

St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ending 31st December 2021

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**Going Deeper
Sowing Younger
Growing Community
...with Jesus at the centre.**



St Nicolas, Nuneaton

Introduction to the 2021 Report

Our Vision and Activities

Promoting Christianity through our vision of Going Deeper, Sowing Younger and Growing Community.

Our activities are summarised below:

- Public Worship weekly and other times.
- Community Centre used by local groups.
- Pastoral work and teaching.
- Support other charities including those overseas
- A new service pattern started in 2019 to further our Mission (service pattern temporarily suspended due to COVID restrictions).

Keeping Christ at the centre of our worship, being open to serve God and one another.

Wardens Report 2021

This year, following on from 2020, has definitely been the most unusual and challenging time that most of us can remember and had a considerable impact on our church life.

The changes due to Covid in 2020 continued into 2021 and meant a constant review of how we were able to function as a church. We were able to open, early on with restricted numbers and limited services. Sadly our hall users were unable to partake of the facility until much later in the year which has had a major impact of the church finances.

The departure of Kelly to Cornwall in April was a severe blow to the church community at St Nicolas and something of a shock to us all – we must thank her for her service here over many years as both curate and vicar, and wish her well in her new role.

After 10 years of dedicated service Roger decided to retire as Warden and Garry kindly agreed to step up to that role. Roger will be embarrassed if we say much – just need to record how valued all that he has done is, and long may he continue to set the church heating each week as the boilers are a mystery to everyone else!!

A small band of dedicated service leaders and helpers kept 'the show on the road' whilst maintaining their distance due to the virus risk. We have also been blessed with many visiting clergy to assist with Communion and other services. Huge thanks to Sally-Ann for all she has done for the service leadership team.

Thankfully the wonders of modern technology, Facebook and Zoom has enabled services to continue online and keep many in touch with each other, particularly those less able to get out and about.

Many special services were unable to take place such as the annual Mencap service, and the lunchtime carols. Only one school carol service managed to be arranged.

Many thanks to Terry, who, despite his advancing years, still comes up with some wonderful Flower arrangements to enhance special services.

Maintaining and running the church and hall buildings did manage to continue as normal, with the invaluable help of Marina & Colin.....plus the excellent gardening services by Ron earlier in the year before he moved to a different church. Anyone who wishes to pick up a fork and spade to continue Ron's superb work will be most appreciated.

Also thanks are due to Alan Sandford who still had to respond to alarms and various maintenance tasks for much of 2021. Sadly Alan has been incapacitated following major heart surgery and needs time to recover his strength – this meant that Nick had to learn the art of rodding a drain to unblock the toilets!!

Some urgent stonework and roofing repairs, highlighted in the 2020 Quinquennial report need to be done during 2022 as other issues prevented these during the year. Drains and gutters were still cleaned out, minor repairs still made and various servicing needs were still met.

We thank everyone for their huge contribution to church life, not only over the past year, for many years previously, and pray for God's blessing upon us all, now in the coming years ahead.

Garry Clarke & Nick Shaw Church Wardens

Service Leaders Report

The Sunday morning services are now led by a small leadership team, with one of the team taking responsibility for the service each week, coordinating the service planning, liaising with visiting preachers and preparing the PowerPoint. This has been successful as each of the leaders has increased their knowledge and become familiar with the planning process and the services are now running smoothly due to careful preparation and forward planning.

It has been notable that the service leaders have grown in confidence leading the service. The team meet regularly to share ideas and experiences and to encourage each other. This has taken the form of regular monthly breakfast meetings, planning the rota for the upcoming period and discussing any concerns or suggestions for improvement. The team have also undertaken some training in terms of how to conduct a service and with regards to some of the practicalities involved in organising the service, as well as offering each other spiritual encouragement, praying and reading the bible together. The team hope to undertake further training going forward, to help them to grow as spiritual leaders, and are encouraging other people to get involved in the service leadership role, offering mentoring as appropriate.

Sally-Ann, Carole, Dawn, Phil and John

Electoral Roll Information

How many church members do we have?

