ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BROADSTONE

THE PARISH REVIEW

2020

VICARS LETTER AND REPORT

Dear all

When I wrote my report in February last year, unaware of all the year would bring, I wrote this:

'And I am looking forward to the coming year – so many hopes, so many plans, so many things we shall discover together and support each other in. I'm looking forward to the hidden gifts and surprises along the way, as well as the more intentional aspects we seek to fulfil. Thank you for being part of the journey together!'

There have certainly been surprises along the way. None of us could have anticipated what 2020 would bring. It was hard to watch all that we had planned slip away.

But it is true too there have been hidden gifts: online services, a wider congregation through the internet, and the kindness, compassion and resilience of all at St John's. Thank you for being who you are and the support you have given myself and Lyndon, as well as one another over the last year. In many ways we are closer, and move forward as a family, knowing we will get through this year too. There are many things to hope for, as the year turns. We offer this report of an extraordinary year thanking God for each and every one of you. With love

Revd. Helen

Report from the Vicar:

Revd Lyndon Webb. We were thrilled Lyndon's priesting could finally go ahead in September, albeit in a very different way from how we had envisaged. It has been great to have Lyndon presiding at Eucharists, and I know the church not only appreciates all that Lyndon has given to us this year, but I personally have been grateful to have such a colleague as we've weathered this storm together.

Our **Lay Pastoral Assistants** found their ministry had changed when lockdown began in March. Unable to do many of the activities they had previously done, they took on phoning our congregation members in lockdown, and I am very grateful for the pastoral care they have given in ways that remained open to them. Joyce Hull has decided to retire. Joyce has been a wonderful, prayerful and peaceful presence in our midst: we give thanks for all she has done in her ministry. Phyl Walton is taking on co-ordinating the team. I am delighted that Jenny Hudson is going to hopefully train as an LPA, though Covid19 may mean a delay. Our current LPA team consists of: Phyl Walton, Paul and Lynette Winsworth, Barbara Foulger, Sue Pearson, Gez Mellers, Gwen Holguette, Sheila Pearce.

Our **singing group** which accompanied LPAs and clergy into a couple of care homes for services has obviously not been able to function since March. We were delighted that some of them were able to join us for a socially distanced singing of carols to Home Corfe residents in the car park, in the brief Christmas window when singing carols outdoors was permitted.

Our Sunday worship is normally supported by our **servers**, who are trained by our **Head Sacristan** Keith Manston, and they enable and enhance much of our Sunday worship. Normally we are also supported by **Lay Deacons**. Since March these roles have not been able to function. We are very pleased that since August, Keith Manston had taken on filming and editing church services, which until then the clergy were doing for themselves. These roles will return once safe to do so.

We have filmed just one or two **All Age services** but have mostly channelled efforts into Online Breakfast Church. Our **music group**, led by Marion Martin and

including Steve Brooker, some of our young people, their parents and also our Curate, has not been able to function in physical services, but has produced music for our online Breakfast Church.

Teaching and learning opportunities The Churches Together in Broadstone Lent Groups ran partially, shutting when we went into the first lockdown. We have run some special services with addresses, such as Advent Compline, and moved the Housegroups online.

Schools work has been frustrated due to Covid. We had planned an Experience Easter event in which all of Hillbourne Primary School would have come into church to interact with the Easter story and stations of the Easter scenes, but this had to be cancelled because of lockdown. However Revd Lyndon is now a governor and the working relationship continues. Revd Helen's time as governor at First School came to an end in March. Since then no assemblies have been possible due to lockdown and Covid regulations. These will resume when external visitors at the school are allowed again.

In terms of **occasional offices** we have had 25 funerals in 2020, with 2 further separate burial of ashes, 3 baptisms but no weddings, which all had to be postponed due to Covid. We continue to work closely with all funeral directors and are grateful to Roger Leach, Phyl and Chris Walton, Rosemary Mortimer (newly appointed in 2020 as a verger), Gez and Elaine Mellers, who act as vergers on these occasions.

Special services mostly moved online e.g. **Remembrance Service**. We have run some special services physically such as Advent Listening to Carols, a Longest Night service, and our Christmas Services.

We have also welcomed new ministries this year. Margaret Breedon has permission to operate as a **Reader** at St John's, when circumstances allow. Margaret is a fully trained Reader, resuming this ministry after quite a few years. We also need to thank those who have taken on temporary roles to help us through this strange year, including our 'sanitising and cleaning' team who keep the church safe: Rosemary Mortimer, Gez and Elaine Mellers, Gill Jones, Jill Bunning and Linda Mackenzie.

We have continued to work on our **Media and Communications**, with Elaine Mellers and Geraldine Willford, press releases sent by the Vicar to local magazines and papers, and our A2 stand-up notice boards at the church gates. Online services were initially filmed by Revd Lyndon Webb and Tony Roddam (the vicar's husband!) but Keith has taken this on. We continue to film services each week, which has attracted new members to our church and enabled the housebound and those unable to come to church due to restricted numbers each week to access the services. We have also used Zoom technology to run weekly prayer meetings, housegroups, PCC and other meetings, Breakfast Church, Advent Compline services, Pentecost Parties, and social events such as coffee mornings, quiz nights and the Christmas raffle! Much of this is exciting and we are sure will be carried through into the future even when more normal life hopefully returns.

We have been thrilled that thanks to Gez and Elaine Mellers we operate a drop-off point for the **Food Bank**. This initially was with a team of people receiving the goods, but has moved to being a drop-off point in the church porch twice a week. It has been an essential ministry and we are grateful for the generosity there has

been from church members and community alike.

