

# **St Mary the Virgin, Goudhurst – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2018**

## **Aim and Purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's, Goudhurst has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Rev Hugh Nelson, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St Mary the Virgin, Goudhurst is united as a benefice with Christ Church, Kilndown and work together in a close partnership.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and to become part of the parish community. It maintains an overview of the worshipping life and makes suggestions on how the many groups that live within our parishes can be involved. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the Vicar and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our church, St Mary the Virgin, and the Church Room.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### *Worship and Prayer*

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our communities find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Our worship on Sunday mornings includes a weekly 8:00 service, using the Book of Common Prayer and a 10:45 Communion service. On the first Sunday of month our 10:45 service is a Service of the Word. The average weekly attendance across the year was 151. This number increased at Festivals, for example the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day attendances totalled 979. On other special occasions, including Mothering Sunday, Remembrance and Harvest, we held special services which attracted large congregations.

Our Sunday Club has 80 children on the books with an average attendance of 40. In September 2014 we launched a creche group, enabling parents to leave their children and enjoy the service. This meets in the Children's Chapel, part of the reordering work completed in 2012, which has proved to be an invaluable resource for the church.

We have held a range of one off creative services through the year, including services led by teenagers and young people.

The mid-week Eucharist at St Mary's is an important part of the week for a group of parishioners.

Music continues to play an important role in the life and worship of the church. The choir and band alternate in leading the worship, and come together for special services. Our aim is to use the widest possible range of Christian music in our worship, from choral to contemporary.

At the APCM in April 2018, the Electoral Roll numbered 211.

During 2018 we celebrated 20 baptisms and 12 weddings.

There were 15 funerals either in St Mary's or held at Tunbridge Wells crematorium during the year.

#### *Children and young people*

We have consistently prioritised working with families through the year and continue to employ a full time Lay Minister to work with children, young people and families.

In addition to Sunday Club, we run a fortnightly youth group aimed at Secondary school aged young people. This attracts between 15 to 20 people. We have also held a service led by the teenagers.

Events have been organised outside Sunday mornings, aimed at children and families, including a group of nearly 120 people attending the our first ever Church Away Day, a Barn Dance, a picnic, a bring and share lunch, and a cricket match. We will continue to develop this social aspect of church life.

#### *Small Groups*

Eleven small groups now meet on a regular basis for fellowship, prayer and bible study. These groups meet in different places at different times of the week. We will continue to encourage church members to join groups in the next 12 months.

#### *Ecumenical Relationships*

We are delighted that a good relationship continues with Fr Vic and the Church of the Sacred Heart. In addition to the Church Together group, which meets regularly, joint services, shared Lent Lunches, a combined Lent Group, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Easter Service of Light and other activities all serve to bind us together.

#### *Deanery Synod.*

We only had one Deanery Synod member this year. This provides the PCC with an important two-way link between the parish and the wider church community. The Deanery has a clear sense of vision and purpose at present and the local churches are increasingly working together in areas where we can be more effective together than on our own.

#### *Fabric*

The church is in good condition and we are now working on the schedule of repairs that resulted from the Quinquennial report in 2017. This includes work to the windows and the external stone on the South side of the church.

We installed a new Audio Visual system in 2014, providing a new screen and projector, as well as a more sophisticated sound system. This has made it possible to use a much wider range of resources on Sunday mornings, and on other occasions. We are delighted that the church is increasingly being used by other local organisations, in part because of these facilities.

There is some damp in the kitchen, and advice suggests there is little that can be done to combat this. We continue to keep a close eye on the Death Watch Beetle. There have been no significant changes to the fabric and the church is in good condition.

The Church Room is in good condition. A new outdoor sail, to protect the children from the sun, was installed in the summer of 2016. Other works were carried out to keep it in good condition. It is now used throughout the day by the Pre school, which is proving to be very successful, and we are very happy to be able to support the local community in this way.

### *Pastoral Care*

A positive feature of this village community is the very great awareness of the needs of those in the community. The great majority of parishioners take an active interest in the needs, cares and concerns of those around them in a positive and supportive way. This 'good neighbourliness' model of pastoral care is greatly appreciated.

However, there are those who are relatively new to village life and who, perhaps, are less well-known. Outreach to those people is possible through the many clubs and societies which are active in the village and which are attended in good numbers by members of the church. The monthly Parish Magazine provides a tangible means of sharing information more widely.

