



**St. Mary's Church**

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# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chiddingfold**

## **Annual Report 2021**

**A Report for the Year ended 31 December 2021**

**Approved by the PCC at their meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

*Registered Charity Number 1128727*

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## Introduction

From gathering virtually to worshipping in person, 2021 brought many changes and blessings to our community. In the first quarter of the year, we continued to seek out creative ways to celebrate and connect. Then, by God's grace, we had the privilege of learning how to rebuild our church in person again! In this Year in Review, we share some of the ways in which God has been working in and through our community. As you read through this Review, I hope you will appreciate what a busy twelve months this has been at St Mary's and be encouraged by what you read.

One of the great blessings of our life at St Mary's is the way so many people contribute their gifts and skills to build up our church and our community. As we continue to rebuild and renew the life of the church, it will be important to continue to nurture that sense of community, to foster that sense of belonging and to encourage more people to come forward and get involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the PCC for all they give to leadership in St Mary's. I want to offer my sincere gratitude to Jan Fellingham who is stepping down as Churchwarden, and to Gilly van Oppen who is stepping down as Treasurer. Both Jan and Gilly have brought commitment, wisdom and good humour to their roles, and it has been a pleasure to work alongside them. I also want to offer my gratitude to Katherine Hylton, Nigel Forman and Richard Flenley for their service, as they stand down from PCC. It is good news indeed that Richard has begun training for ordained ministry alongside his day job, and wonderful that St Mary's has a curate in the making.

This past year Ruth Goddard moved on from the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, a role she held on our behalf for twelve years, passing the baton to Louise Taylor. Beverley Giles also moved on from her role as Administrator and Wedding Clerk, a role she held faithfully for fifteen years, and I want to thank her for all she has given to the parish. And sadly, we lost Geoffrey Curtis, a dear friend to so many and a faithful priest for over 57 years, who was bound to have been grateful to St Mary's for providing him with a priestly ministry right up to the end. We continue to give thanks for the many blessings he bestowed on us.

There is much to do still, but I am hopeful going forward and am so grateful for the wisdom, time, and experience that so many of you give. It is one of the things which makes St Mary's such a vibrant community, and I want to simply say, 'Thank you!'

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene  
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## **Administration and Membership**

St Mary's is the Parish Church of Chiddingfold and is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The Church's postal address is:

St Mary's Church, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4TY

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are Trustees of the Charity for the term of their appointment. Members serving on the PCC during 2021 are:

Incumbent: The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Chair

Churchwardens: Beverley Draper (until April 2021)  
Chris Everett  
Jan Fellingham (since April 2021)

Deanery Synod: Ken Lindup

PCC Members: Richard Atkinson  
Ollie Bayne  
Richard Flenley  
Nigel Forman  
Katherine Hylton  
Martin Johnson  
Louise Taylor (since April 2021)  
Gilly van Oppen  
Gerald Williams

Treasurer: Gilly van Oppen

Secretary: Helen Bendall

## **Aims and Purposes**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission as The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chiddingfold and its registered Charity Number is: 1128727.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend St Mary's and who qualify according to those Rules are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members are given initial training into the workings of the PCC. The PCC meets six times during the year.

The PCC operates through a number of Focus Groups, which meet between full meetings. These groups are constituted to make full use of the professional expertise available within

St Mary's and members are encouraged to attend Diocesan training as appropriate. Each group has at least one representative from the PCC, and the Rector and Churchwardens are *ex officio* members of all these groups. All the Focus Groups are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly at PCC meetings.

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| <b>Standing Committee:</b>              | This statutory committee has a general power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.  |
| <b>Finance and Stewardship Group:</b>   | Oversees expenditures and monitors income and investments. Encourages financial support of the Church through a strategy for Regular Planned Giving (RPG), legacies, occasional parish funding programmes and gift days; prepares the annual budget for outreach support. |
| <b>Fundraising Group:</b>               | Plans an annual programme of fundraising events to generate income for the Church.  |
| <b>Maintenance Group:</b>               | Attends to matters relating to the stewardship and maintenance of the Church, its contents, buildings and grounds, such as the Churchyard, the Church Room and the Rectory.   |
| <b>Worship Group:</b>                   | Co-ordinates the provision and conduct of worship.  |
| <b>Youth and Children's Work Group:</b> | Co-ordinates activities involving children and young people in the Church and the wider community.  |

In addition, several important links and special interest groups complement the aims and purposes of St Mary's PCC, as it seeks to benefit everyone in the Church and the community:

- **Baptism Visiting Team**
- **Bell Ringers**
- **Choir and Music**
- **Eco Church**
- **Food for Fellowship**
- **Friends of St Mary's**
- **Joint Churches of Chiddingfold**
- **Pastoral Visiting Team**
- **St Mary's C of E Primary School**

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church Room and for some internal decoration of the Rectory. St Mary's vision is "to know Christ better and to make Christ better known".

In order to achieve these objectives St Mary's Church offers, among other things:

- regular services of worship
- occasional offices
- pastoral care
- small groups for nurture and discipleship
- social activities
- quiet days and retreats
- concerts and recitals
- programs and activities for children, young people and those who care for them
- charitable fundraising events
- a monthly parish magazine which has a distribution to many beyond the regular congregation
- a website
- a social media presence on Facebook

We invite you to read on to learn how we have been fulfilling our vision, and what we have undertaken in 2021 to meet the aims of St Mary's Church for the benefit of our congregation within the Church and of the wider community.

## **'The Young Ones'**

### **Youth and Children's Work**



### **Families @ St Mary's**

At St Mary's we seek to serve people at every stage of life and to include people of all ages – even the very young – in our worship and activities. To that end, we have developed a specially tailored programme designed to engage the imaginations of children and youth and help them grow in faith. The Families @ St Mary's Programme is made up of six separate ministries that allow us to serve children, young people and teens along with their families and carers. We have been so pleased to restart many of these ministries as restrictions limiting work with children were lifted.

### **Muddy Church**

In spring 2020 St Mary's launched Muddy Church, a programme to inspire wonder and faith and bring children, young people and their families together outside. Throughout Lent, when groups were not permitted to gather indoors, we offered a new Muddy Church trail each week that families could pick up or download and use as guided, sensory walks. On Easter Eve, we organised a trail through St Mary's Churchyard with six stations that told the Easter story, to which 16 children from nine families took part. We built on that by offering new trails in June and September and are thrilled to watch numbers grow.



### **Church Mice**

It was a joy to restart our weekly baby and toddler group in May. Church Mice meets each Thursday in term time from 9:30am-11:30am in the Church Room for play, craft, story and songs, plus snacks and coffee! This programme has been especially important to parents who had babies in lockdown and had been unable to meet other parents, and to families who had recently moved to the village and were hoping to get to know others. We are especially grateful to Helen Gorrod and Fallon Wootton for leading the group so brilliantly.

### **Good News Gang**

St Mary's youth group is aimed at 9-14 year olds wanting to get to know a bit more about their faith and have some fun doing it. We met monthly over Zoom in the first quarter of the year and then, as restrictions lifted, we met outside in the Churchyard for games, activities, explorations of the Bible and lots of laughter! On Easter Eve, 14 members of the gang led St Mary's Vigil service, starting outdoors with a new fire and the blessing of the Paschal candle before moving into Church for the first celebration of Easter. It was a well-attended service, a joyous occasion and a tradition we hope to continue. The gang is led by Angela Stinson, Chris King and the Rector.

### **All Stars Sunday School**

We were delighted to relaunch our popular Sunday School programme in October. On most Sundays, after lighting the children's candle, children are invited (but not obliged!) to take part in All Stars, which offers age-appropriate provision, allowing them to explore the

day's theme through bible stories and craft activities in the Church Room. We couldn't restart All Stars without our many volunteers and their willingness to lead the activities once a term, and we'll need more to put this well-loved programme on a secure foundation. Please do have a word if you can lend a hand!

### **Looking to the Future**

The Families @ St Mary's Programme is sustained with the help of dozens of volunteers while we seek to recruit a new Children, Youth and Families Worker. We are keen to bring back all our programmes, including our weekly youth club #FNT, and we look forward to the day when we can relaunch Messy Church, a ministry we hosted jointly with the other Churches in the village. We very much hope to appoint a new Children, Youth and Families Worker in 2022, so that we are in a strong position to warmly welcome more children, young people and their families into the life of St Mary's.

### **Special Events**

We created a number of special services for the whole family under pandemic restrictions, to engage the imaginations of children and young people, even when we could not sing together, use the children's corner in Church or hold All Stars. These included a Sea Sunday Family Service in which Sean Garrett of the Royal Navy described what it was like to be at sea; a Pentecost Family Service in which we saw the Holy Spirit as a ghost and a wild goose and processed out blowing bubbles; and a Finding Shelter Family Service to mark Refugee Week.

With the threat of fresh restrictions looming, we felt fortunate to hold our Christmas Eve Crib service indoors for the first time since the pandemic began and the service was beautifully led by our young readers and actors – despite many of the parts being recast at the last minute as family members fell ill and self-isolated!

To top it all off, St Mary's teamed up with the Village Nursery in the creation of the 2021 living Advent Calendar. We are so grateful to Gill Beckwith, Jane Bell, Anne Rawson and Gerald Williams for designing the wonderful window display for 24 December in St Mary's Church Room.