Special thanks should be given to our **Administrator** Geraldine Willford who throughout a difficult year has been wonderfully adaptable regarding changing needs, taking up pastoral care calls and shopping, and in charge of producing risk assessments, as well as keeping the office admin running.

Revd Helen Bailey

BREAKFAST CHURCH

As we all know, 2020 was a different year from what we used to call "normal". It started off in January when we heard about the Three Kings and through watching a video heard how a mouse in the Stable heard all about Jesus, met him and gave him some cheese – I bet you didn't know that! At Candlemas in February we learnt about Candlemas and how Jesus was the Light of the World. March was our last "live" Breakfast Church when Gez and Elaine taught us about Recycling and how we should look after God's wonderful world.

Then the first Lockdown prevented Breakfast Church taking place in the Church Hall but Lyndon, then Helen, presented our first two online "Bitesize Breakfast Church Services". Firstly in April Lyndon talked using pictures about Palm Sunday. In May, Helen talked about Jesus the Good Shepherd supported by Woolly Sheep and Shepherds.

By June, we had all mastered Zoom meetings and carried on "Bitesize Breakfast Church" with all 7 of us appearing on line kicking off quite appropriately with Pentecost during which we demonstrated the Power of the Spirit with a Fire Streamer and by a Windmill, the latter helped by a hair drier! July saw us talking about the Fruits of The Spirit allocating a different fruit to each one with the same first letter e.g. for Love – Lemon. The Good Samaritan was our August theme when we talked about how we can help others - no matter how little, it all makes a difference! We even had a photo of young Arthur helping his Daddy clean the car!

With a new school term in September and Covid still with us changing so much in our lives, "New Beginnings" was the theme. Lyndon showed a video of the story of Ruth and Naomi of how change can be for the better. The Parable of the Greedy Farmer was October's theme when Elaine and Gez told us all about the Food Bank, how it helped those in need and what food was best to donate. All Saints' Day in November saw each of us pick a Saint that appears in the stained glass windows and tell who they were and why they are Saints, do have a look and see how many there are in St Johns windows, and we made our own stained glass windows. For December we talked about getting ready for Christmas in our homes, trees, presents, food, drink and crackers (with better jokes than last year!) then Helen and Lyndon talked about the Church's preparations and we all made Christingles.

Breakfast Church would not happen without the support of so many people and our thanks goes to Marion Martin for the Music (and David when Marion is away), our young readers Ava, Arthur, Oliver and Emma, the cooks and servers (despite having a quiet year) and all those helpers who make the "live services" so welcoming.

We all hope to see you back in the Church Hall very soon! The Breakfast Church Team of Helen, Lyndon, Elaine, Gez, Gill, Sheila and Ken.

THE WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

This group has only managed to meet together once in the last year, just before 'lockdown', were we reviewed the previous Christmas services and spent a considerable amount of time looking forward to and planning for the 2020 Easter services! We also progressed our planning for the Vision Day, which was held in late February and a Parish Away Day at Hilfield Friary, which was subsequently put on hold, but will be revived when the situation permits.

Although the group has not met together since then, a lot of activity has been undertaken in the background, working with Helen and Lyndon, to help facilitate ongoing worship, including our on-line Breakfast Church services and the regular main Sunday services, which regularly attract between 110 and 170 views per week.

Keith Manston

HOUSEGROUPS

The year started and finished by studying Parables both holistically and individually. We met in two groups on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and Wednesday at 7:30pm.

The first series of studies "Parables - Communicating God on Earth" looked at Parables as a whole - how and why Jesus used Parables to communicate. They spoke to different sections of the Jewish community in different ways and asked as many questions as they gave answers. Then, they made the listeners think, and they still do today. We looked at how they are still as relevant today as they were over 2000 years ago.

That study was stopped for the Ecumenical Lent Course "Saying yes to life" by Ruth Valerio and recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It draws on the days of creation (Genesis 1) to explore what it means for us to be made in the image of God and entrusted to look after what he has made. It was well received and encouraged us to think about and care for our environment. However that only ran for a few sessions before Covid stopped all Housegroups meeting in person.

At St. Johns we re-started in August on Zoom meetings with a different book "Parables – The Greatest Stories Ever Told". This book looked at 12 individual Parables in detail with questions making us look at our "Observations", our "Interpretations" and our "Applications" as a result of each study. Given that each session is independent of the others it meant that people could miss out on sessions due to holidays, computer malfunctions or other reasons without losing the meaning of any one study. This study finished in February 2021.

Paul Winsworth and Ken Pearce

MOTHERS' UNION

We did not meet in January as our meeting date, the first Wednesday of each month fell on New Year's Day Bank Holiday. We met in February and March but were unable to meet for the rest of the year. We kept in touch by phone and email, still receiving the MU Diocesan Reflections and Intercessions.

Poole Deanery no longer have an MU Committee so the MU Salisbury Diocesan Office post us the magazines, paid for out of the Tribute money of £28 per year which all 18 members have continued to pay. Thanks are due to Ann Smith-Nicholls and Pat Longstaff for organising our payments to the Salisbury Office.

Pam Russ

SUNDAY LUNCH

How times have changed!! We had an ordinary well supported lunch in January then a much smaller number in February.

