

THE DEANERY CHURCH
OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
BOCKING

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The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin,
Bocking
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ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ending 31st December 2020

**THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
BOCKING**

**THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETINGS
May 23rd 2021**

AGENDA

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2020**
- 2. Election of Churchwardens**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020**
- 2. Matters arising**
- 3. Elections:**
 - a) Deanery Synod Representatives**
 - b) Parochial Church Council members**
 - c) Sides people**
 - d) Appointment of Independent Examiner**
 - e) Appointment of Responsible Officer -
Safeguarding**
- 4. Reports:**
 - a) Electoral Roll Officer's report**
 - b) Churchwardens' Fabric report**
 - c) Church organisations' reports**
 - d) The Dean's Parish Report**
 - e) Annual Accounts for year ending 31st
December 2020**
- 5. Any further questions**

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bocking
Due to the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown these meetings were
postponed from April as permitted under a Bishop's Instrument (2020
No2) to modify the Section A of Part 9 of the Church Representation
Rules.

Minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting - October 20th 2020

Item	Notes
Welcome	Fr. Rod opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone, particularly as there was no heating in the building. (those present were seated at the required 'social distance' and many were wearing a face covering or shield) Present: 20 Apologies: 6
1.Minutes 14.04.19	The proposal to accept the minutes was made by Angela Comfort and seconded by Steve Johnson. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.
2.Appointmen t of Churchwarden s	Fr. Rod expressed grateful thanks and appreciation of the support given by the Wardens over the past twelve months. The appointment of Churchwardens for 2020-21 (until the next APCM): Jo Mallows, proposed by Monica Cook and seconded by Nicola Jaynes; Graham Shaw, proposed by Steve Johnson and seconded by Monica Cook. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour. The Bishop and the Registrar have allowed for Archdeacons to advise each deanery how Church Wardens should be admitted locally. Fr. Rod therefore called upon those to be admitted to office who have legal duties and responsibilities prescribed by Statute and Canon Law, to stand and respond and solemnly declare that they will faithfully and diligently discharge their duties. Those present witnessed Graham and Jo making their declarations.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting - October 20th 2020

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	<p>Paul Nolan Johnson One vacancy remains unfilled.</p> <p>Graham Shaw Sheila</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>c) The election of Sidespersons: Fr.Rod thanked everyone engaged in this vital role as the first line of contact and welcome for those coming to our church. All of those who had agreed to remain on or volunteered to join the rota, were nominated en bloc by Sheila Johnson and seconded by Ann Shaw.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>d) The appointment of Independent Examiner: The PCC is very grateful to Elizabeth Burden FCA for agreeing to continue to act as the Independent Examiner for St. Mary's for the year 2020-2021. The appointment was nominated by Fr. Rod and seconded by Celia Coulson.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>e) The election of the Safeguarding - Responsible Officer: Nicola Jaynes nominated by Fr. Rod and seconded by Revd Catherine. The PCC is very grateful to her for ensuring we are up to date in fulfilling our legal responsibilities as legislations changes over time. Nicola also oversees all GDPR requirements.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p>
4.Reports	<p>a) Electoral Roll: As reported on p7 of the Annual Report by Monica Cook, Electoral Roll Officer. On the Electoral Roll there are currently 140, 46% of whom are resident in the Parish, exactly the same as in 2019, although there are some new members.</p> <p>b) Churchwardens' Fabric Report: this report can be found on p.6&7 of the Annual Report document. The Wardens were thanked for everything that has been done to ensure that the maintenance of the fabric of the building is in good order.</p> <p>c) Newala Link: Chris Weston's report can be found on p.6 of the Annual Report. We are grateful to Chris for his work in maintaining and developing our links St. Mary's parish, Newala, enabling us to support the purchase of an operating table for the Lulundi Health Centre. A visit to Newala in 2020 was arranged for 4 members of St. Mary's congregation but it had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 travel restrictions.</p> <p>d) The Friends of St. Mary's and Church Hall: this report can be found on p7 of the Annual Report. Fr. Rod thanked the Friends' Committee, and everyone who supported the events put on in 2019, for their commitment to promoting the Church in the community and putting the fun into fundraising. The Friends have generously donated considerable funds towards meeting the costs of the provision of an improved sound system in the Church, new windows and redecoration in the Office. A very generous private donation enabled the provision of sound baffles in the Hall, offering a greatly improved environment for hearing speakers and conversations.</p>

