

St Mary's Church Ticehurst
Trustees Annual Report 2020

1. Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Reverend Ashley Evans (incumbent) in:-

- promotion of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- promoting in the parish the mission of the church, pastoral, social, ecumenical and evangelistic.
- practical support and care for all people in the parish irrespective of age, need and ability to pay.
- providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

2. What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

We planned to do the following and lockdown from March 2020 due to Coronavirus made us organise as many of these communal activities that we could online from the Vicarage, the church and also by telephone contact.

To enable as many people as possible become part of our parish community:-

- teaching, baptism and nurturing new and existing believers
- keeping the church open during the daytime for the community to visit, use for prayer and meditation

To offer services of worship to God:-

- maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- putting faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- being as receptive as possible to those wanting baptism, weddings and funerals at St. Mary's.

To promote the Gospel and pray that the unchurched may find the fullness of life in Jesus Christ:-

- assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of and trust in Jesus
- holding courses to advance discipleship, theological understanding and education.
- establishing small groups at which we learn about the Bible and faith with study worship prayer and fellowship.
- witnessing the good news of Jesus Christ by pursuing the mission of God in its different forms

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To engage in Evangelism and Outreach to the parish

- reaching out to those who do not come to church at events such as a strawberry tea, the summer village fete, holiday club, the Christmas Fayre, Christmas tree festival, and at the Annual Village assembly.
- promoting Harvest Festival, providing refreshments and distributing food gifts to the local food bank.
- encouraging care for the environment, God's creation through our Eco Church status and initiatives
- reaching out to the community by advertising seasonal events and celebrations
- seeking to grow our church through our 'Future Acts' initiative aimed especially at the younger generation and developing our links("Open the Book" assemblies and worship) with our village C of E primary school.

We provide a special building and churchyard for people to enjoy:-

- enabling an appreciation of church building in the history and archaeology of the area by being open from 8am until 4pm for everyone to use.

We provide tangible pastoral and financial support to the poor and needy:-

- providing pastoral care for people whether part of St. Mary's Church or not
- providing financial assistance to those in need in the parish
- spending the income of our parish trusts according to the objects established by their donors.

We consider the needs of people served by other charities and overseas:-

- giving grants to wider Christian charities
- giving grants to missionary organisations that show God's love in the poorest nations.

When planning our activities for the year the PCC and our incumbent have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

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3. What we achieved and how the activities of the church affected the beneficiaries lives

Attendance at worship

Usually the church welcomes visitors from the parish as well as those coming from outside. This was not possible due to Coronavirus and lockdown during a great part of the year. When we were able to open the church we welcomed all who visited and we feel that this and attendance at worship (including regular online services) is a major demonstration of our activities providing spiritual and pastoral support to the community.

The average regular weekly attendance counted for the diocese records during October 2020 was 35, half the number of usual attendants. The church was closed over Easter and there was a very limited congregation at the few services over Christmas. A Christingle service was held on Zoom with over 60 participating. Regular services continued to be held online and were well attended. A service of Remembrance was held around the War Memorial in the village followed by an online service without congregation.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

- small weekly prayer group meetings were held on line with special courses in Lent
- from March we were not able to hold the church led assemblies/collective worship at the village school following 'Open the Book', a national Bible stories drama scheme run by the Bible Society

Evangelism and outreach

Because of lockdown our vicar wrote to parishioners regularly as well as posting on Facebook and contributing to the very popular monthly village magazine in which in which he wrote to the community about the Christian season at hand or on current issues from a Christian perspective.

All the other planned activities were cancelled this year apart from a coffee morning in March before lockdown to raise funds to support the Fairtrade Foundation as part of our promotion of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Provision of the church building and churchyard for people to enjoy.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving.

During 2020 we celebrated the baptism of four infants, one wedding and we held twelve funeral services.

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The church was regrettably unable to be left open during the daytime for most of this year.

The churchyard has been enjoyed by those able to go out during the year. It is a well kept place by a group of volunteers who have adopted trees keeping brambles, ivy and weeds at bay. Trees are replaced that die, the grass is mowed by the district council under contract and we have a volunteer who cares for the burial ground. We had formed an Eco Church Working Group to pursue the scheme run by A Rocha UK, a Christian charity with a remit to mobilise Christians and Churches to care for the environment. We have involved people from the village in our project to care for 'God's Acre' and have installed bat boxes, bird boxes and a bug hotel as well as a hedgehog home in the churchyard. In addition we have pledged to move towards carbon net zero and in working towards the Eco Church Awards we were delighted to receive the Bronze Award in April 2019 and the Silver Award in 2020. In addition we were joint winners of an Animal Friendly Church of the Year award judged by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals.

Music is usually an important part of our worship but regrettably not possible this year.

Spatial reordering of the church building and future projects.

In November the long awaited repairs and renewals to our cast iron rainwater goods were completed.