Year	Resident	Non residents	Total on roll
2018	84	58	142
2019	62	31	93
2020	68	39	107
2021	69	39	108

PCC Report for the Year

How many people attend our services on a Sunday? In 2015 we changed our pattern of services, and the way in which we record attendance, so the figures look a little different since 2015.

	2021**	2020**	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Sunday services	41	75	75	75	88	88	82	88	111
Easter	60	0	141	139	152	185	190		
Christmas + Advent	133	159	295	325	324	358	471		
Occasional Services	n/a	n/a	1283*	1043*	610*	978*	865*	47	65
Electoral Roll	108	107	93	142	138	132	121	119	113

* includes school carol services – the 2017 figure is reduced as bad weather caused 2 school services to be cancelled

**In 2020 we were open as normal until March, when the country and most of the world, went into lockdown, and at times we were forced to close. This is the reason for zero attendance at Easter, and due to restrictions at Christmas. When we were allowed to open it was with restricted capacity, and at a distance from one-another to maintain the 2 metre rule imposed by the government. The wearing of face coverings has become mandatory. Throughout, we have streamed our services over Facebook and have often achieved viewing figures of 2 to 300! Restrictions continued in 2021, and were gradually eased as far as church services were concerned.

PCC Responsibilities

St Nicolas PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building and the Church Hall. During the COVID 19 pandemic the PCC has met online using Zoom.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either *ex-officio*, co-opted to fulfil a certain role, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules as revised in 2001. Elected, co-opted and *ex-officio* members are the trustees of the Church, registered with the Charity Commission.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

		Serving Until	
Chair	(vacancy)	Vicar (<i>ex officio</i>)	
Church Wardens	Nicholas Shaw	APCM 2022	
	Garry Clarke	APCM 2022	
Deanery Synod Members	John Hitchcock	APCM 2023	
	Peter Rogers	APCM 2023	
	Dean Moore	APCM 2023	
Elected Members	Jim Keeley	APCM 2024	PCC Treasurer
	David Bailey	APCM 2023	PCC Secretary
	David Sedgewick	APCM 2024	
	Dawn Beasley	APCM 2024	
	Lynn Keeley	APCM 2022	Safeguarding Officer
	Sally-Anne Veasey	APCM 2023	
	Carole Harris	APCM 2023	Lay Chair of PCC
	Jean Bailey	APCM 2023	
	Marina Betteridge	APCM 2023	
	Adam Fielder	APCM 2023	
	Helen Fielder	APCM 2023	
	Julie Bannister	APCM 2024	

PCC Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law, it has the power, delegated by the PCC, to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to directions given by the Council.

Members: (Vicar), Nick Shaw (Warden), Garry Clarke (Warden), Peter Rogers (Deanery Synod member), David Bailey (PCC Secretary), Jim Keeley (Treasurer), Carole Harris (Lay Chair of PCC).

How you can get in touch with us at:

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David Bailey PCC Secretary

St Nicolas Church office and centre

The centre is a very popular venue and used every day by a wide range of community groups in Nuneaton and beyond (church, social services, children, etc.) for functions, meetings, and classes. Feedback is always positive from users who value the social support and opportunity to meet likeminded groups of people.

Some of the long-established groups who use the centre include:

- Contact Centre – weekly group sessions for supervised contact
- SWANS – Nuneaton based dementia group providing a fun outlet through singing for carers and those they care for.
- U3A – an association for people who have finished working full time or raising their families, who want to pursue other interests or try something new. Bridge Club
- GKR - Karate Classes
- Baby Hubs - play groups, baby massage, mummy meets, baby art sessions, etc.
- Sahil – Asian Community Support Group
- Royal Osteoporosis Society – Quarterly meetings, talks, etc.
- Yoga – Wednesday & Thursday
- Accord – Women’s Specialist offenders support group

New groups in 2022

- Change Grow Live – Support Group. Weekly All-day Thursday
- Warwickshire Tai chi – Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings
- Paul Gannon Karate – Saturday afternoon
- SWFT NHS Child Health Clinic – Weekly Friday mornings

There are also rooms used for private parties and celebrations.