Sadly, that was the last time we have been able to meet. We must all have missed the third Sunday monthly lunches and the trips to Remedy Oak. No catching up on the monthly gossip and chatting to friends over a Sunday roast! Jackie from Remedy Oak phoned last year and we have tried to be very positive. The dates for lunch there are booked for July and December this year. Maybe July is being very optimistic but surely December might be possible?

We are all looking forward to being able to meet again in the not too distant future, although I am a little nervous about remembering how to cook for more than 2 people!

Keep safe for a little longer and all best wishes for a happier New Year. **Phyl Walton**

ST JOHN'S RAMBLING GROUP has not been able to go on group walks since last March and our Annual Dinner had to be cancelled. Nevertheless I hope that everyone is enjoying their own 'exercise walks'. We all look forward to resuming the Rambling walks in the future.

Roger Williams NORTH REACH REPORT

During the year, the Building Committee have been working extremely hard on behalf of the PCC to try to bring our new North Reach Annexe to fruition. We are pleased to report that over the past few months we have made substantial progress which means that, with a following wind and your support, we should be in a position to break ground before the Planning Consent and Faculty expire in November this year.

We obtained quotations for the building from five companies via our Quantity Surveyor Dadson and Butler Ltd. The Building Committee have considered the report and have concluded that Banyard Construction, as recommended by the Quantity Surveyor, should be considered by the PCC to be the main contractor to carry out the work.

Subsequently to this, we have worked with them and our Architect, Morgan Carey, to carry out a Value Engineering exercise with a view to reducing the price without substantial detriment to the final build appearance or quality. A report showing suggested areas of saving that has been received from Banyard Construction, has been thoroughly examined by the Building Committee.

At the PCC meeting in November 2020, the Building Committee sought and gained PCC approval to engage a VAT consultant to investigate whether we could obtain VAT relief for North Reach. We subsequently appointed Berthold Bauer VAT Consultants. They produced a report for us, which outlined three areas of concern which may prevent us from obtaining relief. The Building Committee have examined these problems and the suggested solutions and are happy that we will be able to meet the criteria for VAT relief. It was agreed at the PCC meeting in January 2021, that we should proceed to final phase with the VAT consultant to gain VAT exemption on all or part of the project. The PCC also agreed that, subject to certain conditions, Banyard Construction Ltd are to be the chosen main contractor for North Reach.

The Covid pandemic has had a major impact on fundraising activities; however, we have applied for and been granted several substantial grants and the Diocese has agreed to buy our share of the Curate's house. This, together with fundraising by the congregation and VAT relief, should bring us within touching distance of our budget for the actual build. We will, however, need the assistance of the whole congregation with further fundraising for furnishings, fittings and kitchen equipment.

Roger Leach Project Leader – For and on behalf of the Building Committee

HEALTH & SAFETY REVIEW

Health and safety should be at the forefront of everybody's mind all the time and any issues that are noted or reported are dealt with as soon as possible. The current Covid-19 pandemic has brought the above statement into very sharp focus and the Church has had to think outside the box to provide a safe environment in which to hold limited services between lockdowns.

Those members of the congregation who have been able to partake of these services will know that in order to maintain the two metre distancing rule, it has meant that there has been a re-ordering of the pews in the Church. A one-way system was set up using the south door as the entrance and the north door as the exit to and from the Church. In line with the government regulations the wearing of face masks in Church became compulsory together with the use of hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the Church. The regulations also required us to display health and safety notices regarding Covid-19 as well as setting up a "track and trace" system. Since the virus can be spread via soft surfaces, all hymn and prayer books have been put into temporary storage, and the kneelers, cushions and fabric-covered chairs have also been relocated to storage within the Church. Where there would not have been a 72 hour gap between services, all the pews were sanitised after each service.

Risk assessments have been carried out, produced by our Parish Administrator in conjunction with the clergy and approved by the PCC for every activity undertaken on and in the Church premises. These were undertaken in line with the Covid-19 Secure requirements of both the government and the Church of England. These included the use of the Church building, conducting public worship, opening for private prayer and all employee roles (organist, administrator, caretaker, clergy) as well as the use of the Parish Hall by Hoppers and all volunteer activities such as the Food Bank.

The situation regarding whether the Church is open for worship and private prayer or the building closed and all worship moved online, has varied according to a combination of government rules, C of E national guidance, Salisbury Diocesan Bishop and Senior Leader advice and local decision making where permission for this is granted. We expect this to continue into the first half of 2021 as the Church responds to the local context, the guidance and the law.

The Fire Extinguishers were serviced on the 24th September 2020 and we have a certificate to that effect.

Eric Whapples

PARISH HALL

At the start of 2020, the Parish Hall was being well used by our regular groups, and in January hosted both a safeguarding course and our first Burn's Night Supper. Unfortunately, the first lockdown meant that from the 23rd March the hall had to be locked up and it remained out of bounds until June, when Hoppers Pre-School was

allowed to re-open. The summer holidays brought changes: our caretaker, Darren, redecorated the hall and Hoppers, with new owners, asked to change to a full-time, 50 week a year facility. The PCC approved this change, which has been very helpful in securing a regular income for the hall at a time when no other groups are allowed to meet. We look forward to a time when we can meeting for coffee after Church and hold our regular social events in the hall.

Administrator Geraldine

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE 2020

Sadly, many of our usual gatherings, including the Walk of Witness, the Fun Day and carol singing, were cancelled after the lockdown in March, but the Churches in turn continue to circulate items for our weekly prayers, and send articles to the Broadstone Link. The committee, comprising the clergy and representatives from each of the Churches, met in January at St. Anthony's, and in December on Zoom. The secretary is Christine Maguire from B.M.C, and treasurer is Dorothy Brant from St. Anthony's.

