



**John's Parish Church**  
New Alresford, Hampshire

**2020 Annual Report and  
Financial Statements  
of the Parochial Church Council**

**for the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
to be held by St. John's Church via Zoom  
at  
a date to be confirmed before May 30 2021**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

**Registered Charity Number 1127318**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEW ALRESFORD**

**The church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the  
Glory of God in the community by:-**

**celebrating** the life of God the Father, God the Son and God  
the Holy Spirit

*through worship, prayer and service*

**caring** about one another in Christ

*through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing,  
and the recognition of personal gifts*

**cultivating** personal growth in Christ

*through prayer, bible study, preaching and the Sacraments*

**communicating** Christ to our community and to the wider world

*through example, teaching, support and co-operation*

## **THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**At a date to be confirmed before May 30 2021  
via Zoom**

This report is sent out as early as possible firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask, further to the report.

At this meeting, we shall be electing, or re-electing, two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2022.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide-ranging decisions on church life at St. John's.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure you believe they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral roll and the wider community.

***David Carr***

***PCC Secretary***

**We hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting.**

## REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St. John the Baptist in the Benefice of The Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, West St., Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No.1127318

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

**Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate)**  
**Benefice Curate**

**The Rev'd Julia Myles (resigned w.e.f. 18/11/20)**  
**The Rev'd Tasha Anderson**

**Wardens** Jackie Connell, Jane Parsons

### **Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod:**

Barbara Griffiths  
Sue Clarke  
Rosie Waring-Green  
Miranda Pinch

(All the above elected October 2020)

### **Elected members:**

James Lees  
Greville Dawson (from 27/10/20)  
Pearl Page  
Ian Waring-Green (co-opted until APCM 2021)  
Rex Corfield  
Maureen Skayman  
Charlotte Ryton (from 27/10/20)  
Janet Pooley (from 27/10/20)

Co-opted members: Alistair Beecher (Treasurer)  
David Carr (PCC Secretary)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church--Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints a number of groups and committees that meet regularly during the course of the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities for issues including such activities as Ministry, Worship, World (Outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance. Representatives are also elected to Churches Together in Alresford.

The number on the Electoral Roll as reported by the Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was 221, following a complete revision of the Roll. The average number of usual Sunday service attendees was 47, plus a large number of attendees online.

In 2020 the PCC met formally six times. During the course of the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the individual reports that follow. The Standing Committee met formally seven times in the year and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary in running St. John's. Our Priest-in-Charge, Revd Julia Myles, resigned with effect from November 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 and we are therefore faced with another interregnum in the space of three years.

St. Johns, in common with all other churches, has been hugely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Every one of our normal activities has been adversely affected, and we have been unable to progress with many of the plans and initiatives which we had hoped to undertake. The life of the church reduced to almost the bare minimum of keeping some form of service pattern in being, and maintaining access for private prayer. In parallel this involved an extremely large amount of time and effort, by many people, in keeping in touch with parishioners and trying to offer help and assistance where required. Services, meetings, planning and many other arrangements have had to be carried out on-line, using especially the Zoom facility and on-line broadcasting. A large number of people have stepped forward to offer their time and resources in these matters, and we are extremely grateful for all their efforts.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

As in previous years, the PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities, and also raised and donated other one-off amounts.

The PCC has been concerned for some time with the need for increased stewardship income, as reflected in the Treasurer's reporting, and we continue to search for a suitable individual, team and means to manage and expand this activity.

St. John's is a fully participating member of Churches Together in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licensed Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

***David Carr***

***PCC Secretary***

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 8pm in the Church, and via live broadcast

**Present:** 20 parishioners and an unknown number via broadcast.

**Apologies:** Received from three people

Jackie Connell welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**CHAIR:** As we had no clergy available Jackie proposed that the PCC Secretary, David Carr, be appointed as chair of this meeting and this was agreed unanimously.

**Churchwardens Measure:** Jackie explained the circumstances and her reasons for carrying on with her duties of Churchwarden, beyond the six year limit. The Chair then proposed the following resolution: **“That this meeting of the parishioners of the Parish of St. John the Baptist New Alresford resolves that the rule under the Churchwardens Measure 2001 which states that the maximum continuous period of service as churchwarden of the same parish is six terms of office, after which the churchwarden must take at least a two year break before re-appointment will not apply to this parish”.** This proposal was resolved *nem con*.

## Election of Churchwardens

David reported that Jackie Connell and Jane Parsons had been duly proposed and seconded for re-election, and there were no further nominations. They were duly elected, welcomed with applause, and thanked for their work over the year. Jackie subsequently clarified that her appointment would be until April 2021, when we expected and hoped that the next APCM would be held.

## Approval of Minutes of the 2019 APCM

The Minutes had been circulated, with the Annual Report, prior to the meeting. The Minutes were duly approved and signed as a true record, with no matters arising.

## Election of Deanery Synod and PCC Members

David proposed, with the agreement of the meeting, that the two elections would be considered together. For **Deanery Synod representatives**, Sue Clarke, Rosie Waring-Green, Barbara Griffiths and Miranda Pinch had been duly proposed and seconded, with no further nominations. For **PCC Membership**, Charlotte Ryton, Greville Dawson and Janet Pooley had been duly proposed and seconded, with no further nominations. All those named were elected unanimously and welcomed with applause.

## Electoral Roll

David reported that there were 221 members on the newly-revised Roll, a reduction of 5 compared with 2019. David Griffiths was now retiring from the Electoral Roll Officer's position, and was thanked for his many years of service. It was proposed that Greville Dawson be appointed in his place and this was agreed unanimously.

## Annual PCC Report

David reported that this had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 10 2020. There were no questions or comments, and they were accepted by the meeting.

## Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31 2019

Likewise, David reported that these had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 10 2020. There were no questions or comments, and they were accepted by the meeting.

