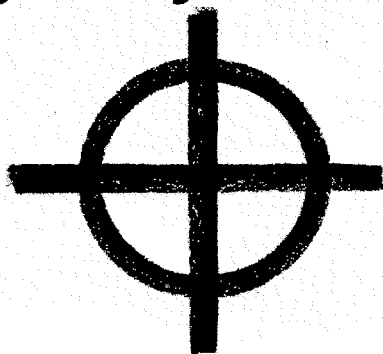


# **CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

## **Church Way Iffley Oxford OX4 4EG**



### **The Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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#### **Incumbent**

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### **SUMMARY OF OUR VOCATION**

We are called to be *A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world:  
contemplative, compassionate, courageous.*

We would like to be known for six things:

- The depth of our spiritual life
- Our commitment to bring life to others
- The stepping-stones we put in place for those who wish to journey with us
- The vibrancy of our common life
- The beauty of our church building
- Our ability to work together

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the management of the Church property in the parish – St Mary's Church and Churchyard, the Church Hall, Church Vestry, Church Office and Church House.

## Membership (since the APCM)

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

<i>Vicar</i>	Andrew McKearney	Ex officio
<i>Curate</i>	Nikolaj Christensen	Ex officio
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Maureen McNaboe	Ex officio 2018 onwards
	Tom Leach	Ex officio 2020 onwards
<i>Representatives on Cowley Deanery Synod</i>	Blanche Stiff	Ex officio 2017-2023
	Sarah McKearney	Ex officio 2020-2023
	Janet Orchard	Ex officio 2020-2023
<i>Elected PCC members</i>	Tim Brunton	2015-2021
	Maggie Wilson	2015-2021
	Hilary Pearson	2018-2021
	Guin Webster	2020-2021
	Liz Roberts	2020-2022
	Kate Stilborn	2016-2022
	Alex Marshall	2019-2022
	Jane McBain	2019-2022
	John Eastwood	2017-2023
	Penny Tyack	2017-2023
	Roger Wagner	2017-2023
	Sarah Beaver	2020-2023
<i>Co-opted PCC members</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	Tom Leach	<i>PCC Vice Chair</i>
	Kate Stilborn	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
	Alex Marshall	<i>PCC Treasurer</i>
	Janet Low	<i>Electoral Roll Officer</i>
	Hilary Pearson	<i>Data Compliance Officer</i>
	Maureen McNaboe	<i>Health &amp; Safety Officer</i>
		<i>Fire Officer</i>
	Penny Tyack	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
	Jane McBain	<i>Children's Advocate</i>
	Lorna Bourdeaux	<i>Disclosure and Barring Service Secretary</i>
	Hilary Pearson	<i>Friends of St Mary's</i>
	Penny Tyack	<i>Friends of St Mary's</i>
	Janet Low	<i>Parish Secretary</i>
	Lucy Phillips	<i>Assistant Parish Secretary &amp; Hall Bookings Secretary</i>

## REVIEW OF 2020

### **Incumbent's Report on the Activities of the Parish**

The pandemic has dominated 2020 and the annual report details how St Mary's has responded with creativity, faithfulness and generosity. We transferred our 10am Parish Eucharist online from the first Sunday of lockdown and have sustained it throughout the year. We are deeply grateful to Joy Foster, Mike Hay, Jim Lumsden and David Patrick for their technical skills in making this possible as well as all those who have been involved with the ministry Sunday by Sunday. We have extended our team of preachers to include Alice Lawhead, Hilary Pearson and Roger Wagner on a regular basis, as well as others more occasionally, and this has been a joy. Mike Hay has now completed installing live streaming and wifi access in the church building and we are very indebted to him for this. Many activities have gone online and found new ways of doing things that have been surprisingly rewarding. Liz Roberts' ministry with the Fish & Chip Club Sunday by Sunday has been exceptional, and one way or another most of our small groups have found a way to keep in touch and to sustain their important ministry. Bell ringing and our musical life as a church has been much more challenging to sustain through the pandemic. The church website now plays a crucial role in our mission and ministry, and we are very grateful to Nikolaj Christensen for managing that for us. Maureen McNaboe has set up our ability to receive online donations with tremendous results for our Harvest and Christmas Appeals, and the Parish Giving Scheme has provided the backbone to our financial viability. The Charities Committee was particularly creative in finding ways to sustain our Harvest Appeal through the autumn. In the last few years Mark Phythian-Adams and the Finance Committee put our investments on a sound foundation and they have performed surprisingly well during the pandemic. Janet Low and Lucy Phillips now manage our day-to-day banking; we transferred to digital banking just before the pandemic hit us. The Friends of St Mary's have been very supportive, paying the excess on our stained glass window repairs following a break in, and also paying for the live streaming and wifi installation. They have been true friends of St Mary's. In 2020 we were delighted to receive the highest award from Oxford Preservation Trust for the conservation work on the West front and South door done in 2017. During the lockdown Janet Low and Lucy Phillips have done many tasks that we would otherwise not find the time to do, and Maureen McNaboe has played an important role in sorting out a Key register and a parish archive ready to be transferred to the Oxfordshire History Centre where previous parish archival material has been lodged. In the first lockdown the Ministry team met online weekly and then fortnightly to ensure we were able to continue to offer effective pastoral care and support to the parish, often by telephone, as well as to take any key decisions that needed to be made, for instance over plans for Christmas and Easter. Community Cupboard has played a vital and expanded role and our ecumenical co-operation with the Methodist Church has been helped enormously by the Lay Community Chaplain, Libby Hawkness-Smith. Living Stones went online with its focus on the Reformation, and when we were able to re-open the church building it was such a blessing to have Living Stones volunteers welcoming people to visit during the summer months. The important routine care for the church and the hall has been sustained throughout the pandemic, and every opportunity has been taken to be open when allowed. We have tried to be aware of the digital divide by enabling those with a phone to listen to our online services, receive the weekly notice sheet and service leaflet in physical form, provide two leaflets in the course of the year, for prayer during the pandemic and resources for those unable to attend a funeral, but most important of all to provide an interesting and informative parish magazine each month for which we are profoundly grateful to Ed and Jackie Pritchard, our magazine editors, and all our many contributors. The Eco Church Group has continued very effectively to raise our awareness of environmental issues; of particular note were the sermon series in September and October and the four leaflets produced for each of the Sundays of Advent. Nikolaj Christensen has prepared four young people and two adults for confirmation in 2021. It was a privilege to

share with Nikolaj Christensen in his ordination as a priest; sadly for most of us this had to be online. As they step down we are very grateful to Sarah McKearney for all she has done as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and to Tim Brunton for his faithfulness as our assistant treasurer over a number of years. We are grateful to Tim Brunton and Maggie Wilson who have served for the last six years on the PCC and now step down.