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	<p>St. Mary's Fellowship donated funds for the installation of blinds in the kitchen.</p> <p>e) St. Mary's Choir: Jeremy Nicholas, Director of Music at St. Mary's, reported that the average number of members who regularly sing for Sunday services is 14. Many of the couples who book the choir to sing at their wedding have written to praise the high standard of singing. Jeremy offered a warm welcome to anyone wishing to commit to joining the choir.</p> <p>f) St. Mary's Fellowship Group: Ann Lanham's report on the success and growth of the Fellowship can be found on p8 of the Annual Report. Fr. Rod thanked Ann and the catering team for working so hard and maintaining this link with St. Mary's local community through arranging 10 lunches and very interesting speakers, as well as an enjoyable annual outing to Cromer and the 'End of the Pier' show.</p> <p>g) St. Mary's Bell Ringers: this report can be found on p8 of the Annual Report. The maintenance of the bells is on-going but the need for more urgent work has been identified. Whilst some smaller matters have been addressed, total costs for all the works necessary may be prohibitive.</p> <p>h) The Braintree Deanery: Fr. Rod's report on the Deanery Synod and its purpose in providing the communication link between congregations, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Church of England nationally can be found on p9 of the Report. During 2019 St. Mary's was represented in the House of Clergy by himself, and in the House of Laity by Isabel Adcock, Angela Comfort and Celia Coulson. The main focus of Synod's work was responding to a Diocesan consultation on ways to encourage people to stand for Diocesan Synod.</p>
5) Parish Report & Review of the year	<p>Fr. Rod's report and review can be found on pages 10-13 of the Annual Report. He began with the operation of the PCC. He expressed his sincerest thanks to members of the PCC and everyone who has worked to keep the church life at St. Mary's going so strongly. Average attendance by members at the six meetings of the PCC held in 2019 was 66%.</p> <p>He drew attention to St. Mary's response to the Diocese of Chelmsford's strategic priorities outlined in the document 'Transforming Presence'. The section on 'Serving with Accountability' on p10 & 11 describes everything that has been accomplished within the priority area of 'Interdependence'. Figures for church attendance show that the average for Sunday morning services is regularly over 100 and that over 450 people attended the Christingle service on Christmas Eve. Attendance at the monthly 'Sunday Club' for our younger members continues to be well supported.</p> <p>The section on General Finance explains that St. Mary's has again met all of its obligations to the Diocese in full. Fr. Rod reported continued growth in charitable giving through the Sunday coffee monies, home collecting boxes and special appeals. Details of the amounts raised for the nominated charities during 2019 are to be found on p12 of the Report.</p> <p>Fr. Rod also explained the arrangements for the use the capital and interest accrued from the Dean Roger's Million Penny Fund and the affects of lower interest rates on this and other investments held by the PCC for the Church. He felt that the highlights of 2019 in profile on p12-13 were: another successful Flower Festival and May Fayre; the continuing growth in Fellowship, hospitality and involvement with the wider community eg St. Mary's Toddler Group, Messy Church, Christmas Tree Festival, Carols around the Community Tree and in The Retreat; the number of baptisms and weddings; school visits to the church and the encouraging signs of growth for the future. The celebration of Fr. Mark's last Sunday at St. Mary's prior to his licensing to The Colnes within the Halstead Ministry Team.</p> <p>He recorded the sad loss of a number of people associated with the life of the</p>