## Terrier Report

Jackie reported that the Terrier was complete and the acceptance certificate would be signed and completed. The only change from last year was that the mobile organ (now

private property) has been removed from the register.

### **Deanery Synod Report**

David said that Barbara Griffiths' report on proceedings was included in the Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

### **AOB**

- (1) David said that the Priest-in-Charge had sent a video report covering the previous 18 months, and this would be made available to anyone who wanted to view it.
- (2) Jackie reiterated that unfortunately there could be no social gathering this year, but she looked forward with hope that the coming year was one in which we could "Greet, Gather and Grow", and commended to everyone the different plans for Christmas celebrations and activities this year.

The meeting ended with the Grace at 8.18 pm, without the usual social gathering.

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Who could have imagined when we urged on our favourite camels and enjoyed our fish and chips at the race night last January that within a few weeks we would be in total lockdown? Since March life within St John's has been quite different because of the Covid virus and we have all had to get used to a different way of living. For three months we followed the Government instructions and were unable to use our church at all. We were extremely grateful to Paul Myles whose technical knowledge enabled us to have recorded services. In those early days we were all so amazed to be able to watch Julia's very moving Easter services as well as the highly entertaining 'Revved Up Rector' which was mainly aimed at the younger members of the congregation but also enjoyed by many adults. Since then and as a result of many hours of hard and sometimes frustrating work, Rosie Waring-Green and her team have developed their skills and we can now watch live streamed services from the church as well as some that are recorded elsewhere. None of this would have seemed possible a year ago and so we sincerely thank all those who work so hard to record and produce our services.

One of our concerns at the start of the lockdown was the people who were unable to go out and those who live alone. We spent the first days identifying some of these people and then arranged for the pastoral visitors and several other volunteers to phone them regularly. Over the course of the year, we have been contacting over 150 people and this has been an invaluable way of keeping in touch and helping people to feel less isolated. Since June, the Government has allowed the church to open for private prayer and many of those who have been making the phone calls have also volunteered to open the church and welcome those who come in for prayer. As we move into our third lockdown the importance of having the church open for private prayer is becoming increasingly evident and it is good to know that the welcomers will also offer support and pray with distressed people if that is needed. We are extremely grateful for all these volunteers. At the end of June we were also allowed to have services in church again. This had to be carefully managed with restricted numbers to ensure everyone was socially distanced and therefore kept safe. Going to church became a slightly different experience with a scattered congregation and no singing permitted but it was good to be back in church. Having to book a seat in church seems such an alien concept when normally we are trying to encourage more people to come! For those unable to come to church the option of watching the live streamed service at home has been a very positive alternative.

There were other causes for sadness in 2020. During this year several of the most faithful members of our congregation died. We remember with affection June Gregory, Olwen Davies, Liz Pakenham and more recently Peter Petheram, our former treasurer. We miss them and thank God for all they contributed to the life and work of St John's during their time with us. Then in November we said farewell to Julia and Paul Myles as they moved to the Isle of Wight where Julia has taken the position of Spiritual Director of the Mountbatten hospice on the island. The Covid restrictions meant it was not possible to give them our usual St John's send-off but during her final service we were able to thank Julia for all she had done for us, our church and community in the three years she had been our Priest in Charge.

There were also some good things that happened during the year. For a start many of us became much more proficient at using our computers and learned how to Zoom because that is the only way we can still have meetings and see one another. Despite the church closure and the lack of fundraising opportunities our finances have not suffered badly because people have been very generous, and we are truly thankful for that. Tasha, having completed her training and curacy, was officially signed off by the Bishop of Winchester and has been an invaluable support and spiritual leader. Rex Corfield completed a BCM in Creation Care and will be helping us to become a 'greener' church. Christmas was a busy and fruitful time when, realising we were not going to be able to celebrate in the usual way, we looked for new ways to share the Christmas message. The result was amazing. We had a fantastic life size crib outside the north door as well as two Comfort and Joy Christmas trees on which people had been invited to share their hopes and the things for which they needed comfort. There was also a popular Nativity Hunt with lots of displays around the town and we had many generous donations which enabled us to distribute gifts to those shops, businesses, and individuals for whom 2020 had been a particularly difficult year. It was a wonderful example of St John's working together as a united Christian family. Throughout the year so many people have given freely of their time and skills in order to keep St John's running smoothly and we offer each one of you our sincere thanks. We also give thanks for Penny who relieves us of so many of the essential and time-consuming tasks and is always so cheery and welcoming.



As we remain in interregnum and go into a new year which is still dominated by the coronavirus, we pray that we will retain and build on the wonderful spirit of fellowship that was so evident at Christmas time and enabled us to be a strong Christian presence at the heart of the community.

Jane and Jackie

## **ALRESFORD DEANERY SYNOD**

Alresford Deanery consists of representatives from the twenty-six churches which make up the Benefices of the Arle Valley, Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted, Farleigh, Candover and Wield, the Itchen Valley and the Upper Itchen. In the past year the Synod has met once, face to face and once by Zoom. Items on the agenda included a report on the pilot scheme for Focal Ministry which involved a Focal Minister being appointed for each church in a benefice. This was proving successful in the parishes of Bighton with Ian Waring Green and in Old Alresford with Sue Armstrong appointed. It was decided at the Zoom meeting in December to have a vote in the February 2021 meeting about the future of our link with Lango because the Diocesan Mission committee is proposing a revamp of the Deanery links. In his report the Area Dean mentioned that the Diocesan Resilience Task Force was discussing pastoral reorganisation, but the findings were highly confidential until the next steps have been developed.

In November £4000 was sent to our link Diocese of Lango in Uganda to be used towards the Youth Vocational scheme and the work of the Mother's Union. Feedback had been received on how the money was used for these projects. The Bishop and the Diocesan Mission team are reconsidering the Deanery links. The concentration of links with Uganda would be changed and Deaneries would be allocated other countries with which to be linked.