*Andrew McKearney*

### **Church Electoral Roll**

At the end of 2020 (2019) there were 140 (138) members on the Electoral roll, of which 35 (35) are resident outside the parish.

*Janet Low*

### **Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church**

A report of the work carried out on the Church, Vestry, Churchyard, Church House and Church Office during 2020 is contained in the Fabric Committee Report. The annual check of the Church Silver, Fixtures and Fittings has been carried out. The digital Terrier is now complete with the exception of digital photographs of all church silver (this will be completed in 2021). The current Terrier is complete and available for inspection.

*Maureen McNaboe & Tom Leach*

### **Safeguarding**

The Parish Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and approved in November, and added to the church website. 55 people who have contact with children and vulnerable adults have completed the Confidential Declaration form. 25 people have DBS clearances. In total 55 people have completed some form of training. 38 have successfully completed the initial Basic Awareness module (formerly C0), and 26 the Foundation module (formerly C1). Many of these will be renewing their online modules in 2021 and a further half dozen are ready to undertake them for the first time. 3 people, including the Parish Safeguarding Officer and the churchwardens, have, or are working on, the new Leadership qualification that is being delivered online. One of the bell ringers has gained DBS clearance and the relevant training certificates. The new Parish Safeguarding Officer will take the Safer Recruitment as soon as this module becomes available. The PCC was sorry to lose Sarah McKearney as Parish Safeguarding Officer as a result of recent ruling that barred relatives of the incumbent from serving. Penny Tyack was approved as her successor.

*Penny Tyack*

### **Health & Safety**

The H&S and Risk Assessment digital documents were checked and updated in the Summer/Autumn of 2020 using the Ecclesiastical Insurance website for reference. As before, printed documents can be found in the Church Office for reference. All First Aid box contents were checked and replenished in the summer. The outstanding further actions referred to in 2020 were carried out or will be carried out – sensor lights to be installed on spiral staircase between Ringing Chamber & Belfry in January of 2021. The sensor light at the West end of the Vestry was repaired. Fire extinguishers were rechecked and where necessary replaced in June. All inspections and servicing were completed in 2020 with the exception of the Bells which have been delayed due to Covid-19 lockdown together with the fact that the bells have not been rung as often or as long in 2020. A new defibrillator was bought and put into casing outside the Vestry. When Covid-19 restrictions are lifted it is recommended that we have a refresher training session that includes any new volunteers. The gate posts were removed by the City Council in October 2020 and the post holes were filled in. The stone wall was damaged but will be repaired by the City Council in due course. Several Covid-19 related risk assessments were carried out though out the year, the initial ones by Andrew, Nikolaj and the churchwardens and

subsequent ones by Andrew. A traffic light system was added to the risk assessment. The PCC checked and approved the H&S and Risk Assessment documents at a virtual PCC meeting on 24 November.

*Maureen McNaboe*

### **General Data Protection Regulation**

There has been no change in the GDPR following Brexit, so the current data protection policies and statements for the hall and the church do not need to be changed. Issues of data protection resulting from live-streaming from church are more related to privacy law. As the camera covers only the sanctuary as far as the altar rail, there are very few issues of privacy. In general, the only people appearing on camera are the clergy and others directly involved, such as readers. Presumably all of these people will be aware of the filming and give their consent. Once we are able to return to going to the altar rail to take communion, if the service is streamed I have advised Andrew that, if possible, the video should just show a photograph, as we do on Zoom. This would remove any consent issues that would otherwise arise because at least some of the communicants would be visible on camera. Before any streamed service the officiant should inform the congregation of that and indicate the area covered by the camera. The main concern will be if we have family services streamed where children are participating. Living Stones already has a protocol for photography of events where children are involved which can be used for services as well.

*Hilary Pearson*

## **COUNCILS, COMMITTEES & SYNODS**

### **Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council**

As the elected governing body of St Mary's, the PCC is responsible for promoting the mission of the Church, its finances and overseeing the maintenance of the buildings' fabric and contents. Due to the impact of Covid-19 there were fewer PCC meetings than usual in 2020. The Standing Committee met via Zoom in June to ensure that critical decisions were made until the PCC meetings were able to resume online in the autumn. The PCC has run very well using this format but despite this we are all looking forward to meeting face to face once again, which creates more of an opportunity to discuss and debate strategic initiatives. The PCC met its obligatory and statutory obligations in 2020 such as signing off a revised Safeguarding Policy, revised risk assessments and updated Health and Safety Policy. Penny Tyack was also formally approved as Safeguarding Officer. The Budget for 2021 was approved including a provision for long term expenditure. The PCC were enormously grateful that the work that had gone into the Parish Giving Scheme meant that the 2020 accounts were not as hard hit by the pandemic as they may have been otherwise. The pandemic stymied plans to deliver an Enquirer's course in Rose Hill despite receiving a Development Fund Grant. The PCC support the proposal to reallocate this money to a Parenting Course designed for families who may need some support. Options were explored throughout the year for installing a disabled toilet in the vestry and expanded accommodation for the Church Office. However, the condition of the building and given the fact that it could not be acquired from The Landmark Trust, other than through a sale and purchase in the open market, it was agreed that the costs of renovating the building were such that it was not viable to pursue the possibility. The alternative solution of incorporating a disabled toilet in part of the carport of the Rectory also proved too costly to progress. The PCC have approved in principle further investigation into the possibility of creating a new church office, toilet and kitchen in the rooms at the north end of the Church Hall. The PCC also continually reviewed the opportunity to develop the Churchyard in light of the planned redevelopment of Court Place. During the year the PCC approved minor works such as a new hot water system for the Church Hall toilet block, glass repairs & improved grilles following a

break in at the Church, and a defibrillator replacement. 2020 was a year where the congregation gave generously for good causes with targets exceeded for Christian Aid, the Harvest and Christmas Appeals and the PCC also agreed to pay additional funds to our local community via increased giving to Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre and Donnington Doorstep rather than give the money to new causes. A donations webpage has been a very positive development during the year that has helped generous giving to campaigns such as the Harvest and Christmas Appeals. There has been unanimous support for the work of the Eco Church Group towards an Eco Church Bronze Award. The PCC are also looking forward to agreed plans to install Wi-Fi in the Church and a secure and easy to use card reader to facilitate donations. The PCC will continue to discuss the development of live streaming of services and the opportunities and issues (safeguarding and consent) that this might bring in 2021 and beyond.

