

Parish of St Mary Liss

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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The correspondence address is The Parish Office, St Mary's Church, Station Road, LISS GU33 7AQ
The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1128279

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Revd Chris Williams Chairman

Churchwardens: David Self
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Structure, Governance and Management

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.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance and requirements on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had due regard to it in their administration of the PCC. As part of its general promotion of the whole mission of the Church, the PCC provides a benefit to the public by:

1. Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
2. Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

Liss PCC has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, the Revd Chris Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Its objectives are to make the light, life and love of God known in our world, which we will do by being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus and doing what Jesus did.

Compliance

The Parish has undertaken a review of its Health and Safety policy and procedures in order to be compliant with relevant Health and Safety legislation. The Parish is fully compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. The Safeguarding Officer was Jacqueline Turner until moving away in December 2021 Justine Jenner is now the Safeguarding Officer. The PCC complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Committees

The PCC operates through committees and working parties which meet between full meetings.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members are the Rector (chair), Churchwardens, Treasurer, two people voted from the PCC and Secretary.

Buildings Committee

The Buildings Committee meets under the chairmanship of David Self to supervise the care of the buildings for which the PCC is responsible. These are the Church, churchyard and the churchyard of St Peter, West Liss. The Church Hall is currently leased to Crossover who are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance under a full insuring and repairing lease.

Outward Giving/Missions Committee

This committee, which meets under the chairmanship of the Rector and organises fundraising programmes designed to encourage informed individual support for specific causes, whether regional, national or international. These programmes are in addition to the Parish's on-going efforts to raise funds for the ministry of the church in the Parish of Liss. The following Nominated beneficiaries approved by the PCC in 2020 are: Christians Against Poverty, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, Mission Aviation Fellowship, A Rocha UK and Crossover Youth Centre.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Church Attendance

At April 2021 there were 108 (2020: 113) persons on the Electoral Roll; 7 were non-resident in the parish (2020: 7) as presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in April 2021. Attendance continued to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The church was again closed due to Covid restrictions between 13 January and 28 March 2021. Maximum seating capacity for services was still reduced to allow for social distancing through 2021. Christmas and Easter were still affected by Covid regulations with numbers restricted at Easter and still affected by social distancing and concern about the Omicron variant at Christmas. The church continued to make good use of its livestreaming options throughout 2021, with Sunday services and Morning Prayer livestreamed.

PCC

The full PCC met 10 times during the year with an average attendance of 80% (2020: 84%). The committees met in between these main meetings, and reported back to the full PCC meetings as and when appropriate. The PCC received reports of the Diocesan Synod and Deanery Synod from the Parish representatives.

Personnel

We benefitted greatly from the services of Revds Gay Horrex, Peter Coley, Di Townsend, Graham Hamborg and Linda Robertson (retired Priests) and also Annie Coley, Eleanor Childs, Ian Lawrie and Penny Tapp as Readers who continue to offer strong support in many aspects of parish life, for which we are all very grateful.

Finances

Full details are set out in the Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Report attached, which you are encouraged to read

Charities

We continue to support a number of charities through direct donations and special collections, including Crossover. The total given was £7113 (2021: £4544)

Signed:

Financial Statements



The Reverend Chris Williams
on behalf of the PCC

Date: 13 April 2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of
The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary's, Liss

Registered Charity No: 1128279

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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.

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.....

Date28/03/2022.....