The centre is now thriving and in use most days and nights. This is very positive for the future.

The office Is the initial contact point for all enquiries: in person; by telephone and email. It is where many church functions are arranged and organised (weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.). It is also the administration hub for events, the centre, invoicing, bookings, resolving issues and generally responsible for all day-to-day activities.

Marina Betteridge Parish Administrator

Working with other parishes

At St Nicolas Church we have had our problems resulting from the onslaught of the Covid pandemic and also being in interregnum.

For my part, I believe that we have managed our worship and general administration remarkably well, all through the corporate efforts of church members. One way or another we have maintained the continuity of our services, both online for a time and now back in person again. We have remained undaunted.

This has not been the case with so many other churches locally, in particular the more rural parishes with smaller congregations and less resources than ourselves. They have been struggling to keep their worship going with any continuity and desperate for people to help with their services.

The supporting team at St Nicolas has been such a blessing to us all and it has freed me from some duties at St Nicolas to be of help to some of these struggling parishes, particularly in the leading and preaching at their services. Some parishes who are part of a benefice have held combined services to reduce the requirement for people to lead. Even then, it has been a major problem for the churchwardens to fill all the gaps. The whole situation has been exacerbated by there being numerous other vacancies in the deanery. The provision of Holy Communion has been especially difficult due to this shortfall in ordained clergy. From progress made so far, or lack of it, it seems that this is a situation for the long term and these parishes need our prayers and help where we can. I would find it no surprise to see a number of churches closing their doors in the not too distant future.

On a brighter note, these churches have dedicated members who work hard to maintain and bring their faith alive in their churches and communities and will be the core of any restoration and revival as we return to more ‘normal’ living and, hopefully, we will see the induction of more clergy to fill the vacancies within the Deanery. I have also learned that the ‘St Nicolas way’ is not the only way to worship. There is a refreshing variety of form and style in the worship of different churches. Bringing to mind the fact that our God is only interested in our true, heartfelt worship – it is us who pick the place and style. God will meet with us anywhere, anytime.

John Hitchcock

Children's activities - Messy Church

During 2021, we continued to organise Messy Church zoom sessions on a monthly basis, including: Palm Sunday in April; Pentecost in May; and God's creation (with a holiday theme) in July. We delivered goody bags beforehand, containing the resources needed for the activities, to our church families to encourage them to take part. The zoom sessions were well-attended, with around 10-15 children joining each time and we enjoyed a variety of online activities, stories, and songs – they were fun times connecting with our church families virtually, although noisy and chaotic on occasion!

We also set up a Messy Church WhatsApp group to keep families informed of upcoming events and used this forum to share links to activities, songs, and stories that families could enjoy together at home.

As Covid restrictions eased, we started to return to face-to-face Messy Church events, including a Messy Church light party in October. Attendance was initially low, and we decided to focus our efforts on encouraging families back to church through Messy Church type services on Sunday mornings. We incorporated messy activities, children's songs, interactive prayers, and godly play into the Sunday morning services. The Harvest Service in September and the Nativity service in December were well-attended, with children taking part in readings and prayers and in January, the Christingle service was very successful, a joyful service celebrating Jesus as light of the world. We are planning a Mothering Sunday service and a Palm Sunday service following the same pattern, encouraging children to get involved through readings, drama, playing music etc.

In 2022, we started to introduce children's activities at the 1st and 3rd Sundays (Holy Communion), with the children leaving the service during the reflection for their own story-telling or activity, and re-joining the main service to share the Peace. We hope this will encourage more families back to church on a regular basis.

Carole, Vicky, Anneka and Erin

Music at St Nicolas

Music Missioner

This was to be my last year in post as Music Missioner at St Nicolas, but due to the pandemic the PCC felt I had been unable to fulfil the original outcomes for this post and have been successful in gaining a year's funding from the diocese. Therefore, my post continues for a further year. I am grateful to this as the community aspect of this position had been curtailed. I continue to support the music at St Nicolas and at the moment trying to provide new and old music that supports the liturgy but also is inclusive to our intergenerational congregation.