### **Our 2021 Confirmands**

This year we had the privilege of preparing thirteen young adults for Confirmation. Over the eight-week course, we gave them the space to explore and think for themselves, to recognise God working in their lives and to think about how they wanted to claim that and respond to it. On the evening of November 14, Bishop Andrew led a special service of Confirmation at St Mary's, so that our confirmands could make their profession of faith. We couldn't be more proud of them!



*Youth & Children's Work Focus Group members: Rector (Chair), Oliver Bayne, Julie Flenley, Nigel Forman, Wendy Johnson and James Quickfall*

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Rector



## **'In the Beauty of Holiness'**

### **Worship**



In 2021 we saw the gradual return to the regular pattern of worship at St Mary's. For the first seven months, we continued to live-stream Parish Communion on a Sunday, with or without a congregation present, so that worship could continue despite ongoing waves of Covid-19 variants.

In January the Christingle service was pre-recorded and 'Christingle Kits' were delivered and available for collection from Church for families to make at home. A pre-recorded Candlemas Evensong was arranged by the late Canon Geoffrey Curtis and included recordings from the choir and Geoffrey's own reflections about Candlemas. Geoffrey's special services have brought delight and depth to worship at St Mary's over many years, and he is greatly missed.



Much consideration was given to how we could observe Lent together safely, whilst allowing the congregation to take part as fully as possible, from home if necessary. So we made provision for services that were live-streamed and recorded, as well as for services that people could take part in over Zoom and in person (when it was safe to do so). The Ash Wednesday service was pre-recorded; in place of the imposition of ashes an ash cross was placed on pebbles which were then varnished and could be held in the hand or carried in one's pocket throughout the season of Lent. Thanks go to Thomas Neaum for his enthusiastic help in decorating the pebbles, a tradition

we hope may continue! Mothering Sunday was also a pre-recorded service, with contributions from many children, including a wonderful demonstration of how to create a beautiful posy offered by Lily Sabi Parry.

We began Holy Week with a live-streamed service on Palm Sunday featuring some beautiful Taizé chants sung by the choir. The 'Holy Week at Home' evening Tabletop Services via Zoom were attended by regular worshippers and newcomers, much to our delight, with good attendance. We also offered Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Eve and Easter Sunday services in church 'in person'. Over 20 people took part in our first in person Muddy Church Trail on Holy Saturday. Once again, the Easter Eve Vigil was wonderfully and ably led by St Mary's young people and teenagers. Easter Day was particularly joyous with the ringing of handbell bracelets in Church plus our brilliant team of bell ringers who rang handbells before and after the Easter Day service in the Churchyard, all rounded off with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt!

When congregational singing was once again permitted, it was wonderful to reintroduce our monthly service of Evensong. The service of Evensong in August was the first we had held in 1½ years – our thanks go to the Revd George Rowe for enabling us to re-establish this well-loved service. It was also wonderful to reintroduce the 8:00am Sunday service of Holy Communion (1662) in August and the weekly Wednesday service of Communion in September, albeit at the slightly later time of 10:30am.

Evening Prayer is still said from homes across the parish. And Morning Prayer has continued to be led over Zoom, a format in which it has grown and flourished. It has been incredible to see this faithful group of parishioners expand (it is not unusual for 20 to attend!) under the nurture and leadership of Gill Beckwith.

Our planning for each liturgical season is built on our review of previous services and feedback, to ensure ongoing work is done to enable all ages and stages to '*know Christ better*' through the services we offer. And in season we've continued to make adaptations as Covid-19 restrictions have changed.

For 'Thy Kingdom Come' we set up five interactive prayer stations in Church, reflecting the Archbishops' invitation to set aside time to pray that we may be renewed by God's Spirit and that God would work in the lives of five friends, family members, neighbours or colleagues who do not yet know God's love for them. We also created new prayer cards and placed them around the Church. Our thanks go to Revd Gill Welford for her sensitive and creative use of language to reach the widest range of people who visit St Mary's.

We were thrilled to welcome back our robed choir in June. Although congregational singing was not possible until 25<sup>th</sup> July, its return was also a cause of much thanksgiving. Once restrictions eased we reintroduced Parish Communion Celebration Services and Festival Services, two formats designed to create opportunities for families to worship together, while ensuring younger members of the congregation have opportunities to take part in Sunday School and to lead worship:

**Celebration Services:** Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Christingle

**Festival Services:** Easter Day, Pentecost, Patronal Festival and Christmas Day

For Lent and Advent, we selected a new setting of the Communion service by John Rutter to delineate these more reflective, pared down seasons. We also chose the bright and accessible "*The English Folk Song Mass*" by Malcolm Archer to use in our most joyous Celebration Services.

Our live-streaming team have been brilliant in enabling us to broadcast services and allowing us to adapt how we offer worship throughout the changing restrictions. They stood down from this role in August and our heartfelt thanks go to them, especially David Stinson, for their enormous contribution to the worship life of St Mary's.

In the last four months of the year, our regular services were greatly enhanced by several services celebrating special occasions and seasonal themes, where opportunities for all generations to worship together included the Patronal Festival, Harvest Festival, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We celebrated the Feast of All Saints with a Family Service and welcomed many recently bereaved families to our annual Service of Light to remember the departed. Our Remembrance Sunday service was able to take place in Church, to which uniformed organisations were invited.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November we held a Confirmation service at which Bishop Andrew confirmed 13 young people – a truly wonderful sign of faith growing at St Mary's as the next generation of disciples comes to maturity.

At the same time, it became clear that the government was planning to introduce fresh restrictions on gatherings and worship. We invited the retreat leader Brian Draper to come and help us take stock of what we've been through and were still facing. Brian offered an 'Evening of Soulful Reflection' on the theme "What matters most (now)?" His meditations and use of music made for an extraordinary experience, and we are grateful to him for letting us live-stream it.

In December, St Mary's was one of only a handful of Churches in the Deanery that was able to hold all our Advent and Christmas services as planned. The season began with a wonderful Advent Evensong, which combined the framework of the Evensong liturgy with Advent carols. We were able to hold our traditional Carols by Candlelight service, including music, readings and refreshments. Our thanks go to Jan Fellingham and Ruth Goddard for their work in creating both these services. On Christmas Eve we were able to hold our first Crib Service for 2 years, with children coming dressed as their favourite Nativity character – this service was attended by approximately 50 children and their families.

Our worship is enriched by the ministry of St Mary's Lay Preachers, Ken Lindup and Richard Flenley, and by St Mary's Associate Priests: the Revd Gill Welford, the Revd George Rowe and the Revd Dr David Neaum. Helen Bendall has completed her training in occasional preaching and joined the team of Lay Preachers, and Richard Flenley has begun his training for ordained ministry.

In 2021, we were delighted that many couples and families continued to choose to celebrate significant life events at St Mary's. 12 weddings, one blessing of marriage and 11 baptisms were conducted, most of which were held between July and October, making for a very busy season indeed! In total, 5 Funeral services and 16 Burial of Ashes were conducted, and 5 Services of Thanksgiving were held. We were also pleased to resume offering services of Holy Communion in people's homes throughout the parish and praise God for all the ways we've been given to offer worship.

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## **Caring for our Possessions**

### ***The Fabric and Maintenance Report***

The Churchwardens have pleasure in providing our report for the year to December 2021.

#### **General**

The year has remained a difficult one for our finances, but fortunately most of the normal functions of maintenance and care for the Church and Churchyard have been carried out and the log-books and monthly Churchwarden's inspections have been kept up to date.

#### **Churchyard Working Party**

There has been no progress in the search for a leader of the CWP and apart from our team of six or so ladies, there are only four men, all well over 75, who attend very regularly, plus a few who come more occasionally. Routine work is falling behind and if more volunteers are not found, we may have to consider closing the group, in which case the PCC will have to pay a contractor to do the work or decide to hand the Churchyard over to Waverley Borough Council, who will do very little to maintain it.

However, a great deal was accomplished at a special Churchyard Spring Clean that was held on 19 February 2022 (strictly out of the scope of this report), when the Bonfire Crew came in force to trim the large hedge between the Church and Little Beckhams. The turnout from the village, including many who are not members of the congregation, was excellent and altogether we had a group of over 30 adults and 7 children. We are very grateful to all for this assistance. Unfortunately, Storm Eunice took a hand in proceedings from about 11:30am and although the gallant Bonfire Crew continued working until 1pm in freezing rain and strong wind, they did not fully complete trimming the hedge on the Church side. Other jobs like painting the Lych Gate and Porch, which the CWP has been unable to do, could not take place due to the weather. We hope to make this a regular Village event.

#### **Digital Services**

The new 4G Router has greatly improved the wi-fi in the Church and Church Room. This enabled services to be live streamed satisfactorily and our gratitude is expressed to Dave Stinson for the enormous input he has given to this.

The contactless giving device has been installed by the main door and is often used, but was unreliable and has been replaced twice. It now seems to be working well and the Treasurer reports a satisfactory income stream from it.

#### **Services and Repairs**

- Routine inspections and services have been carried out to the Tower Clock, Lightning Conductor, Fire Extinguishers, Alarm System, Church and Church Room boilers, and all electrical appliances have had a PAT Test completed.
- Blocked Churchyard drain was cleared out.
- Repair of the Church Room outside light cable was completed and they now operate well through the photocell. Photocells on the main floodlights, as approved by the PCC, have also been installed, which obviates the need to reset the timer switches frequently as the seasons change.