Active, practical support is provided through 'Connect' which provide practical support and prayer to people in the local community who need it, including a small Food bank, visiting, second hand clothing and lifts.

St Mary's and Christ Church continue to have an excellent relationship with the Primary school. The Vicar and Lay Minister lead Collective Worship every week, as well as running clubs and groups with the children, and a significant number of church members are involved in school life, including as Foundation Governors.

A number of people are visited by the Vicar or other church members at home or in nursing homes. A small number, no longer easily able to attend church, celebrate Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. During the year work was done to ensure that all regular church goers who can no longer attend are offered the possibility of a visit from a member of the church.

### *Mission and Evangelism*

The church has continued to grow in numbers through 2018.

We have developed a range of courses for people to explore and deepen their faith, including Alpha and The School of Theology, run in partnership with St Paul's Theological Centre in London.

We continue to put a lot of work into our communications, both with the congregation and beyond. Our benefice website continues to attract regular visitors looking for information about the church. In 2018 it received 27,000 views. We also make use of social media channels and particularly Facebook and our weekly email goes to 320 people.

We continue in our aim of giving 10% of our income to external charities and organisations. A sub-committee of the PCC looks after this process.

### *Financial Review*

Total receipts on the General Fund were £160,572. Payments totalled £171,731. Therefore the shortfall of Receipts over Payments for the year was £11,158.

This shortfall was mainly related to an issue with processing Gift Aid claims at the Diocesan office and additional donation payments made to set up the Weald Family Hub, a separate Restricted Fund which aims to connect the community with people, projects and organisations that support young people and their families who are struggling with issues of mental health; it is focussed on

becoming a key local network of support for this work in the Wealden villages. The Hub has had a very successful first year, working with a number of local schools and families.

Payments include £69,274 which is the annual diocesan parish share (the quota) which largely provides the stipends for the clergy. The sum that the churches in the deanery have to find is shared between each other according to an annual agreement between parishes.

#### *Reserves policy*

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds (if possible) equivalent to one year's Parish Share.

It is our policy to invest our cash reserves in low risk deposit accounts to ensure liquidity in responding to the needs of our expenditure.

#### *Structure, governance and management*

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services, members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

#### *Administrative information*

St Mary's Church building is situated at the top of Goudhurst village and is part of the United Benefice of St Mary's Goudhurst with Christ Church Kilndown. It is part of the Diocese of Canterbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Back Lane, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 1AN.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representative Rules 20006) and is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. However, due to the level of receipts and payments, a separate registration with the Charity Commission under Number 1175082 is also in operation.

#### *PCC members who have served in 2018*

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent:	Rev Hugh Nelson
Wardens:	Simon Taurins and Ali Williams

Elected members:

Chairman:	Barney Mayhew
Secretary:	Jill Dunstall
Treasurer:	Dave Lodge

Other elected Members:	Catherine Lloyd	Richard Vinton
	Kat Ogden	Simon Taurins
	Tim Wormington	Val Martin (From April 2018)

Caroline Turvey (in attendance ex-officio)  
Becky Addis (in attendance ex-officio)  
Revd Craig Huxley (ex-officio)