It was with regret that the Arle Valley Benefice said goodbye to their Priest in Charge, Julia Myles who is taking up an appointment on the Isle of Wight as a chaplain to the hospice there and to their Curate, Tasha Anderson who is to become Priest in Charge at Milford on Sea and Everton.

Barbara Griffiths

## **ALRESFORD LADIES GROUP**

After a very enjoyable and varied programme in 2019 members of Alresford Ladies Group were hoping for more of the same in 2020 little did we all realise that life would be turning upside down for the whole world in a matter of weeks.

In January Ned Denshams talk on the Camino de Santiago a pilgrims route through Northern Spain known in English as the Way of St. James was both interesting and informative.

Winchester Hospice was the subject of Februarys programme. Sabrina Marsden gave the members an all round insight into the workings and construction of the Hospice which was a former nurses home on the Royal Hampshire County Hospital site.

At the start of March it soon became clear that the meeting for the month would have to be cancelled and thereafter all the meetings for the rest of the year and perhaps beyond, this included our annual AGM in November, the account reconciliation for 2019/2020 has been signed by the accountant. As Christmas approached I received many Christmas cards from members saying how they missed the meetings plus seeing and getting together with friends.

We are all going through a very unprecedented time at the moment but hopefully life will start to change gradually. In the meantime keep safe and well. Beverly Terrill

## **CATERING TEAM**

We were able to have our annual Lent Lunch in March 2020... just before lockdown.

The John Pearson Hall was full to bursting and the frugal lunch of soup, bread, cheese and chutney was enjoyed by all.

We have not been able to have any other functions in this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I would like to thank the Catering Team (Sarah, Hefin, Rene, Jan, Det, Kathy, Caroline & Hilary, as well as our extra washing up team the Mackrells) for their continued support and hope to be able to do more catering at some point when it is safe to do so!! Pippa Sherry.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Due to Covid, the cleaning team have been furloughed without pay! We are very grateful that Gayle Tiplady has been cleaning and sanitising the Church for us. Hefin Tudor

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD**

In the many years in which I have written this annual report I have normally reported that ecumenical relations in and around Alresford have continued to flourish and the year's events have been much the same as in previous years. Sadly, in the same way that the routine of individual churches has been disrupted more than could previously have been envisaged, ecumenical interaction has been severely curtailed since March 2020. At a time when we have needed to pull together it does seem unfortunate that communal ecumenical socially distanced worship has not proved possible because of the restrictions on the numbers allowed to be at outside gatherings.

With the Covid storm clouds starting to gather there was just time to hold another successful and enjoyable weekend of study, fellowship and fun in Bournemouth in March. What has in recent years become an annual event will not be possible in 2021 and all involved with CTIA look forward to being able to a time when, with confidence, it may plan another away weekend.

The camaraderie of CTIA committee meetings has been missed as has been ecumenical worship including the Good Friday walk of witness and Christmas carol singing in the town centre and at Alresford's sheltered housing but the highlight of the year was the inspiring entertaining online Community carol service. Many thanks to all involved and particular Rosie Waring Green's drive and leadership.

Restrictions meant that no hot Christmas Day lunch could be provided for those on their own this year but CTIA was pleased to be able to be a major financial supporter of Christmas food "goody bags" that were distributed through the Alresford senior citizens lunch club.

CTIA has always valued the support it continues to receive from the local clergy notwithstanding the ever increasing demands on their time and in particular the work they have put into making recent Bournemouth weekends so successful. The contribution of Julia Myles and Ruth Fry remain in the memory and CTIA wishes them well in their new ventures.

The CTIA Chair passes from Methodist to Anglican to Catholic on (normally) a two year cycle but Gary Carter from Alresford Methodist Church kindly agreed in 2020 to extend his tenure by a further year and we are very grateful to him. Hopefully by the middle of this year we will all be vaccinated and with a new Anglican Chair CTIA and its churches will be able to move forward proclaiming and sharing our common faith and not doing separately things that can be done as well or better together. St John's CTIA representatives are Jackie Connell, Sarah Wilding and me. We would love to hear from any members of the St. John's family who would like to be more involved in the ecumenical life of Alresford! James Pinniger

## **COFFEE CAKE and CHAT**

Coffee Cake and Chat only met in January, February and March 2020 because of the pandemic. During that time £130 was collected and has been sent to the Winchester Hospice Appeal. Hopefully we will be able to meet again in the not too distant future.

Angela Peel

## **FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE**

Regular servicing and essential maintenance, emergency repairs and care for the church yard continued throughout the year. Thanks for their continued efforts go to James Lees, Chris Lillywhite and others. Thanks are also due to Kathryn and Roger Lockyer for their care regarding locations for new graves and ashes and for maintaining the church yard register. At the time of writing, approval of the Faculty for the creation of a new area for the interment of ashes had not been received.

In the context of ECO Church, Rex Corfield continued to produce articles for publication in the weekly news sheet. Their theme was what we can do to care for God's creation.

No activities took place relating to the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection of the buildings and church yard or initiatives that would involve the Friends of St John's. Greville Dawson.

## **FLOWER ARRANGERS**

A very different year! The chancel pedestal was only done for about six months in total and the Lady Chapel for the first two months or so of 2020 until lockdown last March!

When Chancel flowers were resumed in July we were fortunate to get sponsors for each Sunday right through to Christmas. This process was made difficult as sponsors had to contact us personally rather than use a list in church and we mostly had to use the post for the various money transactions we always have with regard to each pedestal that is done.

As I write flowers have again been halted with the hope of resuming at Easter!

My partner in flowers, so to speak, has now decided it is time, after thirty eight years of flower arranging at St Johns, to give up. I thank Beryl for all she has done. I have really enjoyed working with her and will miss her input very much.

Thank you, too, to everyone who has given support in many ways, and last, but not least, to the team of ladies who have willingly kept things going under difficult circumstances! Diana Robbins

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Four risk assessments were created to cover all aspects of pre-Christmas initiatives that would involve our direct interaction with the public.