- Subsequent electrical problems – two sets of lights in the Church and the feed to the shed have been dealt with.
- Up-to-date plans of utilities – partially completed.
- The bell-ringers conducted an extensive inspection of the Tower and found numerous items needing servicing. In addition, worn clappers were found and were repaired by a specialist in Loughborough. The cost was covered by the Chiddingfold Community Fund and all other work was done by the bell-ringers themselves. Our thanks are expressed to the Tower Captain and his team.
- New anti-slip strips have been fitted to the worn South Porch ramp.
- The problem with the collapsing ivy hedge behind the lower Garden of Remembrance has not been resolved. In our opinion we remain at risk if the hedge collapses and causes damage or injury.
- Investigations are ongoing on possible Vestry modifications.
- A thorough survey of all the church keys was conducted and they were checked and listed as to which keys are in the vestry cupboard and which are held by authorized people, i.e. Rector, Keyholders, Churchwardens, Treasurer, and the dozen or so others who hold various keys. By comparison with a previous list we are sure that we have not lost any of the critical keys.

### **Stonework Repairs**

The firm of Anstey & Stone Ltd completed all four items of stonework repair, namely

- Pointing on the missing gable slabs of the North Chapel and replacement of several damaged slabs.
- Masonry re-pointing and addition of lead cill drip protection to East window in South Aisle.
- Re-pointing and repairs to Churchyard boundary wall Southwest side, mostly on the far side of the wall.
- Re-pointing and repairs to Churchyard boundary wall Northeast corner.

The Friends of St Mary's met the costs, for which we are very grateful.



**Boundary Wall after repairs**



## Terrier

This is the written survey giving details and photographs of all the property, buildings, equipment, monuments, vestments, plate, windows etc. in the Parish owned by the Church. It had not been updated since 2019, but with major assistance from Jane Bell this has now been checked and updated. Our thanks are expressed to Jane for her very thorough work.

Arising from this it became clear however that there is no inventory of the many more mundane items that do not belong in the Terrier, such as furniture and equipment in the Tower Room or Church Room. This will now be undertaken. In addition, a review is necessary of the parish documentation archived by Surrey History Centre and this must be brought up to date.

## Surveys

Surveys of the Churchyard were carried out in May 2021 as follows:

- Static bat monitoring device deployed for two weeks by the Surrey Bat Group – 7 species were recorded, mostly Common Pipistrelle, but including a very rare Barbastelle.
- Botanical survey of the Churchyard by the Surrey Botanical Society, which identified 137 species, with a map co-ordinate-based database. Their advice is that the Churchyard is a valuable wildlife resource and plants should be allowed to set seed.



## Signboard Project

Funding for the signboard project was secured which covered 85% of the total, so only a small portion of the raffle proceeds earmarked for the signs was needed. Official closing-out reports were issued to the Diocese, Chiddingfold Community Fund and Chiddingfold Parish Council, and thanks expressed to other funders. Diocesan approval, which required only the Archdeacon's approval, not a Faculty, was obtained and the new signboards were erected in June and July.

## Quinquennial Report

Progress on the Action Plan to implement the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection that was held in November 2019 is as follows:

- There were no immediate repairs required.
- Seven items of work to be carried out within 18 months (i.e. by May 2021), are all complete.

- Nine items of work to be carried out within the Quinquennium (i.e. by November 2024), of which seven are complete. O/S items are:
  - Rainwater Goods re-decoration, however they are in fact in good condition and no work is needed at this stage.
  - Gravestone stability survey.
- Four items of Desirable work, one of which is complete, and the rest require budgeting and approval by the PCC. O/S items are:
  - Hooped access ladder on the north aisle west wall for access to valley gutter – low priority.
  - Budget for ongoing masonry repairs and repointing - no spare funds available and no immediate problems found.
  - Chapel redecoration - no funds available at present.
- Eight items requiring monitoring/maintenance, all of which are routinely checked as part of the Churchwarden's Monthly Checklist and of which six have been attended to. O/S items are:
  - Trip hazards on paving stones in Churchyard.
  - Tree condition survey every five years or so.
- A further twelve additional items extracted from the report or current discussions which we consider worthy of consideration by the PCC, the Churchwardens or the Churchyard Working Party, of which ten current ones have been resolved. Unfortunately, this is an ongoing process and additional items arise all the time. O/S items at present are:
  - Contract to clean gutters – gutters are visually checked annually from the tower, and very little material has collected.
  - Redecoration where paint is peeling – minor areas so far.

## **Thanks**

Our thanks are extended to the Bell ringers, Sacristan, Church cleaners, those who wash and iron the Church linen, the Flower Arrangers and the Key Holders who have enabled us to keep the Church open and attractive. We hope for a more settled year and look forward to the day when our routines, including processions of Choir, Chalice Assistants and Acolytes will return to normal.

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## **Budgeting for our Future** *Finance Group*

With circumstances changing rapidly throughout 2021, the Finance Focus Group met regularly to update our advice to the PCC on all financial matters.

Our contactless giving device by the main door has proved popular, with the better part of £3,000 being donated this way. Donations via the website have not been so successful, but the handheld devices have proved invaluable at our many fundraising events.

On balance, 2021 has been far more positive than we dared forecast when preparing the budget, though this is largely due to the amazing total achieved by the fundraisers raising double the amount which we predicted.

The Group has faced some challenging work throughout the year in considering how best to prioritise spending our limited funds, but by far the toughest task is the preparation of the annual budget. The entire group has spent many hours in producing a thorough document for the PCC's approval. As Treasurer, I would like to thank each and every member of the group for their conscientious contributions.

*Finance Focus Group members: Gilly van Oppen (Chair), Dickie Atkinson, Jan Fellingham, Martin Johnson and Gerald Williams.*

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## **Raising Money, Having Fun**

### ***The Fundraising Team***

May we begin by thanking everyone who supported St Mary's through the last year and helped our fundraising efforts. The year began much as 2020 had ended, but things soon began to change and by the summer activities were afoot.



Several Fresh Produce Sales were held, often on the same day as the Churchyard Working Party, which were very successful. Thanks are given to Beverley Draper and her team on their success with the produce sales.

Then in June we were able to hold our Open Gardens Day. Many people opened their gardens to visitors and the event raised approximately £3,000. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success, including Sally Frederick, the stewards at each garden, the cake makers, ticket sellers and those who ran the plant sale and teas and coffees. We couldn't have done it without you!

To round off the year the Christmas Tree Ball made a spectacular return. The Ball raised an amazing £4,500, which meant we were able to send donations to Halow and other charities. Our thanks go to Helen Gorrod and Lily Cook for their brilliant job organising the Ball.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported us. We have many exciting events planned for 2022 so look out for notices!

*Fundraising Focus Group members: Martin Johnson (Chair), Beverley Draper, Susan Hodges, Pauline Kaye, Sue Smith and Melanie Wotherspoon*

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## **Using our Gifts to make a Difference in the World**

### ***Stewardship Group***

The Stewardship Group is part of the Finance Team and includes the Stewardship Officer, Jan Fellingham, and the Treasurer. The Stewardship Group mobilises the triennial Stewardship Campaign or Gift Day. The last Gift Day was held in May 2018, and the next would have been held in 2021 were it not for the pandemic. While there were no official meetings of the Stewardship Group in 2021, members communicated when necessary by email and text messages.

We are extremely grateful to all our regular donors, who give by Banker's Order, bank transfer or monthly cheques. It is so helpful to have a guaranteed monthly income. Sadly and inevitably we have lost some donors over the year, due to death or a change in circumstances, but encourage all who appreciate St Mary's to commit to setting up a regular donation, as your generosity is what allows us to keep our doors open every day and funds all that we endeavour to do.

*Stewardship Focus Group members: Gilly van Oppen (Treasurer) and Jan Fellingham.*

Jan Fellingham, Churchwarden  
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## **He Washes Us Clean...**

### ***The Baptism Visiting Team***

We were able to restart Baptism services at St Mary's at the beginning of July 2021 and over the next 6 months 11 children were baptised. 7 families came from within the village and 4 from outside the parish.

In March Julia Bayne decided not to continue with Baptism visiting and all of us on the team thank her very much for her contribution to our Baptisms. Julia is a very caring and gentle person and also very thorough with her preparation.

In the summer, Helen Gorrod came to join the BVT and she will oversee a Baptism early in 2022. We are all delighted to have her on our team.



We hope very much that we might be able to extend our work when restrictions ease and we can plan some follow up events.

*Baptism Visiting Team: Wendy Johnson, Michelle Quickfall, Lily Cook, Helen Gorrod*

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# **Sing to the Lord a New Song**

## ***Choir and Music***



### **Choir and Music**

The purpose of the choir is to enhance and support the worship in St Mary's Church. We sing music which reflects the significance of the season and the focus of the services.

### **Membership and attendance**

While the pandemic challenges remain, the choir has returned to a semblance of normality during this period, including a special Evensong for Advent 2021 which was very well received, as well as Carols by Candlelight. Christmas was relatively low-key with congregations still smaller in numbers. Most participants at services wore masks and this gave a feeling of security to all. The choir continue to sing with masks into 2022 because of the potential for increased spread of the virus.