We have commissioned an Audio Visual company to instal a system in our church which will allow live streaming of any service, recording of special services such as weddings and will enable us and visiting speakers to make presentations projected onto a screen. One project that will need to be considered is the very old heating system so that we cannot only extend a warm welcome to visitors but in a warm church. We are reviewing our energy source as part of this project which also includes working towards Eco Church Gold Award status.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The Vicar has made hospital visits and home visits when he has been able. Much longer telephone calls to parishioners have also been a comfort to many over this very difficult year.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

The Church has supported Family Support Work Charity set up originally by the diocese and during the year we collect groceries, toiletries and clothing items for this charity.

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ity. The Vicar is a founder member of The Ticehurst Community Network which meets periodically to consider especially how to reach out and help those in our community who need our support. In addition the Vicar is a committee member of the local GP Surgery's Patient Participation Group.

The PCC also made donations to Family Support Work, The Children's Society, Hospice in the Weald, Nourish Community Food Bank, The Church Missionary Society and the Beatrice Drewe Trust, a charitable organisation caring for our village Institute. A Fair-trade Coffee morning held in March before lockdown raised £200.95 which was sent to the Fair Trade Foundation.

Financial review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts were £149,552 and are detailed in the Financial Report. We received a generous bequest of £85,000 which greatly helped our income this year.

Sharing the Ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £46,680 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This amount covers house, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to general church funds.

Staff costs

The PCC paid for Book-keeping services, a Parish Administrator, occasional Clerical duty, and the expenses of an organist. Details are provided in the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses .

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax, water charges, a share of the telephone bill and travelling expenses.

Office costs.

These were just day to day running costs this year amounting to £2618

Repairs to the fabric of the church building.

Significant repairs this year were made to the rainwater goods amounting to £23,500. Our next Quinquennial Inspection is booked for 2021 and additional items of repair are expected.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Ticehurst has been entered onto the Register of Charities, registered number 1180171. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Council(Powers) Measure 1956. During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Ashley Evans	Chairman
Reader	Mrs Penny Evans	
Warden	Mrs Judith Whiteman	
Warden	Mrs Marianne Barratt	

Elected Members

Mrs Marian Cook	Secretary
Mr Peter Reeves	
Mrs Andrea Pilcher	
Mrs Sheila Minet	
Mrs Catherine Baigent	
Mrs Angela Howitt	

Deanery Synod


Mrs Rosemary Hunneybell
Mrs Isobel Tucker
Mrs Judith Whiteman

Diocesan Synod

Mr Barry Richardson
Mrs Jacky Ward

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of several ex officio members, (the incumbent, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church, the church wardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balanced of skills where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Ashley Evans, PCC Chairman

Signature..........Date.....19/10/21.....

Accounts
for the Parochial Church Council of
St Mary's Church, Ticehurst
for the year ended
31st December 2020

St Mary's Ticehurst
UK Balance Sheet - Standard
As of 31 December 2020

	31 Dec 18	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 20
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Funds			
Dora Luckin (Investment)	89,637.90	120,240.10	221,952.85
Fabric Fund (Investment)	2,184.57	4,205.89	4,495.12
Music Fund (Deposit)	1,830.57	1,844.33	1,852.15
Rule (Investment)	3,064.15	3,619.36	3,864.52
	<u>96,717.19</u>	<u>129,909.68</u>	<u>232,164.64</u>
 Cash at bank and in hand			
Current Account	500.00	750.00	500.00
Business Reserve	59,346.71	47,693.20	21,223.03
Cash	510.71 **	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash (Vicarage)	119.82	150.77	49.39
	<u>60,477.24</u>	<u>48,593.97</u>	<u>21,772.42</u>
 Total Current Assets	<u>157,194.43</u>	<u>178,503.65</u>	<u>253,937.06</u>
 Represented by:-			
Reserves			
Opening Funds	146,434.22	157,194.43	178,503.65
Profit for the Year	10,760.21	21,309.22	75,433.41
	<u>157,194.43</u>	<u>178,503.65</u>	<u>253,937.06</u>
 Closing funds	<u>157,194.43</u>	<u>178,503.65</u>	<u>253,937.06</u>

** collection monies that didn't clear in account until Jan19

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Profit Loss
January 2019 through December 2020