In January, St Anthony's hosted the combined service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, led by Deacon Nick Johnson. Broadstone Methodists hosted an 'Any Questions' session with a panel of clergy chaired by Annette Brooke, which was very well attended.

Lent house groups began studying 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio and Lent lunches started at Broadstone Methodist Church, although these had to stop after lockdown. The Women's World Day of Prayer was held at St Anthony's on March 6th, with all four churches contributing. From 17th March churches were shut, and services went online. The clergy posted a reflection for Good Friday online in place of the walk and services, and a service for Advent.

Revd Sue Gowling retired from Broadstone Methodist Church, and we thank her for her support of Churches Together.

Representatives: Diana Tozer, Phyl Walton and June Webber

EVENTS

Two lovely occasions took place in the early part of 2020; firstly, in January, a Scottish celebration of **Burns Night**, full of all the best traditions. The hall was decorated with tartan as were many of the guests, there were readings, music, a bar, a raffle and a traditional Burns Night meal of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. This was accompanied by a Whisky sauce and the appropriate dram. A dessert of homemade meringue nests with raspberries and clotted cream followed, with coffee to complete the meal. This event was a first, the hall looked traditional and welcoming and was prepared by a willing team. But the cooks who peeled and mashed potatoes and swede in what seemed like endless amounts, and were able serve a hot meal to over sixty guests were to be congratulated.

The second event was the **Pancake Party** in February, a fun evening which the Guides and Brownies spent serving pancakes and hot drinks to all. A team of cooks in the kitchen made what seems like hundreds of pancakes, served traditionally with lemon and sugar as well as tasty sweet treats such as chocolate sauce. Pancake races and games made it an enjoyable evening for all.

Penny Leach

FAIR TRADE

Hello everyone. What a strange year 2020 has been! We only managed to have two Fair Trade stalls at the beginning of the year, but thank you so much to all those who have been buying Fair Trade from us and I hope it won't be too long before we can all meet up again soon.

Jenny Hudson

ECO-CHURCH

St. John's is registered as an Eco-Church and a small team of "eco warriors" are working towards applying for a bronze level award to confirm and reward our commitment to environmental issues. We have a number of challenges, particularly with our Victorian building, but we will be working with the PCC and all subcommittees to ingrain environmental policies into all our procedures and events.

Unfortunately, the eco warriors only managed one meeting before the lockdown was introduced so not much happened after that other than agreeing that the ecovan "Olive" could continue in our car park every Saturday morning. We are hoping that 2021 will give us the opportunity to put some of our ideas into practise and to participate in other initiatives led by Salisbury Diocese. This may include an audit of our carbon footprint, a move towards using a Green energy provider for the Church and supporting Climate Sunday in September.

Whilst the eco team will be pushing everyone to "think green", everyone can make their own mark through small individual changes, even small steps can soon multiply into significant change.

Gez Mellers

BROADSTONE AGE CONCERN DAY CENTRE

For many years the Day Centre has been held on Tuesdays at the URC for older people who live alone. Once every 5 weeks a volunteer team from St Johns takes a turn to run the kitchen and cook a hot lunch. Last year the Centre was only open in January and February. We hope the Day Centre will soon be able to be opened again for members of the Broadstone community.

Jackie Williams

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY

Despite a number of supporters choosing to keep their boxes until next year as they had little to count, and others apologising for so little in theirs due to not going out shopping, we were able to send £505.16 to the Church of England Children's Society for 2021.

Susan Jones

SLIDE SHOWS

Early in 2010, Mike Webber started offering slide shows to local organisations as a means of raising funds for the church and providing a modest outreach opportunity. The total raised over the eleven years has been over £12,000. After a slow start in the first couple of years, requests for the service multiplied, with many organisations making repeat bookings. Twenty different titles are now available covering gardens, overseas travel, steam railways and photo quizzes.

In total the money raised in 2020 amounted to £525. Ten shows were given during the first nine weeks and then organisations ceased meeting because of Covid-19. Nevertheless, one of the clubs that had to cancel a booking generously donated £50, and in November a camera club paid £50 for a show given by Zoom.

There are plenty of bookings for 2021 but as each date approaches the booking is cancelled, so there is no knowing how much, if anything, will be raised this year. Details of the shows available can be found on the church website:

St John's Church Broadstone | Speakers for your Society

It would be very helpful if Church members who are members of clubs could draw the website to the attention of the fixtures secretaries of their clubs. Alternatively a printed brochure is available from Mike.

Mike Webber

ST JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB has not been able to meet since March 2020 due to Covid but we are hoping to play again when the Covid-19 situation gets better. In the meantime we stay in contact with one another regularly and encourage each other to keep fit.

Sue Bennett

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Due to Covid-19, the guest speaker that I booked for September 2020 was unable to come and preach but hopefully when things get back to normal, I will be able to rebook the speaker.

Fundraising hasn't been very good with no Leprosy Day service collection. Thankfully, St John's gave the charity a share of the tithe - the Leprosy Mission really appreciated the generosity shown by the Church. I also raised £90 by having yoga classes in my garden, that enabled me to send a cheque for £112, which included a gift from a church member.

Although the cure for leprosy, a multi-drug therapy, has been available since the 1980s, there are millions of people who remain undiagnosed and untreated. Too often a late diagnosis leads to disabled hands, feet, and even blindness. Please pray with us that through educating and supporting communities affected by leprosy, there will be an end to this disease in our lifetime.