In the summer of 2021 the choir were able to discontinue Zoom practices in favour of in person meetings and voices began to pick up in impetus again. It has been particularly refreshing to hear children's voices again, albeit through masks most of the time.

The Arthur Barnett Choristers Cup was awarded to Rachael Quickfall, and Eleanor Barlow stepped up as Deputy Head Chorister. Other roles in the choir will be awarded this coming year (2022) there having been no real continuity to establish them in the last two years.

### **Weddings**

Weddings returned to a sort of normal with three being for choir and occasionally assisted by external singers.

### **Festivals and Highlights**

We marked Easter, the Patronal Festival, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas. At the beginning of the year this was with a home worship and/or online contribution, but culminated with in person contributions at the Advent and Christmas services.

### **Other Special Occasions**

We were not able to support the Carols round the Tree of Faith, Hope and Love on the Green or in The Crown in December. There were no funerals for the choir during the pandemic lockdown this year.

### **Leadership**

During the pandemic, both Roger and Helen continued where possible to provide music before and after services, and the congregation has returned to three hymns for each service. We used some recorded short anthems for use during the administration of communion.

It is with sadness that Roger could not continue to provide singing assemblies in the school but it is hoped that these will restart in the Spring.

## **Future developments**

A Choir dinner and Choir barbecue will be planned for 2022 and we hope to take part in the Diocesan Festival in October 2022. No other major events took place in 2021.

Roger Crocker has announced his decision to retire from the post of Director of Music from Easter 2022 after nearly 38 years. The choir and everyone at St Mary's thank him for his dedicated and outstanding service to St Mary's. He will still help out and assist the new postholder and Helen Bendall when possible.

Roger Crocker, Director of Music  
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Helen Bendall, Assistant Organist  
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Christine Barlow, Choir Administrator  
*chris@dottydragon.co.uk*

John Doig, Choir Treasurer  
*johndoig65@gmail.com*

## **Part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church** ***Deanery Synod Report***

In the last year there has not been a lot of activity and meetings have taken place by Zoom. One of the remits of the Synod is to encourage Churches to offer assistance to one another, and with this in mind it was decided to build a skills matrix which would allow church members to identify others who might be able to give advice. The proposal was for Churches looking for a solution to circulate this need within the Synod. I was asked to be responsible for making it happen. Together with another Synod member we have decided to set up a scheme whereby Churches will share details of projects that they have undertaken. Our first two projects are the establishment of an ECO Church here at St Mary's and the implementation of an online accounting system in Haslemere. Other projects will be identified and documented.

At the last Zoom meeting I was elected as a lay member of the Guildford Diocesan Synod. There is nothing to report yet.

Ken Lindup, Godalming Deanery Synod Representative  
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## **Eco Church**

***"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it." Psalm 24.1***

The Eco Church group at St Mary's aims to help our Church play its part in renewing the earth by using resources responsibly, creatively and unselfishly. Our goal is to empower individuals, the Church congregation and the wider community to model good stewardship by reducing our environmental footprint, increasing awareness of environmental sustainability and encouraging the appreciation of God's creation.

The Eco Church Scheme has helped us to assess different aspects of church life, so as to identify changes that we could make and actions we could take to benefit our environment. In May we undertook two new surveys of the Churchyard's flora and fauna.

A static bat monitoring device was placed in the ash tree beyond the Church Room for two weeks by the Surrey Bat Group. Recordings of seven species of bats were taken: Barbastelle, Serotine, Myotis species, Noctule, Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, and Long-eared bat. Following the bat survey, representatives from the Surrey Botanical Society carried out a very detailed botanical survey, identifying over 100 plants and providing us with an excel spreadsheet with a full species list documented. Special thanks go to George Hounscome for sharing his time and experience for the benefit of the community. With the bat monitoring completed in 2020 and a lichen survey already in our records, we now have a clearer picture of the biodiversity to be appreciated in the Churchyard.



Complementing the botanical survey there have also been sightings of an array of butterflies: a lovely Small Copper, Speckled Wood, Small Heath, Large White and Brimstone. Wood White butterflies have also been sighted courting. Another significant piece of information for the church and butterfly conservation records!

With so much happening in St Mary's Churchyard, we were pleased to have new signage erected in June to increase awareness of Churchyard management aims and to inspire budding naturalists in our community. Our special thanks go to Chris Everett who worked hard to secure funding and develop the proposals for signage at each end of the Churchyard to communicate the importance of our Churchyard as a tranquil place of prayer and reflection, a habitat for wildlife, a site of remembrance and beautiful green space for the whole community.



Given the acceleration of climate breakdown and uncertainty in the lead up to the UN Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow (COP26), we felt the invitation to rejoice in each day and to give thanks for all that God has made was more important than ever. For it reminds us where our hope is founded and gives us courage and clear-sightedness to take steps to respond adequately to the challenges we face. In order to take some hopeful steps together, we encouraged folks to send an image that gave them hope, and we received dozens of absolutely wonderful submissions. They formed our Harvest of Hope display, a stunning collection of photographs showing signs of God at work transforming our world.

We continue to share opportunities to listen, reflect and engage with God through sharing information on webinars, such as that of the environmentalist and theologian Ruth Valerio, who spoke on the subject of "Losing connection: does the natural world matter for the future health of humanity?" in November. Eco-Church member, Jolande Murray also attended the Caring for God's Acre webinars and shared learnings with the wider group – we particularly valued her reflections that: "as an eternal student of the subject I found it fascinating and a privilege to accompany an

experienced botanist. It is a complex subject and makes you marvel at the wonder and diversity of God's creation in our midst."

In recognition of all of these efforts, St Mary's was awarded A Rocha Silver Eco Church Award for care of creation, of which we are enormously proud. And there is so more we can do together, so come and join us!

Further information about the work of St Mary's Eco Church is available on the Church's website or email: [stmarysecochurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysecochurch@gmail.com)



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## **Food for Fellowship**

Covid-19 again prevented the serving of refreshments for much of 2021. However, we resumed the monthly breakfasts in October and November, thanks to Irving & Wendy and Sue Smith respectively.

We also served port and mince pies in Church on 5<sup>th</sup> December after Evensong with Music and Readings for Advent, which was enjoyed by all.

There was no breakfast in December, partly because no volunteers came forward but also because it was a very busy weekend, coinciding with the Christmas Carol Service. Refreshments were served at the Lychgate after the Christmas Carol Service, thanks to David Neaum who made mulled wine, and several kind volunteers who provided mince pies and shortbread.

At St Mary's we aspire to be a welcoming community, and we relish opportunities to get to know one another better – especially over good food and drink! We'd love to create more opportunities for fellowship and would really value more helpers to enable this. If you enjoy good company, catering, or can pour a cup of tea, please be in touch!

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## **With a Little Help from our Friends** *The Friends of St Mary's*

As we progress in 2022, I really hope we will be able to look forward to the return of some sort of normality. However, last year did see us continuing to raise funds for the maintenance of our beautiful Church.

Back in the summer, with restrictions easing, we were able to hold our first fundraising event for about 18 months. The wonderful people of Chiddingfold opened their gardens

and the “Friends”, thanks to the amazing cake bakers of the village, served a fantastic tea at Wendy and Irving Johnson’s house. A huge thank you to all concerned.

In November, we held a trumpet concert in the Church. Crispian Steele-Perkins, one of the world’s leading trumpet players, accompanied by Roger Crocker (our Director of Music), entertained us. Crispian not only played the trumpet but also gave us an insight into its history. Over 100 people enjoyed some wine and excellent nibbles (provided by the committee) in the interval. Some much-needed funds for the Church were raised that evening.

We are hoping to be able to hold our 2022 AGM sometime in April. Please read the Parish Magazine to learn the finalised date.

In this year of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, I hope the village will be celebrating and be able to hold the fete. The “Friends” will again be manning the tea tent, so bakers your services will be needed!

From time to time during 2021, as many of you may have noticed, scaffolding surrounded various parts of the Church. This was because defective stonework needed restoration and I am pleased to tell you that the “Friends” contributed to the cost of this work.

The committee and I wish everyone a happy and healthy year ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Rosemary Gorringer, Chairperson  
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## **Many Members, One Body** *The Joint Churches in Chiddingfold*

The Joint Churches’ activities were inevitably curtailed by the pandemic. However, we did create both an Easter card (with a message rather than lists of Services) and a Christmas card, with the involvement of the pupils of St Mary’s School.

We were able to host the annual Welcome Lunch in October, following the easing of restrictions, and a highly successful Lunch it was, with great support all round and lots of appreciative comments from attendees. Following the Lunch, Faith Reynolds and Rosemary Harris advised the Group that they were stepping down from organising the Lunch, after many years in the kitchen. Huge thanks to them both were expressed by the Group!

In November, we were able to hold a Service of Healing at St Teresa’s, led by Fr Irek. Attendance was good and appreciated by those attendees.

The year ended with the good news that Joao Bolzan had been confirmed as the new Leader of the Baptist Church! He assumed the Chairmanship of the Group on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

E&OE  
Mike Danson  
Chairman 2021

## **Parish Link with St Paul's Church, Hook**

St Paul's and St Mary's have shared a friendship link for many years although we still have no formal representative at St Paul's. We exchange Parish Magazines and weekly pew sheets but since March 2020 any joint meetings have not occurred because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In spite of restrictions easing in the summer of 2021 no-one from St Paul's was able to attend our Patronal Festival or our Advent Carol Service. I have not travelled to Hook and do not expect to attend the Patronal Festival later in January 2022.