Baby hub

I continued to support Mandy with online music sessions which appeared very popular. However, once we were able, I have now been able to forge face to face links and at Christmas the group came into church and I shared the Christmas story and some simple songs. Since January I now support the group with a fortnightly music session on a Monday, which after Easter will also happen on a Thursday.

St Nicolas Academy

I have supported the return of the school into church. Year 4 performed for family and friends with a harvest festival. In November Year 6 came to church for a remembrance service, where Nick and I led an interactive session including our own little World War 2 soldier and some singing.

At Christmas Year 3 performed a lovely nativity to family and friends. We look forward to welcoming a year group for Easter. I have met with the head, and I am looking forward to supporting a weekly lunchtime faith club along with YWAM for KS2 and every Monday till the summer term a class will come into church for an informal service.

SWANS (Singing With A New spirit)

St Nicolas SWANS has had, along with other organisations, a difficult time. However, we can now see our members beginning to return and new members joining us.

In April 2021 I continued to lead our sessions in an ONLINE (Facebook capacity) format. I was encouraged to see so many engaging with this form of communication and once we were able, I also led sessions from members gardens and homes. I am so grateful to the support I have continued to receive in delivering our weekly sessions to those living with Dementia and their carer's. But also, to our wonderful team of volunteers who rang our members throughout the pandemic. We really are blessed to have such a huge team of caring people.

At the end of August 2021, we decided to see how a face-to-face session would be received and initially we only had 9 members return. Then we had to close again due to Sally-Ann having covid. As I said it has been a very inconsistent time.

At Christmas we held our joint Christmas party at St Nicolas Church. We had almost 30 people altogether from both sessions attend. A little competition was organised by which everyone would bring their own packed lunch, but set it out to astound and impress linked to a Christmas theme. I didn't foresee how much excitement this would invoke. It was a huge success and a wonderful festive, and time of fun and fellowship was had by all.

Jan 2022 has been a time where old members have returned, and new members have been joining us. Our weekly numbers are between 20-30 each week.

Our wonderful PAT dog Daisy and her owner Judy continue to join us voluntarily basis each week. Well, she certainly enjoys her snack time from every member that's for sure.

Sadly, over the past year we have had to say goodbye to some of our members who have passed away. The beauty of SWANS is that their carers and family members continue to support each other with that SWANS family love and care, which is fantastic. Some members are now housebound, and others are in hospital or care homes with long-term conditions.

I am so grateful to our volunteers who prepare the refreshments, help to set up, and tidy away but most importantly engage with each other so admirably.

The situation in the Ukraine touched all our hearts and we as a group donated £250 towards to crisis.

We pray now that as we move away from the pandemic that we can rebuild SWANS and continue to be a great resource for those living with dementia, depression, bereavement, and loneliness.

Singing group

The continuation of the covid rules in 2021 meant we still had to be cautious whilst singing. However, I think we now don't take singing for services for granted. Singing is a great privilege and to be able to use our God-given gifts is a pleasure.

We continued to sing in a small group of 4 people for each service until we felt it was safe to build the numbers.

With PCC backing I produced a document outlining the roles and responsibilities of those wishing to sing for our worship. This has involved the teams getting together and discussing our faith and how music and singing enhances the worship but also helps us to engage with God on our life's journey. This is ongoing and we look forward to involving other church members in the future.

In November we held our first community choir for many years. We had 30 members

And began preparing for our Christmas tour. We performed at St James Christmas community fair, we then sang outside at Harmony House care home and our final community performance was at the Chines. All were gratefully received, and The Chines gave a donation to the church too.

Our final community performance was ably led and supported by Elaine and Anthony Newborough for our annual 9 Lessons and carols.

After our successful community choir our next venture came in the form of a TAIZE singing workshop day. We had 12 participants on the Saturday followed by a beautiful Taize healing service led by Rev Adrian Guthrie on the Sunday evening.

I am looking forward to planning a Gospel Choir workshop at the beginning of April to support our Easter services.