*Kate Stilborn*

### **Standing Committee**

*Andrew McKearney, Tom Leach, Maureen McNaboe, Alex Marshall, Kate Stilborn*

The Standing Committee met once online during 2020 in June to transact necessary work, since PCC meetings had been temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. PCC agendas were agreed by email.

*Andrew McKearney*

### **Charities Committee**

*Andrew McKearney, Kate Stilborn, Jane McBain, Oliver Bakewell, Maggie Wilson, Sarah McKearney*

The committee met three times in July, September and November. Just before lockdown a Fair Trade breakfast was held which raised £254.25. Christian Aid Week held during the lockdown raised a record sum of £4,237.98 beating the previous record by over £600. The Harvest Appeal held a monthly series of events during September (sponsored cycle ride), October (an Auction of local produce and books) and November (a Quiz Night held on Zoom) and raised £12,980.50. The new initiative, of a Christmas Appeal instead of the Carol service collection, proved very popular raising £4,751 for Homeless Oxfordshire. A significant development in the course of the year was the ability to receive online donations via the church website. The PCC continued with its charity grants throughout 2020 despite the pressure on church finances. We are very grateful to Mark Phythian-Adams' contribution to the work of the committee up to the conclusion of his time as churchwarden.

*Andrew McKearney*

### **Finance Committee**

*Andrew McKearney, Viviane Robertson, Alex Marshall, Tim Brunton, Helen Powell, Barry & Stephanie Newsome, Sarah Beaver, Lucy Phillips, Nikolaj Christensen*

The committee met twice in March and October. During the pandemic there has been pressure on the church's finances due to the significant loss of income from hall lettings, wedding fees, donations from visitors, sale of Guide books and postcards. The budget for 2021 has therefore had to be a standstill budget with no increases in pay for anyone. However the core operation of the church has been sustained financially by the generosity of everyone in the Parish Giving Scheme and those who donate by Standing Order, Charities Aid Foundation or by cheque and cash. In addition the investments of the church have performed surprisingly well during the pandemic; £20,000 was taken from our investments to assist with the cash flow. Just before the lockdown we had moved most of our financial transactions online and that made operations significantly easier during the pandemic. However this made the post of assistant treasurer redundant and we are very grateful to Tim Brunton for doing this role for us over a number of years. We are also very grateful to Mark Phythian-Adams' contribution to the work of the committee up to the conclusion of his time as churchwarden.

*Andrew McKearney*

## **Church Hall Committee**

*Tim Brunton, John Dean, Alex Marshall, Patricia Michael, Stephen Michael, Lucy Phillips, Viviane Robertson, Andrew McKearney, Diana Nettleton*

Within the constraints imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee continued to manage the activities and upkeep of Iffley Church Hall, in support of St Mary's parish mission and the social activities of the wider community. It dealt with enquiries, made bookings, managed maintenance issues, attended to compliance monitoring and general housekeeping. Meetings of the committee took place on 26 June, 21 July, 8 September, 10 November and 1 December. Owing to extended periods of compulsory lockdown closure (April to August inclusive) followed by limited opening (September to December), income was substantially reduced compared to the previous year: gross receipts were £13,084 lower at £7,866. Maintenance tasks completed in 2020 included repair of toilet lights, replacement of the malfunctioning ventilated drain to the toilets (causing foul odours from the cleaning cupboard) and installation of a new water heating system to provide adequate hot water supply to the toilet block. The latter involved rewiring work via the main roof void. The Hall interior was redecorated. Also, eco cleaning products were introduced. The Committee gave close attention to risk assessments necessary to facilitate limited opening between September and December. The dishwasher gave cause for future concern and consideration was given to replacing the French doors to the rear courtyard with heritage compliant double-glazed units. These issues remained unresolved at the year's end.

*John Harris*

## **Fabric Committee**

*Mark Phythian-Adams, Adrian Jones, Andrew McKearney, Maureen McNaboe, Tim Brunton, Tom Leach, Sarah Beaver*

Day to day works are carried out by the vicar and churchwardens. Various members of the committee have been involved in some or all of the works detailed below.

### The Church

During the first lockdown we were required to lock the church doors; this was not the case in subsequent lockdowns. However the number of visitors has severely diminished. Just before the first lockdown the church was broken into. Nothing of any significance was stolen, but repairs were required to the safe cupboard lock and to the access point of the chancel window and grilles. We are very grateful to the Friends of St Mary's for paying the £500 excess. The Friends of St Mary's also agreed to fund internet access and live streaming capability for the church. In 2020 an energy audit was conducted and is to be implemented. The lack of a toilet with disabled access for use by the church and visitors remains unresolved.

### The Churchyard

Oxford City Council is responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard, which is closed for further burials. We remain very grateful to those in the parish who take responsibility for the overall appearance of the churchyard, particularly Sheila Fairfield who has indicated that she would like to develop a team of people to share this responsibility with and eventually pass this on to. The gate posts were removed by Oxford City Council, as they had rotted. During the pandemic the churchyard has been greatly appreciated by humans and moles alike.

### The Vestry

The Landmark Trust, as the owner of the building, is responsible for its fabric. The PCC pays rent for the use of the Vestry. In 2020 the possibility of purchasing the Vestry from the Landmark Trust to provide further space for the church office and also a toilet with disabled access, was explored. Taking into account the condition of the building and given the fact that it could not be acquired from the Landmark Trust other than through a sale and purchase on the open market, it was agreed that the costs of purchasing and renovating the building were such

that it was not viable to pursue the possibility. The possibility of incorporating a toilet with disabled access in part of the Rectory carport (access being through the existing door from the carport into the churchyard) was explored with the church architect. The cost for this was prohibitive (approximately £72,000). The defibrillator needed to be replaced following the theft of the previous one.

#### Church House

The curate and his family currently occupy Church House. In 2020 an energy audit was conducted and is to be implemented.

