year began with an extremely successful collaboration between the Fathers of the Oxford Oratory and a number of other Catholic charities and organisations, that brought Bishop Robert Barron to Oxford for a lecture at the University Church to celebrate the canonisation of St John Henry Newman.

There were various other events: a lecture and discussion group with fr. Thomas Joseph White, and lectures from fr. Andrew Hofer who was on sabbatical in Oxford, fr. Romanus Cessario,

## EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE (CONT.)

fr. Mariusz Tabaczek, and Professor John Lennox on the relationship between science and religion. The latter lecture was so popular it had to move to the priory church. Many plans were affected badly by the pandemic, but during lockdown there were two very popular lectures online: fr. Simon Gaine on Christology, and fr. Richard Ounsworth on eschatology. All the way through lockdown, some of the lecturers in Oxford were engaged in reading groups with students from around the world, all coordinated from Washington DC.

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE OXFORD

- fr. Fergus Kerr was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity at the University of Edinburgh for his services to Scottish Catholic Theology; during the Oration by Prof. David Fergusson, fr. Fergus was described as the most important Scottish Catholic theologian of the twentieth century.
- fr. Brian Davies is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University.
- fr. Robert Ombres is a half-time Professor of Canon Law at the Angelicum.
- fr. Neil Ferguson taught at the Centro de Estudios orden

de Predicadores, a faculty of La Universidad de Sto. Tomas, Tucuman, Argentina.

- fr. Peter Hunter and fr. Aidan Nichols taught at St Michael's Seminary and Theological College in Jamaica.
- fr. Oliver Keenan is a Translation Fellow at the Centre of Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary.
- fr. Dominic White is a Research Associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge. For the University of Cambridge he supervised four MPhil students for their essays, marked one MPhil dissertation, and led a seminar on 'Dominican Spirituality' for the MA programme in Christian Spirituality at St Mary's University, Twickenham.
- fr. Richard Finn is a Governor of St Mary's University, Twickenham,
- fr. Simon Gaine is a Governor of the Angelicum.
- Due to moving to Oxford, fr. John O'Connor resigned from his part-time lectureship at the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Glasgow; but he has since been made an Honorary Lecturer, enabling

him to continue to externally co-supervise doctoral students (currently three).

- Fr. David Goodill taught Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching for St Mary's College, Oscott. He also taught on the programme for deacons.
- fr. Martin Ganeri was an External Examiner for a University of Cambridge doctoral thesis.
- fr. Fergus Kerr is an Honorary Professor, School of Divinity, University of St Andrews,
- fr. Simon Tugwell is an Emeritus Fellow, Dominican Historical Institute.
- fr. Rudolf Löwenstein is Director of Studies at St Christina's (Primary) School.
- fr. Allan White is Principal of St Mary's Elementary School, El Centro, California, where he is also a Teacher of Religion.

### *For the Maryvale Institute:*

- fr. Oliver Keenan taught on the deacons' programme and is an Associate Lecturer,
- fr. Richard Ounsworth supervised an undergraduate finalist's long essay,
- fr. John O'Connor was the

## EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE (CONT.)

External Examiner for the Masters programme in Catholic Applied Theology (accredited by The Open University).

### UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

Friars have also had significant interaction with university staff and students through University Chaplaincy:

- fr. David Rocks (University of Leicester and De Montfort University),
- fr. Matthew Jarvis (University of Leicester);
- fr. John O'Connor, fr. Dermot Morrin, and Samuel Burke (University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier University and Queen Margaret University);
- fr. Thomas Skeats (Kings College, London);
- fr. Gregory Murphy (University of Dundee and University of Abertay).

### 5. FURTHER STUDIES

Among those who undertook complementary studies for the sake of the intellectual apostolate during the year were:

- fr. Benjamin Earl, part-time doctoral student in Canon Law at the Angelicum (as well as being Procurator General of the Order);



- fr. Leon Pereira, part-time doctoral student at the Angelicum;
- fr. David Rocks is studying for a part-time Masters in Philosophy at The Open University;
- fr. Gregory Pearson and fr. Toby Lees finished Licentiates at the Angelicum.
- In September 2020 fr. Matthew Jarvis started studies for a Licence in Patristics at the Institute Catholique in Lyon.

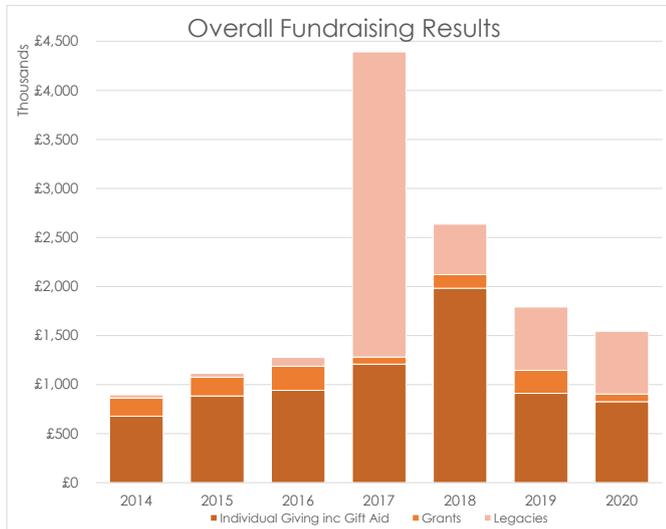
### 6. LAYING FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The Province of England has a very active intellectual mission, but it is crucial for its future health that good foundations are laid. Although most attendees at our events would prefer in-person events over online events, online events are likely to become more common when the Covid-19 restrictions are

hopefully lifted, than they were pre-Covid-19. Hybrid events (in-person plus simultaneously recorded/live online) will also continue. Online events might tend to involve a lower quality of engagement, but they have the benefit of enabling attendance of people from across the globe.

The audio-visual live-streaming of Masses from Edinburgh, Leicester, and Oxford during the lockdown provided good experience in using audio-visual equipment. The Aquinas Group in Oxford; the Thomistic Institutes in Edinburgh, London, and Oxford; and the Catholic student society events run by some of our university chaplaincies (e.g. Edinburgh, Leicester) have also helped friars gain experience. Blackfriars Studium and Hall plan to renovate its lecture room audio-visual equipment to facilitate better quality recording and streaming of events.

## FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE<sup>(1)</sup> – TRENDS



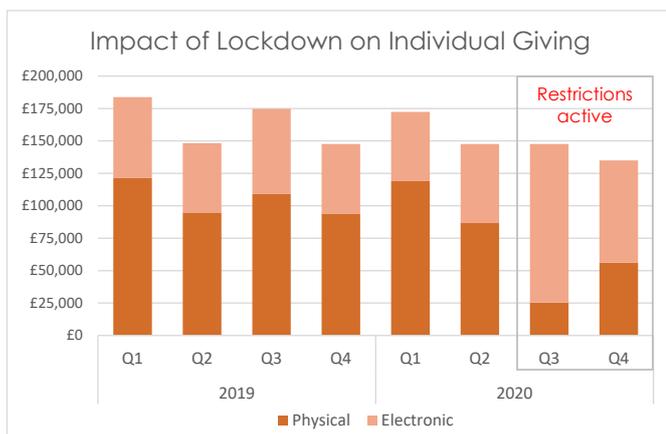
**This was a financial year of two distinct halves:** the first two quarters were strong thanks in part to the launch of the 800th Anniversary Campaign for Blackfriars, Oxford. Fundraising was then deeply impacted in the second half of the financial year, when restrictions imposed on public worship and other gatherings eroded weekly church collections and saw several capital campaigns suspended as efforts shifted to emergency appeals and the promotion of electronic giving. The impact varied greatly between houses, with some able to switch more swiftly to online ministry and fundraising than others.

**Overall Fundraising Results** saw a total of £1.54m (2019: 1.79m) raised for the charity as a whole.



With donors unable to give in person, **Regular Giving Commitments** jumped to 491 (2019: 439), given by 450 donors (2019: 400): this stabilised this income stream in the current year, and will hopefully provide a bigger, more resilient baseline of income in future years.

The switch to electronic forms of **Individual Giving** was also driven by a large increase in single gifts via our websites, in response to special appeals: 796 gifts worth £89k<sup>(2)</sup> (2019: 128 gifts worth £18k<sup>(2)</sup>). In the final quarter, physical donations bounced back as churches were able to open in a restricted way, though cash only achieved half the level of the same quarter in 2019.



Legacies were again strong and helped ensure liquidity: £639k (£646k). A large legacy to the Leicester Priory of £256k was gratefully received and will help with the costs of buildings repairs and refurbishment.