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	<p>Church over the years, amongst whom we remember with thanksgiving Roy Dove, Dorothy Shaw, Greg Spurgeon and Jack Blackwood.</p> <p>Fr. Rod recorded his grateful thanks for all of the hard work and dedication by the many who contribute in so many ways to the continued success of the worship, pastoral care and fellowship of life at St. Mary's.</p> <p>The Dean's Reflections on 2019 on p13-14 detail the highlights and significant events of the year. Fr. Rod ended his report - written in March 2020 - with a look towards the anxieties and challenges that uncertainty about the impact of the lockdown. Along with embracing opportunities to reach out and to take risks together, we must recognise that we are not alone as God is by our side. It is Fr. Rod's hope and prayer that we hold fast to God and to each other in facing the challenges to come.</p>
<p>6)Annual Accounts for the year ending Dec 31st 2019</p>	<p>Fr. Rod expressed his thanks to Julie Wilkinson for taking over the role of Treasurer when Bryan Gullick moved to Kent at the start of 2019 and for devoting such a lot of time to entering the accounts onto the Diocesan Format.</p> <p>He went on to present the draft Annual Accounts put together by Julie and Sara Barnes, of the Diocesan Finance team, giving details of the various accounts provided on p.15 onwards of the Annual Report. The Independent Examiner has had the accounts for some weeks but has asked for further documentation. Total Assets less liabilities are £338,252.35 including a re-evaluation of investments. Income in 2019 was £109,538 and expenditure was £117,554 resulting in a deficit on the year of £8,015. Income continues to lag behind operational costs and we are very reliant on funds generated by events such as the May Fayre and other fundraising events. Thought must be given to the future wellbeing of the financial position at St. Mary's by seeking the most beneficial ways to generate funds as well as invest our savings.</p> <p>Some questions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q. What is the difference between restricted and designated funds? A. The distinction between designated funds and restricted funds is that the charity can simply re-allocate the proposed use of the assets in a designated fund (provided that such action is in the best interests of the charity) whereas departing from the special arrangements that apply to restricted funds is a more complicated process. • Q. Is it advisable to split the bank account with another in order to avoid holding more than the insured amount in the one we hold, should there be another financial crash in the future? A. The FCSC protects cash amounts up to £85,000 for per bank or financial institution, not per account. This is something we could look into further. <p>It was agreed that Adoption of the Accounts would be by Fr. Rod and the Standing Committee, providing that the Independent Examiner accepted them as they are without significant changes. If there are then they would be re-presented to the PCC.</p>

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A.O.B.	<p>Heating and lighting up-grades – David Felsted asked for an update about when these would be addressed and exchanged for more environmentally modern options.</p> <p>Fr. Rod explained that ideas for improving the heating in the Church have been investigated and discussed frequently. It has now become a matter for immediate action due to the age of the boiler, the non-availability of spare parts and - most recently - a blockage in the flue. Providing a new valve can be sourced and the flue repaired and unblocked, it may be possible to use the boiler for services but a new metre to enable gas at an increased pressure is also necessary. Increasing the efficiency of the boiler will make it more environmentally acceptable.</p> <p>The installation of solar panels on the church roof has also long been suggested although English Heritage has vetoed this. Pressure to change the ruling – particularly on churches whose roofs cannot be seen from the ground – may occur in the near future. However, a recent environmental project researching ways for churches to become carbon neutral proposes better insulation as well as solar generation but it would actually be cheaper and speedier to ensure that we only use electricity from carbon neutral suppliers. Revd Catherine is involved in this project and will keep the PCC apprised of developments.</p> <p>The lights in the Church have LED bulbs fitted when the old ones stop working. Plans to increase the number of lights are on hold due to lack of funds at present.</p>
Closure of the meeting	There being no further questions, Fr. Rod thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:16 pm.

NEWALA LINK REPORT 2020

We were planning for a small party to visit Newala in July but as with everything else our plans became a casualty of Covid. We have been in continuous correspondence with Newala but they have not given any indication of how the pandemic is affecting them. It would appear that the virus was first reported in Tanzania in mid-March 2020, but after recording 509 cases and 21 deaths in late April the nation announced it's status as coronavirus free in June.