#### Church Office

This is housed at the Rectory and the Rectory is owned by Christ Church. This makes it vulnerable at the next interregnum to a) Christ Church wanting it for another use b) The Diocese of Oxford not wanting it and c) any new incumbent not agreeing to this use of the Rectory. Furthermore there is insufficient space if more than two people are present on the same occasion. Therefore a new church office would be better sited in the rooms at the north end of the hall that is owned by the PCC, with the intention that this space would cease to be available for users of the hall. In the meantime the church office now has internet access for both the computer and the photocopier. The filing cabinets and cupboards have been emptied to form a Parish archive that will be lodged at the Oxfordshire History Centre where other archival material has been previously lodged.

*Andrew McKearney*

### **Magazine Committee**

*Sheila Fairfield, Rhys Hedges, Nikolaj Christensen, John Harris, Edwin Pritchard, Jackie Pritchard*

The magazine committee met three times in 2020 until lockdown in March. Thereafter business was conducted by email/phone, relating to the regular production of and promotion of the magazine. Despite lockdown bringing local events to a halt the magazine was able to continue to be a substantial read thanks to the efforts of parish residents who wrote many interesting and varied articles. For details of income and expenditure please see the Treasurer's Report. Seven issues consisted of 28 pages, three of 24, and two (November and December) of 32. Regular advertising accounted for eight pages in the December 2020 issue. The print run was 275 per month for 2020.

*Jackie Pritchard*

### **Living Stones Committee**

*Andrew McKearney, Penny Tyack, Hilary Pearson, Elizabeth Mullett, Janet Low, Debbie Burrows, Maureen McNaboe*

Volunteers with Living Stones become involved in three different ways: first, with welcoming visitors to the peaceful beauty of St Mary's Church on Sunday afternoons; next, with educational events designed for people of all ages, both local and from afar, and finally, with an annual party-cum-training session during which they learn just a little more about the history and purpose of the precious building that we all hold in trust for future generations. 20 volunteers gave their time and energy to these activities this year in spite of the pandemic. Was it tempting fate to choose the disruptive topic of The English Reformation as our theme in 2020?

Astonishingly, only one planned event had to be cancelled. The year began with a celebration in February of three special ventures undertaken in 2019: a drawing workshop, a Mystery Play, and a study of The Stones of Iffley including a 3-day stone-carving course. The success of this celebration was due to at least 20 people who, having taken part in these three ventures, threw themselves into exhibiting and sharing their experiences with crowds of visitors. One commented, *'I always enjoy coming over, even just for a few hours. Everyone is so enthusiastic and passionate about history and the Church with its traditions and architecture. Not many*



*communities are, sadly.'* Elizabeth described how the stone-carving students assembled 'a perfect 'Romanesque' stone arch of Iffley beakheads, updated with a crocodile, a badger and even the bird on its stony nest.' During that day we held a raffle in aid of Asylum Welcome. 108 people bought tickets, and we raised £950. Exactly one month later Professor Nicholas Orme launched our Reformation topic with a lecture on what it was like to go to Iffley Church during the years 1530-1560, a period of unprecedented change. Between 28 June and 27 September we welcomed visitors to the church on Sunday afternoons, sharing with them the relief of finding the building safe and open. In September we launched Susan Walker's new Churchyard Trail as part of the Oxford Open Doors weekend. Dr Lucy Wooding's online talk in October vividly described the conflicting loyalties, identities and convictions experienced by ordinary parishioners throughout England during the tumultuous years of the Reformation. Her audience would certainly have filled the Hall, but we all listened from home whether that was Iffley or Italy. Our volunteers were able to help on two more occasions when outdoor activities for families were arranged through the church. The year ended with a new beginning: Living Stones is ready for guidance by a new coordinating team. Marion, Lorna and Marianne are taking up the baton. They will be well supported by the volunteers, who were described by a visitor as *'brilliant, enjoying themselves, working efficiently, kindly and with no fuss at all'*.  
Penny Tyack

## **Eco Church initiative**

*Nikolaj Christensen, Laura Laube, Tom Leach, Jim Lumsden, Hanah Christensen, Sarah McKearney, Lucy Phillips, Daisy Stilborn*

In spite of lockdowns the Eco group has been meeting and initiating activities and sermons and meetings to raise our awareness and knowledge and commitment to the climate emergency. We are hopefully close to being awarded a Bronze award from the Eco Church arm of A Rocha, and well on the way to the Silver award. The questions asked in the initial questionnaire have helped us address various issues that we might not have thought of as important for our continuing goal of being carbon neutral by 2030. We had 3 sermons and a quiz in our Creation series, we arranged an energy audit for three of the church buildings, Hall, Church and Curate's House. The Rectory remains a problem! We have worked with local groups particularly in Rose Hill as seen in the tree planting later in February and the litter pick last year and now, thanks to Tom, we have joined with many other groups in having 4 e-lectures starting on February 24th and continuing with one a month to May. We were reminded by the questionnaire about our engagement with the wider world and now we have toilets twinned with other parts of our world. You can see the photos in the Hall, the Rectory, and Curate's house and maybe you have one? In Advent Lucy Phillips produced a brilliant weekly leaflet with ideas for us to remember our climate emergency while preparing for Christmas. We have invited 2 teenagers in our church onto the group and look forward to their contributions. Our WhatsApp group – St. Mary's Eco Chat – is full of information about current issues, recipes, local news and signposts to e-lectures of interest. We would love to hear from you.

## **Cowley Deanery Synod**

*Blanche Stiff, Sarah McKearney, Janet Orchard*

The first meeting of 2020 scheduled for March was cancelled due to the lockdown and further meetings during the year were held on Zoom. Two of our members were able to attend one of these when the Parish Share was agreed.

## GROUPS & TEAMS

### Ministry Team

The ministry team shares with the vicar in developing and sustaining the vision of the parish together with the week-by-week running of St Mary's. This has been invaluable during the course of the pandemic. Our curate, Nikolaj Christensen, has been a great asset, our churchwardens, Maureen McNaboe and Tom Leach, have been a great blessing, together with our retired priests, Graham Low and David Barton, our licensed lay minister, Sarah McKearney, and our pastoral team headed up by our lay pastoral assistant, Susan Morrison. During the pandemic we have been meeting fortnightly to co-ordinate the important pastoral work of the parish and to manage the essential changes to parish life that the pandemic has brought. Pastoral work has never been more important and more challenging, particularly with the sick and dying, the frail and the elderly, and all who have been bereaved. There have been no ordinands on placement in the parish, the parish retreat has had to be postponed until 2022, the healing ministry and crèche suspended, ecumenical activities curtailed as well as many community activities and involvement. The bells, the organ, the choir and all communal singing have fallen silent for long periods, and worship in person suspended during the first lockdown. The sacramental life of the church has suffered, and the two key festivals of Christmas and Easter had to be celebrated very differently. The administrative support provided by Janet Low and Lucy Phillips, with Kate Stilborn as PCC Secretary, continues to be without peer. On Remembrance Sunday we welcomed our new Archdeacon of Oxford to preach for us. In November we ran a very successful homegrown Study Evening on the Gospel of Mark based on the excellent book 'Meeting God in Mark' by Rowan Williams. During Advent, Roger Wagner offered us a series of thoughtful Advent reflections. In 2020 (2019) there were 0 (1) Thanksgivings for the birth of a child, 7 (13) Baptisms, 0 (1) Admissions to Communion, 0 (0) Confirmations, 2 (13) Banns of Marriage published, 2 (10) Weddings, 7 (12) Funerals, 14 (13) Interment of Ashes, 1 (0) Burials, and 0 (5) Memorial Services.