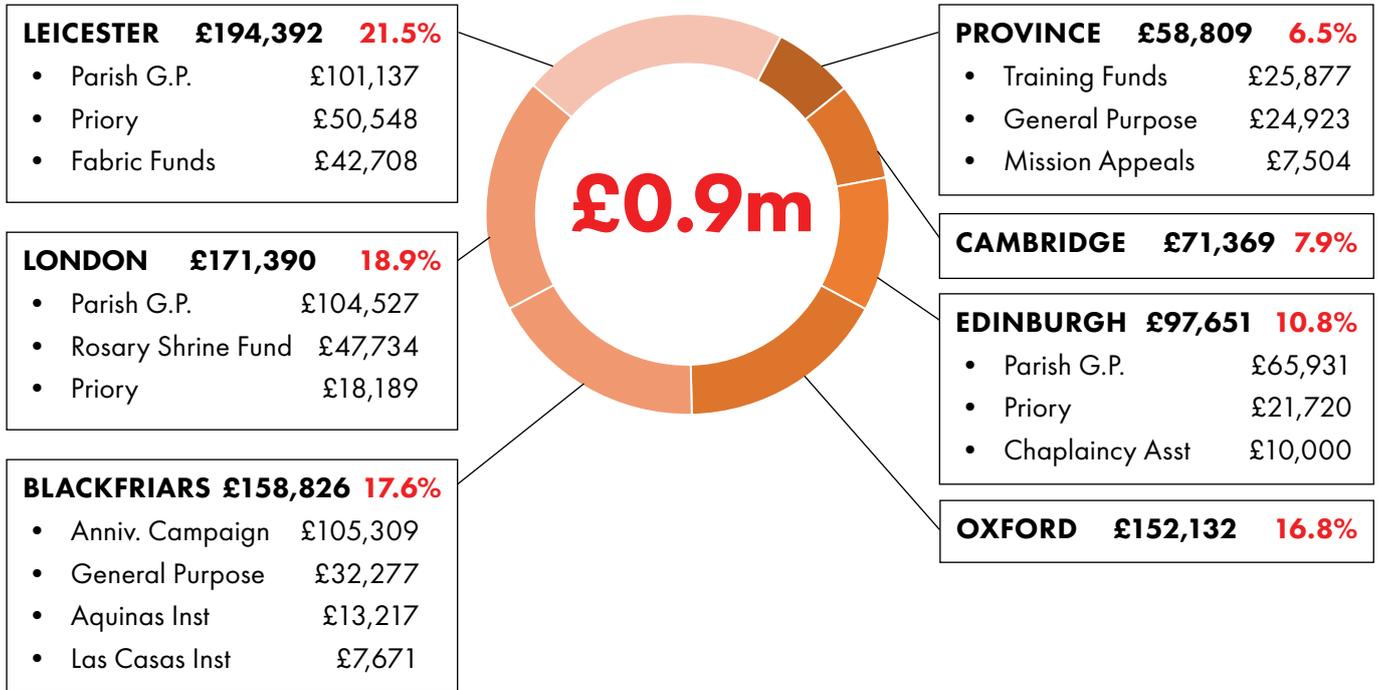
It was a difficult year for grant applications, achieving only £80k (£235k). Grant-makers were typically prioritising ‘Covid relief’, though some significant grants were won that will show in the next annual report.

*(1) Fundraised amounts listed here will not correspond exactly with figures listed in the audited accounts, owing to different ways of recording legacies and the income from Gift Aid. Figures here measure fundraising performance only.*

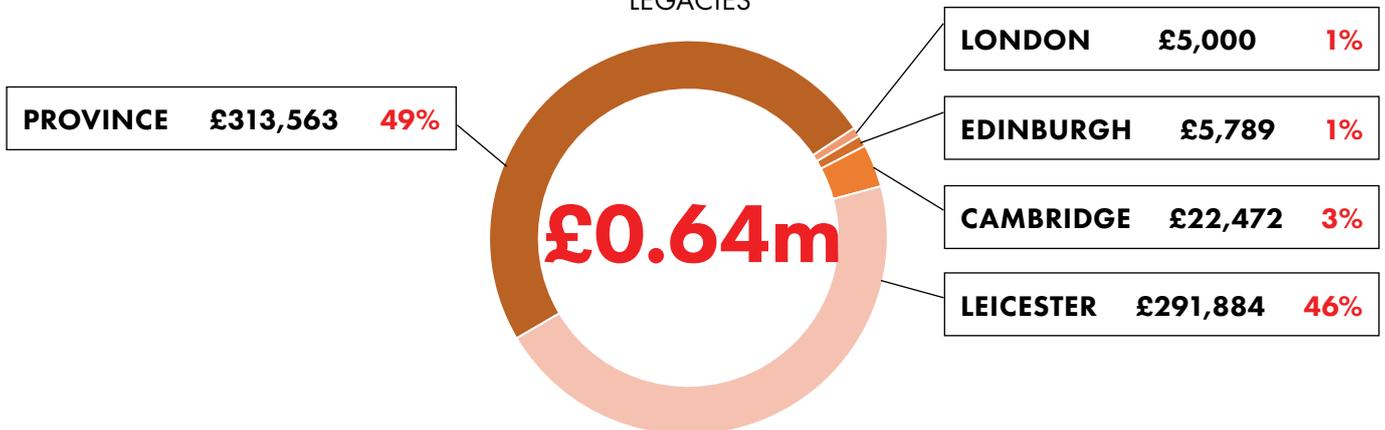
*(2) Note that these amounts include the expected Gift Aid value, even if the actual tax reclaim happens in a later period.*

## FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE – 2020

### VOLUNTARY INCOME (EXC. LEGACIES)



### LEGACIES



The friars express their gratitude to all who have helped sustain our mission this year through their generous giving. We would especially like to mark the contributions of:

**Grants:** Allchurches Trust Ltd, Florence Turner Trust, Miss S M G Ross Trust, Porticus UK, Sir Harold Hood's Charitable Trust, The Huntly and Margery Sinclair Charitable Trust, The J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund, The Lady Marian Gibson Trust, The Maud Elkington Charitable Trust, The Tolkien Trust, White Oak Charitable Trust

**Legacies:** Dr Robert Dick, Michael Downie, Anne Dwyer, Brown Hart, Wasyl Lapinskyj, Margaret McVay, Elizabeth Nance, Molly Pearson, Marlene Ann Raftery, Prof. Barbara Raw, Pauline Watts. *R.I.P.*

## DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, TRUSTEES, ADVISORS

<b>NAME OF CHARITY</b>	The English Province of the Order of Preachers
<b>CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>	231192 (England and Wales) SC039062 (Scotland)
<b>ALSO KNOWN AS</b>	The Dominicans
<b>PRINCIPAL OFFICE</b>	Blackfriars, St Giles, OXFORD. OX1 3LY
<b>TRUSTEE</b>	The Dominican Council (a company limited by guarantee, no. 387818) Blackfriars, St Giles, OXFORD. OX1 3LY
<b>DIRECTORS OF TRUSTEE CORPORATION</b>	Very Rev. fr Martin Ganeri Rev. fr Simon Gainé OP Rev. fr John Farrell OP (to 31 March 2020) Very Rev. fr Robert Gay OP (from 31 March 2020) Rev. fr Richard Ounsworth OP (to 23 Sept 2020) Rev. fr David Goodill OP (from 23 Sept 2020)
<b>PRINCIPAL OFFICER</b>	Very Rev. fr Martin Ganeri OP, Prior Provincial
<b>BANKERS</b>	The Royal Bank of Scotland RBS Bishopsgate Branch, 49 Bishopsgate, LONDON. EC2N 3AS
<b>SOLICITORS</b>	Farrer & Co. 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields, LONDON. WC2A 3LH
<b>AUDITOR</b>	RSM UK Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Bvd., MILTON KEYNES. MK9 1BP
<b>INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND ADVICE</b>	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited 12 Throgmorton Avenue, LONDON. EC2N 2DL <i>and</i> Smith & Williamson Investment Management LLP 25 Moorgate, LONDON. EC2R 6AY
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://english.op.org/">https://english.op.org/</a>

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

## INTRODUCTION

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 51ff. and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (January 2019) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The English Province of the Order of Preachers is one of forty or so provinces of the Friars of the Order of Preachers, a religious order in the Catholic Church. The Order of Preachers was founded by St Dominic in the thirteenth century for the purpose of preaching, teaching and pastoral work in collaboration with the bishops. Members of the Order are often known as 'Dominicans', after their founder. The life of the friars is founded on the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience to which they bind themselves by vow, and is characterised by prayer, study and community life. Most of the friars are also ordained priests.

As part of the Catholic Church, the Order of Preachers is bound to the Church's Canon Law, especially as contained in the 1983 *Codex Iuris Canonici* (Code of Canon Law, hereafter *CIC*), and to the legitimate precepts of the Holy See and the Roman Pontiff. It is also bound by the laws of the dioceses in which it works, and of the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and of Scotland.

The Order has its own internal law contained in the *Liber Constitutionum et Ordinationum Fratrum Ordinis Praedicatorum* (Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers, hereafter *LCO*). The General Chapter of the Order and the Master of the Order have authority, in accordance with canonical norms, over all the provinces, priories

and friars of the Order.

The English Province, in addition to the above-mentioned norms, has its own canonical governing document, the 'Statute of the Province'. The Province is governed by the Provincial Chapter and by the Prior Provincial. The Provincial Chapter is a meeting of friars representing the Province which takes place every four years; its object is to 'discuss and make decisions about all that pertains to the fraternal and apostolic life and the good administration of the province' (*LCO* 351 §I). The Provincial Chapter can make changes to the Statute of the Province as well as make other ordinations concerning the governance of the Province and its priories. The Provincial Chapter elects the Prior Provincial (major superior), who governs the Province until the following Provincial Chapter.

The Prior Provincial is assisted by the Provincial Council, composed of senior officers of the Province and other members elected by the Provincial Chapter. On major financial matters the Prior Provincial and Provincial Council are advised by the Economic Council of the Province, whose members are appointed by the Provincial Chapter and which is chaired by the Provincial Bursar.