General upkeep of the Risk Assessment register was suspended, though a new call-out rota for the alarm system was created.

Three false alarms occurred in December. Our contractor confirmed that all was in working order. Thanks go to Janet Pooley and Rosie Waring Green for attending to reset the system.

The "vacant position" of H&S Officer was advertised in the weekly notices in the hope that an individual would come forward to take on the role. Thus far there have been no volunteers. Greville Dawson.

## **(Benefice) PARISH MAGAZINE—The Arle Valley Voice**

The Arle Valley Voice has recently celebrated its one year anniversary after its debut in November 2019. The feedback has been very positive and we think that the monthly colour cover depicting a local area scene/image works well.

There have been a few changes to the magazine team during 2020. Our long serving Subscriptions team member, Julie James, retired from the role with Karen Beecher filling her shoes. St. John's assistant treasurer, Dennis Bignell, is now in charge of the advertisements (Karen's previous role).

During the first Coronavirus lockdown, the magazine utilised the option by our printers to post the combined May/June magazine directly to subscribers. We felt that a combined issue would offset the cost of the postal

delivery. The July issue was not produced due to the church closure and lack of suitable material to adequately fill that edition. The August edition was also posted to subscribers. Penny Forbes.

## **PASTORAL VISITORS**

2020 was a busy year for the fifteen pastoral visitors. Our normal practices were largely put on hold as visiting vulnerable people was not an option. Instead we maintained contact by regular phone calls to over 150 people. During the summer we were able to stand outside front doors and enjoy face to face socially distanced contact but winter and lockdown meant we had to revert to phone calls, zoom or FaceTime. It was a challenging time but worthwhile. Due to the restrictions we had fewer funerals than normal in church, many people choosing a simple service at the Crematorium or graveside with a few members of the immediate family. Streaming services became popular, enabling more distant friends and relatives to be part of the service. Many thanks to Rosie for making this possible. There may be memorial services later this year if appropriate. We had some zoom team meetings which were better than nothing but not the same as a friendly chat. A few of us joined the church opening team, enabling the church to stay open daily for private prayer. A great deal of pastoral support has been given by this team of volunteers. At the time of writing many of our vulnerable people have received their first dose of the vaccine. As spring comes with warmer weather and more people vaccinated we hope 2021 will be an easier year.

Jackie and Sue

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

During this difficult year, the Prayer Team have continued to provide opportunities for prayer through online prayer support as because of social-distancing, we are not able to pray regularly at the back of the church during the Sunday service.

We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.

As a group, we have not been able to carry on physically our monthly meetings but we have all stayed in touch and as you would expect there have been many more prayer requests than usual.

We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge privilege to be able to share these concerns, anxieties in prayer with the Lord.

It was also very special to be part of the Ribbon Team for the Comfort and Joy Trees as we chatted to the public at the top of West Street – when the weather allowed!! We were engaged in many deep and important conversations and also by the Trees outside the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie – [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray with you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.

If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through. The commitment is usually one Sunday a month and a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Rosie Waring Green

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

In 2020, social media has become more important than ever.

During the lockdowns we have needed to record live services through the St John's Facebook page as well as using YouTube to store the services and enable them to be shared and viewed easily. Facebook, not just St John's own page, has been essential for advertising events and services as well as sharing information. The 'All Things New Alresford' page (residents only), the public 'All Things Alresford' page as well as 'New Alresford Parish Council', 'CTIA' and other relevant pages, depending on the content, have all proved

invaluable. You will find that most shops, pubs, cafes and services, including the Alresford Surgery have their own pages.

Many more view the Services once they are on YouTube as a lot of people who are not happy viewing via Facebook, are happier using the link supplied in emails and are, possibly unaware that the vehicle used in YouTube.

The huge advantage of Facebook is that the reach can be huge and when other pages repost our adverts and information they can reach as many as 1500 as one did on October 15th 2020! We currently have 405 page followers and slightly fewer page likes. A **'Like'** is a person who has chosen to attach their name to the Page as a fan. A **'follower'** is a person who has chosen to receive the updates that we post in our news feed. Sorry about all the jargon, but someone was bound to ask!

It is important for people to know that it is not necessary to sign up to anything to view public pages on Facebook and YouTube. The St John's Facebook page can easily be accessed through the website or you can go directly to Facebook to view any page that is public. We are about to set up our own Benefice YouTube channel to make it easier for people to go directly to our own site and avoid videos that are not relevant. Such channels are free to set up by anyone and many people have their own channels for private, or public videos.

I know that many people are suspicious of Facebook and YouTube and they can get a bad press, but, like everything else they can be used for good or ill. When the printing press was first invented there were similar fears, followed by books, newspapers, the telephone, internet in general, etc. Do take a look. You might be pleasantly surprised! Miranda Pinch.

## TABLETALK

Like every other regular group meeting, Tabletalk has been greatly affected by Covid. Our sessions in January and February took the usual format and we were just wondering what to do for Lent, when the first lockdown hit.

Because those attending Tabletalk tend to be older and less conversant with the Internet, it took quite a long time before we were able to meet virtually using Zoom. We now have regular sessions on Zoom with six to eight people joining in and we hope to expand that as others are enabled to access the Internet with equipment gifted to them, wifi connections improved and personal help to make it all work.

We have been looking at the Advent course written by the Diocese of Sheffield and are currently deciding what we want to do in Lent.

It is an important way of keeping in touch with as many people as possible in a difficult time.

Miranda Pinch, Sue Clarke and Jackie Connell.

## TOWER REPORT

2020 was a year like no other. It started off in good heart with a day out ringing on Jan 4th a festive feast to follow in the evening for St John's ringers.

Until March the usual Sunday morning ring had an average of 8 ringers, the well-attended practices usually over 12.

The simulator allowed noiseless practices on a Tuesday morning and a few evenings to improve our skills. Bells sounding from the computer in the ringing room but not outside.