*Andrew McKearney*

### Music in Worship

At the very beginning of 2020 a group of singers from St Mary's Choir were able to sing at the annual Epiphany Festival in the cathedral with 80 others from choirs all over the Diocese and beyond, plus the cathedral choir. It was a wonderful afternoon culminating in an uplifting service but within a few weeks all choirs and congregations were suddenly forbidden to sing, in church or anywhere else. It is not only the music we miss but the joining in and gathering together; even those among us who are not singers have missed this important part of our worship, though I trust you are all singing with gusto at home each Sunday morning! We were very fortunate at St Mary's to have a Technical team who were able to help us set up a virtual choir which has sung 4 times at the Zoomed Parish Eucharist. Everyone who took part (between 15 and 25 voices) recorded their own part to a pre-prepared backing track (thanks to Tim Croston!) and sent it to Mike Hay who waved his magic wand and glued all the individual tracks into a choir which sounded as though we were all singing at the same time and in the same place – how amazing is that! Huge thanks to Mike for all his time and expertise! He was later to be responsible for setting up all the necessary equipment in church so that we can now live-stream any services that are able to take place in the building. During November there were 3 services in church with a small group of singers, one for All Souls, one for Remembrance Sunday and one for Advent, and the last two of these were indeed live-streamed. Then during the week of Christmas itself, after much consideration of the possibilities (and careful measuring of choir stalls!) we were able to have 3 carol services with limited congregations as well as choirs, shorter and simpler than the traditional format but still with the familiar readings and carols. Both Geoffrey Tyack and Tim got the chance to play while I directed. Over 100 people attended

these over the three evenings and the Monday service was also live-streamed and watched by at least 100 more via YouTube! On three mornings that week there was also a Eucharist in church at which 4 or 5 singers came to sing some carols. It was wonderful to be able to have some live music after so many months and a joy to see the faces of both singers and congregation as they were able to meet, even if at a distance, and make or listen to live music. Apart from the normal Sunday services the number of 'Occasional Offices' – funerals, weddings and baptisms – was very much reduced, only three funerals, two weddings and four baptisms taking place in church, all with very small numbers in attendance. And there have been few of the usual concerts or recitals, although Iffley Music Society did hold one concert before lockdown began and a second in the Hall in October, much appreciated by audiences. On paper this should be a gloomy report but there has been so much positive support from singers and musicians, congregations and clergy for all that we have managed to do that I am optimistic for the future. Thanks are due in particular to Andrew and the ministry team for their support, to Mike for his invaluable technical assistance, to all our singers, and to Geoffrey, Tim and Paul for their playing.

*Janet Low*

### **Taizé Evening Services**

The Taizé service is a short contemplative service which includes readings, prayers, singing Taizé chants and a time of silence. Usually, it is held on the fourth Sunday of the month. We did not realise when we held our Taizé service last February that we would not have the opportunity to hold a service again until December, due to the Coronavirus. It has been a difficult time in so many ways for so many people. Things that we would usually turn to for spiritual support, encouragement and expression have not been so available. With Covid secure measures in place, the Taizé team were delighted to be able to offer a service in December. About 12 people attended and many expressed appreciation for the return of the service. We hope to be able to continue to do this now with live-streaming possible as well for those who are not able to attend. The core team members are Alex, Pemma, Anne, Sarah, Zoe and Mo. Pemma has kindly taken over the coordinating role and we continue to be grateful to Janet for her administrative support for the group.

*Mo Rooney*

### **Community Cupboard**

The work of Community Cupboard has adapted and expanded in the past year by combining resources and creating new alliances with other food distribution charities; mobilising volunteers in new ways; and broadening the base of support. When the country went into lockdown in March 2020, we were no longer able to serve our friends out of the Rose Hill Methodist Church premises. Nikolaj stepped into the breach by doing home deliveries to the most vulnerable families out of his garage until 21 April. By that time we were partnering with the Salvation Army, SOFEA, and other agencies – and had recruited a cohort of seven phone callers, six new on-site team members, and twenty drivers whose mission was to remain in contact with our friends, provide emotional support, and deliver basic foodstuffs – as well as treats and activities for children – each week. The church was able to open its doors again in September, and since then most friends are collecting their food as before, with home deliveries continuing for those who are unable to come due to shielding or other constraints. Prior to lockdown, we fed approximately 20-30 families a week; at our summer peak, 40-50 families received deliveries; having dropped a bit in the autumn, we are back to that higher number. Finances have been bolstered by some large donations, notably £2,000 from B&M stores and a first-ever Council grant of £5,000. Libby Hawkness-Smith, Rose Hill chaplain, has risen magnificently to the challenges presented by Covid-19. Many members of St. Mary's continue to give their time to keep the project going; any others who might like to join this dedicated team would be most

welcome. It is a privilege to be on the front line, providing not only food but also emotional and spiritual support to those who have been most affected by the hardships of the past year.

*Alice Lawhead, Advisor to Community Cupboard*

## **Worship & Prayer Groups**

### Prayer & Toast

Prayer and Toast continues to meet on Friday mornings at 8:00. Since the lockdowns we meet by Zoom. Laura Laube monitors the Zoom. She describes the P&T group as a lighthouse or a stable weekly milestone, that shines a regular Friday morning light on her otherwise rather blurred weekly schedule. Jean King says that P&T has been so sustaining during this lonely time. It is a real privilege to pray together at 8:00 a.m. every Friday, either on Zoom or at home, for the needs of the world, our community and our families. We learn together, pray together, laugh and sometimes cry together, but we do miss the toast and marmalade!! Fiona Nevola illustrates and collates our personal emailed prayers up to seven pages and emails back for all for use. They form the basis for Friday morning when we can see and be with each other on Zoom. They are printed and delivered to others without a computer. Due to restrictions we only were able to meet twice in a garden which meant a great deal. From the beginning of lockdown in March P&T grew in importance as a weekly meeting with real friends - even if we had to get used to prayers online. Somehow, through it all, we have 'grown' as a group and enormously enjoyed everyone's thoughts and prayers in a new document each week that we can share.