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Liss Parochial Church Council

Treasurer's Report Year Ending 31 December 2021

1. Introduction

I am pleased to present my third, and final, report as Treasurer to Liss PCC. This year I would like to start, rather than finish, by thanking all of those who have worked so hard alongside me in managing the finances of the PCC. First and foremost, Michaela Surtees has once again done a sterling job in maintaining the bookkeeping records and instigating most of the many payments that need to be made over the year. Without her, the work of the Treasurer would be much harder. The Finance Committee continues to provide both guidance and overview and I am grateful to Michael Oakley not only for his membership of the Committee during the early part of the year but also for him continuing to count and bank the money every week. Ruth Hamborg continues as Gift Aid Adviser, ensuring that we use the Gift Aid rules to the fullest possible extent and David Harvey continues as Parish Giving Adviser – both critical roles in the financial life of the parish. John Heath and Chris Jenner joined the Finance Committee during the year. Finally, Rodney Fisher has continued to draw on his expertise and experience to keep an eye on our investments and to prepare the annual accounts. Additionally, he has stepped into many of the roles of the Treasurer, following my departure, to ensure that good financial governance is maintained. He has done this on a temporary basis, pending the appointment of a Treasurer, and I trust that the PCC will not take advantage of this to avoid addressing this matter.

2. Statement of Receipts and Payments

The church building was closed for 9 weeks at the beginning of 2021, and for 16 weeks during the spring/summer of 2020 somewhat undermining some comparisons year on year.

The Unrestricted Account (which reflects our day-to-day activities) finished the year with a small deficit of £2,216. Giving was lower than in 2020, by £2,097, and total receipts decreased by £5,797, reflecting the allocation of £3,120 of dividend income to designated funds. The reduction in giving hides an increase in ad-hoc giving more than offset by a reduction in planned giving. Parish giving is disproportionately dependent on a relatively small number of donors, which is neither unexpected nor unwelcome. However, it does leave us vulnerable to small changes in the make-up of our donor group having a more significant impact on total giving. This needs to be monitored carefully and constantly.

When permitted, good use was made of the re-ordered space not only by us but also by outside users, generating receipts of £1,160.

Expenditure was down by £3,609, compared to 2020, driven by a reduction in our allocation of Parish Share paid to the Diocese of £2,987. Repairs and maintenance were down £3000 largely because of £5000 of expenditure on the tower coping stones that will fall into early 2022. Utility costs were up nearly £3000 over 2021 (over 200%) with every indication of further rises in 2022.

As usual, we paid our allocation in full. Most of the other elements of our expenditure were down because our activities were restricted, throughout the year, by varying levels of pandemic measures and responses.

Overall, despite the difficult circumstances we faced in 2021, the level of our uncommitted reserves remain in tact. However, budget projections for 2022 anticipate a likely unrestricted deficit in the range of £15,000- £20,000, leaving no room for complacency.

3. Assets and Liabilities.

Our total net assets for all funds at year end, excluding the notional cost of the Church Hall of £150,000, stand at £206,583, made up of current account balances, bank deposits and investments.

Movements in the capital markets left us with a year-on-year increase in the value of our investments of £16,255, an annual return of 14% reflecting in part a recovery of losses on the property portfolio in the previous year as a reaction to Covid. However, January 2022 has given a reminder of the volatility of investment markets. In one month, our portfolio has reduced by over £4000 (25% of the gain built up over the 12 months of 2021)

The PCC has a policy of keeping £30,000 in current accounts as a general reserve and the unrestricted bank balances at 31 December were £32,242. £45,000 is held on deposit to back the Child & Families Ministry. Turning to investments, £74,187 supports the Re-roofing Fund, leaving the balance of £54,306 as an additional reserve. However, realisation of the budget deficit for 2022 would reduce this additional reserve by more than third assuming stock market values remain at 2021 levels.

Future Activities.

Between year end and the APCM, the tenders for the re-roofing work should have been received and processed and there may be greater clarity of the way forward, but if the work does proceed it is clear that a major grant and fund-raising effort is required. At the same time, as reserves are spent on the roof, the cushion they provide for day-to-day expenditure, allowing us to operate a deficit, will disappear, requiring a significant increase in planned giving to balance the books and to fund increased activity levels as the impact of the pandemic lessens.