I continue to be thankful to the flexibility and positive attitude of all the singers of our team. Also, thanks to Anthony during this hard year for him and his family as he continues to support the music at our church.

Sally-Ann Veasey Music Missioner

10% Giving at St Nicolas 2021

Every year St Nicolas Church gives away a percentage of its income to charity, this is a part of the money given either on the collection plate or through people's bank accounts. It is 10% because there is a biblical precedent for a 10% 'tithe' to be made.

The nominated charities are chosen by the 10% group and then with the approval of the PCC, our treasurer sends the funds to each of those charities.

We have previously chosen 3 charities, one international, one national and one local which have a spread of interests both practical and spiritual and are representative of the mission of the Church.

It was decided early in 2021 in light of the Pandemic and other major global crises to make an immediate donation to the British Red Cross Global Coronavirus Appeal, and then later donations to other charities that were supporting a current crisis.

In addition, we have a long-term commitment to support Evelyn, a student living in Peru, through the charity Compassion.

a) In May 2021 our donation to the **British Red Cross Global Coronavirus Appeal** was £1389.

British Red Cross will help anyone, anywhere in the UK and around the world to get the support they need if a crisis strikes. They work around the world to help people facing hunger, who are caught up in conflict, and who had to flee their homes, in such places as Myanmar, Yemen and many other countries that are facing crises.

b) In September 2021 we then donated £1725 to the **Christian Aid for Haiti Appeal**

An earthquake in 2010 and then again another in 2021 had a devastating effect on Haiti, which was already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. However, Haiti is now slowly rebuilding and moving on thanks to the help given by Christian Aid.

c) In November 2021 our next donation was £1725 to **Médecins Sans Frontières (UK)**.

On 11 November 2021, the Human Rights Watch reported that Afghanistan was facing widespread famine due to a collapsed economy and broken banking system".

Despite all of this, the charity Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is still providing emergency, paediatric and maternal healthcare in Afghanistan, the country which has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world.

d) In February 2022 we donated £950 to sponsor three DHU members for a five-month residential YWAM SAS 2022 course.

Ian Miskin

Safeguarding at St Nicolas 2021

We are fortunate that we have not had any safeguarding issues during the last year.

Two Lay Readers are booked to renew their level 3 training and our Church Wardens are completing their required training.

Our records with Coventry Diocese are up to date, and I joined a Coventry Diocese conference and had a one to one Zoom meeting with our delegated Safeguarding Officer where no concerns were raised.

Thank you to all the people in our Church who care for our children and young people.

Lynn Keeley Safeguarding Officer

Eco Church



In December 2020 St Nicolas registered its interest to participate in Eco Church.

- The five categories associated with the project are: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement.
 - In March 2021 we gained our bronze award in recognition of the efforts of the church.
 - As the land does not belong to us we can put bees on our roof, ask the local authority to maintain the graveyard in an ecological friendly manner and plant some biodiversity flowers such as corn flowers.
 - As we work towards our Silver award we need to:
1. Increase our virtual presence and regularly promote eco tips.
 2. Engage more with projects such as Fairtrade.
 3. Organise environmental awareness-raising events.
 4. Participate in local conservation work e.g ARocha.
 5. Promote walking and cycling.

6. Encourage the congregation to undertake a personal carbon footprint audit.
7. Encourage members to use food at home –LOAF.
8. Undertake an environmental lifestyle audit.

Dean Moore

St Nicolas C of E Academy

There are close links between St Nicolas Church and our local C of E primary school with visits from several members of the church to the school to help with various activities and assemblies, and visits from the school to the church over the year, and especially at Christmas. The PCC is responsible for nominating the Foundation Governors, and several church members are governors of the school. It is to be hoped that as things continue to get back to normal, more links will be formed between St Nicolas Church and St Nicolas Academy.

Report on the proceedings of Nuneaton Deanery Synod, 2021

The first meeting of the synod on 24 February was held on the Zoom platform.