And go on sharing.

*Barbara Alderson*

### Julian Group

In this strangest of years, the Julian Group has been fortunate in continuing to flourish despite the restrictions. In late March as the churches closed and we were unable to meet in each other's houses, we continued to keep our monthly meetings in the safety of our own homes. As usual, a member of the group chose some words for us to ponder on, which were circulated beforehand. Then at the same hour, we all kept the Julian silence in a quiet place in our own homes, knowing the others in the group were entering the silence at the same time. In the summer and autumn months when restrictions were lightened, we were able to meet in the Church. This was a real delight, partly the joy of being in those beautiful surroundings again after a long period away, and partly physically seeing each other – suitably masked and distanced – and sharing the silent time together. Our numbers vary between 5 and 14. For many of us, these monthly times of shared prayerful silence have been one of the helpful aids to keeping us going through difficult times.

*Sally Brodhurst*

### Donnington Communion Group

Members stayed in touch with each other by telephone, email and letter throughout 2020.

*Stephen & Patricia Michael*

### Donnington Fellowship Group

The Group has not met since March 2020. But each month we have contacted each other to share concerns and offered personal prayers for the needs of our community, the world and ourselves. It has been a very difficult time for most of us not being able and free to be active outdoors and the loss of companionship has brought times of low mood and loss of stimulation. Members have felt the loss of monthly social contact and some of us have mobility problems which have become more difficult. However, some of the Fellowship Group are also members of the 50+ Group which has held weekly Zoomed meetings and also managed to meet outdoors at the Bridge Stores area during the summer which was a welcome respite from the lockdown. It has been a time of real challenge which continues as we face more months of vigilance while the vaccination programme is rolled out and our hospitals still have to cope with overwhelming

numbers. It is clear that in these times of real difficulty all communities need to come together whether you attend a church or not.

*Cecily Kirtland*

## **Discussion Groups**

### Poetry Group

At our meetings in January and February we read and reflected on poems from *Love Remember: 40 Poems of Loss, Lament and Hope*, a collection and commentary compiled by Malcolm Guite. In March we turned to George Herbert's poetry using *My Sour-Sweet Days*, an anthology with a remarkable commentary by Mark Oakley. We then met in September, after our usual summer break, when we had a very enjoyable time together in the sun in the garden of the church hall. Further restrictions prevented more "live" meetings but virtually all of us have been keen to meet on Zoom every month since then. We think that this has been much better than having no meetings at all and nine of us have continued to enjoy George Herbert.

*Graham Low*

### Widening Horizons

Normally a new group is formed twice a year, summer and autumn, to read a book together meeting once a month over the course of 3 months, 7.30-9pm at the Rectory with anything up to 10 participants. Due to the pandemic we did not meet in the summer but decided to meet in the autumn on Zoom. We look for books that are quite short (about 120 pages if possible), have spiritual and theological depth, without being too academic. Participants agree to a) attend the meetings b) read the chapters under discussion and c) engage with the ideas raised in the book. In 2020 we read 'The Collage of God' by Mark Oakley.

*Andrew McKearney & Wendy Tyndale*

## **Home Groups**

### Fairacres/Meadow Lane Bible Study Group

We had been studying aspects and themes in St Luke's Gospel with the Lord's Prayer as our guide: Jesus and the Father at Jesus' Baptism; Jesus and the Father at the Transfiguration; what does Jesus teach us about our relationship with the Father? Woman//Daughter' (Luke 8: 43-4); Paralyse Man/son; the Parable of the 'Father' and his 'Prodigal Son'. As with most other groups, the Covid 19 virus jolted us out of our usual practice. However, once lockdown was the rule, we stayed in touch by correspondence and e-mails and a few phone calls. Then on a nearly weekly basis we would circulate encouraging and sustaining passages from the scriptures and other sources, together with invitations to view on-line several collections/exhibitions of mainly Christian paintings/sculptures with excellent commentaries by the convenors or artists. We shared readings in common, prayer requests and problems, and maintained a good corporate spirit. Then once Jan had mastered the technical workings of Zoom, she hosted our meetings on-line for the majority of the group. These were on a monthly basis, lasting about 80 minutes on average, with from 7-10 members involved each time. We studied several chapters in Romans with particular reference to chapters 3, 8, and 11 and 12.

*Jonathan & Jan Stockland*

### Bible Study Group

We began our study in March of 2020 with the Book of Acts incorporating, where it applied, the Bishop's Commentary on the text (Principles of Deep Water Fishing) – a study surrounding passages from Acts and Luke about the story of the spread of the Christian Faith across the Roman world. Then came Lockdown. Unfortunately, a proportion of our group do not have computer access and we felt it wouldn't work well trying to meet online. When we did have the opportunity to meet again in the autumn restrictions prevented us meeting as a whole group in person. Some of us were not comfortable with meeting inside a building in any case. Having said that many on the group finished our proposed Spring devotions individually as above and

have continued with private personal study. We have also kept in touch with each other by email, phone, cards and occasional walks or coffee when restrictions allowed. We really look forward to meeting again as a group, in person, when allowed.

*Maureen McNaboe*

### Abberbury Road House Group

The past year has been a rich one for our group, with (mostly) weekly Zoom meetings replacing our in-person biweekly ones. David Patrick has kindly hosted us, and as before we have taken it in turn to lead our discussions. This year we somewhat limped through a study of Revelation, heartily embraced Philip Yancey's *What's So Amazing About Grace*, and are now finishing *Living Jesus* by John Prichard. We close each session with targeted prayer for each other, our family and friends, and the needs of the world. All these discussions have been fruitful in their own way, but best of all are the bonds of love and practical support that have grown and sustained us through such a challenging year.

*Alice Lawhead*

### **Crèche Report**

The crèche only ran for the first few weeks of 2020 before closing when worship was suspended.