The Province is made up of a number of priories, which are local communities of friars with a large degree of self-government according to the norms of Canon Law and the internal law of the Order and the Province. The priory is 'the fundamental unit of the Order' (*LCO* 1 §VII), and the principal place where the educational and pastoral mission of the Order is pursued. Priors (local superiors) are normally elected by the members of their priory for three-year terms. Each priory is engaged in a variety of ministerial work, often centred on parish churches or university chaplaincies. Two priories are especially but not exclusively dedicated to the formation and training of priests and friars. The Prior Provincial and his Council have responsibility for the collaboration of the various priories, for the support of provincial projects and for the establishment, maintenance and en-

enforcement of common policy, including those involving major financial issues.

The Charity consider that the members of the Provincial Council comprise the key management personnel, in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. The Prior Provincial and three other members of the Provincial Council are Directors of the Trustee Corporation, as listed on p. 32. Other members of the Provincial Council are members of the Trustee Corporation. All trustees, and all other members of the Provincial Council, give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any of them in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 9 and 10 to the accounts.

The individual friars make profession of a vow of obedience, encompassing also the other ‘evangelical counsels’ of poverty and chastity. As a result of the profession of poverty, all that is acquired in virtue of the work or activity of a friar belongs to the friar’s priory (CIC 668 §3; LCO 546). Once a friar has made definitive or ‘solemn’ profession, any income whatsoever that comes to the friar belongs to his priory or the Province (LCO 546, 548). This arrangement is given civil effect by means of a ‘Deed of Disposer’ in favour of the Charity made by each friar at the time of his solemn profession. Alongside the profession of poverty by the friars, there is a corresponding obligation on the Order to provide its members ‘with everything that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of their vocation’ (CIC 670).

The Dominican friars share a spirituality and mission with other branches of the ‘Dominican family’: nuns, sisters, members of secular institutes and fraternities of priests and laity (cf. LCO 1 §IX).

### NATURE AND CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARITY

In order to allow for the general administration and financial maintenance of the members, priories and works of the Province, **the Province Trust** was established by Trust Deed in 1930, modified by a deed of partial revocation in 1945. Its registered objects are ‘the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion and the establishment and maintenance of schools, churches and priories for these purposes and

the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers.’ Under the name ‘The English Province of the Order of Preachers’, the Province Trust is registered as a charity in England and Wales, no. 231192, and in Scotland, no. SC039062.

The sole trustee of the Charity is the Dominican Council, a company limited by guarantee and governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Dominican Council was incorporated on 25 May 1944, no. 387818. Its registered office is Blackfriars, St Giles, OXFORD OX1 3LY.

The chairman *ex officio* of the Corporation and its Committee is the Prior Provincial, at present the Very Rev. fr. Martin Ganeri OP. According to its Articles of Association, ‘any Roman Catholic Priest of the English Province of the Order of Preachers’ (art. 6) is qualified to be a member of the Corporation. Three members of the Corporation are elected by the Corporation to serve on its Committee alongside the Prior Provincial. The members of the Committee function as the directors of the Corporation and as ‘Charity Trustees’ in the sense of s177 of the Charities Act 2011.

### RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Province has a wealth of experience among its friars, who have spent years pursuing the Province’s mission and the Charity’s objects by means of educational and pastoral work. Many of the friars have also served as administrators at a local level, holding offices such as prior, parish priest or bursar. The Provincial Chapter therefore has a rich pool of competent and proficient friars to draw upon when it elects the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council.

The normal practice of the Dominican Council is to elect new members of the Corporation from the Provincial Council, and so in turn it is from among these experienced friars that the Committee is elected. As a result, the Charity Trustees, i.e. the members of the Committee of the Dominican Council, are friars of proven prudence and experience with detailed knowledge of the Charity’s work and structure.

The solemnly professed friars have no personal income or property; anything that comes to them is acquired

for the Order, which in turn is obliged to support all its members, providing them with ‘everything that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of their vocation’ (*CIC* 670). Hence the object of the Charity includes ‘the upkeep of members of the Order of Preachers’. The members of the Committee of the Dominican Council therefore benefit from the activity of the Charity, but they do so in their capacity as members of the Order of Preachers, not as a result of being Charity Trustees.

### TRAINING OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

New members of the Committee of the Dominican Council are very experienced in the work of the Province and its administration. As superiors and administrators they are already well-acquainted with the governing documents of the Order. New members of the Committee are provided with latest version the Charity Commission’s publication ‘The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do’ and the OSCR publication ‘Guidance for Charity Trustees’. Trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the other resources for Charity Trustees provided by the Charity Commission, OSCR and other sources. All Charity Trustees are provided with appropriate briefings from the Charity’s professional advisors concerning their responsibilities and when this is pertinent to any decisions that have to be made by the Charity Trustees. Members of the Committee of the Dominican Council attend meetings of the Association of Provincial Bursars and seminars for Charity Trustees organised by professional advisors.

### ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION-MAKING

The Charity is structured internally as local priories in accordance with the laws of the Order of the Preachers contained in *LCO*. These norms, together with those of the Province itself, set out requirements for financial administration and reporting, investment, property acquisition and maintenance for the Province and for each priory, and also the limits to the powers of priors and of the Prior Provincial.

In particular:

- A Prior has a limit above which he cannot authorise expenditure without the consent of the

Priory Council. The Priory Council can authorise expenditure to a higher limit, which varies depending on the size of the Priory, and above this authorisation is required by the Prior Provincial or, beyond an upper limit, the Provincial Council. These limits, which are reviewed every four years, also apply to the authorisation of alienations or the incurring of liabilities. When authorisation is given by the Provincial Council, the Economic Council of the Province is consulted in advance, and a determination is made whether the matter requires an act of the Trustee Corporation.

- The annual accounts and budget of each priory are sent to the Prior Provincial (*LCO* 563) and submitted for examination by the Provincial Council (*LCO* 564), the Economic Council of the Province and the Trustee Corporation.

The limits mentioned here are reviewed every four years by the Provincial Chapter.

### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

The priories in Scotland are managed locally in the same way as priories in England, under the supervision of the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Council assisted by the Economic Council. The Trustees take the view that local governance structures are adequate and appropriate without an additional layer of governance specifically for Scotland.

### RELATIONSHIP WITH A WIDER NETWORK

The Province is part of the Order of Preachers and of the Catholic Church. It operates in accordance with the teaching and laws of the Catholic Church, and the manner in which it realises its object, ‘the promotion of education and the Roman Catholic religion’, is influenced by the priorities identified by the Church and by the Order of Preachers internationally.

### RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

The Charity is closely related to the **Hoper Dixon Trust** (registered charity no. 231160). Under the terms of a Scheme of 20 July 2006, that Trust exists ‘for the benefit of the poor connected with or in the

neighbourhood of any house or pastoral centre under the direction of the Dominicans of the English Province of the Order of Preachers’.

The Province also co-operates in the mission of the **Catholic Dioceses** in whose territory members of the Province work. Six parishes and chaplaincies to eight universities are entrusted to the Province.

The Charity co-operates fraternally in a number of projects with **other branches of the Dominican family** (Congregations of Dominican Sisters, Dominican Secular Institute and Lay Dominican fraternities) active in Great Britain. The Province recently co-operated in the establishment of a Priestly Confraternity of St Dominic, and remains closely involved in its development and expansion.

The Province operates Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, a Permanent Private Hall of the **University of Oxford**. The Hall co-operates with the University, Colleges and other Halls in furthering its educational objective. There is also co-operation with **other religious institutes** in training candidates for the priesthood and in providing theological formation for other religious. The Hall is developing a research collaboration with the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre**, registered charity no. 274327. Members of the congregations at two of the Province’s priories run overseas aid charities: the **Blackfriars Overseas Aid Trust** (registered charity no. 288585) based in Oxford and the **Jean Grove Trust** (registered charity 1109593) based in Cambridge. The Province is happy to promote and support these works.

The Order’s presence in Grenada and Barbados is canonically dependent on the Province. Though the presence there is not part of the Province Charity, from time to time the Charity is able to make grants for the work of the Order in the Caribbean.

## FUNDRAISING DISCLOSURES

The Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 requires charities which are subject to an audit to make disclosure in their Financial Statements about their fundraising activities.

The Dominican Friars have been mendicants since the very beginning of the Order of Preachers in the early

13th century, and benefactors have played a crucial role at every stage of our history up to and including the present day.

In 2013, impelled by an urgent need to improve the financial situation of the charity, the Province began to employ a full-time fundraiser (Development Director) to direct and manage fundraising and related communications activities on the charity’s behalf. The Development Director is now assisted by a part-time Development Support Officer, with oversight provided by the Prior Provincial and the Provincial Bursar, and guidance given by the Province’s Fundraising Committee.

Most funds are raised from those with whom we have close relationships, typically through their attendance as worshippers at one of our churches. Wider circles of relationships are maintained through our opt-in magazine, opt-in email newsletters, websites, and social media pages, all of which may include invitations to donate. Contact relationship data and donations data are managed centrally through a highly secure database with access restricted to a small number of employees.

We fundraise in accordance with the requirements of the Fundraising Regulator, and with our moral obligations as a Catholic charity. We fundraise responsibly at all times and with a sensitivity to the pastoral relationship that most donors have with the friars. We avoid approaches to vulnerable people and do not hold information on children. We do not exert pressure on people to donate, nor is access to the services we provide as a charity dependent on donations. We do not at this time employ third-party fundraisers, though some people do voluntarily and of their own initiative fundraise on our behalf. Subscriptions to communications can be cancelled at any time. Complaints are responded to as soon as possible; none were received in the current year (2019: none).