A day long course on March 7th put on by the Association of Ringing Teachers was accommodated in the JPH with simulator ringing in the tower. All day refreshments supplied by St John's ringers for students from as far afield as Wales who came to learn best practices in teaching ringing.

The last real ringing was done on March 15th for a CTiA service, then no full circle ringing until Aug 15. Zoom meetings with a quiz and one socially distanced garden meet kept the band in touch with one another.

VE Day passed with no church bell ringing but VJ 75 heard 4 bells ringing full circle again. This with Covid

protocols in place - extractor fans in the windows to improve air flow, masks, sanitizer and social distancing. From then on 4 bells rang for 9.30 services for just 2 months before the second lockdown reduced us to single chiming bells.

Only one quarter peal was rung, no Tower Lunch, no wedding ringing, but at least the flag kept flying, the church clock ticking and chiming, and handbells rang for the Carol Service. Tower Secretary

## WEEKLY NOTICES

I have never, in the years I have been producing the weekly notices, written anything for the annual report, but the weekly notices changed so much in the last year that I thought I would write something for this year's report.

First of all, the notices are now in colour! For many years they have been in black and white, because the cost of printing 220+ copies each week in colour would have made it much more expensive. But now the weekly notices are emailed with only a very few actually printed. And that's the second difference: the notices are now emailed to approximately 220 recipients, and they are also available on the benefice website. I wonder if we will ever revert back to a fully printed approach – I somehow doubt it.

For years, the notice sheet has just contained church notices, information on services, collects and readings for the week and intercessions. But over the spring and summer months we tried to make it more newsy, especially "good news". And of course, with the ability to produce a colour version, we could add photos of people and events as well. We have had some good feedback from this.

My thanks to those who have contributed much of the material for the notices: the clergy and churchwardens for prayers and intercessions, and also Angela and Sue Clarke; the hospital team; Rex for his series of 'Carbon Footprints'; those who gave me "good news". And finally thank you to Church House for a piece of software called Visual Liturgy, without which I would be lost! Rob Attenborough

## WEB SITE

The web site changed its approach during 2020. Whereas before it contained information that remained fairly static, such as the normal regular services, things were anything but static last year, and we had to adapt as appropriate. So now the website advertises on the home page what services are going to take place each week, and whether they are live services, services being streamed via our Facebook page, or whether they are pre-recorded. Each Sunday we now provide links to watch the recordings of, mainly, St John's services, and links to the weekly notices for that week. And we have recently included links to the recordings of the Friday morning Communion service and Wednesday Reflections.

We have tried to make sure the information on the website is up-to-date, and made sure extra pages were added at Christmas to cover the services over that period.

On the regular services page of the web site it states "this was our pattern of regular Sunday and weekday worship which we hope we will be able to return to as soon as possible". We are all looking forward to that! Rob Attenborough

## WORLD TEAM

We met only once last year in person, the rest of the time communications have been by email. All our overseas links have been affected by the pandemic.

**Ashray UK:** the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions reported that the schools had been closed most of the year, delivering lessons online. Large development works on the ageing campus have been able to go ahead and a new School of Iconography will be opened as soon as it is safe to do so.

**Church Mission Society:** it was disappointing that Lynn Treneary, our link partner's planned visit in March had to be cancelled. She was delayed in the UK for some time due to Covid restrictions but returned to Maridi, South Sudan in September as an English teacher, general assistant to the Bishop and a deacon at the cathedral.

**The Michael Project, Zimbabwe:** in spite of the many challenges that the Michael Project faced in 2020 they are very thankful for the support received for the Bike Ride 'Bridge to Bezi' which many people from St John's and the Benefice supported.

Unfortunately because of Covid we were unable to hold our usual money raising Coffee morning. They continue to send updates and prayer letters that the World Team circulate to those interested and also through the Arle Valley Voice magazine.

**Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India:** the children remained relatively safe in their rural setting but those who were able to, returned home at the height of the pandemic. They are very grateful for the continuing support of our sponsorship.

**Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu:** the home for elderly and destitute people damaged by leprosy, were extremely grateful for a legacy which they received last year. They have appointed a nurse assistant and have been able to renovate the cottages and the dining hall.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Ministry/World Partnerships and there are regular articles in the Voice magazine. Sue Greenway

## YOUTH WORK

Having read last year's report which was full of family and youth activities, I thought I would be struggling to report on much for the last 12 months!! There was no Our Place, Summer Fun and just a handful of meetings at Coffee#1!! As you will see below though, we were all able to engage in the life of the church and the community more than we thought we would be able to.

We did manage to create a virtual Spring Fun this year. This was the first 'Spring Fun' performed by the young people of St John's and created and rehearsed in very different circumstances!!!! Everything was connected through Zoom and the delay between the Director and the Cast was a challenge!!

'The Tale of 3 Trees' musical is a retelling of the traditional Christian folktale of three trees.

Each tree has a different ambition - one to be made into a treasure chest, another into a royal ship and the third to become a sign pointing upwards to God. The trees' initial disappointment of being made into a manger, a humble fishing boat and a cross is transformed when they come to realise that they have played a part in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

However, through technology, great fun was had at the retelling of this beautiful story and of course we could all actually sing-a-long which was something we can't do when we are physically together at the moment!!

The other thing that technology has allowed this year is being able to record families leading the prayers and readings for our Second Sunday All Age services. This has enabled the online presence of families who would otherwise have wanted to social distance and has been a real blessing to be able to keep in touch.

Christmas was obviously also very different this year but the families and young people were very involved in helping to paint the amazing outside Stable scene this year as well as leading a Sketch in the online Churches Together in Alresford Community Carol Service. It was lovely to have the Sunshine Singers too taking part and with some amazing editing from Nathan, two small groups became one large group singing their hearts out.

Many families also took part in the Nativity Story Hunt by either creating wonderful lit up images in their windows, on fences or in their gardens or actually taking part in going on the Trail to find the many lit up Nativity scenes.

Depending on the future of Our Place/Plus, we will keep you informed about any help needed but we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the young people of St John's.