As the restrictions for gatherings relaxes, I hope that we will be able to share events with our friends at St Paul's. This link is valuable to both parishes.

Nita Draper, St Mary's Representative for St Paul's, Hook  
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## **You Visited Me...** ***The Pastoral Visiting Team***

### **Caring for our Community**

St Mary's offers pastoral support to all parishioners regardless of their religious beliefs. St Mary's is also committed to caring for those who are unable to attend Church due to sickness or age. The Rector celebrates communion with them in their homes and in hospital and visits all who request it. In this she is ably assisted by St Mary's Associate Priests and by the Pastoral Visiting Team. The ministry of the Pastoral Visiting Team is primarily one of listening. Some of the Team also take Holy Communion to those who are no longer able to attend Church. Team members are trained in specific areas of pastoral care, which may include bereavement, stress, depression, suicide, dementia and age-related issues. Confidentiality is paramount and team members do not divulge any personal problems of those visited.

Visiting itself has continued to change as restrictions have changed. Throughout it all, St Mary's Associate Priests and Lay Pastoral Visitors have risen to the challenge and helped us keep in pastoral contact with parishioners through phone calls, Zoom chats and emails, as well as through home visits and hospital visits where permitted.

Special thanks go to Sam Gates, who in the process of doing a trial bake each week in preparation for her forthcoming cookbook, has been producing slices of cake (of every variety!) for us to deliver to elderly and infirm parishioners. The delivery of a slice of cake for afternoon tea has brought many smiles!

In August we said goodbye to Gill Marshall, as she and her husband moved out of the village, and the Pastoral Visiting Team was reduced to two members. In the year ahead we hope to build our Team back up and would welcome the help of new volunteers in this vital work!

*Lay Pastoral Visiting Team: Faith Reynolds and Margaret McComish.*

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Rector



## Work in St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Chiddingfold

St Mary's Church has a special relationship with our village school, as St Mary's Primary is a Church of England school and part of the Good Shepherd Trust. That means the Rector is a foundation governor and has responsibilities for the pastoral care of teachers and staff. In that role, I am tasked with bringing elements of the RE curriculum to life, offering an act of collective worship one day each week and for leading services for the whole school. Many of those responsibilities are best shared and made ever more enjoyable through combined efforts. St Mary's Church has a small but talented pool of volunteers who enrich collective worship by taking turns to lead assemblies on a Tuesday; and we are keen to see more volunteers come forward to share in this ministry.



St Mary's Church coordinates the "Open the Book" Team of Storytellers, who are drawn from all three Churches and who contribute by leading assemblies twice a term. For much of 2021 the school was closed to visitors, but as restrictions eased in the autumn we were delighted to return to the school. The "Open the Book" assemblies are incredibly popular with the children and teachers alike, and exceptionally good fun for all involved. We could use a few more Storytellers on the team, so please let us

know if you're interested – no special acting skills are required!

As pandemic guidance changed, we continued to create new ways of working together to support pupils, staff and learning and to mark important milestones. We were pleased to lead an Easter Pause Day on which children were encouraged to focus on world issues, reflect and pray as they explored a range of prayer stations. And it was a delight to offer a Leavers' Service for St Mary's Year 6 students outdoors in the school grounds on a sunny morning in June, with Roger Crocker leading us in song. The service was recorded so that parents, grandparents and siblings could join me in giving thanks for all that these young people had accomplished. On behalf of the three village Churches, we presented each leaver with a Bible, and then the celebration got into full swing!

When the Autumn Term began, we were also able to go into the school to lead the New Beginnings Service, a Harvest Festival Service, as well as a Service of Remembrance, working first within year group bubbles and then with the whole school as restrictions were gradually relaxed.

Whether we are together in the Church, in the school hall or amphitheatre, or in a Zoom room, there is so much fun to be had learning together. At St Mary's we count it a privilege to contribute to the flourishing of the village school and treasure the relationship we have with it.

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Rector



## **Looking after Children and Vulnerable Adults**

### ***Safeguarding Report***

The PCC's Safeguarding role is clearly defined in The Church of England's 'Parish Handbook' and is carried out with the support of the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) validator – Beverley Giles. Katherine Hylton is the Safeguarding representative on the PCC. The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church: Policy Statement' has been adopted by the PCC and this is displayed in St Mary's. A copy of the Handbook is available on the Parish website as is a full list of contacts and organisations providing help and advice. Although Safeguarding is on the agenda of all PCC meetings complete confidentiality is maintained where matters are raised with the PSO or the Rector.

The continuing situation with the coronavirus has meant that services and activities for all ages where people meet have been affected. The departure of the leader for Children's and Young People's activities has also meant that opportunities to hold events that children and young people are involved with have been curtailed, and it has meant that consideration has had to be given to ways in which this important work can continue in a way that is safe and secure for all participants. Those involved with safeguarding are also aware that because of the circumstances of people in lockdowns or isolation, there is an increased need for vigilance to ensure that help is available for the vulnerable.

The PCC have carried out a Safeguarding Audit and reviewed the 2019 Action Plan before writing a new Plan which is being taken forward. The Diocese have introduced an online Dashboard which will assist in future planning and reporting and ensure that all changes in procedures can be shared with the PCC and carried forward.

During the year Ruth Goddard stepped down as Safeguarding Officer and her place was taken by Louise Taylor (who is also a member of the PCC). Ruth wishes to place on record her appreciation of the support that the PCC and the Parish have given over many years in ensuring that there has been a positive awareness of the importance of Safeguarding in the life of St Mary's.

Ruth Goddard / Louise Taylor, St Mary's Safeguarding Officer  
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## **Membership of St Mary's**

### ***Electoral Roll Report***

The Electoral Roll is the Church membership list. Anyone is eligible to join the Electoral Roll if they have been baptised and live within the parish, or if they are baptised and have regularly attended worship at St Mary's during the previous six months.

Membership of St Mary's implies:

- that you are committed to grow in faith through prayer, Bible reading and regular worship;
- that you take an active interest in the life and purposes of this Church;
- that you are willing to use your time and talents to help build up the Church and its ministry;

- that you undertake proportional regular planned giving to financially support this Church (which is entirely self-funded).

The Electoral Roll Officer reported that a revision of the Parish Electoral Roll had been completed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During this process, no applications for inclusion had been received and there were five deletions in respect of those who had died or moved away. The total number on the Parish Electoral Roll now stood at 120 members. The figures were presented at the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and were duly notified to the Secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Synod and the Godalming Deanery Synod.

Since the 2021 APCM there have been no further additions to the Electoral Roll and one deletion in respect of someone who has died or moved away. The total number on the St Mary's Electoral Roll, as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, was 119.

Helen Bendall, Electoral Roll Officer  
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## **Other St Mary's Church Links**

Individuals, groups and organisations linked to St Mary's Church are listed below.

### **Bell Ringing:**

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
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### **Choir / Organist:**

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
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| Helen Bendall | stmarysorganist@outlook.com        |
| 07986 127855  |                                    |

### **Friends of St Mary's:**

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Rosemary Gorringer | rg@hartland3.plus.com |
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### **Churchyard Records & Archives:**

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Nita Draper  | nitadraper@btinternet.com |
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### **Church Flowers Organiser:**

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
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**To know Christ better,  
to make Christ better known**

**Annual Report  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Approved by the Members and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022\_\_\_\_\_

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**



**St. Mary's Church**  
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***To know Christ better,  
to make Christ better known***

# CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## TREASURER'S COMMENTS

With Covid restrictions still in place for the first half of 2021, the PCC agreed to start the year in the same prudent fashion in which we finished 2020. Our 'bill' for Parish Share for the year was £90,000, reduced by £4,957 by way of 'Covid support' by the Diocese. Of this amount, approximately two thirds represents the direct cost to the parish of having a full time incumbent, the balance going towards central costs. Regular Giving improved a little during the year (note 4, page vii) – though still remains lower than that received in 2019 by more than £6,500 – and averaged at £4,769 per month. Therefore, we took the decision to continue paying our Parish Share at £4,000 monthly to maintain a balance to pay the bills, with agreement to review as the year progressed.

The huge positive for the year was the return to fundraising events and the village has supported our efforts with gusto. The Open Garden event at the end of June was one of the first large events to be held for nearly two years and, despite the weather, saw droves of people coming to enjoy the wonderful array of gardens and each other's company. Thanks to the organisation by Martin and Sally, the generosity of those who opened their properties and the tireless efforts of volunteers, a profit of more than £3,000 was made. A few weeks later, the village was on high alert when LBC productions arrived to film a clip for The Crown in the church building. The team were fantastic – a slick operation – and even invited several parishioners into the back pews to watch the final filming. We were paid £3,750 for the use of our facilities. These events, together with a return to healthy collections from special services and the promise of a Christmas Ball meant that we were, indeed, able to commit to higher Parish Share payments for the final part of the year. Four months at £7,500 meant a total of £62,000 had been paid to the Diocese by early December, so our direct costs were covered.