The synod was welcomed to the meeting by Revd, David Poultney, Area Dean and opening prayer was led by Revd. Gail Philip

The first item on the agenda was the election of officers as follows:

Mr David Spiers: Lay Chair

Secretary: Anne Dickinson

Lay members of Standing Committee: Pat Hathaway, Sam Margrave, Geoff Popejoy

Clergy members of Standing Committee: Revd. David Poultney (Area Dean), Revd. Gail Philip (Asst. Area Dean), Revd. Michael Brandsma, Revd. Alison Evans, Revd, Heather Barnes

Terms of reference for the Standing Committee and the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee were then agreed.

Gail Philip then shared a presentation on Living in Love and Faith which recently featured as a Wednesday Evening Group at St Nicolas.

Sam Margrave, a Diocesan Representative on General Synod then spoke on “What has been going on at General Synod”

Finally, there was a discussion on Covid and its impact on the churches and parishes in our deanery before closing worship.

The second meeting of the synod on 27 May was also held on the Zoom platform.

Members were welcomed By David Spiers, lay Chair

The Venerable Sue Field, Archdeacon Pastor and Dr Yvonne Warren presented an initiative on Clergy Wellbeing followed by discussions and questions.

The Reverend Tim Mitchell, Healthy Churches Development Mentor talked about a proposed Deanery Mission and Ministry Plan about creating a vision for the future; following a discussion it was agreed that this would be discussed at a Deanery Away morning in July.

The meeting was closed with worship led by Revd. Michael Brandsma.

The final meeting of the synod on 3 November was held in the Saints building.

Revd. Dave Poultney gave a warm welcome to everybody attending. Jet Jones (Together for Change) welcomed everybody to Saints Nuneaton and shared the vision and progress of the project. She prayed for the Synod members and the meeting.

Motions on Child Friendly liturgy for The Eucharist and on the use of single cups for the administration of Holy Communion were discussed; these will be sent up to Diocesan Synod for discussion there.

The Revd. Dave Poultney (Area Dean) introduced the Nuneaton Mission and Ministry Plan, explaining how it had been developed and following a discussion and suggestions, the Deanery Standing Committee will review these and incorporate them into a future version of the plan.

Finally, Revd. Dave Poultney closed the meeting in prayer.

Clergy Vacancies:

Fillongley & Corley are once more in interregnum and obviously St Nicolas is still in interregnum.

The PCC at Camp Hill have recommended that the Church be closed; this is under discussion at Diocesan level and a plan is under discussion for the future.

The vacancy at St Mary Abbey has now been filled by Father Roger Butcher.

Finally, I would like to conclude by thanking your other synod representatives Dean Moore and John Hitchcock for their support during the last Deanery year.

Peter Rogers 7 March 2022

Income and Expenditure

The table shows the operational income and expenditure for 2021 and a comparison with 2020. There are explanations for the differences.

The Coronavirus pandemic continued to have a major effect on church income, especially for Hall bookings which were very low for a second year.

We claimed Furlough for our staff until September and this helped our income by £3,639.

Most expenditure items continued as for 2020 with some annual increases.

The net deficit for 2021 was £13,996. This is an improvement on 2020 which was £17,443. We continue to use savings to bridge the gap between income and expenditure.

Income	2021	2020	Difference	%	Comment
Voluntary Giving	£69,685	£69,020	£665	0.96%	
Church and Room Lettings	£6,259	£6,560	-£301	-4.59%	Reduced operation in both years
Fees (weddings, funerals)	£2,180	£1,028	£1,152	112.06%	Reduced restrictions later in 2021
HMRC Furlough	£3,639	£3,088	£550	17.82%	More Furlough months in 2021
Grants	£0	£450	-£450		No grants in 2021
Other Income	£127	£437	-£309	-70.87%	Less bank interest because we have used savings to bridge the income and expenditure gap
Total Income	£81,890	£80,583	£1,306	1.62%	
Expenditure					
10% Giving and small donations	£6,843	£5,691	£1,152	20.23%	See 10% Giving below
Parish Share	£54,315	£53,250	£1,065	2.00%	
Music and Service Costs	£3,360	£3,276	£84	2.56%	
Insurance	£6,332	£6,168	£164	2.66%	
Utilities, heat, light, water	£4,358	£5,495	-£1,137	-20.69%	Less use of church and hall in 2021
Church and Hall repairs and maintenance	£3,580	£5,986	-£2,406	-40.20%	Fewer repairs in 2021
Computer related	£972	£0	£972		New computer in 2021
Outreach	£0	£2,500	-£2,500		No Outreach in 2021 (was 20s to 30s worker)
Other Operating costs, cleaning, salaries, expenses, professional fees	£16,126	£15,660	£467	2.98%	
Total Expenditure	£95,886	£98,026	-£2,140	-2.18%	
Income - Expenditure	-£13,996	-£17,443	£3,446		