Thank you St John's for your continuing support. Please keep saving your used postage stamps and if you have a collection box please keep adding to it.

Sue Bennett and Shirley

Robinson

ST. IOHN'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

We had only three meetings in 2020. In January, Gillian Clarke gave us her perception of 'Life in Myanmar' which was interesting and informative. We had a lovely presentation of Dorset slides from Paul Sturgess in February. In March, Monique Munroe encouraged us to support 'Winning on Waste' by recycling as much as possible. The speakers we had cancel have all agreed to reschedule when we are allowed to meet again.

Jean Rigler

ST. JOHNS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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		<u>£</u>	£
INCOME			
Membership Subscriptions		855	741
Visitors' Donations		21	182
Surplus from Raffles		54	213
Bookstall Takings		0	51
Payment for Outing		0	72
Donations		0	103
Reinstated cheque		40	0
TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR	£	970	1362
EXPENDITURE			
Meeting Costs: Speakers' Fees & Other Expenses		150	410
Teas, coffees, biscuits etc at meetings		6	19
Donation to Church Hall fund		150	300
Gift		0	65
Administration expenses		17	4
Wine and expenses for Xmas Party		0	95
Payment for Outing		0	72
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	£	323	965
DEFICIT/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	£	647	397
ACCUMULATED FUND			
		2020	2019
BALANCE brought forward from Previous Year		1219	<u>===</u> = 822
		647	397
Minus/ Add Deficit/Surplus of Income over Expenditure for Current Year		047	397
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR			
	£	1866	1219

Parochial Church Council of St John The Baptist, Broadstone

Financial Statements

Year Ending 31 December 2020

Explanatory Foreword

The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council are prepared on an income and expenditure basis. Financial statements prepared on an income and expenditure basis include debtors and creditors at the year-end and recognise the assets of the PCC.

The Statement of Financial Activities shown below summarises the income and expenditure of the PCC. The unrestricted and the restricted funds are shown separately. This is because the restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor and cannot, therefore, be used to meet the running costs of the PCC. The Balance Sheet shows the net worth of the PCC at the end of 2020, again split between unrestricted and restricted funds. The accounting policies contained on pages 2 to 4 of the financial statements explain in more detail the basis upon which they are prepared, and the assets valued. The notes to the financial statements shown from page 4 provide more detail about the transactions of the PCC and the entries in the Balance Sheet.

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ending 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019	Yr on Yr Variance
Income						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	£77,455	£2,858	£80,314	£102,520	(£22,206)
Activities from generating funds	2(b)	£14,464	£1,397	£15,861	£27,595	(£11,734)
Income from Investments	2(c)	£2,435	£112	£2,547	£7,697	(£5,150)
Church activities	2(d)	£9,244	-	£9,244	£13,222	(£3,978)
Total Income		£103,598	£4,367	£107,965	£151,034	(£43,069)
Expenditure						
•	3(a)	£3,000	£3,035	£6,035	£8,653	£2,618
	3(b)	£114,325	£14,836	£129,161	£238,993	£109,833
Fund-raising costs	3(c)	-	£340	£340	£1,481	£1,141
Total Expenditure		£117,325	£18,211	£135,536	£249,127	£113,591
Net Income / Expenditure		(£13,727)	(£13,844)	(£27,570)	(£98,093)	£70,523
Balance Brought Forward at 1st Jan		£56,473	£848,009	£904,482	£1,002,575	
Balance carried forward at 31st Dec		£42,747	£834,165	£876,911	£904,482	(£27,570)

The statement of financial activities, above, shows the PCC had a deficit on its Unrestricted (General) Fund of (£13,727) compared to a deficit of (£4,219) in 2019. The impact of Covid on the church's income and expenditure is shown in the Income and Expenditure notes to the accounts.

The funds of the PCC, which are restricted for specific purposes, had a deficit of (£13,844). The deficit is due to further professional fees for the planning of the NorthReach project, offset in part by donations and social events at the beginning of the year.

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 201 9	Yr on Yr Variance
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Fixed Assets	9(a)	£2,918	£13,345	£16,264	£20,942	(£4,678)
Investment Assets	9(b)	£29,820	£182,946	£212,766	£212,766	<u> </u>
Total Fixed Assets		£32,738	£196,292	£229,030	£233,708	(£4,678)
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	10	£7,513	£7,733	£15,246	£24,627	(£9,381)
Short Term Deposits		£1,925	£566,241	£568,165	£640,731	(£72,565)
Cash at Bank		£4,242	£63,935	£68,177	£12,125	£56,052
Petty Cash Float		£125	-	£125	£125	
Total Current Assets		£13,804	£637,908	£651,713	£677,607	(£25,895)
Liabilities due within 1 year						
Creditors	11	£3,796	£35	£3,831	£6,834	£3,002
Net Current Assets		£10,008	£637,873	£647,881	£670,774	(£22,892)
Total Net Assets		£42,747	£834,165	£876,911	£904,482	(£27,570)
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Parish Funds						
Unrestricted Funds		£42,747		£42,747	£56,473	(£13,727)
Restricted Funds			£834,165	£834,165	£848,009	(£13,844)
Total Parish Funds		£42,747	£834,165	£876,911	£904,482	(£27,570)

The balance sheet of the PCC shows that it has total assets of £876,911. The reduction of (£27,570) since 31st December 2019, is evenly distributed between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. The Unrestricted Fund movement is due to reduced income since March when the Covid pandemic severely limited our activities. The Restricted element is due to on-going costs in planning NorthReach, which is not offset by donations in the year.