St Mary's Parochial Church Council, Goudhurst

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2018

	Notes	2018	2017
GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account			
RECEIPTS			
Incoming Resources From Donors			
Planned Giving		99,980	94,865
Collections and other giving		10,396	12,895
Call Flow - Masts on St Mary's Tower	1	2,014	2,000
Income Tax recovered	2	<u>14,435</u>	<u>17,943</u>
		126,825	127,703
Other Voluntary Income			
Restricted Donations	3	3,731	
Unrestricted Donations	4	<u>2,000</u>	<u>5,727</u>
		5,731	5,727
Income From Investments			
Income from CBF Deposits and Investment Funds	5	<u>273</u>	<u>174</u>
		273	174
Income from Operating Activities			
Sales of Parish Magazine		2,115	3,813
Magazine Advertisement Fees		3,695	2,989
Café Toddlers - donations / tea money etc.		445	519
Fees from Weddings and Funerals etc.		13,302	12,657
Connect Clothing		1,112	(28)
Other Connect Projects		745	-
Church AwayDay balance		1,057	-
Fund Raising		<u>5,272</u>	<u>9,199</u>
		27,743	29,147
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>160,572</u>	<u>162,752</u>
PAYMENTS			
Grants & Donations			
Additional Contribution to Weald Family Hub		6,000	-
Local, UK and Overseas Missions etc.	6	<u>15,568</u>	<u>10,750</u>
		21,568	10,750
Activities relating to the Work of the Church			
Diocesan and Deanery Parish Share		69,274	65,353
Organ, Organist and Choir		2,685	2,954
Service Consumables		2,321	3,693
Weddings & Funerals (including Diocesan share)		7,909	7,232
Clergy Expenses		844	839
Alpha, Small Groups etc		2,536	1,537
Sunday Clubs and Childrens/Youth work		4,279	328
Family Ministry		-	507
Magazine Printing		<u>4,682</u>	<u>4,788</u>
		94,531	87,230
Church Running and Fabric Expenses			
Heating & Utilities		6,842	6,484
Insurance		7,385	7,399
Church Maintenance and Cleaning		597	3,413
Repairs and Maintenance	7	16,314	1,311
Enhancements		<u>4,830</u>	<u>8,691</u>
		35,967	27,298
Church Management and Administration			
Church Office, Printing Stationery, Telephone etc.		<u>19,549</u>	<u>17,337</u>
		19,549	17,337
Costs of Operating Voluntary Income			
Fund Raising Events		<u>116</u>	<u>1,099</u>
		116	1,099
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>171,731</u>	<u>143,714</u>
(SHORTFALL) / EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		<u>(11,158)</u>	<u>19,037</u>
General Fund Balance at 1st January		<u>80,535</u>	<u>61,498</u>
General Fund Balance at 31st December		<u>69,377</u>	<u>80,535</u>

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	2018	2017
BEACON FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>	
RECEIPTS		
Donations received (including Gift Aid)	1,318	93,750
Other Donations	<u>-</u>	
	1,318	<u>93,750</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><b>1,318</b></u>	<u><b>93,750</b></u>
PAYMENTS		
Lay Minister Costs (including expenses)	27,020	18,032
Start up Costs	-	2,582
Other Costs	<u>60</u>	
	27,080	<u>20,613</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><b>27,080</b></u>	<u><b>20,613</b></u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<b>(25,762)</b>	<b>73,137</b>
Beacon Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>73,137</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Beacon Fund Balance at 31st December</b>	<u><b>47,375</b></u>	<u><b>73,137</b></u>

The Beacon Fund is a Restricted Fund. It was set up in 2017 to fund and support the appointment of a Lay Minister to develop work with local children and young people.

	2018	2017
WEALD FAMILY HUB	<u>Notes</u>	
RECEIPTS		
Donations received	28,759	-
Contributions from other churches	300	-
St Mary's Contribution	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	35,059	-
	<u>35,059</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
	<u>35,059</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS		
Fegans Costs	10,600	-
Coordinator Salary and Expenses	3,304	-
Other Expenses	<u>354</u>	<u>-</u>
	14,259	-
	<u>14,259</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		
	<u>14,259</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	20,800	-
Weald Family Hub Fund Balance at 1st January	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Weald Family Hub Fund Balance at 31st December</b>	<u><b>20,800</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>

The Weald Family Hub was set up in 2018 to provide funding for Mental Health support in local schools, working through the Fegans charitable organisation. St Mary's employees the coordinator on a 2 days per week basis and acts as a centre for support in partnership with other churches in the Deanery and a number of Primary schools



	2018	2017
PROJECTS FUND	<u>Notes</u>	
RECEIPTS		
Donations received	1,000	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS		
Project Costs	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>
Projects Fund Balance at 1st January	-	-
<b>Projects Fund Balance at 31st December</b>	<b><u>1,000</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

Donations were received towards the end of 2018 to help fund the Audio Visual project that will be take place in 2019. This fund holds these donations to be offset against the expenditure

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CHURCH AWAYDAY FUND	<u>Notes</u>	
RECEIPTS		
Donations received	441	3,700
Ticket Sales	-	922
Recovery of deposit from 2016	-	2,400
	<u>441</u>	<u>7,022</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>441</u>	<u>7,022</u>
PAYMENTS		
Venue Hire	2,040	500
Speaker & Activity Costs	1,000	-
Other Expenses	373	92
Balance transferred to General Fund	1,057	
	<u>4,470</u>	<u>592</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>4,470</u>	<u>592</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<b>(4,029)</b>	<b>6,429</b>
Church AwayDayFund Balance at 1st January	<u>4,029</u>	<u>(2,400)</u>
<b>Church AwayDay Fund Balance at 31st December</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,029</u>

The Church AwayDay Fund was held to account for the Church Away Day in January 2018, the costs and income being transacted in both 2017 and 2018