Mark Turner

Treasurer, Liss PCC (to 3rd December 2021)

25th January 2022

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments		Unrestricted Fund		Designated	Restricted	All Funds	
RECEIPTS	Notes	2021	2020	Funds	Funds	2021	2020 **
				(Note C)	(Note D)		
Voluntary							
Planned giving		62,051	64,148			62,051	64,148
Collections at services		1,788	1,125		838	2,626	1,227
Donations and Appeals		5,192	5,791		2,000	7,192	7,091
Legacies				1,000		1,000	9,200
Grants	7	1,296	1,296	3,468		4,764	1,296
Gift aid tax recovered		14,675	14,075		500	15,175	14,075
Voluntary Receipts Total		85,002	86,435	4,468	3,338	92,808	97,037
Activities							
Fundraising			140		1,327	1,327	140
Parish magazine income	11	4,015	4,195			4,015	4,195
Fees for weddings/funerals	8	1,816	3,213			1,816	3,213
Property rent	2	8,000	7,200			8,000	7,200
Church Hire Fees		1,160				1,160	
Activity Receipts Total		14,991	14,748	-	1,327	16,318	14,748
Investment Income							
Dividends	**	1,353	4,893	3,120		4,473	4,893
Bank & Deposit interest		4	1,071		44	48	1,327
Investment Income Total		1,357	5,964	3,120	44	4,521	6,220
RECEIPTS Total		101,350	107,147	7,588	4,709	113,647	118,005
PAYMENTS							
Diocesan Share	10	68,716	71,703			68,716	71,703
Clergy & Staffing							
Clergy & Reader expenses	11	1,704	2,622			1,704	2,622
Staff honoraria		8,448	8,691			8,448	8,691
Rectory costs		520	465			520	465
Clergy & Staffing Total		10,672	11,778	-	-	10,672	11,778
Charitable Giving	13	4,900	4,200		2,267	7,167	4,544
Church Running Costs							
Insurance		1,829	1,825			1,829	1,825
Building maintenance	7,8	2,676	6,750			2,676	6,750
Services Expenses		545	617			545	617
Organ & Piano		350				350	
Housekeeping		486	282			486	282
Churchyard		2,267	2,383			2,267	2,383
Gas/electricity/water		4,836	1,912			4,836	1,912
Telephone & Internet		390	373			390	373
Photocopying	12,14	1,049	1,239			1,049	1,239
Administration		2,628	1,466			2,628	1,466
Church Running Costs Total		17,056	16,847		-	17,056	16,847
Activities							
Parish magazine costs	12	1,965	1,715			1,965	1,715
Children & Family		201			210	411	
Hospitality & Community Events		56	32			56	32
Property Valuers Fee	2		900			-	900
Activity Payments Total		2,222	2,647		210	2,432	2,647
PAYMENTS Total		103,566	107,175	-	2,477	106,043	107,519
Reordering & Roof payments **				36,093		36,093	- 324,004
NET RECEIPTS/-PAYMENTS		-2216	-28	-28505	2,232	- 28,489	- 313,518

** 2020 Figures revised to include reordering payments less grants received (Note 8)

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Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General Fund 2021	Designated 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total All Funds 2021	Total All Funds 2020
ASSETS	1					
Freehold Property	2	150,000			150,000	150,000
Investments at Market Value					-	
Investment & Property Funds	B,5	55,653	74,187		129,840	113,575
Bank and Deposit Accounts						
Current Accounts		32,242	142	3,948	36,332	64,821
Deposit Fund	B		25,000	20,000	45,000	45,000
Inter Fund Tfr						
Bank and Deposit Accounts	A,4	32,242	25,142	23,948	81,332	109,821
TOTAL ASSETS		237,895	99,329 Note C	23,948 Note D	361,172	373,396
LIABILITIES (Note 13)						
Reordering Final Accs (ex VAT)	3				-	6,501
Reordering- Couzens Retention	3				-	8,582
Prepaid Magazine Adverts	12	1,137			1,137	1,730
NET ASSETS		236,758	99,329	23,948	360,035	356,583
2020		223,116	111,751	21,716	356,583	