Voluntary Giving - God Loves a Cheerful Giver

Voluntary Giving stayed very similar to 2020. Both are a reduction of around £4,000 compared to 2019. Both reduced regular giving and less money given at services have contributed to this situation.

In response to a general growing preference not to use cash, we have introduced new ways of giving in 2021, an online donation button on our website and a QR code printed on new yellow collection envelopes. We are pleased that people are starting to use these methods and donations using the contactless device in church have also increased.

10% Giving

We gave £6,843 to other charities in 2021, most of it in response to emergencies (India Covid, Haiti earthquake and Afghanistan). We have £6,969 available to give to charities in 2022.

Looking Ahead

We are able to meet more in person now and we plan to continue our online presence alongside our physical activities.

Our day to day expenditure continues to be stable and predictable with little variation each year; and there is little scope to reduce it.

Our focus is to increase our income.

We are pleased to be taking more bookings for the Church Hall and this will make a big difference to our income. However, the increase will not compensate for the reduction in voluntary giving.

We must increase voluntary giving for our income to cover our expenditure.

We understand that times are going to be harder for many people with increasing energy costs and inflation at around 7%.

Recognising these difficult times and understanding that this is a hard ask, please will you prayerfully consider if you can find a way to increase your giving to the church? Thank you.

Burgis and Bullock

Finally, on behalf of myself and St Nicolas Church, I would like to thank Jayne Benford and her colleagues at Burgis and Bullock for their help with their review and assistance with the interpretation of our accounts.

Thank you

Jim Keeley Treasurer

Please ask me about the various ways that you can give to the church.

Email jimkeeleyhome@hotmail.com mobile 07906 220330 or ask me in church.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE PCC OF ST NICOLAS CHURCH, NUNEATON

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 15 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 130 the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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.

J S Farnell FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS	Note 2	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income		74,035		5,146		180		79,361	78,359
Income from investments		23		12		-		35	348
Income from Church activities		13,160		-		-		13,160	9,791
Other income		<u>2,171</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		2,171	967
TOTAL RECEIPTS			89,389		5,158		180	94,727	89,465
PAYMENTS									
	3								
Church activities		101,584		7,705		-		109,289	105,798
Governance costs		1,116		-		-		1,116	1,092
Fixed asset costs		<u>814</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		814	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS			103,514		7,705		-	111,219	106,890
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) BEFORE TRANSFERS			(14,125)		(2,547)		180	(16,492)	(17,425)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			(197)		197		-	-	-
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)			(14,322)		(2,350)		180	(16,492)	(17,425)
CASH & BANK BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/2021			44,042		35,440		387	79,869	97,294
CASH & BANK BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31/12/2021			<u>29,720</u>		<u>33,090</u>		<u>567</u>	<u>63,377</u>	<u>79,869</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER
2021**

Cash and bank balances	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank current accounts	483	9,574	567	10,624	7,120
CBF deposit accounts	29,237	23,516	-	52,753	72,718
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash and bank balances	29,720	33,090	567	63,377	79,838
Other monetary debtors					
Outstanding invoices and other debtors	1,870	-	-	1,870	3,168
Income tax recoverable	926	-	-	926	817
	2,796	-	-	2,796	3,985
Monetary liabilities					
Salaries and PAYE	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	(1,439)	-	-	(1,439)	(1,409)
	(1,439)	-	-	(1,439)	(1,409)
Total net monetary assets	31,077	33,090	567	64,734	82,414
Non-monetary assets				Original cost 2021 £	Original cost 2020 £
Land and buildings - Church Centre				831,040	831,040
Building improvements to Old Grammar School				53,908	53,908
Fixtures and equipment (excluding moveable church furnishings held in special trust)				14,301	14,301
Church AV system				41,153	41,153
Computer				814	-
				941,216	940,402

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.