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		2018	2017
CHURCH ROOM FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>		
RECEIPTS			
Contributions to the use of Church Room		10,678	11,507
Income from Investments			
Income from CBF Deposits and Investment Funds	4	78	48
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>10,756</u>	<u>11,555</u>
PAYMENTS			
Repairs and Maintenance	8	4,173	4,226
Insurance		738	768
Utilities		1,107	1,220
Cleaning		<u>1,144</u>	<u>1,022</u>
		7,162	7,236
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>7,162</u>	<u>7,236</u>
<b>(SHORTFALL) / EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>3,595</b>	<b>4,318</b>
Church Room Fund Balance at 1st January		<u>29,442</u>	<u>25,124</u>
<b>Church Room Fund Balance at 31st December</b>		<b><u>33,037</u></b>	<b><u>29,442</u></b>

The Church Room Fund is a Restricted Fund, held to ensure the ongoing maintainance and repair of the Church Rooms

		2018	2017
LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>		
RECEIPTS			
Restricted Donations		1,257	96
		<u>1,257</u>	<u>96</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
		<u>1,257</u>	<u>96</u>
PAYMENTS			
Discretionary Support	9	1,161	51
		<u>1,161</u>	<u>51</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS			
		<u>1,161</u>	<u>51</u>
<b>EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>96</b>	<b>45</b>
Local Community Fund Balance at 1st January		<u>1,962</u>	<u>1,917</u>
<b>Local Community Fund Balance at 31st December</b>		<b><u>2,058</u></b>	<b><u>1,962</u></b>

The Local Community Fund is a Restricted Fund. Payments are made to individuals, based on specific needs by the Vicar and authorised through a small support team

		2018	2017
SRI LANKA FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>		
RECEIPTS			
Transfers from Sri Lanka Link Charity		-	-
GK Church donations		-	259
		-	259
TOTAL RECEIPTS		-	259
PAYMENTS			
Payments out	12	-	-
		-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		-	-
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		-	259
Sri Lanka Fund Balance at 1st January		7,933	7,674
<b>Sri Lanka Fund Balance at 31st December</b>		<b>7,933</b>	<b>7,933</b>

The Sri Lanka Fund is a Restricted Fund, held to provide support for students of the Sri Lank Theological College whilst they are on placement in the UK, plus other specific needs, as decided and agreed with the College staff

		2018	2017
MUSTARD SEED PROJECT FUND (Restricted Fund)	<u>Notes</u>		
RECEIPTS			
Donations - Kings Singers Event		-	-
Other Donations		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS			
Mustard Seed Project Payments	13	500	250
Other Payments to Kent Kindness	5	-	-
Supported Events		-	-
Fund Raising Expenses		-	-
		<u>500</u>	<u>250</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>500</u>	<u>250</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		<b>(500)</b>	<b>(250)</b>
Mustard Seed Fund Balance at 1st January		<u>3,787</u>	<u>4,037</u>
<b>Mustard Seed Fund Balance at 31st December</b>		<b><u>3,287</u></b>	<b><u>3,787</u></b>

The Mustard Seed Project is a Restricted Fund. It was set up in 2016 to fund and support projects relating to local asylum seeking teenagers and young people.

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	Notes	2018	2017
<b>SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>			
General Fund		(11,158)	19,037
Beacon Fund		(25,762)	73,137
Weald Family Hub	14	20,800	-
Projects Fund		1,000	
2018 Church AwayDay	10	(4,029)	6,429
Church Room Fund		3,595	4,318
Playground Fund	11	-	-
Local Community Fund		96	45
Sri Lanka Fund	12	-	259
Mustard Seed Project Fund	13	(500)	(250)
		<u>(15,959)</u>	<u>102,975</u>
<b>SUMMARY OF BALANCES</b>			
General Fund		69,377	80,535
Projects Fund		1,000	-
Church AwayDay Fund		-	4,029
Beacon Fund (Restricted)		47,375	73,137
Weald Family Hub (Restricted)		20,800	-
Church Room Fund (Restricted)		33,037	29,442
Local Community Fund (Restricted)		2,058	1,962
Sri Lanka Fund (Restricted)		7,933	7,933
Mustard Seed Project Fund (Restricted)		3,287	3,787
		<u>184,866</u>	<u>200,825</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Bank Balances - NatWest		46,940	89,451
Bank Balances - CAF Bank		67,734	51,534
Bank Balances - CAF Bank Deposit Account		10,000	-
CCLA Deposit Account		58,952	58,661
CCLA Investment Account - cost	15	1,240	1,180
		<u>184,866</u>	<u>200,825</u>

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis - no provision is made for items that do not fall within the year. There are no significant items that were outstanding at 31st December 2018 nor 2017.