## RISK

The trustees review annually the principal risks to which the charity is exposed, and the strategies and procedures in place to mitigate those risks. The trustees consider that the major risks can be categorised under four headings: operational, financial, reputational and regulatory. Listed below are the main risks in each category, along with the principal ways in which they are mitigated.

## OPERATIONAL

The activities of the charity are highly dependent upon those friars who are responsible for their management, often with little or no professional lay assistance. For this reason there is a risk that our ministries may suffer from lack of direction, poor management and inefficiencies. It can happen that a particular friar is overburdened with responsibilities leading to stress and reduced effectiveness. To mitigate this, the trustees and especially the Prior Provincial regularly review the work of each entity of the Province, ensuring that those responsible for our works are provided with the practical and moral support required. The Province has also instituted regular meetings between the Provincial and local superiors, to offer support and share best practice. The Province maintains its commitment to ensuring that friars who are experiencing emotional or psychological difficulties are provided with appropriate professional help.

The charity is responsible for the care of a number of elderly friars. As at 30 September 2020 there were 18 friars over 70, of whom 9 were over 80. Like all of the friars, these men have no resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the charity. As far as possible older brothers continue to live in community, though where appropriate residential nursing care places are found. The Province remains committed to designating all pensions income to the Designated Sick Fund (see page 40), which covers the cost of residential care but also funds home nursing care where appropriate, as well as works in priories designed to make them more suitable for elderly and infirm brothers.

The on-going work of the charity requires that young men continue to present themselves to join the Order, and that these men be properly formed and educated for our ministries. Many religious orders in the UK have seen very low or even non-existent levels of recruitment for a number of years leading to a severely ageing demographic profile and the abandonment of numbers of ministries. The Province has committed one of its ablest young priests to work full-time as Promoter and Director of Vocations, and over the last two years ten men entered the noviciate, an unusually high number. The Province is also committed to ensuring that its

friars receive the best possible intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation.

## FINANCIAL

The charity's principal assets comprise listed investments, the value of and income from which are dependent on movements in UK and world markets. A substantial long-term loss of value of these investments would threaten the long-term financial viability of the Province, and any significant reduction in investment income would cause financial difficulties even in the short term. To mitigate this, the investments are managed by reputable investment managers who adhere to a policy agreed by the trustees. The performance of investments and our investment strategy are assessed regularly by the Economic Council of the Province, aided by a lay expert, to ensure that our investments remain appropriate to the charity's needs (see further page 42).

The Development Office, under the leadership of a lay professional Development Director, with the co-operation of all friars, ensures that the Province and individual priories maintain excellent relationships with existing donors and takes the lead in seeking out and cultivating potential new sources of support. The work of the Development Office is supervised by a committee comprised of friars and lay people with appropriate expertise.

Our operations involve very large numbers of financial transactions including significant amounts of cash, bringing with it the obvious risk of fraud, theft or loss. The Province has a well-established set of 'Norms for Economic and Administrative Practice' which impose appropriate procedures for cash-handling and for the management of bank payments etc., and the Provincial Bursar visits priories regularly to support local bursars and other friars in adhering to these procedures and other good practices. The Province decided at its recent Chapter to substantially reduce the levels of expenditure that can be made without a second authorised signature.

The operation of Blackfriars Hall and Studium is at particular financial risk, depending as heavily as it does upon numbers of students. The Regent and other moderators of the Hall engage in visits to the USA to

seek additional students, and the Hall is developing with the Development Director a fundraising strategy emphasising student scholarships and support for Studium teaching with a view to providing Blackfriars with a more solid financial base in the years to come.

**REPUTATIONAL**

Friars and some other volunteers working with the friars, by the nature of our activities, inevitably often operate with little immediate supervision and often in positions of considerable pastoral responsibility and trust. Mistakes and misjudgements especially by friars in such positions can lead to harm to the reputation of the whole Province. The trustees consider that the greatest risk to the reputation of the charity in terms of severity of outcome, though not of likelihood, comes from allegations of abuse by friars of children or vulnerable adults: even where these allegations are historical in nature and relate to long-deceased friars, and even where they are unfounded, they can be deeply harmful to the reputation, local and national, of the Province, its ministries and its friars. The Province works closely with the Catholic Church Insurance Association, the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service and the Safeguarding Co-ordinator of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham to deal with any such allegations in accordance with the safeguarding policy of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. A

member of the Provincial Council is the Province's Safeguarding Co-ordinator, and he is responsible for ensuring that all friars are familiar with, and practise, this safeguarding policy, again in association with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Lay people volunteer as local safeguarding representatives at each location.

The trustees also recognise the potential for reputational damage that may result from operational failures mentioned in the first paragraph of this section, and this risk is mitigated as detailed there.

**REGULATORY**

The trustees are keenly aware of the need to comply with relevant laws, including but not limited to those governing employment, health & safety at work, immigration and data protection, and the potential consequences of failures in this regard. The Provincial Bursar, assisted by the Economic Council of the Province, the Development Director and professional experts, takes the lead in compliance, and is aided in this regard by training sessions provided by the Association of Provincial Bursars. Each site within the Province is visited at least once a year by a professional Health & Safety advisor, to ensure that our sites are not only compliant with the Health & Safety at Work, etc. Act (1974) and related regulations, but also provide good working and living environments for the friars.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity Trustees have read the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities whose objects include Education and the advancement of Religion. The Charity Trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission's advice of October 2015 concerning public benefit and fee-charging in relation to educational charities. The Charity Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's guidance, and all who make decisions about the activities the Charity undertakes are concerned to ensure that a real religious or educational benefit is provided to a broad range of people.

The priories of the Province all celebrate liturgy which is open to the public, and the friars are available to any members of the public who wish to consult them about matters of faith and the spiritual life. The priory churches are open to the public for most of the day, and many people avail themselves of the opportunity for quiet prayer or reflection. No charge is made for admission to the churches or to religious services (cf. *CIC*, c. 1221). Offerings are customarily made on the occasion of celebration of certain rites (e.g. baptisms, marriages and funerals), but Canon Law requires that those who are not able to make an offering are not thereby excluded (*CIC*, c. 848 and c. 1181). Some charges may be made for other activities (e.g. participation

in pilgrimages); the Hoper Dixon Trust, a connected charity, is in some cases able to assist with these costs.

The main educational centre of the Province, located at Blackfriars in Oxford, welcomes applications to study from any suitably qualified student. Blackfriars Hall charges fees at the level prevalent among Oxford colleges, and students are eligible for public funding in the same way as other students in higher education. The Hall is aware that public funding is not available to assist all who would benefit from studying in Oxford, especially those wishing to study for a second undergraduate degree or a postgraduate qualification. The Hall continues actively seeking funds to broaden access, having almost exhausted funds available for scholarships to students in the previous reporting period. Members of the public who are not students at Oxford may attend lectures and classes at Blackfriars on application; a small fee is normally charged, but is waived in cases of financial hardship. Blackfriars Hall and many of the priories and parishes arrange for public lectures and talks which are free of charge.

The Charity Trustees consider that the achievements and performance of the Charity demonstrate success in providing benefit to a broad public.

## PROVISION FOR SICK AND ELDERLY FRIARS

As of 30 September 2020, 21 friars of the Province (28%) in Great Britain were aged 70 or over, of whom 11 (15%) were 80 or over. Although most of these brothers continue to be active and enjoy reasonable health, the Charity Trustees are concerned to ensure that adequate provision is made for the care of older brothers and of any other sick brothers. The Charity maintains a Sick Fund for this purpose, of which details are given in the Financial Review and Statement of Financial Activities. At the end of the reporting period, two brothers were in nursing homes (2019: two), and another two required substantial home-based nursing care; it is not unlikely that these numbers will rise, so the Trustees continue to ensure that such provision is affordable whenever necessary. While the provision and level of funds is adequate for current needs, the Charity Trustees are aware that demands could increase substantially in future years.

All pension income is designated for the Sick Fund, which at the end of the period stood at £3,789k (2019: £3,818k). While the income from this fund currently suffices, the Charity Trustees are concerned that the Sick Fund should continue to be increased to ensure that likely future demands can be met.

Priorities are also concerned to keep constantly under review their provision for disabled and infirm brothers and as necessary to make various adaptations and improvements. In the current reporting period the Priory in Cambridge completed the installation of a wheelchair-adapted lift to allow disabled brothers as well as members of the congregation to move more easily between floors, and the project will be partly subsidised from the Sick Fund. Work was also undertaken in the Leicester Priory to improve bathrooms for the care of elderly and infirm brothers.