Of course, fundraising events, collections and more donations through the contactless device from greater numbers of visitors have allowed us to make a welcome claim from the Gift Aid for Small Donations Scheme (in addition to that claimed on our regular receipts); a return to weddings has increased the amount received via fees threefold. The final triumph was the organisation of the Christmas Ball by Helen and Lily. In total, a profit of £11,863 (note 5, page vii) from fundraising events – five times the amount made in 2020 and a testament to the team under Martin's leadership.

These results turned around our figures. At Helen's request, £1,500 of the profit was sent to the Halow Project, a Guildford based charity nurturing young people with learning disabilities. Beyond this, the PCC agreed to extend our Outreach Support and we are delighted to have increased significantly our total support to a large variety of projects (note 8, page ix). Importantly, it was agreed to pay an additional £10,000 towards our Parish Share. This is included in the Creditors total (note 3, page vii) and has, subsequently, been paid. Paying 85% of the total requested, when we were really only in full operation for six months, is an outstanding result and one, which I trust, the Diocese will appreciate.

Our Parish Share 'bill' for 2022 is £93,000. At the time of writing, the PCC still agrees that we will continue to pay £4,000 a month, in line with our regular receipts. Again, this will be reviewed as the year progresses.

On a housekeeping front, it has been necessary to add several new categories to the Administration & Sundries section of Resources Expended (note 7, page viii) to avoid skewing comparison with previous years. We contribute towards Richard Flenley and Helen Bendall's training; we paid for church cleaning when services first resumed before volunteers were comfortable to return to that role; costs for parish and PCC secretaries are now shown separately. Of course, Youth expenses remain low as we have not paid a salary in this department during 2021.

We are extremely grateful to various charitable trusts that have supported various projects this year. Chris' information boards were largely funded by grants from The Caram Trust and The Community Foundation for Surrey. Further grants from the latter have been received (note 9, page x), the larger paying for the urgent repairs to bell clappers. This new restricted fund is shown on the SOFA (page 6) and we appreciate our village team on the Community Fund for negotiating that the balance of £345 remain with us for use on a future project.

The return to some sort of encouraging accounts is, in no small part, due to the careful and considered opinions made by the Finance Focus Group this year, who have been tasked with advising the PCC on several weighty matters. My thanks to Dickie, Jan, Martin and Gerald for the generous manner in which they have given their time and thoughts so readily. Also, we appreciate Tony's continued input as our IFE. However, there would be no accounts without the huge input and advice received from Gerald – I simply could not have done it without him.

*Gilly van Oppen*  
*Treasurer, Chiddingfold PCC*  
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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST MARY'S, CHIDDINGFOLD**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages (v) to (ix), is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner:**

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3 (3) and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25.

## **Basis of this report:**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2001 edition issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That 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 item or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures taken do not include 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 cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with 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.

28 February 2022

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**A Kelly FCA**  
Chartered Accountant  
Independent Examiner

**CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

|                                 | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                 | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>             | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>           |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| CASH AND BANK BALANCES (Note 1) | 15,475             |                    | 8,464              |                    |
| CBF DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS            | 45,529             |                    | 37,295             |                    |
| CBF INVESTMENT FUND             | 1,607              |                    | 1,722              |                    |
| MAGAZINE ACCOUNT BALANCE        | 3,373              |                    | 3,090              |                    |
| DEBTORS (Note 2)                | <u>7,854</u>       |                    | <u>3,594</u>       |                    |
|                                 | 73,838             |                    | 54,165             |                    |
| LESS: CREDITORS (Note 3)        | <u>-14,805</u>     | 59,033             | <u>-4,219</u>      | 49,946             |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>         |                    | <b>59,033</b>      |                    | <b>49,946</b>      |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY</b>           |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS              | 48,228             |                    | 39,417             |                    |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS                | <u>10,805</u>      | 59,033             | <u>10,529</u>      | 59,033             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>              |                    | <b>59,033</b>      |                    | <b>49,946</b>      |



**CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

|                                    | <u>2021</u><br>£ | <u>2021</u><br>£ | <u>2020</u><br>£ | <u>2020</u><br>£ |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| BALANCE B/FWD @ 1 JANUARY          |                  | 39,417           |                  | 50,966           |
| INCOMING RESOURCES (Note 4)        | 123,250          |                  | 103,590          |                  |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED (Note 7)        | <u>-114,439</u>  |                  | <u>-115,139</u>  |                  |
| NET PROFIT/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR    |                  | 8,811            |                  | -11,549          |
| BALANCE C/FWD @ 31 DECEMBER        |                  | <u>48,228</u>    |                  | <u>39,417</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>    |                  | <b>48,228</b>    |                  | <b>39,417</b>    |
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>            |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>SADLER BEQUEST (CHURCHYARD)</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| BALANCE B/FWD @ 1 JANUARY          |                  | 6,279            |                  | 6,164            |
| INCOME FROM CBF UNITS              | 45               |                  | 56               |                  |
| UNIT VALUE INCREASE/DECREASE       | <u>-114</u>      | <u>-69</u>       | <u>59</u>        | <u>115</u>       |
| BALANCE C/FWD @ 31 DECEMBER        |                  | <u>6,210</u>     |                  | <u>6,279</u>     |
| <b>CAMPBELL-ORDE BEQUEST</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| BALANCE C/FWD @ 31 DECEMBER        | <u>2,000</u>     | <u>2,000</u>     | <u>2,000</u>     | <u>2,000</u>     |
| <b>VESTRY REFURBISHMENT FUND</b>   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| ALL CHURCHES GRANT                 | <u>2,250</u>     | <u>2,250</u>     | <u>2,250</u>     | <u>2,250</u>     |
| <b>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| RECEIPTS (Note 9)                  | 2,802            |                  | 0                |                  |
| PROJECT FUNDING                    | <u>-2,457</u>    | <u>345</u>       | <u>0</u>         | <u>0</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>      |                  | <b>10,805</b>    |                  | <b>10,529</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                 |                  | <b>59,033</b>    |                  | <b>49,946</b>    |

# CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2021

| <u>Notes</u>                    | <u>2021</u><br>£ | <u>2021</u><br>£ | <u>2020</u><br>£ | <u>2020</u><br>£ |
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| <b>1 CASH AND BANK BALANCES</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| LLOYDS/TSB                      | 15,345           |                  | 8,380            |                  |
| SANTANDER/GIRO                  | 130              |                  | 56               |                  |
| CASH                            | 0                | <b>15,475</b>    | 28               | <b>8,464</b>     |
| <b>2 DEBTORS</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| SECRETARIAL FEE                 | 0                |                  | 80               |                  |
| DEANERY FEE                     | 0                |                  | 24               |                  |
| GIFT AID                        | 7,854            | <b>7,854</b>     | 3,490            | <b>3,594</b>     |
| <b>3 CREDITORS</b>              |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| CHIDDINGFOLD FETE               | 1,800            |                  | 1,700            |                  |
| DIOCESAN FEES                   | 671              |                  | 55               |                  |
| CHURCH INSURANCE                | 1,425            |                  | 1,414            |                  |
| CHURCH ROOM EXPENSES            | 124              |                  | 0                |                  |
| PARISH SHARE                    | 10,000           |                  | 0                |                  |
| AGENCY FUNDS                    | 785              | <b>14,805</b>    | 1,050            | <b>4,219</b>     |
| <b>4 INCOMING RESOURCES</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| REGULAR PLANNED GIVING          | 57,229           |                  | 54,881           |                  |
| COLLECTIONS                     | 5,855            |                  | 4,073            |                  |
| GIFT AID                        | 14,341           |                  | 13,304           |                  |
| WEDDING & FUNERAL FEES          | 7,022            |                  | 2,625            |                  |
| GENERAL DONATIONS               | 8,130            |                  | 4,722            |                  |
| SPECIFIC DONATIONS (Note 6)     | 40               |                  | 525              |                  |
| LEGACIES                        | 0                |                  | 2,665            |                  |
| CHURCHYARD GRANTS               | 2,512            |                  | 2,512            |                  |
| INTEREST                        | 21               |                  | 159              |                  |
| MAGAZINE INCOME                 | 13,939           |                  | 14,830           |                  |
| FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (Note 5) | 11,863           |                  | 2,327            |                  |
| CHURCH ROOM RENTALS             | 2,258            |                  | 563              |                  |
| YOUTH EVENTS                    | 23               |                  | 234              |                  |
| VERGER FUND INCOME              | 17               | <b>123,250</b>   | 170              | <b>103,590</b>   |
| <b>5 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| INCOMING FUNDS                  | 18,519           |                  | 2,555            |                  |
| LESS: COST OF GENERATING FUNDS  | -6,656           | <b>11,863</b>    | -228             | <b>2,327</b>     |
| <b>6 SPECIFIC DONATIONS</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| SERVERS' ROBES                  | 0                |                  | 275              |                  |
| CHURCHYARD SIGNAGE GRANT        | 0                |                  | 250              |                  |
| ECOCHURCH PLAQUE                | 40               | <b>40</b>        | 0                | <b>525</b>       |