Rosie Waring Green

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

**Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council**

**Year Ended 31 December 2020**

Treasurer	Alistair Beecher 9 Rosebery Road Alresford Hampshire SO24 9HQ
Assistant Treasurer	Dennis Bignell 1 Woodlark Place Four Marks Hampshire GU34 5GD
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Bank - Deposit Account:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd The CBF Church of England Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
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Registered Charity Number 1127318





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1127318

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:

Date:

3/3/21

Name:

STEVEN ROY LYNES

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

MAAT

Address:

BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BISHOPS WALTHAM, SO32 1AX



# St John's Parish Church


## New Alresford, Hampshire



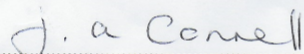
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Tel: 01962 732063 Email: treasurer@stjohnsalresford.org.uk

### Standing Committee Approval Certificate

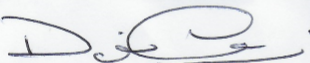
We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ended 31 December 2020 and that the financial statements have our approval.

  
Alistair Beecher, Treasurer

22/1/2021  
Date

  
Jackie Connell, Churchwarden

24/01/2021  
Date

  
David Carr, Secretary

24-1-2021  
Date

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD - COVENANTED FOR UNITY

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website: [www.stjohnsalresford.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsalresford.org.uk)

Pastor in Charge David Julia Lynes  
Registered Charity Number 1127318

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

In common with other churches our underlying finances in 2020 were significantly affected by enforced closure and restricted congregations as a result of the pandemic. Many of our main sources of income were significantly reduced, including letting income, wedding fees, fundraising events and plate collections. However, this shortfall was substantially offset by a generous response to our Covid-19 appeal; by participation in the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to reduce our employment costs; by receipt of other Covid-19 related grants from local government and by reduced overheads relating to closure. As a result, our regular activities produced a relatively small shortfall in the year of around £8K. Moreover, this shortfall was more than offset by the receipt of a large legacy. Following a Deed of Appropriation in November we received a share worth approximately £72K of a substantial investment portfolio, which further increased in value by the year end, and additional cash receipts are expected when the estate is fully distributed. As a result we had a *surplus* of income over expenditure in the year of £64K (income £224K, expenditure £160K) and an additional unrealized gain on the investment portfolio of £28K. This extremely generous windfall provides us with unexpected short term financial security and our stewardship of the gift will require much careful thought and prayer.

At 31 December 2020 our funds were £200K (£124K Unrestricted, £63K Designated, £13K Restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £31K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £13K in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, including the £28K referred to above of unrealised gains on the revaluation of our investment portfolio, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

Despite the financial challenges of the pandemic we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities, in addition to the £99K we contributed to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We donated almost £8K to causes including the Winchester Basics Bank, the Michael Project, CMS, Lango, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, the Children's Society and the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £224K of income is a team effort involving lots of people and I would like to thank all those who contribute to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; Lorraine Lillywhite who maintains our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Liz Boreham, Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Julie James who helps manage our BT and utilities contracts; Karen Beecher who administers the magazine subscriptions; our Gift Aid Secretary David Griffiths and a large team of people who count and record our collections each week. Finally, many thanks to Dennis Bignell our Assistant Treasurer who keeps everything running smoothly and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes, for reviewing these financial statements.

Alistair Beecher  
Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford  
January 2021

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	189,399	7,512	—	196,911	156,934
Income from Investments	250	—	—	250	441
Other trading activities	1,885	—	—	1,885	8,740
Church Activities	21,993	—	—	21,993	25,888
Other income	3,092	—	—	3,092	5,286
<b>Total income</b>	<b>216,619</b>	<b>7,512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>224,131</b>	<b>197,289</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of Generating Funds	944	—	—	944	2,205
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,159	4,773	—	7,932	12,571
Church Activities	149,971	1,489	—	151,460	166,596
Major Capital Expenditure	—	—	—	—	7,370
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>154,074</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>160,336</b>	<b>188,742</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>62,545</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>63,795</b>	<b>8,547</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	548	—	548	1,705
Gross transfers between funds - out	(548)	—	—	(548)	(1,705)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Unrealised gains on revaluation of investments	27,631	—	—	27,631	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>89,628</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>91,426</b>	<b>8,547</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>97,196</b>	<b>11,773</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>108,969</b>	<b>100,422</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>186,824</b>	<b>13,571</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>200,395</b>	<b>108,969</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	95,973	—	—	95,973	33,611
Unrealised Investment Gains	27,631	—	—	27,631	—
<b>Designated</b>					
Church Repair Fund	25,000	—	—	25,000	25,000
Growing Younger	1,008	—	—	1,008	1,373
JPH Repair Fund	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Reserve Fund	31,212	—	—	31,212	31,212
Youth Work	1,000	—	—	1,000	1,000
<b>Restricted</b>					
Bell Fund	—	7,653	—	7,653	7,653
C Brill Fund	—	3,828	—	3,828	3,828
Restricted Donations	—	2,090	—	2,090	292