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

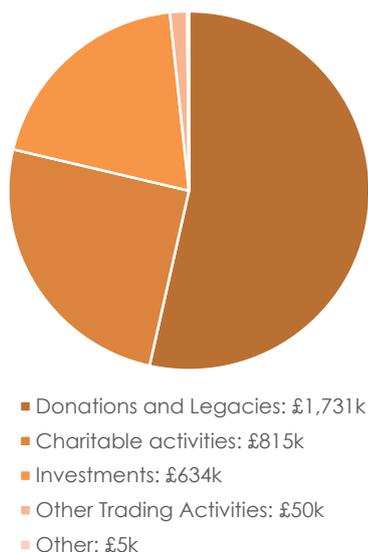
The Charity's investments had a market value of £19,991k (2019: £20,705k) at the end of the reporting period. The market value of investments with Smith & Williamson was £8,420k (2019: £8,630k), and these represent the value of the Designated Sick Fund and the Designated Training Funds, plus a small part of the Restricted Training Funds. During the year, BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd closed its Charifaith fund. The Province's holdings in this fund were transferred to the new BlackRock Catholic Charities Growth & Income Fund. At the end of the year, the value of the Province's

units in this fund was £10,724k (2019: Charifaith: £10,969k). In view of low interest rates, the Charity has continued to seek to minimise cash holdings, consistent with ensuring sufficient liquidity for medium-term spending. At 30 September 2020, £847k (2019: £1,106k) was directly held in cash funds, comprising 4.2% of total investment assets (2019: 5.3%). Income from cash funds over the year was £4,641 (2019: £9,017).

*Further details of these investments may be found in note 6 to the Financial Statements.*

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

FIGURE 1:  
INCOME

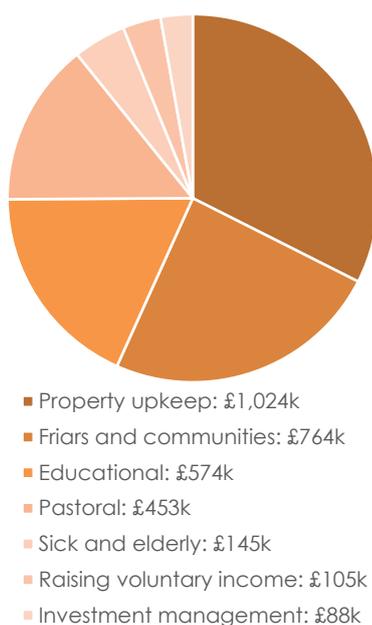


### FUNDING SOURCES AND INCOME

Total income for the year ended 30 September 2020 was £3,234k (2019: £3,659k), a decrease of 11.6%. Church closures and restricted attendance for the second half of the financial year caused a fall of collections income of £66k or 37%. Income from ministerial services, parish activities, parish, conferences, talks etc fell by £67k or 14.5%. Blackfriars Hall had to refund student accommodation for periods students could not live in Oxford due to COVID 19 restrictions, which meant a drop in rental income of £29k rather than the increase planned following the construction of new student flats in part of the 33 St Giles property. Grant income fell by £113k, due largely to the receipt of a one-off grant in the previous year by the Edinburgh priory. Legacy income of £638k was of a similar level to last year (2019: £647k). Parishioners and supporters responded generously to appeals for support during the year; this generated an increase in donations and gifts of £102k, or 89%, compared to the previous year. The Province also received special COVID-19 relief grants from a number of grant-makers who support the Order's work. Income from listed investments fell by 4.7% to £634k (2019: £665k).

*More details are given in note 1 to the financial statements; cf Figure 1.*

FIGURE 2:  
EXPENDITURE



### EXPENDITURE

Expenditure totalled £3,153k (2019: £3,163k) for the year, a small decrease of 0.3%. The costs of educational activities, pastoral work & projects and support of the friars and communities fell by £264k in total. This reflects the restrictions and changes to ways in which ministry was delivered during the year. Friars' overseas travel to study and travel to deliver ministry & teaching were replaced largely by activity online from March 2020. Parish events such as pilgrimages were postponed and there was reduced activity from the Las Casas and Aquinas Institutes. Support for the Province's houses in the West Indies was maintained. The Province's required contribution to the central costs of the Order fell by £11k.

The cost of upkeep of buildings rose again. The newly refurbished 32-33 St Giles was brought into use as teaching space and offices for Blackfriars Hall, student accommodation and Province administration. The annual depreciation charge on the refurbishment together with the Hall's increased running costs of its larger premises accounts for much of the £251k or 32% increase in costs of property upkeep. The costs of care of sick and elderly friars was £27k or 23% higher than in the previous year. Investment management costs fell whilst costs of raising voluntary income increased slightly to £105k, representing 6.6% of associated income raised.

*More details on expenditure are given in note 2 to the financial statements; cf Figure 2.*

## FUNDS & INVESTMENTS

### INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

The Charity's investment policy is set by the Trustees, after regular consultation with the Province's Economic Council and professional investment managers. The principal objective is the maximisation of returns, seeking capital growth but also a steady and, where possible, growing level of income. The Charity Trustees are concerned to manage risk and therefore maintain and review periodically, with the assistance of the Province's Economic Council and professional advisors, a high degree of diversification in the Charity's investment assets, whether held directly or through a common investment fund.

In keeping with the objects of the Charity and the teachings of the Catholic Church, the following policy is stated in the Statute of the Province: 'Investments shall be avoided in companies a significant proportion of whose activities are contrary to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church, including but not limited to those relating to sanctity of life, care for the environment, and justice and peace.' This applies both to direct investments and to those through a common investment fund.

### POLICY ON RESERVES

The laws of the Order oblige the Province to ensure that funds are available to support central administration, common projects (e.g. publishing, archives, libraries), the care of sick and elderly friars, and the formation of student friars. The Charity continues to maintain a high level of reserves in order to meet these obligations. The Charity Trustees also ensure that the level of reserves held is adequate to respond to unexpected financial needs, and to be able to commit to new apostolic projects when possible. Such a level of reserves is required because of the very large potential demands made by the ownership of the priories and churches necessary to meet the requirements of the Charity's objects, many of which are listed buildings. It might not always be possible to meet urgent needs out of branch funds. The high level of reserves also produce an income for central

activities, allowing contributions from branch funds to central province funds to be kept down.

The Charity Trustees' view is that an amount equal to a minimum of four months' total expenditure (i.e. £1,054k over the reporting period) should be held as free reserves.

The Charity Trustees continue to aim for an increasing level of reserves designated for the purpose of providing for the needs of older or infirm friars and the formation of novices and student friars. The Charity Trustees continue to maintain designated funds as capital funds which generate sufficient income necessary for the Province to be able to satisfy its obligations under the laws of the Order and to meet annual expenditure requirements in these priority areas.

### RESERVES AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

The balance sheet shows total unrestricted funds of £11,294k (2019: £11,335k). The Province General Purpose fund accounts for £3,125k (2019: £3,015k), of which £2,872k (2019: £2,572k) are free reserves (i.e. excluding fixed assets held for charity use). This level of free reserves represents ten months' total expenditure by the Charity.

Designated funds make up the remaining £8,169k (2019: £8,320k) of unrestricted funds, the principal of which are:

**Sick Fund:** This holds a balance of £3,789k (2019: £3,818k) to provide care for sick and elderly friars. Income from the pensions of the friars is allocated to this fund. Despite a number of friars in residential care over the past few years and works to provide accommodation in priories suitable for elderly and infirm friars, it has been possible to continue to build up the sick fund. While it is impossible to predict with accuracy the burden on this fund, the large number of older friars makes significant demands in the near future likely.

**Student Training Fund:** The Charity maintains a designated fund for the support of the friars' studies, which holds a balance of £2,981k (2019: £3,026k).

## IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19

The Trustees have reviewed the impact of COVID-19 since September 2020 on the charity's income, expenditure, commitments and its assets and liabilities, and the charity's capacity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have concluded that the charity continues to be financially sustainable for the foreseeable future.

In 2020-21 the charity has experienced a drop in income from charitable activities in response to the challenging economic situation. In our churches and chapels, socially-distanced reduced capacities have meant significantly reduced income from collections. Blackfriars Hall has experienced a substantial reduction in student numbers and fees. The friars have continued, however, to develop an online ministry, resulting in a switch to electronic giving and a growth in benefactors. Services are live-streamed and online attendance has been high. University teaching by the Hall and chaplaincy work has been delivered virtually. Articles,

talks and conference attendance have taken place online accompanied by requests for financial support. In addition, special fundraising activities are taking place online. The response of existing and new friends and supporters has continued to be most encouraging.

The charity had free reserves of £2.9m at 30 September 2020. Most of this balance related to investments with Charifaith, which fell in value by 13% by 31 March 2020, but by 30 September 2020 recovered to 98% of their 30 September 2019 valuation. If it had proved necessary, these investments would have been partly or fully liquidated in order to cover the essential operating costs of the charity. The charity also has designated funds of £7.5m invested, which can be reassigned to cover expenditure if necessary. It has not been necessary to do so. The charity expects to break even in the year ending 30 September 2021.

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales and Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## DECLARATION

### **DECLARATION**

The officers of the Trustee Corporation, The Dominican Council, declare that to the best of their knowledge the annual accounts of the English Province of the Order of Preachers have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the regulations and requirements of the province Trust Deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Friars of the Order of Preachers.

The officers of the Trustee Corporation who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the officers of the Trustee Corporation has confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as an officer of the Trustee Corporation in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

### **BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEE**



fr David Goodill OP  
Secretary to the Dominican Council  
23 July 2021

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENGLISH PROVINCE OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

### OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The English Province of The Order Of Preachers (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 September 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011.