The Tanzanian Government has since been silent on covid in the country with a strong politic of denial and no data released on infections or deaths. The Tanzanian Government's silence has raised grave concerns among public health experts and human rights activists who are forbidden from speaking or talking about covid in digital spaces. It appears that Schools, Colleges, Offices and other social activities are back to normal even though the virus continues to spread in the region. It would appear that the denial has been so convincing that it is now widely accepted by Tanzanians including medical "experts" who are disregarding basic safety measures like wearing a mask and social distancing. With the full throttled covid 19 denial and laws in place to prevent open exchange of information and opinions on the disease on and off line, Tanzanians are left with severely limited access to information and many are afraid to speak out. We must wait patiently till the situation clarifies and we can again plan the much-postponed visit.

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

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT 2020

The main fabric of the Church continues to be in a satisfactory condition as remarked upon by the Architect during the quinquennial inspection under the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955. The report contains recommendations for works to be carried out in order of priority: Routine checks and maintenance have continued as usual. A repair was made to the exterior of the boiler flue. Annual services were carried out to check the boiler, lightning conductors, fire hydrants and blankets plus the alarm system.

The Churchwardens on behalf
of St. Mary's PCC

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT 2020/21

The Electoral Roll has been renewed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Roll at April 2020 consists of a total of 140 persons. Numbers for April 2021 remain the same:-

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

54% (76) are non-resident

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

***** Following the Covid 19 restrictions that impacted on so much of 2020, it didn't feel appropriate to include further reports from the usual organisations, that in the main had to cease for a large part of the year. We look forward to updating members on each of these groups next year. However, if you have any questions or comments regarding one of these groups then please speak to Fr Rod.*****

BRAINTREE DEANERY

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

During 2020/21 St Mary's Bocking was represented in the House of Clergy by The Very Revd Rod Reid and The Revd Catherine Towner. The election of lay representatives to serve on the Synod for the three-year period from 2020 - 2023 took place at Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) across the Deanery, held according to an extended deadline of 31 October. Taking into account the outcome of these elections, St Mary's Bocking was represented in the House of Laity by Dr Celia Coulson, Angela Comfort and Isabel Adcock prior to the APCM and who all agreed to stay on.

Due to restrictions in place during Covid-19, the Synod met on only two occasions during the year, in February and November (latterly via Zoom). In February, the Synod passed a motion calling for a review of the arrangements currently in place for managing serious cases of misconduct by lay officers, and this was duly referred to the Diocesan Synod for consideration.

Following the departure of Rev'd Canon Chris Davey to a post outside the Diocese, September saw the commissioning of Rev'd Rod Reid as Area Dean

Following this unique year, with its many challenges, we look forward to renewing our efforts to develop the Braintree Mission and Ministry Partnership as it becomes ever more important to work together across the Deanery, sharing our many gifts, talents and resources.

The Very Revd Rod Reid, May 2021

Membership of the Parochial Church Council

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

Ex Officio Members

	Rev. Roderick Reid	The Dean of
Bocking		
2020	Rev. Catherine Towner	Associate Curate from Sept
	Rev. Dr. Ian Mitchell	Associate Priest
2020	Mr. Graham Shaw	Churchwarden from Oct
Oct 2020	Mrs. Joanna Mallows	Churchwarden from
		& PCC Secretary
Synod Rep	Mrs. Isabel Adcock	General Synod & Deanery
	Mrs. Angela Comfort	Deanery Synod Reps
	Dr. Celia Coulson	2020-2023
	Mrs. Sheila Johnson	Treasurer
	Mrs. Nicola Jaynes	Safeguarding Officer

Elected Members

Mrs. Caron Francis	}	Oct 2020 until 2023
Mrs. Alysson Nolan		
Mr. Paul Nolan		
Mrs. Angela Adams	}	until May 2022
Mrs. Monica Cook		
Mrs. Ann Shaw		
Mr. Chris Weston		
Mrs. Irene Brewer	}	until May 2021
Mrs. Gill Hunt		
Mr. Stephen Johnson		

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

PCC Meetings

The Church Council met 4 times for business meetings during 2020, with an average of 65% of its membership in attendance.