In previous years the financial statements were prepared on an accruals basis, however the Church can now take advantage of preparing financial statements on a receipts and payments basis and has accordingly adopted this basis.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds relate to funds which must be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes. Details of the funds held are provided in note 4.

Other monetary debtors

Other monetary debtors include income tax recoverable and amounts invoiced by the PCC which were unpaid at the year end.

Other monetary liabilities

Other monetary liabilities relate to amounts actually owed by the Church at the year end (or best estimate).

2. RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary receipts								
Planned giving	52,610		-		-		52,610	52,137
Collections and other giving	4,474		146		180		4,800	4,515
Donations/Grants	4,349		5,000		-		9,349	9,199
Income tax recovered	12,602		-		-		12,602	12,508
	74,035		5,146		180		79,361	78,359
Investment income								
Bank and investment interest	23		12		-		35	348
Receipts from Church activities								
Church & Room Lettings/contributions	6,259		-		-		6,259	6,560
PCC & Assigned Fees	6,800		-		-		6,800	3,043
Clergy contributions	101		-		-		101	188
	13,160		-		-		13,160	9,791
Other receipts								
Insurance claim	-		-		-		-	-
Salary recharge - St James Church	2,171		-		-		2,171	967
	2,171		-		-		2,171	967
Total receipts	89,389		5,158		180		94,547	94,547

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

3. PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Designated Funds		Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church activities								
10% Giving	6,629		-		-		6,629	5,691
Donations & special collections	213		141		-		354	594
Parish share	54,315		-		-		54,315	53,250
Assigned and service fees	4,688		-		-		4,688	1,576
Out reach	-		-		-		-	2,500
Water rates	40		-		-		40	43
Heat and light	4,318		-		-		4,318	5,452
Clergy, verger and other expenses	78		-		-		78	292
Insurance	6,332		-		-		6,332	6,168
Repairs & maintenance	3,580		1,778		-		5,358	5,986
Cleaning	6,648		-		-		6,648	6,513
Hall/Office Refreshments	170		-		-		170	110
Music	-		-		-		-	479
Service costs	3,360		-		-		3,360	2,797
Printing, Postage etc	681		-		-		681	752
Office telephone	877		-		-		877	815
Computer costs	158		-		-		158	-
Education	-		-		-		-	-
Secretary salary	5,933		-		-		5,933	5,986
Secretary salary - St James Church	2,940						2,940	967
Recruitment costs	624						624	
Music Missioner expenditure	-		5,786		-		5,786	5,827
	101,584		7,705		-		109,289	105,798
Governance costs								
Legal fees	-		-		-		-	-
Independent examiners fees	1,116		-		-		1,116	1,092
	1,116		-		-		1,116	1,092
Asset purchases								
Fixed asset purchases	814		-		-		814	-
	814		-		-		814	-
Total payments	103,514		7,705		-		111,219	106,890

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted Fund Movements	Balance at				Balance at
	01-Jan-21	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Bells Fund	6,025				6,025
Restoration Fund	27,659	12	(1,778)		25,893
Flowers Fund	341				341
Choir Fund	484				484
Organ Fund	-				-
Heritage Fund	93				93
Open Book Fund	108				108
Special collections	141	146	(141)		146
Music Missioner Fund	589	5,000	(5,786)	197	-
	35,440	5,158	(7,705)	197	33,090

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Fund Movements

Designated Fund Movements	Balance at				Balance at
	01-Jan-21	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Lenton Family Fund	387				387
Ann Parkes for Childrens Activities	-	180			180
	387	180	-	-	567

5. CONTROLLING PARTY

St Nicolas Church is under the control of its PCC.