NOTE A -BANK AND DEPOSIT FUND RECONCILIATION

At 1st January		40,471	47,634	21,716	109,821	423,339
Receipts/(-Pays) after Fund Changes	Page 1	-2,216	-28,505	2,232	-28,489	10,486
Reallocation of Investments	-	6,013	6,013		0	
Reordering Costs	C		0		0	-324,004
At 31st December		32,242	25,142	23,948	81,332	109,821

Note B -INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS

CBF Funds		Deposit Fund	Invest Fund	Prop Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
1st January Valuation		45,000	57,786	55,789	158,575	511,431
Cash Withdrawals						-350,000
Changes in Market Value 2021						
On Sold Investments						-1,525
On Investments held at end of year			8,309	7,956	16,265	-1,331
31 December Valuation	6	45,000	66,095 Note 5	63,745 Note 5	174,840	158,575
31 December Historic Cost		45,000	44,322	58,600	147,922	489,089
Projected Annual Yield (Dec 2021)		0.15%	2.77%	4.66%		

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Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

Note C -DESIGNATED FUNDS	Notes	Roof	Child &	Reordering		Totals	Totals	Total
Income		Note 5	Fam Mission	Note 3		2021	2020	Reorder 2019-21
Legacies		1,000				1,000	9,200	
Dividend Share		3,120				3,120		
Interest							142	
Grants	8			3,468		3,468	57,988	71,395
Organ & Pew Sales						-	25	1,353
Total Income		4,120	-	3,468		7,588	67,355	72,748
Expenditure								
Main Contractor (Inc VAT)	3			18,100		18,100	305,620	411,931
Others Contractors				1,237		1,237	10,877	12,114
Audio Visual	3			3,370		3,370	26,260	51,055
Professional Fees (inc VAT)		9,909		653		10,562	15,206	22,628
Chancel Furnishings						-	19,692	19,692
Faculties, Ins & Bldg Regs				302		302		3,987
Relocation Costs						-	2,189	4,892
Organ removal & Restoration						-		2,707
Bat Survey		2,522				2,522	2,173	
Total Expense		12,431	-	23,662		36,093	382,017	529,006
Net Expense(-)/Income		- 8,311	-	- 20,194		-28,505	-314,662	-456,258
Balance 1 January		79,200	25,142	22,492		126,834	432,496	
Transfer from Restricted Fund				1,000		1,000		
Interfund Transfer		3,298		-3,298		-	9,000	
Balance 31 December		74,187	25,142	-		99,329	126,834	
Note D -RESTRICTED FUNDS	Notes	Roof	Child &	Reordering	Church	Events	2021	2020
Income			Fam Mission		Collections		Total	Total
Donations		2,000				830	2,830	1,402
Fundraising						289	289	
Church Collections					681		681	
Gift aid tax recovered		500			157	208	865	
Interest Received			44				44	114
Total Income		2,500	44		838	1,327	4,709	1,516
Expenditure								
Charitable Giving	13				940	1,273	2,213	344
Event Expenses						54	54	
Recruitment Cost			210				210	
Design & Professional Fees							-	-
Total Expense		-	210		940	1,327	2,477	344
Net Expense(-)/Income		2,500	-166		-102	-	2,232	1,172
Balance 1 January			20,614	1,000	102		21,716	20,544
Tfr to Designated Fund Donation				-1,000			1,000	
Balance 31 December		2,500	20,448	-	-	-	23,948	21,716

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2021**Additional Notes**

- 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The Receipts and Payments statement is prepared on a cash basis. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities reflects asset values and accruals.

Movable church furnishings held by churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are recognised but not valued .

2 Freehold Property

St Marys and its surrounds are on land given to the PCC in 1895.

In 2000, part of the original land grant, including that on which a church hall had been built, was sold to a developer, who agreed to build a replacement hall at his expense.

The developer estimated the hall cost at £150,000, and PCC valued the property accordingly.