The Covid 19 pandemic and the safety of our congregation were paramount to the decisions on arrangements for worship and access to the Church. Health and Safety Risk Assessment diocesan pro forma were completed and cleaning products purchased.

Matters regarding the financial position, resulting from the suspension of public worship for over half of the year, have been constantly under review. The implications arising from the condemnation of the gas heating boiler in October present the PCC with additional concerns.

Serving with Accountability

The PCC discussed its response to the Strategic Priorities outlined in the diocese of Chelmsford's 'Transforming Presence' document and it was agreed by that the focus for the coming year should be Key Priorities Spirituality and Nurture - What are we doing to teach people to pray? What are we doing to teach people about their faith and help them in their discipleship?

Summary of proposed actions: We are aware that the restrictions in place during the Corona virus pandemic may continue to impact on small gatherings for study. We will work to ensure an inclusive offering that reaches those without on-line technology.

- Develop a prayer course that will consider structured daily prayer
- Recruit leaders to support participants in their learning about faith and biblical meditation
- Encourage people to explore their experience of prayer and what supports them – place, atmosphere, privacy etc
- Discuss outward signs of our faith, discipleship and 'ways of being'
- Organise a prayer group
- Revise the order of service used at Sunday Mass to make it more explanatory and clearer for younger worshippers
- Ensure that our communication systems – fliers/posters/website/Facebook etc – are up to date and fully accessible to everyone with whom we look to connect
- Listen to feedback and respond respectfully and with sensitivity

The Church

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

General Finance

In the year 2020, we again met our obligations to the Diocese and parish in full and as usual, the Gift Aid Scheme has continued to benefit our work considerably. We are grateful to those who have completed a Gift Aid Declaration for their giving and to all who contribute regularly and generously through Standing Orders and Weekly Envelopes. If you are a Tax Payer we cannot afford for you not to be in the Gift Aid Scheme!

Charitable Giving 2020	
Recipient	Value
January - RSPCA Danaher	£116.33 (£120)
February - Braintree Mencap	£81.76 (£85)
March - Rainbow Rural Centre	£74.40 (£75)

Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund

St Mary's Church continues to be grateful to the Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund for the payment of the Insurance Premium, details of which are included in the accounts. In what has been a very difficult year, not least financially, these funds were even more important.

Grateful Thanks

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

The Dean's Reflections on 2020

"the anxieties about Covid and the impact of lockdown leave us unsure of what will happen next."

Those are the words I closed my last reflection with back in March 2020. Little did we know just what an impact Covid would have on our lives, our freedoms, our community and our church. Early last year it would have been unimaginable that we would close our lives down and stay at home. It would have been unimaginable to suspend worship for over 30 weeks of the year, and for 16 of those, for the building to be closed entirely to everyone.

Even when we returned, there was no singing, no communion in both kinds, keeping our distance, wearing masks etc, etc. It has been a very hard year, with much loss, sadness and disappointment, and now, as we feel on the cusp of something more positive, we are almost reluctant to believe it. Just maybe, our time of lament will come to an end, and a time of praise and thanksgiving will follow.

Aside from the impact spiritually as a church family, we have also seen the impact on our finances. We have had little fundraising for the large part of the year, a few weddings and a handful of baptisms. May Day, and other social events all had to be cancelled. Throughout it all though, we never lost hope. Our faith, deeply tested and often doubted, teaches us to hold on to hope. When so many others would have given up, lost faith, we hold fast to God and hold fast to hope through his son, Jesus Christ.

Even in the hardest of times, there have been some fantastic positives too. We have an online presence as never before with weekly recorded services that began on March 22 and haven't stopped. Viewership of those is often well over 150 views and higher for special services. Holy Week and Easter were all online too, but people really engaged in a new way with services from my home and garden. It has been a steep learning curve, but we have a YouTube Channel, regular email mailing list of over 150 people, a brand-new Notice Sheet, amongst so much more. For over 30 weeks we had weekly quizzes, regular emails, phone calls and much more. As a church family we very much looked out for one another, not least with the sadness's of life and the sadness's that came from Covid with time away from family, missed celebrations and much more.