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year £	Last year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
2701	Audio System	4,102	8,204
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>8,204</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
3001	NatWest Current Account	34,411	35,881
3002	NatWest Gift Aid Account	32	41
3003	NatWest Flower Account	293	153
3004	Lloyds Fees Account	1,653	—
3005	CCLA (CBF) Account	59,023	58,773
3009	Nationwide Account	—	1,276
3010	Debtors	—	—
3020	Legacy Investment Portfolio	99,885	—
Z05	Accounts Receivable	2,676	5,167
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>197,973</b>	<b>101,291</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
6699	Agency collections	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	1,680	526
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>526</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>200,395</b>	<b>108,969</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	63,795	8,547
Z01	Starting balances	108,969	100,422
Z03	Unrealised Gains on investment assets	27,631	—
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>200,395</b>	<b>108,969</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	123,604	33,611
	Designated	63,220	63,585
	Restricted	13,571	11,773
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>200,395</b>	<b>108,969</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>						
Audio System -	(16,407)	—	20,509	—	4,102	8,204
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(16,407)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,509</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>8,204</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
NatWest Current Account -	58,851	16,849	(41,289)	—	34,411	35,881
NatWest Gift Aid Account -	(9,162)	—	9,194	—	32	41
NatWest Flower Account -	293	—	—	—	293	153
Lloyds Fees Account -	1,653	—	—	—	1,653	—
CCLA (CBF) Account -	(13,641)	46,371	26,293	—	59,023	58,773
Nationwide Account -	—	—	—	—	—	1,276
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37,994</b>	<b>63,220</b>	<b>(5,802)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>95,412</b>	<b>96,124</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Accounts Receivable -	2,588	—	88	—	2,676	5,167
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>5,167</b>
<b>Current assets - Investments</b>						
Legacy Investment Portfolio	99,885	—	—	—	99,885	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99,885</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>99,885</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>						
Accounts Payable -	456	—	1,224	—	1,680	526
<b>Totals</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>123,604</b>	<b>63,220</b>	<b>13,571</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>200,395</b>	<b>108,969</b>

### Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bell Fund</b>						
Restricted	7,653	—	—	—	—	7,653
<b>Sub-total for Bell Fund</b>	<b>7,653</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,653</b>
<b>C Brill Fund</b>						
Restricted	3,828	—	400	400	—	3,828
<b>Sub-total for C Brill Fund</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,828</b>
<b>Church Repair Fund</b>						
Designated	25,000	—	—	—	—	25,000
<b>Sub-total for Church Repair Fund</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Growing Younger</b>						
Designated	1,373	25	390	—	—	1,008
<b>Sub-total for Growing Younger</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,008</b>
<b>JPH Repair Fund</b>						
Designated	5,000	—	—	—	—	5,000
<b>Sub-total for JPH Repair Fund</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Pannai Orphanage Donations</b>						
Restricted	—	3,190	3,336	146	—	—
<b>Sub-total for Pannai Orphanage Dons</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Restricted Donations</b>						
Restricted	292	4,322	2,526	2	—	2,090
<b>Sub-total for Restricted Dons</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,090</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>						
Designated	31,212	—	—	—	—	31,212
<b>Sub-total for Reserve Fund</b>	<b>31,212</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31,212</b>
<b>Youth Work</b>						
Designated	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
<b>Sub-total for Youth Work</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>General Fund</b>						
Unrestricted	33,611	216,594	153,684	(548)	—	95,973
Unrealised Investment Gains	—	27,631	—	—	—	27,631
<b>Sub-total for General</b>	<b>33,611</b>	<b>244,225</b>	<b>153,684</b>	<b>(548)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>123,604</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>108,969</b>	<b>251,762</b>	<b>160,336</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>200,395</b>

## Analysis of income

### Donations and legacies

	<b>Total</b>					
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
0101 - Regular Giving Gift Aid by Standing Ordr	3,465	—	—	—	3,465	3,520
0102 - Regular Giving Gift Aided by envelope	760	—	—	—	760	2,775
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,660	—	—	—	1,660	1,700
0105 - Regular Giving Gift Aid by PGS Direct	64,469	—	—	—	64,469	63,144
0201 - Regular Giving by Standing Order	2,460	—	—	—	2,460	2,460
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope	5	—	—	—	5	150
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct Debit	3,438	—	—	—	3,438	2,936
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	1,938	—	—	—	1,938	9,804
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	210	—	—	—	210	—
0302 - Wedding Collections	—	—	—	—	—	26
0303 - Funeral Collections	284	—	—	—	284	829
0304 - Baptism Collections	94	—	—	—	94	433
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	5,862	—	—	—	5,862	2,186
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	64	—	—	—	64	19
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	924	—	—	—	924	—
0308 - Midweek Collections	—	—	—	—	—	336
0402 - Church Donations Box	473	—	—	—	473	1,180
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	673	—	—	—	673	1,479
0500 - Other specific donations	2	—	3,245	—	3,247	8,382
0501 - One off donations outside services	1,131	25	—	—	1,156	2,692
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	61	—	—	—	61	111
0503 - Lango Donations	—	—	541	—	541	735
0504 - Pannai Donations	—	—	2,736	—	2,736	2,776
0506 - Lent Project	—	—	442	—	442	831
0509 - Bell Fund Non Gift Aided	—	—	—	—	—	10
0513 - Bell Fund Gift Aided	—	—	—	—	—	390
0517 - Churchyard Donations	—	—	—	—	—	100
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	18,990	—	—	—	18,990	20,783
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	333	—	548	—	881	673
0700 - Legacies received	73,273	—	—	—	73,273	18,966
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35	—	—	—	35	35
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	3,663	—	—	—	3,663	5,617
0803 - VAT Recovered	—	—	—	—	—	1,856
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	5,107	—	—	—	5,107	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,374</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7,512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>196,911</b>	<b>156,934</b>

### Other trading activities

0901 - Watercress Festival Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	3,766
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	1,519	—	—	—	1,519	1,758
0903 - Social Events	60	—	—	—	60	311
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	306	—	—	—	306	295
0906 - Generic Event 1	—	—	—	—	—	2,610
1001 - Interest received	250	—	—	—	250	441
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>9,181</b>



## Church Activities

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	7,938	—	—	—	7,938	12,025	
1201 - Sale of Books etc.	—	—	—	—	—	70	
1202 - Income from use of Church	450	—	—	—	450	3,555	
1203 - Income from use of JPH	1,451	—	—	—	1,451	1,801	
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	177	—	—	—	177	449	
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	2,992	—	—	—	2,992	3,519	
1206 - Magazine Advertising	8,955	—	—	—	8,955	4,249	
1207 - Printing	30	—	—	—	30	220	
Total	21,993	—	—	—	21,993	25,888	
<b>Other income</b>							
1303 - Ovington Payments	926	—	—	—	926	1,623	
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1,096	—	—	—	1,096	1,838	
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,070	—	—	—	1,070	1,825	
Total	3,092	—	—	—	3,092	5,286	
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>216,594</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7,512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>224,131</b>	<b>197,289</b>	