The property is valued for insurance purposes for 20220 at £385,000.

The insurance underwriters last formally valued the property in February 2019 at £350,000.

The church hall is leased to Liss Youth Centre Limited ("Crossover") for 10 years to 31st December 2025.

Under the lease the tenant is responsible for full repairs and all insurance costs.

The annual rent for the first 5 years was £7,200. The annual rent for 2021 was agreed at £8000, with increments of £350 in each of the following 4 calendar years.

3 Reordering of St Mary's Church

Work was completed in January 2021 with the retention balance paid to the contractor, Couzens and Sons in November 2021 Total costs incurred less LPoW grants based on the VAT incurred amounted to £456,258 Reordering costs are not capitalised as additions to assets in accordance with PCC accounting policies.

4 The PCC's General Fund Cash Reserve Policy is disclosed in the Treasurer's Report**5 Designated Future Building Roof Replacement Fund**

The PCC resolved in May 2019 resolved to designate £70,000 fund to retile the church roof

It was agreed to earmark an equivalent sum in its Investment Holdings and, with effect from 1st January 2021, to add a proportion its annual investment income based on the fund's opening balance each calendar year.

It was also agreed in February 2021 to add Unrestricted Legacies to the Fund

6 Investments

The opening and closing Valuations are based on bid (selling) price

In May 2019 The PCC determined to establish Designated Fund to provide funds to replace the church roof.

The fund is supported by an equivalent sum of the PCC's investments.

7 Quinquennial Review

The last Quinquennial survey was carried out in August 2016

All required repairs were completed in 2019.

8 Grants Received

EHDC towards Churchyard maintenance

Liss Parish Council

Listed Places of Worship (LPOW) Grant Scheme - Reordering (see note 3)

- Repairs and Maintenance

LPOW grants are based on VAT paid on fixed building infrastructure costs, including professional fees.

2021	2020
1,096	1,096
200	200
3,468	57,988
	1,344

9 Fees From Weddings and Funerals

Amount Received by PCC net of disbursements

Payments to Diocese

2021	2020
4,519	6,572
2,703	3,359
1,816	3,213

Net Income**10 Diocesan Share**

Portsmouth Diocese annual Parish Cost budget of aprox £5million, covering

i) Clergy salaries, pension contribution, housing and other expenses

ii) Outreach, mission, education and social work

It is apportioned to individual parishes using a multi faceted formula. It is, therefore, an allocation of a Diocesan central expense rather than a recovery of actual costs pertaining to Liss PCC.

A proportion of fees received for weddings and funerals is paid to the Diocese (Note 8)

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2021**Additional Notes (Continued)****11 Clergy & Reader expenses**

Payments made to Clergy & Readers were direct reimbursement of monies spent and car and cycle allowances arising from travel on church business.

No sums were paid to PCC members other than for reimbursement of expenditure incurred, which is recorded in the accounts under the appropriate headings.

12 Parish Magazine

Income	2021	2020
Advertising	1,317	1,882
Subscriptions	2,698	2,313
Total Income	4,015	4,195
Expenditure		
Copier Costs (allocation) & Postage	1,965	1,715
Net Income	2,050	2,480

Magazines subscriptions cover a calendar year.

Most Advertising income is collected in advance of publication. 2022 Advertising income received in 2021 amounted to £1137 (2020 £1730) and is shown as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

13 Charitable Giving

From Parish Funds	2021	2020
Crossover	2,238	1,800
A Rocha- Caring for God's Earth	600	600
Christians Against Poverty	600	600
Missions Aviation Fellowship	600	600
Joint Council for Welfare of Immigrants	662	600
SOS Kids Choir	200	
	4,900	4,200
Special Collections (See Footnote and Note C)		
Events-Pop up Breakfast 2021 Home Start Butser	1,274	44
Joint Council for Welfare of Immigrants	637	
Childrens Society Christingle	303	
A Rocha- Caring for God's Earth		100
Christians Against Poverty		100
Bible Society		100
	2,214	344
Charitable Giving Expenditure Total	7,114	4,544

Collections passed through to beneficiaries but not included in Receipts & Payments

Tearfund	490
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Total Charitable Contributions	7,604	4,544
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Footnote on Special collections.