The end of the year brought news of a vaccine and a possible sign of light at the end of the tunnel. Sadly, it also meant that Christmas services had to be further curtailed with a new lockdown. However, once again with the support of the community we had a brilliant Christmas Tree in the churchyard, and a successful Christmas Tree Festival raising over £1000. Bocking Advent Stars brought the whole village together in a unique way and even Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we had small 'in person' services to go alongside popular YouTube services, like the Carol Service which was viewed nearly 300 times. From VE Day to Remembrance Sunday, and other important occasions too, we managed to honour them and mark them together.

Of course, 2020 also brought a new addition to the team. We were thrilled to welcome Catherine Towner as our new Assistant Curate. She moved in June and was later ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral at the end of September. Certainly by the end of the year, she was managing to meet a good number of people and increasingly became more involved with our services.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your continued support and commitment to the life and service of this church. I am incredibly grateful to all those who have played a part in coming through this last year, I could not have done it without you.

As we look ahead, we do so with uncertainty in what might happen next, but we keep our faith and certainty in God to bring us through it all. The church, and our church family may look slightly different post Covid 19 but I hope we can be even more effective, not taking anything for granted and striving to best serve God and this community together.

The Very Revd Rod Reid, Dean of
Bocking, May 2021

NOTE ON THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS WHICH FOLLOW

We are grateful to Jan Stobbart who is our new Independent Examiner.

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	51,225	10,223	13,338	—	74,786	109,539
Total expenditure	71,316	9,896	233	—	81,445	117,554
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(20,091)	327	13,105	—	(6,659)	(8,016)
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	1,446
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(1,446)
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	51,122	(12,670)	—	38,452	11,680
Net movement in funds	(20,091)	51,449	435	—	31,793	3,664
Total funds brought forward	30,159	307,750	344	—	338,252	334,588
Total funds carried forward	10,068	359,198	779	—	370,045	338,252
Unrestricted						
General fund	10,068	—	—	—	10,068	30,159
Designated						
Buildings Capital	—	129,044	—	—	129,044	128,044
Church hall	—	(10,854)	—	—	(10,854)	(10,181)
Fabric Fund	—	241,008	—	—	241,008	189,886
Restricted						
Choir Fund	—	—	170	—	170	170
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	—	—	27	—	27	37
Flower Fund	—	—	328	—	328	—
Funds collected on behalf of other charities	—	—	254	—	254	137

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking

Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	17,675	—	—	—	17,675	11,618
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	6,930	—	—	—	6,930	14,233
0201 - Other planned giving	—	—	—	—	—	158
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,496	—	—	—	2,496	5,090
0410 - Giving through church boxes	673	—	—	—	673	537
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	180	—	180	3,171
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,047	—	138	—	1,184	9,459
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,015	—	—	—	1,015	7,552
0701 - Legacies	300	1,000	—	—	1,300	600
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	854
0901 - Other funds generated	249	—	—	—	249	1,940
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	30,385	1,000	318	—	31,703	55,212
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	12,609	—	—	—	12,609	22,220
1110 - Activities to generate funds	1,269	—	261	—	1,530	7,339
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	74
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	9,223	—	—	9,223	5,180
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	13,878	9,223	261	—	23,362	34,812
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0910 - General Fundraising	198	—	—	—	198	3,643
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	100	—	100	84
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	9,086
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	198	—	100	—	298	12,813
<i>Investments</i>						
1001 - Dividends	6,765	—	—	—	6,765	6,568
1002 - DRMPF Contribution to Insurance Costs	—	—	12,659	—	12,659	—
1020 - Bank and building society interest	—	—	—	—	—	133
<i>Investments Totals</i>	6,765	—	12,659	—	19,424	6,701
Income and endowments Grand totals	51,225	10,223	13,338	—	74,786	109,539
Expenditure						
<i>Raising funds</i>						
1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	982
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	101	—	—	—	101	4,841
<i>Raising funds Totals</i>	101	—	—	—	101	5,822