## Analysis of Expenditure

### Costs of Generating Funds

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	—	—	—	—	—	64	
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	746	—	—	—	746	912	
1703 - Cost of Social Events	108	—	—	—	108	819	
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	73	—	—	—	73	—	
1708 - Cost of Generic Event 1	—	—	—	—	—	410	
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	17	—	—	—	17	—	
Total	944	—	—	—	944	2,205	

### All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations

1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,000	—	3,336	—	5,336	5,571	
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	1,159	—	1,437	—	2,596	7,000	
Total	3,159	—	4,773	—	7,932	12,571	

## Church Activities

	Total					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1900 - Parish Share	99,489	—	—	—	99,489	97,425
2001 - Assistant staff salaries/honoraria (B)	13,521	—	—	—	13,521	13,885
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	1,180	—	—	—	1,180	7,112
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	59	—	—	—	59	1,086
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	786	35	10	—	831	1,997
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	159	—	—	—	159	—
2104 - Parsonage / Staff housing (B)	622	—	—	—	622	664
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	224	—	—	—	224	—
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	1,368	—	—	—	1,368	935
2301 - Church Insurance	3,082	—	—	—	3,082	3,002
2302 - Church Cleaning	190	—	—	—	190	6
2303 - Church minor repairs	25	—	—	—	25	1,116
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	1,857	—	—	—	1,857	3,113
2305 - Telephone	771	—	—	—	771	937
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	48	—	230	—	278	792
2307 - Provision of Services	682	35	—	—	717	1,975
2308 - Music/choir/robes	107	—	—	—	107	1,530
2309 - Church Grounds	4,577	—	112	—	4,689	6,178
2310 - Flowers	530	—	—	—	530	1,523
2311 - Sunday School and Second Sunday costs	954	320	—	—	1,274	491
2312 - Training/Course Fees	10	—	—	—	10	840
2313 - Subscriptions	641	—	—	—	641	669
2314 - Other support costs	612	—	1,137	—	1,749	142
2315 - Administration	1,309	—	—	—	1,309	3,254
2316 - Bank Charges	156	—	—	—	156	95
2401 - Church Gas - TGP 47209	1,633	—	—	—	1,633	1,256
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	344	—	—	—	344	545
2403 - Church Running - Depreciation	4,102	—	—	—	4,102	4,101
2502 - Magazine Printing	5,317	—	—	—	5,317	5,665
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	1,168	—	—	—	1,168	324
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,027	—	—	—	1,027	1,001
2505 - JPH - Electricity	688	—	—	—	688	1,091
2506 - JPH - Gas - TGP 38695	294	—	—	—	294	552
2507 - JPH - Water	162	—	—	—	162	262
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	420
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	1,294	—	—	—	1,294	1,923
2510 - JPH - Consumables	185	—	—	—	185	299
2601 - Audit Fees	408	—	—	—	408	390
Total	149,581	390	1,489	—	151,460	166,596
<b>Major Capital Expenditure</b>						
2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	—	—	—	—	—	1,876
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	—	—	—	—	—	5,494
Total	—	—	—	—	—	7,370
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>153,684</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>160,336</b>	<b>188,742</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>62,910</b>	<b>(365)</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>63,795</b>	<b>8,547</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

#### b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

*Unrestricted funds* – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

*Designated funds* - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

*Restricted funds* – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

*Endowment funds* – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

#### c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### **d) Voluntary Income**

*Collections* are recognised when received.

*Planned giving* receivable is recognised only when received.

*Income tax* recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.

*VAT reclaim grants* are recognised when received.

*Other Grants and legacies* are recognised when received.

##### ***Income from investments***

Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

##### ***All other income***

All other income is recognised when it is received.

#### **e) Resources used**

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

##### ***Grants***

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded when the award creates a legal obligation on the PCC.

##### ***Church activities***

The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

#### **f) Fixed Assets**

##### ***Tangible fixed assets***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

### ***Depreciation***

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

The sound system installed in 2017 has been capitalised and is being depreciated over 5 years at 20% per annum straight line.

Net book value 1.1.20	£8,204
Less depreciation in 2020	<u>£4,102</u>
Net book value 31.12.20	£4,102

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

### ***Investments***

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

#### **g) Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

#### **h) Cash and Deposits**

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

## **2. Disclosures**

**Employees:** The average number of employees during the year 2020 was 1.

**Pension Provision:** The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a cash balance section classed as a defined benefits scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the contributions payable (2020: £572, 2019: £255).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2016. A valuation as at 31 December 2019 was not complete at 31 December 2020. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £1.8m on the

ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer’s pension liabilities.

**Independent Examiners Fee:** The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £408.

### 3. PCC Funds

The PCC’s policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month’s salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

### 4. Magazine Finances

The renewal date for magazine subscriptions being the end of the year means that subscriptions for any given year can appear in both the appropriate year and the previous year’s accounts.

Magazine sales for 2020 magazines are therefore calculated as follows:

	£
2020 Accounts Subscription Income	2,992
less subscriptions for 2021 paid in 2020	(2,932)
plus subscriptions for 2020 received in 2019	3,359
Total subscription income for 2020	<u>3,419</u>
plus casual sales in 2020	<u>177</u>
Total Sales for 2020	<u>3,596</u>

The cost of the magazine is primarily printing:

Printing	5,317
Other production costs	<u>1,168</u>
Total costs	<u>6,485</u>

The magazine account for 2020 is therefore:

Sales Income	3,596
Advertising	<u>8,955</u>
Total Income	12,551
Less costs	<u>6,485</u>
Surplus	<u>6,066</u>

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This 2020 Report and the accompanying Financial Statements were adopted by the PCC meeting on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2021.

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