These include donations for specific causes payable to the benefitting charity in full.

The PCC is usually able to recover Gift Aid on such donations and pass it onto the Charity.

14 Non Cancellable Long Term Lease Commitment

2021 2020

The PCC agreed to leasing its photocopier over 5 years to end of March 2023.

The amount of non-cancellable operating lease payments including VAT made in 2021 was 1460 1460

In January 2022, the lease was surrendered and replaced by a new lease

for a period of 5 years at an annual cost (including VAT at the current rate) totalling £1,580

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Structure, Governance and Management

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.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance and requirements on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had due regard to it in their administration of the PCC. As part of its general promotion of the whole mission of the Church, the PCC provides a benefit to the public by:

1. Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
2. Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

Liss PCC has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, the Revd Chris Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Its objectives are to make the light, life and love of God known in our world, which we will do by being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus and doing what Jesus did.

Compliance

The Parish has undertaken a review of its Health and Safety policy and procedures in order to be compliant with relevant Health and Safety legislation. The Parish is fully compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. The Safeguarding Officer was Jacqueline Turner until moving away in December 2021 Justine Jenner is now the Safeguarding Officer. The PCC complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Committees

The PCC operates through committees and working parties which meet between full meetings.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The members are the Rector (chair), Churchwardens, Treasurer, two people voted from the PCC and Secretary.

Buildings Committee

The Buildings Committee meets under the chairmanship of David Self to supervise the care of the buildings for which the PCC is responsible. These are the Church, churchyard and the churchyard of St Peter, West Liss. The Church Hall is currently leased to Crossover who are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance under a full insuring and repairing lease.

Outward Giving/Missions Committee

This committee, which meets under the chairmanship of the Rector and organises fundraising programmes designed to encourage informed individual support for specific causes, whether regional, national or international. These programmes are in addition to the Parish's on-going efforts to raise funds for the ministry of the church in the Parish of Liss. The following Nominated beneficiaries approved by the PCC in 2020 are: Christians Against Poverty, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, Mission Aviation Fellowship, A Rocha UK and Crossover Youth Centre.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Church Attendance

At April 2021 there were 108 (2020: 113) persons on the Electoral Roll; 7 were non-resident in the parish (2020: 7) as presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in April 2021. Attendance continued to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The church was again closed due to Covid restrictions between 13 January and 28 March 2021. Maximum seating capacity for services was still reduced to allow for social distancing through 2021. Christmas and Easter were still affected by Covid regulations with numbers restricted at Easter and still affected by social distancing and concern about the Omicron variant at Christmas. The church continued to make good use of its livestreaming options throughout 2021, with Sunday services and Morning Prayer livestreamed.

PCC

The full PCC met 10 times during the year with an average attendance of 80% (2020: 84%). The committees met in between these main meetings, and reported back to the full PCC meetings as and when appropriate. The PCC received reports of the Diocesan Synod and Deanery Synod from the Parish representatives.

Personnel

We benefitted greatly from the services of Revds Gay Horrex, Peter Coley, Di Townsend, Graham Hamborg and Linda Robertson (retired Priests) and also Annie Coley, Eleanor Childs, Ian Lawrie and Penny Tapp as Readers who continue to offer strong support in many aspects of parish life, for which we are all very grateful.

Finances

Full details are set out in the Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Report attached, which you are encouraged to read

Charities

We continue to support a number of charities through direct donations and special collections, including Crossover. The total given was £7113 (2021: £4544)

Signed:

Financial Statements



The Reverend Chris Williams
on behalf of the PCC

Date: 13 April 2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of
The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary's, Liss

Registered Charity No: 1128279

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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.

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 

Date28/03/2022.....

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