### BASIS FOR OPINION

We have been appointed auditors under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's

responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether

there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is not consistent in any material respect with the Annual Report; or
- proper and sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 44, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to

liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RSM UK Audit LLP

Date: 26 July 2021

RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor  
The Pinnacle, 170 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK9 1BP

*RSM UK Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006*

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>									
for the year ended 30 September 2020									
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020	Unrestricted Funds 2019	Restricted Funds 2019	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>									
Donations and Legacies		566,518	1,164,153	1,730,671	288,988	1,661,279	1,950,267		
Other Trading Activities		34,744	14,858	49,602	57,075	58,178	115,253		
Investment Income		333,567	299,934	633,501	380,505	284,232	664,737		
Charitable Activities		36,030	778,998	815,028	39,278	881,368	920,646		
Other		283	4,679	4,962	195	7617	7,812		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	1	971,142	2,262,622	3,233,764	766,041	2,892,674	3,658,715		
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>									
Raising funds									
Costs of raising voluntary income		96,767	8,328	105,095	85,723	8,988	94,711		
Investment management costs		87,604	-	87,604	122,884	-	122,884		
Charitable Activities		684,229	2,275,927	2,960,156	638,302	2,307,057	2,945,359		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	2	868,600	2,284,255	3,152,855	846,909	2,316,045	3,162,954		
<b>(LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS</b>	6	(247,979)	(220,556)	(468,535)	145,077	330,747	475,824		
Net (expenditure)/Income		(145,437)	(242,189)	(387,626)	64,209	907,376	971,585		
<b>TRANSFERS</b>									
Transfers between funds	11	103,819	(103,819)	-	102,317	(102,317)	-		
Net movement in funds		(41,618)	(346,008)	(387,626)	166,526	805,059	971,585		
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>									
Total funds brought forward 1 October 2019		11,335,374	17,034,499	28,369,873	11,168,848	16,229,440	27,398,288		
Total funds carried forward 30 September 2020	12	11,293,756	16,688,491	27,982,247	11,335,374	17,034,499	28,369,873		

## BALANCE SHEET

### BALANCE SHEET

at 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	5	7,239,300	6,962,922
Investments	6	19,991,078	20,704,972
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>27,230,378</b>	<b>27,667,894</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	693,031	1,079,589
Bank accounts		453,347	445,401
Cash in hand		6,536	7,737
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,152,914</b>	<b>1,532,727</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(361,414)	(830,748)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		791,500	701,979
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		28,021,878	2,369,873
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(39,631)	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>27,982,247</b>	<b>28,369,873</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds			
Branch funds		11,547,526	11,890,431
Province restricted funds		5,140,965	5,144,068
<b>Total restricted funds</b>		<b>16,688,491</b>	<b>17,034,499</b>
Unrestricted funds			
Province general purpose		3,125,071	3,014,935
Province designated		8,168,685	8,320,439
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>11,293,756</b>	<b>11,335,374</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	12	<b>27,982,247</b>	<b>28,369,873</b>

The financial statements on pages 48 to 65 were approved by the Trustee, authorised for issue on 23 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 .....  
 fr David Goodill OP

  
 .....  
 fr Simon Gain OP

} Directors of Trustee Corporation

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

for the year ended 30 September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net movement in funds	(387,626)	971,585
Depreciation charges	519,830	340,856
Losses/(Gains) on investments	468,535	(475,824)
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(1,961)	-
Interest received	(633,501)	(664,737)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	386,558	(168,295)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(417,920)	411,460
<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(66,085)</b>	<b>415,045</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest received	633,501	664,737
Purchase of property and equipment	(798,646)	(1,633,205)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	4,399	-
Purchase of investments	(4,641)	(1,291,665)
Proceeds from sale of investments	250,000	1,950,000
<b>NET CASH FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>84,613</b>	<b>(310,133)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payment of finance lease liabilities	(11,783)	-
<b>Net cash used inc financing activities</b>	<b>(11,783)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR</b>	<b>6,745</b>	<b>104,912</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	453,138	348,226
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>459,883</b>	<b>453,138</b>

**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT**

	At start of year £	Cash flows £	New finance leases £	At end of year £
Cash	453,138	6,745	-	459,883
Finance lease obligations	-	11,783	(59,422)	(47,639)
	453,138	18,528	(59,422)	412,244

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing these accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

### ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the date that these financial statements have been signed. In arriving at this conclusion, the charity has prepared a detailed budget

and cash flow forecast which have been sensitised for the potential impact to revenue streams. Whilst a number of the charity's revenue streams are likely to be adversely impacted, the Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves, in the form of cash and a liquid investment portfolio, that could be drawn upon, should the charity be required to do so in order to meet its costs for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the date that these financial statements have been signed. On this basis, the Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going-concern basis.

### FIXED ASSETS

Functional property is capitalised at cost except in the case of historic property for which no cost information is available. Such property has been capitalised using the derived cost method based on insurance replacement value and retail price index. The year the property was built is used for this purpose and as such enhanced expenditure is also incorporated into cost.

Tangible fixed assets are being depreciated over their useful economic lives. The following rates are used:

**Historic Property:** over expected useful lives between 10 and 371 years

**Other Freehold Property:** over expected useful lives between 10 and 50 years

**Motor Vehicles:** over 4 years on a straight-line basis

**Fixtures and Fittings:** over 4 years on a straight-line basis. **Leases:** over 7 years

**Assets in course of construction:** not depreciated.

Assets are reviewed for impairment when evidence of such impairment arises. Expenditure on tangible items is not capitalised where it is less than £2,500 or where the view is taken that it is incapable of providing any future economic benefit to the Charity.

### WORKS OF ART AND HISTORIC TREASURES

Individual works of art, historic treasures and plate are not capitalised as a valuation is not considered practical.

Such items as are in the possession of the Charity were created for use in religious worship or devotion and continue to be used for these purposes. The Charity maintains stewardship by keeping a full inventory and has no intention of disposing of any of the works of art, historic treasures and plate so long as this use continues.

### **INVESTMENTS**

All investments are valued at their market value at the balance sheet date. It is considered that market value best represents a true and fair view of the value of these assets to the Charity. Gains and losses on disposal of the investments are treated as realised. Gains and losses on the revaluation of investments are treated as unrealised. Both are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment management fees are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred.

### **FOREIGN CURRENCIES**

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of ruling at the date of transaction. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **LIABILITIES**

Liabilities are recorded in the financial statements when the Trustees have made a commitment to acquire goods or services.

### **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

Donations and legacies are accounted for in accordance with the requirements of the SORP (being entitlement, probability and measurement). Legacies are considered receivable once the value of the legacy has been determined and probate has been granted. Legacies received by friars of the Province, who have signed Deeds of Dispor in favour of The Dominican Council, are classified as legacy income. Donated assets and services are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when a reliable estimate of the value to the charity can be readily obtained.

### **GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

Grants receivable are accounted for in accordance with the terms of the grant, and are recognised when the conditions for receipt have been complied with.

### **PENSIONS RECEIVABLE**

Pension income for professed members of the Order is accounted for when it is receivable.

### **ACTIVITIES FOR RAISING FUNDS**

Fundraising, publications and other similar income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the relevant amount of income becomes receivable or the item has been sold. Property rental income is accounted for when it is receivable in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements.

### **INVESTMENT INCOME**

Investment income is accounted for when notified by the Charity's investment portfolio manager. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receivable basis. Interest received on cash held with investment managers is accounted for as investment income.

### **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

The costs of charitable activities are accounted for when they become payable. They include apportioned support costs.

### **SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS**

Within this heading are incorporated management and administration costs, and any other costs not directly constitutive of charitable activity, generation of funds or governance. Where support costs are attributable to a particular charitable activity, they are allocated to that activity. General support costs are apportioned on the basis of the direct costs of each activity.

### **NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FRIARS**

The Province pays voluntary (class 3) national insurance contributions for friars when these will count towards the provision of State Pension. These costs are recognised at the end of the tax year in which HM Revenue and Customs issues notice of a gap in National Insurance Contributions.

### **RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension

costs is the contributions payable in the year.

**TAXATION**

The English Province of the Order of Preachers is a registered charity and as such its income and gains falling within Sections 518 to 564 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from income tax and capital gains tax to the extent that they are applied to charitable objectives.

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds can only be applied for a particular purpose. Most restricted funds of the charity are ‘branch funds’, restricted to use for the particular purposes of a branch of the charity (a priory, a parish or Blackfriars Hall) while that branch continues in existence. Some branch funds have more specific designations; others have further restrictions that would have to be respected even in the event of a branch ceasing to operate.

There are also central restricted funds, the principal of which are:

- Training Funds – to support training of student friars of the Order;
- Historic Property Fund – comprising the Historic Property Fixed Assets (see ‘Fixed Assets’ above);
- Mission Funds – to support various missions of the Order.

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

The unrestricted funds of the Charity comprise general purpose funds and designated funds. General purpose funds are retained to cover future direct charitable costs, general support costs, and investment management costs.

Designated funds are those parts of the Charity’s unrestricted funds designated by the Trustees to be used for particular purposes in the future. The Trustees have the power to reallocate such funds. The principal designated funds are:

- Study Funds – representing amounts designated for expenditure on students’ study costs.
- Sick Funds – representing amounts designated for expenditure on the care of sick and elderly friars.

**CONNECTED CHARITY**

The Hoper Dixon Trust is considered to be a connected charity because the Dominican Council is one of the Trustees. The Trust’s accounts are not consolidated with those of the English Province of the Order of Preachers because in the opinion of the officers of the Dominican Council the Order does not have control of the Trust. The Trust’s Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are given in notes 17 and 18 respectively.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Charity only has financial instruments and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**LEASES**

Leases are classified as finance leases where the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the equipment from the lessor to the lessee.