The movement in the Short-Term Deposits and the Cash at Bank are the result of using some of the DBF funds to pay the Share at the beginning of the year to take advantage of the 2% discount available. These funds have not yet been transferred back to the DBF.

The total assets of the PCC include its share of the Curate's House, including that attributable to the Hillborne Trust. The PCC owns a total of 51.02% of the property. The total property valuation on which the PCC's balance sheet is based is £350,000.

The restricted funds of the PCC account for £834,165 of the total value. The restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donors. The General Fund amounts to £42,747.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2015 (Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets and fixed assets held for sale, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups affiliated to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be spent only on the restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object, which may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not normally invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is not apportioned to individual funds because it is not material to the financial statements.

Unrestricted funds are general funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the income to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross.

1.3 Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.4 Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired before 2004 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not valued in the financial statements

Office equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the asset. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when acquired.

Investments and fixed assets held for sale are valued at market value at 31 December. The former Curate's House are valued at market value, subject to regular revaluations to reflect market changes.

2. Income

The table below shows the detail of the income for the financial year, split between the unrestricted and restricted funds. The total income for the previous financial year is also shown, for comparative purposes.

						Year on Year Variance			
Note	Narrative	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		Funds	Funds	2020	2019	Funds	Funds		
2 a	Voluntary income								
	Planned giving								
	Donations	£55,587		£55,587	£57,049	(£1,462)	-	(£1,462)	
	Tax recoverable	£14,284		£14,284	£16,448	(£2,164)	-	(£2,164)	
	Collections at services	£3,485	-	£3,485	£10,121	(£6,306)	(£331)	(£6,637)	
	Donations & appeals	£4,100	£2,858	£6,959	£18,902	£518	(£12,461)	(£11,943)	
	Legacies			-	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	
		£77,455	£2,858	£80,314	£102,520	(£9,414)	(£12,792)	(£22,206)	
2b	Activities for generating funds								
	Church hall	£14,464		£14,464	£16,171	(£1,707)	_	(£1,707)	
	Fetes and Socials	, -	£1,397	£1,397	£11,424	(£5,489)	(£4,538)	(£10,027)	
		£14,464	£1,397	£15,861	£27,595	(£7,196)	(£4,538)	(£11,734)	
2c	Investment income								
	Interest	£2,435	£112	£2,547	£5,172	(£2,482)	(£143)	(£2,625)	
	Rent - Curates house	-	_	-	£2,525	(£422)	(£2,104)	(£2,525)	
		£2,435	£112	£2,547	£7,697	, ,	(£2,247)	(£5,150)	
2d	Income from church activities								
	Bookstall	£110		£110	£90	£20	_	£20	
	Parish magazine	£125		£125	£116	£10	_	£10	
	Miscellaneous	£1,709		£1,709	£997	£711	_	£711	
	Lunch club	£100		£100	£3,228	(£3,128)	_	(£3,128)	
	Fees for weddings & funerals	£7,200		£7,200	£8,791	(£1,591)	_	(£1,591)	
		£9,244	-	£9,244	£13,222	(£3,978)	-	(£3,978)	
	Total Income	£103,598	£4,367	£107,965	£151,034	(£23,491)	(£19,577)	(£43,069)	

The most notable changes between 2019 and 2020 have occurred for the following reasons:

- Regular planned giving, through the Parish Giving Scheme, increased a further £900 in 2020. However, not surprisingly the income from Church services was reduced by (£6,300).
- The tax recoverable through the gift aid scheme has been impacted by the reduction in church service income, notably that which can be recovered through the Small Donations Scheme.
- The income from unrestricted donations increased by £520 due to the Christmas appeal which raised £2,275. The restricted income from donations and appeals reduced by (£12,460) in respect of the Northreach project, of which (£1,500) is a reduction in gift aid.
- The need to cancel most of the fetes and social events impacted the General Fund by (£5,490) and NorthReach by (£4,540). The income for NorthReach came from the successful Burns Night supper.
- The church hall income has reduced by (£1,700); this would have been significantly higher if the new arrangement with Hoppers had not been agreed in September. The new contract is worth twice the previous arrangement.
- The interest, due to the investment of the proceeds from the sale of the Waterloo Centre, is lower on significantly reduced interest rates.
- As the curate's house is currently in use there is no further income from this in the year.
- The reduction in income from church activities will be largely offset in reduced expenditure.

3. Expenditure

The table below shows the analysis of the expenditure in the year, split between the restricted and the unrestricted funds. The total expenditure for the previous financial year is also shown for comparative purposes.