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	25	—	—	—	25	—
1850 - Home mission	25	—	—	—	25	143
1870 - Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	490
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	47,521	—	—	—	47,521	48,633
2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	1,610
2002 - Playgroup leader costs	—	—	—	—	—	400
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	649
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	448
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	40
2301 - Church running - insurance	6,324	—	—	—	6,324	6,715
2310 - Church office - Phone & internet	951	—	—	—	951	1,150
2311 - Church office Photocopier	1,712	—	—	—	1,712	828
2312 - Church office maintenance	2,016	—	—	—	2,016	—
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	648	—	—	—	648	612
2330 - Church maintenance	829	—	—	—	829	84
2331 - Cleaning	468	—	—	—	468	1,566
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,420	—	233	—	1,653	4,184
2341 - Director of Music & organists	4,467	—	—	—	4,467	5,384
2345 - Bellringers	—	—	—	—	—	100
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	—	—	—	80
2360 - Administration	1,040	—	—	—	1,040	2,259
2361 - Photocopier costs	204	—	—	—	204	—
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	33	—	—	—	33	—
2401 - Church running - electric	2,241	—	—	—	2,241	276
2410 - Church running - gas	146	—	—	—	146	4,496
2420 - Church running - water	—	—	—	—	—	178
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	1,146	—	—	—	1,146	—
2520 - Hall running - Hall Manager	—	480	—	—	480	1,035
2521 - Hall Running - Cleaning	—	1,332	—	—	1,332	1,780
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	930	—	—	930	2,321
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	3,402	—	—	3,402	3,568
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	372	—	—	372	1,265
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	76
2580 - Hall running - water	—	3,380	—	—	3,380	219
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	1,740
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	11,604
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	7,800
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i>	71,216	9,896	233	—	81,345	111,732
Expenditure Grand totals	71,316	9,896	233	—	81,445	117,554

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The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2020

		Balance	Previous balance
Investments			
6420: Dean Rogers Million Penny - Asset			
Buildings Capital	Designated	—	127,444.06
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	Restricted	114,773.86	—
		114,773.86	127,444.06
6450: CBIFS 11787.15 Units 608264001S - Asset			
Fabric Fund	Designated	241,008.32	189,886.27
		241,008.32	189,886.27
	Investments	355,782.18	317,330.33
Cash at bank and in hand			
6501: Bank current account - Asset			
Buildings Capital	Designated	1,600.24	600.24
Choir Fund	Restricted	170.00	170.00
Church hall	Designated	(10,854.34)	(10,180.97)
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	Restricted	(0.42)	36.58
Flower Fund	Restricted	328.06	—
Funds collected on behalf of other charities	Restricted	253.53	137.20
General fund	Unrestricted	22,765.66	30,158.97
		14,262.73	20,922.02
	Cash at bank and in hand	14,262.73	20,922.02
	Grand Total	370,044.91	338,252.35

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Fund	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Buildings - Buildings Capital	128,044.30	1,000.00	—	(127,444.06)	—	—	1,600.24
Choir - Choir Fund	170.00	—	—	—	—	—	170.00
Hall - Church hall	(10,180.97)	9,222.50	9,895.87	—	—	—	(10,854.34)
DeanRoger - Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	36.58	—	—	127,407.06	(12,670.20)	—	114,773.44
Fabric - Fabric Fund	189,886.27	—	—	—	51,122.05	—	241,008.32
Flowers - Flower Fund	—	561.43	233.37	—	—	—	328.06
Mission - Funds collected on behalf of other charities	137.20	116.33	—	—	—	—	253.53
Retreats - Parish Retreats * Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund	30,158.97	63,885.76	71,316.07	37.00	—	—	22,765.66
Totals	338,252.35	74,786.02	81,445.31	—	38,451.85	—	370,044.91

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Deanery Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bocking (Excepted Charity)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Deanery Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bocking for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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10th August 2021