As a lessee: equipment held under finance leases are recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease’s inception. The asset recognised is matched by a liability for the obligation to pay the lessor.

Finance charges are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The estimates and assumptions that have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are noted below:

**CLASSIFICATION OF LEASES**

The charity has used its judgement in recognising whether a lease is a finance lease or operating lease on the basis that if the risk and rewards of asset ownership are considered to be substantially transferred then the lease is recognised as a finance lease.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	ANALYSIS OF INCOME					
	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>						
Donations and Legacies						
Donations and gifts	29,043	822,704	851,747	34,082	919,878	953,960
Legacies	379,991	258,717	638,708	116,768	530,132	646,900
Grants received	20,594	82,732	103,326	5,500	211,269	216,769
Pensions received	136,890	-	136,890	132,638	-	132,638
Total Donations and Legacies Income	566,518	1,164,153	1,730,671	288,988	1,661,279	1,950,267
Other Trading Activities						
Fundraising, publications etc.	8,903	2,411	11,314	10,098	5,915	16,013
Property	25,841	12,447	38,288	46,977	52,263	99,240
Total Other Trading Activities	34,744	14,858	49,602	57,075	58,178	115,253
Income from listed investments	333,567	299,934	633,501	380,505	284,232	664,737
Charitable Activities						
Ministerial services	21,916	372,579	394,495	24,156	436,873	461,029
Educational services	14,114	406,419	420,533	15,122	444,495	459,617
Total Charitable Activities	36,030	778,998	815,028	39,278	881,368	920,646
OTHER INCOME	283	4,679	4,962	195	7617	7,812
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>971,142</b>	<b>2,262,622</b>	<b>3,233,764</b>	<b>766,041</b>	<b>2,892,674</b>	<b>3,658,715</b>

2. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds 2020 £	Funds 2020 £	Funds 2020 £	Funds 2019 £	Funds 2019 £	Funds 2019 £
<b>COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS</b>							
Costs of raising voluntary income		96,767	8,328	105,095	85,723	8,988	94,711
Investment management costs		87,604	-	87,604	122,884	-	122,884
Total costs of raising funds		184,371	8,328	192,699	208,607	8,988	217,595
<b>EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>							
Educational	3	62,785	510,746	573,531	77,696	566,484	644,180
Pastoral works and projects		152,435	300,363	452,798	210,216	338,360	548,576
Care for sick and elderly friars		121,291	24,165	145,456	93,644	24,425	118,069
Property upkeep		249,941	774,068	1,024,009	127,363	645,607	772,970
Support of the friars and communities		97,777	666,585	764,362	129,383	732,181	861,564
Total charitable activities		684,229	2,275,927	2,960,156	638,302	2,307,057	2,945,359
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>868,600</b>	<b>2,284,255</b>	<b>3,152,855</b>	<b>846,909</b>	<b>2,316,045</b>	<b>3,162,954</b>

### 3. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Educational £	Pastoral £	Sick & Elderly £	Property £	Friars & Comm- unities £	Total £
<b>CENTRAL SUPPORT COSTS</b>						
Friars	1,295	1,023	329	2,313	1,726	6,686
Staff	21,845	17,247	5,540	39,003	29,114	112,749
General administration	8,609	6,797	2,183	15,371	11,473	44,433
Governance costs						
Audit fees	5,164	4,077	1,310	9,221	6,883	26,655
Legal fees	528	417	134	943	704	2,726
Other professional Fees	1,563	1,234	396	2,791	2,083	8,067
Total central support costs	39,004	30,795	9,892	69,642	51,983	201,316
<b>BRANCH SUPPORT COSTS</b>	181,437	15,915	-	-	64,174	261,526
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS 2020</b>	<b>220,441</b>	<b>46,710</b>	<b>9,892</b>	<b>69,642</b>	<b>116,157</b>	<b>462,842</b>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS 2019</b>	<b>194,758</b>	<b>58,846</b>	<b>7,073</b>	<b>46,306</b>	<b>143,973</b>	<b>450,956</b>

Central support costs are apportioned to activities in proportion to directly incurred expenditure.

Branch support costs are allocated to the principal activity of the branch incurring the cost.

### 4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

	2020	2019
<b>STAFF NUMBERS</b>		
Average number of employees	18	17
Average number of FTE employees	10	10
Employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000	-	-
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>		
	£	£
Salaries/Wages	383,588	336,596
Employer's national insurance costs	28,903	25,298
Pension costs	55,706	57,845
Total Staff Costs	468,197	419,739

No remuneration is paid to the trustee corporation or its directors.

#### VOLUNTEER NUMBERS

Friars	82	75
Other volunteers	117	158
Total volunteers	199	233
Total Full Time Equivalent volunteers	89	86

**4. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS (CONT.)**

For the purposes of this report, employees are those who have contracts of employment. The figures do not include persons paid through payroll from time to time who have no contracted hours; typically, such persons provide teaching or other ad hoc services to Blackfriars Hall, and are either employees of other institutions or students doing small amounts of part-time work.

The charity considers its key management personnel is comprised of its Trustees and other members of the Provincial Council, all of whom are Friars. The total

employment benefits, including employer pension cost of key management personnel, were £nil (2019: £nil). The total of expenses reimbursed to key management personnel was £nil (2019: £nil).

The principal roles of non-friar volunteers are answering the door and telephone at the priories in Oxford and Cambridge, and church cleaning, flower arranging and similar tasks in Leicester and London, along with singing in the church choirs. The average number of hours worked by these volunteers each week is 2.6.

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS USED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES**

	Inalienable Property £	Other Property £	Asset in the course of construction	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>COST</b>						
Balance brought forward 1 October 2019	1,000,613	7,358,675	1,238,449	91,541	1,793,598	11,482,876
Additions	-	483,612	-	6,328	308,706	798,646
Disposals	-	-	-	(16,029)	(38,963)	(54,992)
Transfers	-	1,211,260	(1,238,449)	-	27,189	-
Balance carried forward 30 September 2020	1,000,613	9,053,547	-	81,840	2,090,530	12,226,530
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>						
Balance brought forward 1 October 2019	467,329	2,427,932	-	84,477	1,540,216	4,519,954
Disposals	-	-	-	(13,591)	(38,963)	(52,554)
Charge for year	6,801	348,961	-	6,209	157,859	519,830
Balance carried forward 30 September 2020	474,130	2,776,893	-	77,095	1,659,112	4,987,230
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>						
Brought forward 1 October 2019	533,284	4,930,743	1,238,449	7,064	253,382	6,962,922
Carried forward 30 September 2020	526,483	6,276,654	-	4,745	431,418	7,239,300

Historic property includes churches, places of worship and priories owned and occupied by the Order.

Asset in the course of construction: during the year a property included in Other Property underwent a major refurbishment that was incomplete at 30 September 2019. The asset came into use in December 2019.

**INVESTMENTS**

	30 September 2020		30 September 2019	
	Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
Catholic Charities Growth & Income Fund*	8,330,247	10,724,275	8,330,247	10,969,359
Funds managed by Smith & Williamson**	6,533,325	8,419,678	6,533,325	8,629,736
BlackRock Institutional Cash Series	777,977	847,125	1,018,198	1,105,877
	<b>15,641,549</b>	<b>19,991,078</b>	<b>15,881,770</b>	<b>20,704,972</b>
	2020	2019		
	£	£		
Market Value at 1 October	20,704,972	20,887,483		
Additions at Cost	4,641	1,291,665		
Disposals at Market Value	(250,000)	(1,950,000)		
Net (loss)/gain on revaluation	(468,535)	475,824		
Market Value at 30 September	19,991,078	20,704,972		

\* As of 30 September 2020, the composition of the Catholic Charities Growth & Income Fund was as follows:

UK Equities	26.8%
Global Equities	33.4%
Fixed Income	17.3%
Property	7.5%
Alternatives	13.6%
Cash	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*\* As of 30 September 2020, the composition of the Funds managed by Smith & Williamson was as follows:

UK Equities	18.5%
Global Equities	48.6%
Fixed Income	9.2%
Property	7.2%
Alternatives and Multi-Asset	11.9%
Cash	4.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**6. INVESTMENTS**

**7. DEBTORS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
DEBTORS		
Trade debtors	27,203	103,903
Prepayments and accrued income	661,656	960,751
Other	4,172	14,935
Total Debtors	<u>693,031</u>	<u>1,079,589</u>

**8. CREDITORS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	107,473	363,963
Taxation and social security	6,865	5,464
Accruals and deferred income	81,873	350,869
Other	165,203	110,452
Total Creditors	<u>361,414</u>	<u>830,748</u>
Deferred income (analysis)		
At 1 October	7,672	31,875
Amount released to incoming resources	(7,672)	(31,875)
Amount deferred in the year	-	7,672
At 30 September	<u>-</u>	<u>7,672</u>

Deferred income represents unsaid Masses and advance rent received.

**9. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Charity are also members of the Order and as such have taken vows of poverty under which they renounce all personal right to income and

capital. The Charity provides for the essential needs of all members of the Order within the Province.