					Year on Year Variance			
Note	Narrative	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	2020	2019	Funds	Funds	
3a	Charitable activities							
	Donations	£3,000	£3,000	£6,000	£7,600		£2,320	£1,600
	Appeals		£35	£35	£1,053		£1,018	£1,018
		£3,000	£3,035	£6,035	£8,653	(£720)	£3,338	£2,618
3b	Church activities							
	Ministry							
	Parish share	£72,454		£72,454	£80,018	£7,564	-	£7,564
	Clergy expenses	£1,109		£1,109	£1,600	£491	-	£491
	Church running costs	£7,682	-	£7,682	£8,858	£1,177	-	£1,177
	Church major repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Northreach	-	£9,478	£9,478	£103,268	-	£93,790	£93,790
	Upkeep of services	£247	£1,410	£1,657	£2,639	£328	£655	£983
	Organist	£1,060		£1,060	£1,917	£857	-	£857
	Church hall running costs	£14,581	£3,949	£18,530	£19,773	(£385)	£1,628	£1,243
	Bookshop	£67		£67	-	(£67)	-	(£67)
	Fees for weddings and funerals	£4,425		£4,425	£4,421	(£4)	-	(£4)
	Miscellaneous	£1,139		£1,139	£861	(£277)	-	(£277)
	Lunch club	£40		£40	£3,074	£3,034	-	£3,034
	Administration	£11,202		£11,202	£11,995	£793	-	£793
	Bank Charges	£318		£318	£568	£250	-	£250
		£114,325	£14,836	£129,161	£238,993	£13,760	£96,073	£109,833
3c	Fund raising costs							
	NorthReach	-	£340	£340	£1,481	£944	£197	£1,141
	Total Expenditure	£117,325	£18,211	£135,536	£249,127	£13,984	£99,608	£113,591

The most significant changes between the two years are explained below:

- The Share decreased by (9.4%) in 2020 and the PCC was able to continue to take advantage of the discount of 2% available to those who paid the full Share in January 2019. This was achieved by borrowing the funds from the DBF.
- Most of the other costs are lower due to lower activity during the year; however, the main costs have not reduced significantly.
- Hall running costs are lower with the caretaker having been furloughed for a short time in the summer, offset by the costs of painting the hall in the autumn.
- The costs of the Northreach Project are associated with the planning and design of the proposed annexe to the church.

4. Grants

Each year the PCC tithes some of its income to charity. Since 2018 the donations to missionary societies, both at home and abroad, were met from the Hillborne Trust, with the donations to secular charities being met from the PCC's General Fund. The funds allocated and paid in the year are shown below:

	2020	<u>2019</u>	2018
Overseas Missionary Societies			
Leprosy Mission	£1,000	£760	£760
World Vision	-	£760	-
Mother's Union Overseas	-	-	£760
	£1,000	£1,520	£1,520
Home Missionary Societies			
Routes to Roots	£1,000	£760	£760
Poole Food Bank	£1,000	-	-
Church Urban Fund	-	£760	-
Mission Aviation Fellowship	-	£760	-
Mission to Seafarers	-	£760	£760
Poole Missional Communities	-	£760	£760
Bible Society	-	-	£760
Church Army		-	£760
	£2,000	£3,800	£3,800
Secular Charities			
MIND	£1,000	£760	£760
Dorset Air Ambulance	£1,000	-	-
Dorset Wildlife Trust	£1,000	-	-
Julia's House	-	£760	£760
Forest Holme	-	£760	-
Cancer Research UK	-	-	£760
	£3,000	£2,280	£2,280
	£6,000	£7,600	£7,600
General Fund	£3,000	£2,280	£2,280
Hillbourne Trust	£3,000	£5,320	£5,320

In addition, small amounts were collected and paid to charities during the year:

	2020	<u>2019</u>	2018
Julia's House	£30	-	-
Langdon House	£5	-	-
Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday)	-	£382	£335
Royal British Legion (D-Day)	-	£137	-
Children's Society (Christingle)	-	£338	£307
Leprosy Mission	-	£32	-
Christian Aid	-	£35	£798
MacMillan	-	-	£126
Mission to Seafarers	-	£82	-
Forest Holme	-	£47	-
Salisbury Sudan Appeal	-	-	£735
	f35	f1.053	f2.301

5. Major repairs in Church

There were no major repairs undertaken in Church in 2020 or 2019.

6. Employee Emoluments

The PCC employs an administrator and a cleaner/caretaker for the hall. Both employees are part-time. The total employee emoluments in 2020 were £13,943 net of the support from the Government Job Retention Scheme of £604. In 2019 they totalled £13,242.

7. Examiner's fee

The financial statements of the PCC have been subject to examination by Mrs Sue Wintle (FMAAT). The Statement of Financial Activities includes fees for the examination amounting to £450.

8. Related party transactions

The only related party disclosure relates to Ms Geraldine Willford who is a member of the PCC and is employed as the parish administrator.

9. Fixed assets for use by the PCC

Note 9(a) - Tangible Fixed assets

	Freehold Land I & Buildings General	Freehold Land & Buildings Restricted	Equipment Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st Jan	£9,277	£76,925	-	£86,202
Additions / (Disposals)	-	-	-	-
At 31st Dec	£9,277	£76,925	-	£86,202
Depreciation				
At 1st Jan	£5,629	£59,631		£65,260
2020 Change	£730	£3,949	-	£4,678
At 31st Dec	£6,359	£63,580	-	£69,938
Net Book Value				
As at 1st Jan	£3,648	£17,294	-	£20,942
As at 31st Dec	£2,918	£13,345	-	£16,264

The freehold land and buildings comprise the church hall. The valuation is based on the historic cost of major works undertaken at the hall since 2002. These works are depreciated over the estimated useful economic life of the works. When the works have been fully depreciated, they are written out of the capital value.

The equipment, a projector and screen in the hall, was fully expensed in 2019. In the current year, the Disabled Toilet (2005) and works to the Kitchen (2006) were both fully expensed. The remaining Fixed Assets relate to the Office & Store (2005) and the Facias & Soffits (2015); both of which will continue to depreciate over the next 4 years.