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 20	Increase	Notes
Income				
Activities for Generating Funds	8,596.53	429.95	-8,166.58	sales, fairtrade etc
Eco Church		1,460.00	1,460.00	in 2019 Eco Church had income of £593.50 but we were not yet defining separately
Gift Aid	10,701.18	11,012.82	311.64	2019 fig Jan-Dec 2018 & 18/19 small donations, 2020 fig Jan-Dec 2019 & 19/20 small donations
Giving	44,815.71	38,216.45	-6,599.26	
Income from Church Activities	120.00	120.00	0.00	field rental
Interest on Bank Accts & Trusts	101.30	49.88	-51.42	
Other Income	19,306.00	13,263.44	-6,042.56	
Legacy	1,000.00	85,000.00	84,000.00	Includes £1840 Filmwell portion of costs £6465 weddings/funerals
Total Income	84,840.72	149,552.54	64,911.82	
Expense				
Bookkeeping Services	2,044.27	1,571.85	-472.42	
Books & Music				
Subscriptions	80.00	24.00	-56.00	
Books & Music - Other	245.64	370.38	124.74	
Total Books & Music	325.64	394.38	68.74	
Charitable Grants & Donations	3,967.04	2,785.09	-1,181.95	
Church Building				
Churchyard Maintenance	1,782.39	1,100.50	-681.89	
Churchyard Works	0.00	4,784.40	4,784.40	footpath
Cleaning Materials	110.39	65.98	-44.41	
Eco Church costs	530.00	418.02	-111.98	offset by specific donations - see income line
Repairs and Maintenance	2,286.56	5,831.35	3,544.79	Includes £3358 fees to Architect
Utilities	4,112.10	3,242.33	-869.77	at Feb20 electricity acct in credit by £834
Total Church Building	8,821.44	15,442.58	6,621.14	
Clergy & Other People's Expenses				
Bellringing Services	560.00	67.45	-492.55	
Choir Charges	400.00		-400.00	
Gravedigging	175.00		-175.00	
Occasional Clerical Duty	338.00	113.22	-224.78	
Organist Expenses	1,870.00	2,010.00	140.00	
Parish Administrator	4,448.34	2,324.22	-2,124.12	
Training	10.00	56.80	46.80	
Vergering	75.00	150.00	75.00	
Total Clergy & Other People's Expenses	7,876.34	4,721.69	-3,154.65	
Conferences & Meetings	24.00	0.00	-24.00	hall hire for APCM
Cost of Raising Funds	160.00	0.00	-160.00	
Equipment				
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	129.60	7,264.47	7,134.87	Includes £5429 electrical works
Expensed Equipment	35.47	505.43	469.96	Includes microphone, webcam, camera tripod
Fire Equipment & Service	80.64	201.36	120.72	
Organ Tuning & Maintenance	274.00	242.00	-32.00	
Total Equipment	519.71	8,213.26	7,693.55	
Events	258.50	0.00	-258.50	Away Day
Gifts	121.93	152.49	30.56	
Insurance Expense	4,616.82	4,715.56	98.74	

	2020	2019	2018
Management & Administration			
Bank Service Charges	102.26	0.09	-102.17
Consumables	27.26	276.59	249.33
DBS Checks etc	18.00	46.00	28.00
IT & Internet Expenses	0.00	1,143.17	1,143.17
Licences	268.99	276.90	7.91
Postage and Delivery	5.65	157.48	151.83
Printing	17.50		-17.50
Repairs & Maintenance Office	90.00		-90.00
Stationery	1,592.31	484.79	-1,107.52
Stationery (Printed)	219.41	88.87	-130.54
Website Maintenance	231.52	144.00	-87.52
Total Management & Administration	2,572.90	2,617.89	44.99
Membership Fees	152.00	115.00	-37.00
Other Fees to Diocese			
Occasional Services	4,428.00	3,955.00	-473.00
Total Other Fees to Diocese	4,428.00	3,955.00	-473.00
Parish Contribution	45,320.00	46,680.00	1,360.00
Professional Fees		294.00	294.00
Regular Church Costs			
Candles	104.41	39.29	-65.12
Communion Supplies		48.33	48.33
Flowers	260.50	30.00	-230.50
Total Regular Church Costs	364.91	117.62	-247.29
Service Expenses General			
Children's Supplies	71.64	0.00	-71.64
Service Expenses	226.00	227.36	1.36
Total Service Expenses General	297.64	227.36	-70.28
Vicar's Expenses			
	4,785.80	4,596.48	-189.32
	86,656.94	96,600.25	9,943.31
	-2,016.22	52,952.29	54,968.51
Total Expense			
Net Ordinary Income			
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Bank Compensation	100.00	75.00	-25.00
Increase in Investments	21,359.78	17,247.14	-4,112.64
Dividend	1,865.47	5,158.98	3,293.51
Total Other Income	23,325.25	22,481.12	-844.13
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Net Ordinary Income	21,309.03	75,433.41	54,124.38
Profit for the Year			

Report to Accompany Accounts for year ended 31 December 2020

It should be noted that for much of 2020 communal worship has not been possible due to Covid-19 restrictions. This has had a large impact on both the income and expenditure figures for the year.

The accounts have been prepared on a "Cash" rather than an "Accruals" basis, as required.

Bequest

St Mary's received a generous bequest of £85,000, which has been transferred to the Dora Luckin Fund to separate it from the general movement in the current account.

The Field

The value of the field has historically not been included as an asset on the accounts. As at 23.02.2009 the field was valued at £40,000.00.

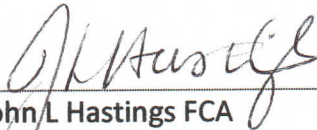
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed:



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Dated:

15th May 2021