**10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Members of the Order arranged for grants totalling £16,163 (2019: £20,004) to be made from the Hoper Dixon Trust, a trust of which the Dominican Council is a Trustee. The beneficiaries of the Hoper Dixon Trust are the poor connected with or in the neighbourhood of any house or pastoral centre under the direction of Dominicans of the English Province of the Order

of Preachers. The Hoper Dixon Trust's Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are reproduced in notes 17 and 18 respectively.

As of 30 September 2020, the Hoper Dixon Trust owed the English Province of the Order of Preachers the sum of £1,618 (2019: £5,040) in respect of grants approved and payable.

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	
<b>FUNDS 2020</b>							
Income	689,425	281,717	971,142	2,083,264	179,358	2,262,622	3,233,764
Support costs, governance and generating funds	(270,016)	(27,421)	(297,437)	(268,527)	(854)	(269,381)	(566,818)
Opening funds	419,409	254,296	673,705	1,814,737	178,504	1,993,241	2,666,946
Funds available for use	3,014,935	8,320,439	11,335,374	11,890,431	5,144,068	17,034,499	28,369,873
	3,434,344	8,574,735	12,009,079	13,705,168	5,322,572	19,027,740	31,036,819
Resources directly expended on charitable activities	(294,452)	(276,711)	(571,163)	(1,884,298)	(130,576)	(2,014,874)	(2,586,037)
Inter-fund transfers	35,710	68,109	103,819	(132,320)	28,501	(103,819)	-
Net investment gains	995	370	1,365	2,822	952	3,774	5,139
Allocation of unrealised gains in the year	(51,526)	(197,818)	(249,344)	(143,846)	(80,484)	(224,330)	(473,674)
Closing funds	3,125,071	8,168,685	11,293,756	11,547,526	5,140,965	16,688,491	27,982,247
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>							
Sick and Elderly Fund	-	(10,500)	(10,500)	10,500	-	10,500	-
Contributions to shared costs	150,726	24,884	175,610	(164,500)	(8,499)	(172,999)	2,611
Allocations	(115,016)	53,725	(61,291)	21,680	37,000	58,680	(2,611)
	35,710	68,109	103,819	(132,320)	28,501	(103,819)	-

The transfers represent the obligations of the Province to support the friars and activities of Blackfriars Hall and the individual priorities, and also the obligations of the Hall and priorities to support the central costs of the Province.

## 11. FUNDS 2020

FUNDS 2019

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Total Branch Funds £	Total Province Restricted £	Total Restricted Funds £	
Income	458,729	307,312	766,041	2,731,139	161,535	2,892,674	3,658,715
Support costs, governance and generating funds	(287,346)	(97,709)	(385,055)	(8,988)	(380)	(9,368)	(394,423)
Opening funds	171,383	209,603	380,986	2,722,151	161,155	2,883,306	3,264,292
Funds available for use	2,932,241	8,236,607	11,168,848	11,158,040	5,071,400	16,229,440	27,398,288
	3,103,624	8,446,210	11,549,834	13,880,191	5,232,555	19,112,746	30,662,580
Resources directly expended on charitable activities	(239,199)	(222,655)	(461,854)	(2,129,135)	(177,542)	(2,306,677)	(2,768,531)
Inter-fund transfers	98,149	4,168	102,317	(121,888)	19,571	(102,317)	-
Net investment gains	43,531	16,829	60,360	125,748	42,452	168,200	228,560
Allocation of unrealised gains in the year	8,830	75,887	84,717	135,515	27,032	162,547	247,264
Closing funds	3,014,935	8,320,439	11,335,374	11,890,431	5,144,068	17,034,499	28,369,873
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>							
Sick and Elderly Fund	-	(10,500)	(10,500)	10,500	-	10,500	-
Contributions to shared costs	200,617	39,521	240,138	(234,277)	(5,750)	(240,027)	111
Allocations	(102,468)	(24,853)	(127,321)	101,889	25,321	127,210	(111)
	98,149	4,168	102,317	(121,888)	19,571	(102,317)	-

The transfers represent the obligations of the Province to support the friars and activities of Blackfriars Hall and the individual priorities, and also the obligations of the Hall and priorities to support the central costs of the Province.

12. ALLOCATION OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	ALLOCATION OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS 2020		Total		Total		Total		2020 £
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Unrestricted Funds £	Branch Funds £	Province Restricted £	Restricted Funds £	Province Restricted £	Restricted Funds £	
Investments	2,849,309	7,477,364	10,326,673	5,444,202	4,220,203	9,664,405	19,991,078		
Property	252,957	663,827	916,784	4,985,207	901,145	5,886,352	6,803,136		
Other fixed assets	-	25,833	25,833	408,006	2,325	410,331	436,164		
Current assets	285,556	1,661	287,217	847,984	17,713	865,697	1,152,914		
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	(262,751)	-	(262,751)	(98,242)	(421)	(98,663)	(361,414)		
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	-	-	-	(39,631)	-	(39,631)	(39,631)		
Net Assets	3,125,071	8,168,685	11,293,756	11,547,526	5,140,965	16,688,491	27,982,247		

Balances of the principal Province funds are given in note 13.

	ALLOCATION OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS 2019		Total		Total		Total		2019 £
	Province General Purpose £	Province Designated £	Unrestricted Funds £	Branch Funds £	Province Restricted £	Restricted Funds £	Province Restricted £	Restricted Funds £	
Investments	3,049,641	7,256,833	10,306,474	6,384,554	4,013,944	10,398,498	20,704,972		
Property	436,630	1,038,994	1,475,624	4,118,874	1,107,978	5,226,852	6,702,476		
Other fixed assets	-	22,950	22,950	235,171	2,325	237,496	260,446		
Current assets	219,043	1,662	220,705	1,291,778	20,244	1,312,022	1,532,727		
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	(690,379)	-	(690,379)	(139,946)	(423)	(140,369)	(830,748)		
Net Assets	3,014,935	8,320,439	11,335,374	11,890,431	5,144,068	17,034,499	28,369,873		

**13. BALANCES OF PROVINCE FUNDS**

	2020 £	2019 £
PROVINCE DESIGNATED		
Sick Funds	3,789,029	3,818,413
Study Funds	2,980,879	3,025,523
Other*	1,398,777	1,476,504
Total Province Designated	<u>8,168,685</u>	<u>8,320,440</u>
PROVINCE RESTRICTED		
Training Funds	4,000,846	4,115,169
Inalienable Property Fund	526,483	533,284
Mission Funds	301,690	328,493
Other*	311,946	167,123
Total Province Restricted	<u>5,140,965</u>	<u>5,144,069</u>

\* includes a number of smaller funds designated or restricted for specific charitable activities of the Province.

**14. ACTIVITIES IN SCOTLAND**

	2020 £	2019 £
Income from activities in Scotland	204,552	317,351
Expenditure on activities in Scotland	<u>(271,394)</u>	<u>(275,698)</u>
Net (Expenditure)/Income relating to activities in Scotland	<u>(66,842)</u>	<u>41,653</u>

**15. OPERATING & FINANCE LEASE COMMITMENTS**

**OPERATING LEASES**

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payment under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year: Property	<u>-</u>	<u>19,065</u>

**FINANCE LEASES**

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payment under noncancellable finance leases, which fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Equipment:		
Within one year	<u>8,008</u>	-
In 2 - 5 years	35,263	-
After more than 5 years	<u>4,368</u>	-
	<u>39,631</u>	-
	<u>47,639</u>	-

## 16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 30 September 2020, the charity had no capital commitments (2019: £461,760).

## 17. HOPER DIXON TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds			
	Income	Designated	Total	Total
	Fund	Capital	2020	2019
	£	Fund	£	£
		£		
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations and Legacies	-	-	-	-
Investment income:				
Income from investments	16,080	-	16,080	15,801
Income from bank deposits	9	-	9	71
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>15,872</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Grants payable	16,163	-	16,163	20,004
Support costs for grants payable	55	-	55	60
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>16,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,218</b>	<b>20,064</b>
<b>NET GAINS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,541</b>	<b>16,541</b>	<b>31,054</b>
Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds	(129)	16,541	16,412	26,862
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October	11,159	519,455	530,614	503,752
Fund balances carried forward at 30 September	11,030	535,996	547,026	530,614

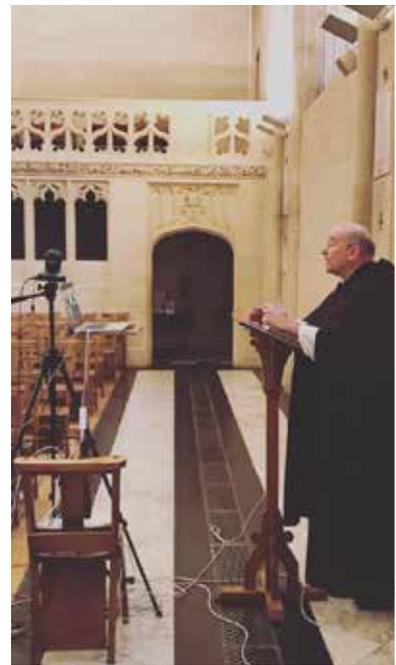
**18. HOPER DIXON TRUST BALANCE SHEET**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Investments	535,996	519,455
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank balances	12,648	16,199
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,618)	(5,040)
Net current assets	<u>11,030</u>	<u>11,159</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>547,026</u></u>	<u><u>530,614</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted Funds		
Income Fund	11,030	11,159
Capital Fund	535,996	519,455
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>547,026</u></u>	<u><u>530,614</u></u>



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