Note 9(b) Investment assets

Investment assets comprise the PCC's share of the curate's house and the proceeds from the sale of Berwyn Court.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total Yr on Yr
	£	£	£	£	£
Curate's House	£29,820	£148,750	£178,570	£178,570	-
Berwyn Court	-	£34,196	£34,196	£34,196	-
Total	£29,820	£182,946	£212,766	£212,766	_

The PCC owns 8.52% of the curate's house (£29,820) and the Hillborne Trust owns 42.5% (£148,750). The Diocese owns the remaining 48.98% of the property. The PCC is the managing custodian of the Hillborne Trust.

The £25,000 gained from the sale of Berwyn Court may only be used for capital projects approved by the Diocese. The investment of the capital sum attracts interest each year, which is reinvested. The accumulated interest can be used at the discretion of the PCC but, in the past, it has only been used for major repairs to the church.

The Berwyn Court Fund does not include £112 of accrued interest which is shown in the Restricted Funds Debtor balance.

10. Debtors

An analysis of the PCC's debtors and prepayments at the end of the year is shown below:

			2020	2019	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	Yr on Yr
	£	£	£	£	£
Income Tax recoverable	£1,700	£185	£1,885	£10,332	(£8,447)
Curate's House net rent	£1,434	£7,153	£8,587	£8,587	-
Prepayment - Insurance	£3,682	-	£3,682	£3,876	(£194)
Prepayment - BCP Trade Waste	£143	-	£143	£136	£7
Prepayment - Licences	-	£283	£283	£274	£9
Other - Funeral	£214	-	£214	-	£214
Accrued Income	£340	£112	£452	£1,422	(£970)
Total	£7,513	£7,733	£15,246	£24,627	(£9,381)

The reasons for the changes in debtors are:

- The income tax recoverable has reduced because of the lower amount of donations to which a Gift Aid claim may be made, this especially applies to the Small Donations Scheme.
- The net rent on the Curate's House is due from the Diocese but it has yet to be paid in respect of the two years between the previous curate leaving and the present curate arriving.

11. Creditors

An analysis of the PCC's creditors at the end of the year is shown below:

			2020	2019	Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	Yr on Yr
	£	£	£	£	£
Accrued Utilities	£1,245	-	£1,245	£1,668	£422
Advance Receipts - Weddings	£390	-	£390	£150	(£240)
Other - Diocese Fees	£737	-	£737	£4,215	£3,478
Other - Organist	£900	-	£900	£240	(£660)
Other - Audit Fees	£450	-	£450	£450	-
Other - Admin Fees	£74	£35	£109	£111	£2
Total	£3,796	£35	£3,831	£6,834	£3,002

The reasons for the major changes in the creditors at the year-end are:

- Other Diocese Fees have reduced as the Quarterly returns have been completed on time during 2020 and at the year-end on the final Quarter 4 remains outstanding.
- The Audit Fees are included at the 2019 cost and the fees of the organist are waiting on an invoice relating to the period August to December.

12. Analysis of net assets by fund

The income and expenditure of each of the PCC's funds is shown in the table below. This table shows the same information as the Statement of Financial Activities but analysed by Fund rather than by the nature of the income and expenditure.

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	£44,701	£103,498	£115,825	£32,374
Hall Maintenance Fund	£11,062	-	£1,459	£9,603
Sunday Lunches	£710	£100	£40	£770
Total Unrestricted Funds	£56,473	£103,598	£117,325	£42,747
Restricted Funds				
Refurbishment Fund	£461	-	-	£461
Berwyn Court Fund	£34,196	£112	-	£34,308
Hillbourne Trust	£169,887	-	£4,410	£165,477
NorthReach Fund	£625,914	£4,220	£9,818	£620,316
Office & Store	£16,683	-	£3,338	£13,345
Hall Kitchen	£611	-	£611	-
Garden and Equipment	£257	-	-	£257
Charitable Appeals		£35	£35	-
Total restricted Fund	£848,009	£4,367	£18,211	£834,165
Total All Funds	£904,482	£107,965	£135,536	£876,911

13. Analysis of Funds

The table below shows how the funds are held. This is a different way of showing the same information as that detailed in the Balance Sheet. It shows that the monies available to the PCC to fulfil its obligations total £6,291 being the cash, bank and short-term deposits held in the unrestricted funds at the end of the year. This represents a decrease of (£7,887) in 2020.

It is worth noting that the General Fund is in deficit at the year-end by (£4,081). This would have occurred in previous years but for the use for the General Fund of £5,600 of dormant Restricted Funds in 2018, the benefit of £12,770 of interest from the proceeds of the Waterloo sale since 2017, and £13,640 of the Tithe being met from the Hilbourne Trust since 2018.

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Debtors	Creditors	Cash & Bank	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£2,918	£29,820	£7,513	£3,796	(£4,081)	£32,374
Hall Maintenance Fund					£9,603	£9,603
Sunday Lunches					£770	£770
Total Unrestricted Funds	£2,918	£29,820	£7,513	£3,796	£6,291	£42,747
Restricted Funds						
Refurbishment Fund					£461	£461
Berwyn Court Fund		£34,196	£112			£34,308
Hillbourne Trust		£148,750	£7,436		£9,291	£165,477
NorthReach Fund			£185		£620,131	£620,316
Office & Store	£13,345					£13,345
Garden and Equipment					£257	£257
Charitable Appeals				£35	£35	-
Total restricted Fund	£13,345	£182,946	£7,733	£35	£630,176	£834,165
Total All Funds	£16,264	£212,766	£15,246	£3,831	£636,467	£876,911

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the PCC on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s. 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the

- trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

 a. proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with the Act); and
- b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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