Note

1	CallFlow	Charges are made to Callflow for the Licence Agreement relating to equipment on the Church Tower.		
2	Income Tax recovered	Income Tax is recovered on a monthly basis, through the Diocese. It is allocated against the relevant source of income. Due to system changes, the processing of claims through Canterbury was delayed during the year. It is estimated that this reduced our claim for 2018 by some £5,500; this will be received in 2019		
3	Restricted Donations	These were specific donations to be paid onto third party charities - see Note 6 below		
4	Unrestricted Donations	Three donations were received during the year; none of these contained any restrictions on use		
5	Income from CBF Deposits and Investment Funds	Income represents deposit account interest and dividend income received during the year, It is allocated between the funds on the basis of the balances at 1st January		
6	Local and UK Missions etc.	The list of charities supported during the year is as follows:		
			<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
		Lisell Mukola Community School - Rose's Project	3,225	-
		Kent Air Ambulance	950	900
		Christians Against Poverty	950	900
		Church Mission Society	950	900
		Clear International	950	900
		Fegans	950	900
		Goudhurst Scouts	950	900
		Kent Kindness	-	900
		Lend With Care	950	2,000
		Maidstone Samaritans	950	900
		ReadyCall	950	900
		Shelter Box	950	-
		The Living Well	950	-
		World Vision - Africa Crisis	-	340
		Blackthorn Trust (including Lent Lunches collections)	182	305
		Christian Aid	385	-
		Lend With Care - In Memory	937	-
		South American Mission - Alejandra support	289	-
		Other donations - in Memory	59	-
		Bibles for GK Primary School leavers	36	-
		Other	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
		Total Payments	<u>15,568</u>	<u>10,750</u>
		In addition, £500 was paid to Kent Kindness for specific projects related to local refugees (see the Mustard Seed Project Fund)		
7	Repairs and Maintenance	A number of long standing commitments and priority repairs were carried out during the year, including the following:		
		Replacement Notice Boards	2,670	} Total £13,811
		New Seating Area	2,160	
		Leadwork damage repair, less insurance claim	820	
		New storage cupboards	1,873	
		Architects Fees	3,848	
		Churchyard Path - contribution to Parish Council	1,000	
		Emergency repairs to Porch floor	1,440	
8	Church Room Repairs	Various maintenance projects were carried out during the year, including work on the roof of £1,295, replacement of decking boards of £665 and decoration of the kitchen, hall and toilets of £450		



9	Discretionary Support	During the year £1,161 was paid to support specific needs within the Parish. These payments are made by the Vicar, and authorised through a small support team. All these costs were met by specific donations												
10	Church AwayDay Fund	The Church AwayDay Fund was held to account for the Church Away Day in January 2018.. The balance of income was transferred back to the General Account in 2018.												
11	Playground Fund	The oversight and responsibility for the Playground was finally transferred to the Parish Council in 2018												
12	Sri Lanka Fund	The Sri Lanka Link charity was closed in 2016. The balance of funds was transferred to St Mary's to be used for future funding of students from the college to the UK and for fieldwork training. No support payments were made in the period after the transfer of funds occurred												
13	Mustard Seed Project Fund	Donations from the Kings Singers concert in 2015, together with other donations are held in 'The Mustard Seed Fund' - this is used to fund and support projects to local asylum seeking teenagers and young people. Applications to the Fund are required to meet pre-set criteria and are assessed by a small team from the church. During the year £500 was paid out to support a project that has produced a series of pamphlets and posters to help guide refugees through the immigration and UK legal process; this has since been adopted by a number of other agencies												
14	Weald Family Hub Fund	The Weald Family Hub (WFH) was set up in 2018 to provide support for young people and their families who are struggling with issues of mental health across the Wealden villages, working with the Fegans charitable organisation. St Mary's employees the coordinator on a 2 days per week basis and acts as a centre for support in partnership with other churches in the Deanery and local Primary schools. There are a number of regular donors to the Fund, together with donations from local fund raising events and charitable trusts. There has been an amazing response to the WFH during 2018 and initial counselling successes. St Mary's has committed to funding this for three years												
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