# **CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2021**

| <b><u>Notes</u></b>                  | <b><u>2021</u></b><br><b>£</b> | <b><u>2021</u></b><br><b>£</b> | <b><u>2020</u></b><br><b>£</b> | <b><u>2020</u></b><br><b>£</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>7 RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>          |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| <b>MINISTRY</b>                      |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| CLERGY FEES                          | 58                             |                                | 52                             |                                |
| PARISH SHARE                         | 72,000                         |                                | 69,250                         |                                |
| MINISTERIAL EXPENSES                 | <u>2,498</u>                   | <b>74,556</b>                  | <u>2,398</u>                   | <b>71,700</b>                  |
| <b>SERVICES</b>                      |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| WORSHIP MATERIALS                    | 1,714                          |                                | 1,376                          |                                |
| ORGANIST & CHOIR                     | 3,214                          |                                | 2,945                          |                                |
| YOUTH                                | <u>757</u>                     | <b>5,685</b>                   | <u>7,889</u>                   | <b>12,210</b>                  |
| <b>CHURCH BUILDING</b>               |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| INSURANCE                            | 3,421                          |                                | 3,395                          |                                |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE                | 1,580                          |                                | 5,185                          |                                |
| UTILITIES                            | 2,556                          |                                | 2,985                          |                                |
| FLOWER FUND                          | 100                            |                                | 0                              |                                |
| CHURCHYARD                           | <u>3,689</u>                   | <b>11,346</b>                  | <u>3,077</u>                   | <b>14,642</b>                  |
| <b>CHURCH ROOM RUNNING EXPENSES</b>  | <u>2,220</u>                   | <b>2,220</b>                   | <u>1,386</u>                   | <b>1,386</b>                   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; SUNDRIES</b> |                                |                                |                                |                                |
| OFFICE ADMINISTRATION                | 1,520                          |                                | 572                            |                                |
| STATIONERY & PRINTING INKS ETC       | 1,139                          |                                | 2,920                          |                                |
| ONLINE EXPENSES                      | 856                            |                                | 1,408                          |                                |
| CHURCH CLEANING                      | 748                            |                                | 0                              |                                |
| CLERGY TRAINING                      | 1,168                          |                                | 0                              |                                |
| STAFF COSTS                          | 1,501                          |                                | 0                              |                                |
| AUDIO & IT                           | <u>150</u>                     | <b>7,082</b>                   | <u>527</u>                     | <b>5,427</b>                   |
| <b>MAGAZINE EXPENSES</b>             | <u>8,657</u>                   | <b>8,657</b>                   | <u>8,518</u>                   | <b>8,518</b>                   |
| <b>OUTREACH SUPPORT (Note 8)</b>     | <u>4,893</u>                   | <b>4,893</b>                   | <u>1,256</u>                   | <b>1,256</b>                   |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>      |                                | <b>114,439</b>                 |                                | <b>115,139</b>                 |

**CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2021**

| <b>Notes</b>                                       | <b>2021</b> | <b>2021</b>  | <b>2020</b> | <b>2020</b>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|  | £           | £            | £           | £            |
| <b>8 OUTREACH GIVING AND SUPPORT FUNDING</b>       |             |              |             |              |
| <b>UK</b>  |             |              |             |              |
| CHURCH URBAN FUND                                  | 200         | 200          | 200         | 200          |
| <b>LOCAL</b>                                       |             |              |             |              |
| ST MARY'S SCHOOL                                   | 400         |              | 0           |              |
| CROSSWAYS  | 500         |              | 500         |              |
| MILFORD & VILLAGES DAY CENTRE                      | 400         | 1,300        | 400         | 900          |
| <b>ADDITIONAL OUTREACH FUNDING</b>                 |             |              |             |              |
| WATER AID  | 0           |              | 156         |              |
| BRIAN DRAPER TALK                                  | 90          |              | 0           |              |
| HALOW TRUST (Christmas Ball)                       | 1,500       |              | 0           |              |
| AFGHANISTAN APPEAL (Christmas Ball)                | 500         |              | 0           |              |
| UNHCR (Christmas Ball)                             | 500         |              | 0           |              |
| UNICEF (Christmas Ball)                            | 500         |              | 0           |              |
| CHRISTIAN AID (Joint Churches)                     | 303         | 3,393        | 0           | 156          |
| <b>OUTREACH SUPPORT (PER ACCOUNTS)</b>             |             | <b>4,893</b> |             | <b>1,256</b> |
| <b>ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b> |             |              |             |              |
| ROYAL BRITISH LEGION                               | 180         |              | 0           |              |
| BISHOP'S FOUNDATION                                | 184         |              | 0           |              |
| CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (Christingle)                   | 85          |              | 0           |              |
| UNICEF Covax Project                               | 325         |              | 0           |              |
| UN Refugee Week                                    | 100         | 874          | 0           | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL OUTREACH SUPPORT</b>                      |             | <b>5,767</b> |             | <b>1,256</b> |

## **CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2021**

#### **Notes**

- 9 We are grateful to the Community Foundation for Surrey for their generous grants:

£1,000 towards the cost of installing information signage in the churchyard

£170 towards the cost of a mini bus to allow all visitors to enjoy the Open Garden event

£1,632 towards the cost of urgent repairs to the bell clappers

We would, also, like to acknowledge our thanks to their agreement that we hold on to the unallocated excess of £345, which will be put towards future project funding.

# **Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Approved by the Members and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: Rachel Egreer

The Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021



**St. Mary's Church**  
C h i d d i n g f o l d

***To know Christ better,  
to make Christ better known***



# CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## TREASURER'S COMMENTS

With Covid restrictions still in place for the first half of 2021, the PCC agreed to start the year in the same prudent fashion in which we finished 2020. Our 'bill' for Parish Share for the year was £90,000, reduced by £4,957 by way of 'Covid support' by the Diocese. Of this amount, approximately two thirds represents the direct cost to the parish of having a full time incumbent, the balance going towards central costs. Regular Giving improved a little during the year (note 4, page vii) – though still remains lower than that received in 2019 by more than £6,500 – and averaged at £4,769 per month. Therefore, we took the decision to continue paying our Parish Share at £4,000 monthly to maintain a balance to pay the bills, with agreement to review as the year progressed.

The huge positive for the year was the return to fundraising events and the village has supported our efforts with gusto. The Open Garden event at the end of June was one of the first large events to be held for nearly two years and, despite the weather, saw droves of people coming to enjoy the wonderful array of gardens and each other's company. Thanks to the organisation by Martin and Sally, the generosity of those who opened their properties and the tireless efforts of volunteers, a profit of more than £3,000 was made. A few weeks later, the village was on high alert when LBC productions arrived to film a clip for The Crown in the church building. The team were fantastic – a slick operation – and even invited several parishioners into the back pews to watch the final filming. We were paid £3,750 for the use of our facilities. These events, together with a return to healthy collections from special services and the promise of a Christmas Ball meant that we were, indeed, able to commit to higher Parish Share payments for the final part of the year. Four months at £7,500 meant a total of £62,000 had been paid to the Diocese by early December, so our direct costs were covered.

Of course, fundraising events, collections and more donations through the contactless device from greater numbers of visitors have allowed us to make a welcome claim from the Gift Aid for Small Donations Scheme (in addition to that claimed on our regular receipts); a return to weddings has increased the amount received via fees threefold. The final triumph was the organisation of the Christmas Ball by Helen and Lily. In total, a profit of £11,863 (note 5, page vii) from fundraising events – five times the amount made in 2020 and a testament to the team under Martin's leadership.

These results turned around our figures. At Helen's request, £1,500 of the profit was sent to the Halow Project, a Guildford based charity nurturing young people with learning disabilities. Beyond this, the PCC agreed to extend our Outreach Support and we are delighted to have increased significantly our total support to a large variety of projects (note 8, page ix). Importantly, it was agreed to pay an additional £10,000 towards our Parish Share. This is included in the Creditors total (note 3, page vii) and has, subsequently, been paid. Paying 85% of the total requested, when we were really only in full operation for six months, is an outstanding result and one, which I trust, the Diocese will appreciate.

Our Parish Share 'bill' for 2022 is £93,000. At the time of writing, the PCC still agrees that we will continue to pay £4,000 a month, in line with our regular receipts. Again, this will be reviewed as the year progresses.



On a housekeeping front, it has been necessary to add several new categories to the Administration & Sundries section of Resources Expended (note 7, page viii) to avoid skewing comparison with previous years. We contribute towards Richard Flenley and Helen Bendall's training; we paid for church cleaning when services first resumed before volunteers were comfortable to return to that role; costs for parish and PCC secretaries are now shown separately. Of course, Youth expenses remain low as we have not paid a salary in this department during 2021.

We are extremely grateful to various charitable trusts that have supported various projects this year. Chris' information boards were largely funded by grants from The Caram Trust and The Community Foundation for Surrey. Further grants from the latter have been received (note 9, page x), the larger paying for the urgent repairs to bell clappers. This new restricted fund is shown on the SOFA (page 6) and we appreciate our village team on the Community Fund for negotiating that the balance of £345 remain with us for use on a future project.

The return to some sort of encouraging accounts is, in no small part, due to the careful and considered opinions made by the Finance Focus Group this year, who have been tasked with advising the PCC on several weighty matters. My thanks to Dickie, Jan, Martin and Gerald for the generous manner in which they have given their time and thoughts so readily. Also, we appreciate Tony's continued input as our IFE. However, there would be no accounts without the huge input and advice received from Gerald – I simply could not have done it without him.

*Gilly van Oppen*  
*Treasurer, Chiddingfold PCC*  
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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST MARY'S, CHIDDINGFOLD**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages (v) to (ix), is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner:**

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3 (3) and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25.