*Gaynor Dean*

### **Fish and Chip Club Report**

Since the last report, prepared in February 2020, we have had only one month of regular Fish and Chips meetings because of Corona virus restrictions. Charlotte Ryland kindly allows us to use her work Zoom account and runs this for us each week. The children have adapted well to meeting on Zoom, becoming more confident as they share their ideas. The sessions, which are all led by Liz Roberts, are very informal and include time to chat, some games, time to listen while a story is told or to watch a cartoon version of the story, a craft activity and prayers. Through Easter and afterwards, we followed the church lectionary, with sessions on Pentecost and the Ascension, then other topics in response to the pandemic, such as Helping Hands. In the Autumn term we had several sessions based on materials from Eco Church: Thank you God for this Wonderful World, leading up to a family service in church at harvest time. Since then we have been learning about Bible Characters. Meeting on line means that parents have more demands on them as they support their children. While it is frustrating not to be able to meet in person, there are some advantages. Kate and Joy, who both have very demanding jobs, are not needed as weekly leaders. Liz is able to lead the sessions without missing the church service. We have enjoyed including a family who no longer live in Oxford. We have been able to access on-line resources easily and materials (worksheets and craft templates) are emailed to families each week. Keeping in touch via WhatsApp has been a great source of support and encouragement. We are sorry not to have the involvement of the older children - now teenagers - as young leaders. Most of them attended Confirmation classes this year and will be confirmed in May 2021. Finding appropriate ways to support them in their Christian faith is an issue we as a church still need to address.

### **Special Events**

March: Mother's Day family services on zoom; July: family service in the churchyard; September: family picnic in the Rectory garden; October: family service on Creation; Halloween: family fun in the church yard organised jointly with Rose Hill Methodists; Advent: gifts of Advent calendars to all children, supported by church funds; Christmas: celebration in the church yard organised with Abberbury Road Home Group

### **Attendance**

Numbers have been similar to last year, with similar fluctuations. In the summer an average of 8 children attended each week, in the winter, 6. Ages range from 3-13

The children seem to enjoy the sessions and parents are very appreciative. The sense of belonging to the group and caring for one another has increased this year. We are grateful to the ministry team and members of the church who pray for us regularly and give practical help. The Halloween event was well-attended and attracted families who do not come to church. We hope to do more in this way in future, working with the Methodist church. Attendance at Christmas was affected by Covid but the event was worthwhile and can be built on in the future.  
*Liz Roberts*

**Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:**



The Revd Andrew McKearney – Chair of the PCC



Kate Stilborn – Honorary Secretary

**Accepted by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 2 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:**



The Revd Andrew McKearney – Chair of the APCM



Kate Stilborn – Honorary Secretary

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, IFFLEY PCC

## Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

This report covers the financial activities of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020

It includes the financial statements and appendices as follows:

Independent Examiner's Report

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Statement of Assets and Liabilities including fund movements

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Overall, the result is an operating deficit for the PCC of £22,151.

The figures for the Church Hall and Church House have been shown separately in order to show clearly the results of the main church activities.

The main activities of the church are showing a deficit of £419: this compares with a deficit of £2,501 for 2019.

There was a substantial increase in the value of our investments during the year.

Church Hall income halved during the year due to Covid 19: running costs remain irrespective of use.

As a result there was a deficit of £15,949.

Church House expenditure is met by the PCC as shown.

The expenditure on Church House was £5,792.

The harvest appeal raised £9,722 during the year before Gift Aid

The Christmas appeal raised £2,806 before Gift Aid.

We continue to give £5,000 each year to charities under our St Mary's Giving Scheme.

### FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

In 2019 the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme had a significant effect on our income.

The coronavirus pandemic during the year has resulted in a very substantial loss of income following partial closure of the church and the hall but the generosity of parishioners means that we are more able to face the financial implications of the pandemic and to meet our forecast expenditure.

### CHURCH ASSETS.

All the assets reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are financial assets, full details of which are set out in note 6 to the accounts.

Given that Church House is a PCC property held for the long term, it has ceased to be shown as a financial asset in the accounts.

Church Hall is also a PCC property held for the long term, and likewise is not shown as a financial asset in the accounts.

### RESERVE FUNDS.

Reserves are needed for long term significant expenditure required on the church buildings.

From 2019 the PCC decided to make provision for future expenditure of £17,000 each year.

This is to provide for major items of expenditure which will fall due in the future.

These costs are in respect of the Church, Church Hall and Church House.

These are known recurring items where current reserves will be insufficient.



Alexander Marshall  
Honorary Treasurer



# St Mary the Virgin Iffley PCC

## Statement of Receipts and payments

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 ACTUAL Unrestricted funds	2020 ACTUAL Restricted funds	2020 ACTUAL TOTAL	2020 BUDGET TOTAL
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Giving	80,239.34		80,239.34	89,500.00
Gift Aid recovered	20,246.46	0.00	20,246.46	21,000.00
Friends of St Mary's grant	500.00		500.00	
Listed place of worship grant	0.00		0.00	
Living Stones	1,481.12		1,481.12	
Receipts from Church Activities	4,523.75		4,523.75	9,000.00
Fees	5,944.00		5,944.00	
	<u>112,934.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>112,934.67</u>	<u>119,500.00</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Parish Share	57,606.12		57,606.12	57,600.00
Clergy and Staffing	5,535.43		5,535.43	5,540.00
Church Running Expenses - see Note 2	38,102.79		38,102.79	39,893.00
Living Stones	750.24	0.00	750.24	500.00
Church Enhancements	0.00		0.00	
Fee Remissions	5,409.00		5,409.00	5,200.00
Charitable giving- see Note 3	5,950.00		5,950.00	5,000.00
	<u>113,353.58</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>113,353.58</u>	<u>113,733.00</u>
Church activities	(418.91)	0.00	(418.91)	5,767.00
Church hall net costs: see Note 4	(15,948.96)		(15,948.96)	(14,945.00)
Church House costs: see Note 5	(5,791.65)		(5,791.65)	(5,000.00)
Interest from investments	8.09		8.09	
Operating deficit	<u>(22,151.43)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(22,151.43)</u>	<u>(14,178.00)</u>
Net increase in investments- see Note 6	31,240.76		31,240.76	
Overall surplus / (deficit)	<u>9,089.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,089.33</u>	<u>(14,178.00)</u>

### Note 1- Types of funds

Unrestricted funds are those which have been received on the understanding that they will be used by the PCC for furthering the mission and ministry of the church.  
 Restricted funds are those which have been given for a particular purpose, and these must not be used by the PCC for any other purpose.  
 Designated funds are where the PCC has earmarked funds for a particular purpose.

### Note 2- Church running expenses

Vestry rent	1,456.00
Music	3,397.09
Church insurance	3,902.85
Church office expenditure	4,939.04
Churchyard upkeep	1,220.00
Church electricity and water	2,621.32
Church magazine	1,984.86
Postcard and guidebooks	1,110.00
Church cleaning	1,615.62
Other	965.92
Website and live stream	2,785.13
Repairs	1,817.33
Bank charges	287.63
Reserve fund	10,000.00
	<u>38,102.79</u>

**Note 3- Charitable giving**

Donnington Doorstep	1,000.00
Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre	1,000.00
Ark T Centre	1,000.00
Oxtalk	500.00
Blackbird Leys Playground	500.00
Living Stone raffle - Asylum Welcome	950.00
Asylum Welcome	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>5,950.00</u>

The Harvest Appeal is not included as it does not form part of the church's income or expenditure.  
The same principle is applied to Gift Aid recovered in respect of the Harvest Appeal.

**Note 4- Church Hall**

Hall lettings	9,655.12
Less: refunds	<u>-863.00</u>
Net income:	<u>8,792.12</u>
Less: expenditure	
Hall- Booking Secretary	4,146.72
Hall- licences	742.14
Electricity - Hall	323.40
Gas - Hall	1,893.97
Hall- Insurance	1,734.05
Hall- Repairs & maintenance	6,249.46
Maintenance	0.00
Hall- Cleaning	2,242.75
Hall- Water	551.85
Hall- Broadband	631.74
Enhancements - Hall	1,225.00
Reserve fund incl re-thatching fund	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total hall expenditure	<u>24,741.08</u>
Church hall- Net deficit	<u><u>-15,948.96</u></u>

The roof will require a 50% re-thatch in 2022/2023.  
The estimated cost of £30,000 will mostly be met from current reserves.  
All costs have to be met by the PCC funds.  
The PCC has made a provision to meet future liabilities.

**Note 5- Church House**

Rent received	0.00
Council tax	1,849.30
Utilities	590.44
Maintenance	1,351.91
Reserve fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
Church House Expenditure	<u>5,791.65</u>
Church house- Net deficit	<u><u>-5,791.65</u></u>

There has been no rental income since 3 June 2019 upon the arrival of the curate.  
All costs have to be met by the PCC funds.  
The PCC has made a provision to meet future liabilities.

**Note 6- Cash and Investments**

Current accounts are maintained with Barclays Bank PLC.  
The investments comprise a Deposit Fund, an Investment Fund, and Global Equity Accumulation Fund.  
These are with CCLA Investment Management Ltd who manage funds solely for Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (hence CCLA).

**Note 7- Property**

Church House is no longer recognised as an asset in the balance sheet.

The PCC considers that it is not intended to realise the asset and that it would be misleading to show it.

It was previously shown at a value of £250,000.

The Church Hall is wholly owned by the PCC and is held at nil value.

**Note 8- Reserve Funds**

Reserves are designated according to the PCC's policy as follows:

Allocation:	Church	Church Hall	Church House
Brought forward January 2020	£ 60,000	£ 45,000	£ 12,000
Charge for the year	£ 10,000	£ 5,000	£ 2,000
Carried forward December 2020	£ 70,000	£ 50,000	£ 14,000

**Note 9- Provisions for future expenditure**

From 2019 the PCC is making provision for future expenditure.

This is to provide for major items of expenditure which will fall due in the future.

These costs are in respect of the Church, Church Hall and Church House.

These are known recurring items for which current reserves will be insufficient.

These do not include any discretionary items.

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, IFFLEY PCC

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Movement of Funds

Year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Fund balances b/forward at 1 Jan 2020</b>	156,191	2,491	158,682
<i>Movements of funds:</i>			
Church	(419)		(419)
Church Hall	(15,949)		(15,949)
Church House	(5,792)		(5,792)
Interest received- Note 7	8		8
Revaluation of investments- Note 7	31,241		31,241
Movements in liabilities	1,154	(2,491)	(1,337)
Non cash movements- reserves	17,000		17,000
<b>Fund balances c/ forward at 31 Dec 2020</b>	<b>183,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,434</b>

### Represented by: (see note 7)

Current Account- Barclays	12,026	12,108	24,134
Less: liability for Appeals paid 2021		(12,108)	(12,108)
	12,026	0	12,026
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	20,030	0	20,030
CBF Church of England Global Equity Income Fund	98,935	0	98,935
CBF Church of England Investment Fund	52,443	0	52,443
Property: Church House- see Note 8	0	0	0
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>183,434</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183,434</b>

### Liabilities

Christmas Appeal paid over in 2021	2,386
Harvets Appeal paid over in 2021	9,722
	<u>12,108</u>

### Appendix: Accounting policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis.

St Mary's Iffley PCC now uses receipts and payments accounting: accordingly there is no requirement to follow accounting procedures or standards.

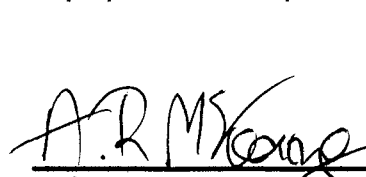
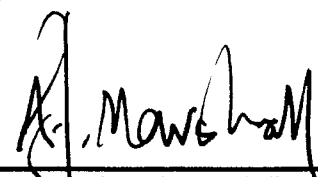
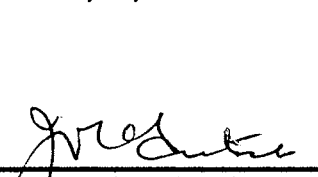
However, the following guidelines will be applied:

All payments are recognised when paid.

All receipts are recognised upon receipt.

The PCC is now recognising future liabilities and providing accordingly.

Any departure from this practice or any unusual items will be advised and explained by way of note.

 Andrew McKearney Vicar	 Alexander Marshall Honorary Treasurer	 John McIntock Independent Examiner
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# **Independent Examiner's Report 2020**

## **Report to the PCC of St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 5 is in respect of an examination carried out the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

### ***Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiners***

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply.

It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### ***Basis of this report***

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2017 edition.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

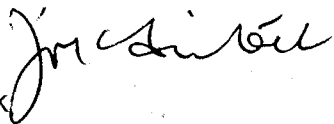
### ***Independent examiner's statement***

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
John McLintock  
12 Mill Lane  
Iffley  
Oxford