## **Basis of this report:**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2001 edition issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That 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 item or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures taken do not include 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 cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with 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.

28 February 2022

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**A Kelly FCA**  
Chartered Accountant  
Independent Examiner

**CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

|                                 | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                 | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>             | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>           |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| CASH AND BANK BALANCES (Note 1) | 15,475             |                    | 8,464              |                    |
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| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>         |                    | <b>59,033</b>      |                    | <b>49,946</b>      |
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|                                    | <u>2021</u><br>£ | <u>2021</u><br>£ | <u>2020</u><br>£ | <u>2020</u><br>£ |
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| <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
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| <b>SADLER BEQUEST (CHURCHYARD)</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
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| <b>CAMPBELL-ORDE BEQUEST</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| BALANCE C/FWD @ 31 DECEMBER        | <u>2,000</u>     | <u>2,000</u>     | <u>2,000</u>     | <u>2,000</u>     |
| <b>VESTRY REFURBISHMENT FUND</b>   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| ALL CHURCHES GRANT                 | <u>2,250</u>     | <u>2,250</u>     | <u>2,250</u>     | <u>2,250</u>     |
| <b>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| RECEIPTS (Note 9)                  | 2,802            |                  | 0                |                  |
| PROJECT FUNDING                    | <u>-2,457</u>    | <u>345</u>       | <u>0</u>         | <u>0</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>      |                  | <b>10,805</b>    |                  | <b>10,529</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                 |                  | <b>59,033</b>    |                  | <b>49,946</b>    |

# CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2021

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| <b>1 CASH AND BANK BALANCES</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
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| SANTANDER/GIRO                  | 130              |                  | 56               |                  |
| CASH                            | 0                | <b>15,475</b>    | 28               | <b>8,464</b>     |
| <b>2 DEBTORS</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| SECRETARIAL FEE                 | 0                |                  | 80               |                  |
| DEANERY FEE                     | 0                |                  | 24               |                  |
| GIFT AID                        | 7,854            | <b>7,854</b>     | 3,490            | <b>3,594</b>     |
| <b>3 CREDITORS</b>              |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| CHIDDINGFOLD FETE               | 1,800            |                  | 1,700            |                  |
| DIOCESAN FEES                   | 671              |                  | 55               |                  |
| CHURCH INSURANCE                | 1,425            |                  | 1,414            |                  |
| CHURCH ROOM EXPENSES            | 124              |                  | 0                |                  |
| PARISH SHARE                    | 10,000           |                  | 0                |                  |
| AGENCY FUNDS                    | 785              | <b>14,805</b>    | 1,050            | <b>4,219</b>     |
| <b>4 INCOMING RESOURCES</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| REGULAR PLANNED GIVING          | 57,229           |                  | 54,881           |                  |
| COLLECTIONS                     | 5,855            |                  | 4,073            |                  |
| GIFT AID                        | 14,341           |                  | 13,304           |                  |
| WEDDING & FUNERAL FEES          | 7,022            |                  | 2,625            |                  |
| GENERAL DONATIONS               | 8,130            |                  | 4,722            |                  |
| SPECIFIC DONATIONS (Note 6)     | 40               |                  | 525              |                  |
| LEGACIES                        | 0                |                  | 2,665            |                  |
| CHURCHYARD GRANTS               | 2,512            |                  | 2,512            |                  |
| INTEREST                        | 21               |                  | 159              |                  |
| MAGAZINE INCOME                 | 13,939           |                  | 14,830           |                  |
| FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (Note 5) | 11,863           |                  | 2,327            |                  |
| CHURCH ROOM RENTALS             | 2,258            |                  | 563              |                  |
| YOUTH EVENTS                    | 23               |                  | 234              |                  |
| VERGER FUND INCOME              | 17               | <b>123,250</b>   | 170              | <b>103,590</b>   |
| <b>5 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| INCOMING FUNDS                  | 18,519           |                  | 2,555            |                  |
| LESS: COST OF GENERATING FUNDS  | -6,656           | <b>11,863</b>    | -228             | <b>2,327</b>     |
| <b>6 SPECIFIC DONATIONS</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| SERVERS' ROBES                  | 0                |                  | 275              |                  |
| CHURCHYARD SIGNAGE GRANT        | 0                |                  | 250              |                  |
| ECOCHURCH PLAQUE                | 40               | <b>40</b>        | 0                | <b>525</b>       |



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| <b>Notes</b>                         | <b>2021</b><br>£ | <b>2021</b><br>£ | <b>2020</b><br>£ | <b>2020</b><br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>7 RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>MINISTRY</b>                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| CLERGY FEES                          | 58               |                  | 52               |                  |
| PARISH SHARE                         | 72,000           |                  | 69,250           |                  |
| MINISTERIAL EXPENSES                 | <u>2,498</u>     | <b>74,556</b>    | <u>2,398</u>     | <b>71,700</b>    |
| <b>SERVICES</b>                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| WORSHIP MATERIALS                    | 1,714            |                  | 1,376            |                  |
| ORGANIST & CHOIR                     | 3,214            |                  | 2,945            |                  |
| YOUTH                                | <u>757</u>       | <b>5,685</b>     | <u>7,889</u>     | <b>12,210</b>    |
| <b>CHURCH BUILDING</b>               |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| INSURANCE                            | 3,421            |                  | 3,395            |                  |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE                | 1,580            |                  | 5,185            |                  |
| UTILITIES                            | 2,556            |                  | 2,985            |                  |
| FLOWER FUND                          | 100              |                  | 0                |                  |
| CHURCHYARD                           | <u>3,689</u>     | <b>11,346</b>    | <u>3,077</u>     | <b>14,642</b>    |
| <b>CHURCH ROOM RUNNING EXPENSES</b>  | <u>2,220</u>     | <b>2,220</b>     | <u>1,386</u>     | <b>1,386</b>     |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; SUNDRIES</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| OFFICE ADMINISTRATION                | 1,520            |                  | 572              |                  |
| STATIONERY & PRINTING INKS ETC       | 1,139            |                  | 2,920            |                  |
| ONLINE EXPENSES                      | 856              |                  | 1,408            |                  |
| CHURCH CLEANING                      | 748              |                  | 0                |                  |
| CLERGY TRAINING                      | 1,168            |                  | 0                |                  |
| STAFF COSTS                          | 1,501            |                  | 0                |                  |
| AUDIO & IT                           | <u>150</u>       | <b>7,082</b>     | <u>527</u>       | <b>5,427</b>     |
| <b>MAGAZINE EXPENSES</b>             | <u>8,657</u>     | <b>8,657</b>     | <u>8,518</u>     | <b>8,518</b>     |
| <b>OUTREACH SUPPORT (Note 8)</b>     | <u>4,893</u>     | <b>4,893</b>     | <u>1,256</u>     | <b>1,256</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>      |                  | <b>114,439</b>   |                  | <b>115,139</b>   |

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| <b>Notes</b>                                       | <b>2021</b> | <b>2021</b>  | <b>2020</b> | <b>2020</b>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|  | £           | £            | £           | £            |
| <b>8 OUTREACH GIVING AND SUPPORT FUNDING</b>       |             |              |             |              |
| <b>UK</b>  |             |              |             |              |
| CHURCH URBAN FUND                                  | 200         | 200          | 200         | 200          |
| <b>LOCAL</b>                                       |             |              |             |              |
| ST MARY'S SCHOOL                                   | 400         |              | 0           |              |
| CROSSWAYS  | 500         |              | 500         |              |
| MILFORD & VILLAGES DAY CENTRE                      | 400         | 1,300        | 400         | 900          |
| <b>ADDITIONAL OUTREACH FUNDING</b>                 |             |              |             |              |
| WATER AID  | 0           |              | 156         |              |
| BRIAN DRAPER TALK                                  | 90          |              | 0           |              |
| HALOW TRUST (Christmas Ball)                       | 1,500       |              | 0           |              |
| AFGHANISTAN APPEAL (Christmas Ball)                | 500         |              | 0           |              |
| UNHCR (Christmas Ball)                             | 500         |              | 0           |              |
| UNICEF (Christmas Ball)                            | 500         |              | 0           |              |
| CHRISTIAN AID (Joint Churches)                     | 303         | 3,393        | 0           | 156          |
| <b>OUTREACH SUPPORT (PER ACCOUNTS)</b>             |             | <b>4,893</b> |             | <b>1,256</b> |
| <b>ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b> |             |              |             |              |
| ROYAL BRITISH LEGION                               | 180         |              | 0           |              |
| BISHOP'S FOUNDATION                                | 184         |              | 0           |              |
| CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (Christingle)                   | 85          |              | 0           |              |
| UNICEF Covax Project                               | 325         |              | 0           |              |
| UN Refugee Week                                    | 100         | 874          | 0           | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL OUTREACH SUPPORT</b>                      |             | <b>5,767</b> |             | <b>1,256</b> |



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- 9 We are grateful to the Community Foundation for Surrey for their generous grants:

£1,000 towards the cost of installing information signage in the churchyard

£170 towards the cost of a mini bus to allow all visitors to enjoy the Open Garden event

£1,632 towards the cost of urgent repairs to the bell clappers

We would, also, like to acknowledge our thanks to their agreement that we hold on to the unallocated excess of £345, which will be put towards future project funding.

# **Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Approved by the Members and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: Rachel Egreer

The Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022