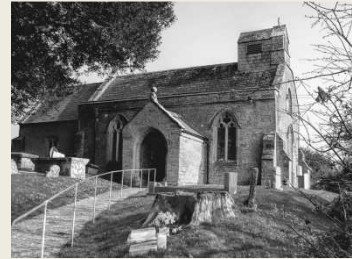


Annual Report of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2020



United Benefice of

South Petherton with

the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks

1. Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the United Benefice of South Petherton with the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks in the diocese of Bath and Wells has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1128940).

It also has maintenance responsibilities for

- the church of St Peter and St Paul's in South Petherton;
- the church and churchyard of St Michael's in Seavington St Michael;
- the church and churchyard of St James's in East Lambrook and the schoolroom; and
- the churchyard at Seavington St Mary's (the church was declared redundant in 1984 and vested with the Churches Conservation Trust).

2. Focus in 2020

The PCC sought

- in accordance with Church of England guidance and Government regulation to manage the continuation of worship, private prayer and activities throughout the Covid-19 pandemic;
- to manage the continuation of worship, private prayer and activities throughout the long-term absence of the Rector due to ill-health;
- to support the retired clergy, reader, lay worship assistants and churchwardens in maintaining the work and presence of the Church in our communities through difficult times.

3. Activities during 2020

It has been a difficult year, hasn't it.

The Covid-19 pandemic has seen us having to limit access to our churches, even at times close them altogether, in a way unseen in living memory. We've had to get accustomed to masks, hand gels and social-distancing, an absence of singing (hums instead of hymns doesn't quite cut it) and the loss of the warmth of simply being together. We wave vaguely to each other instead of passing the Peace; we hurry home again without coffee or conversation; we struggle to hear each other through masks and can't see the smiles.

Yet somehow not all was lost. We were able to come and worship together much of the year. Perhaps we learnt again just how important it is to each of us simply to be able to be in church.

We owe a tremendous debt to the love and commitment of our retired clergy: Andrew Callon, D Fyfe, Ian Gibson, Sue Hounsell and Wendy Mitchell; to Geoff Wade our Area Dean and near neighbour – a true friend in our time of need beyond measure; to our churchwardens. Whatever the challenges covid concerns and changing guidance could throw up they have risen to with a will to keep the light of God's love visible in this place.

It would be easy to list what of our usual activities we haven't been able to do this year. What is remarkable is the agility and ingenuity that has been marshalled into doing what we could still do rather than lamenting what we can't. Services in church have continued albeit adapted where necessary, some going on-line,



*Easter Day: Cross of Flowers at
St Peter & St Paul's*

some going open-air; 'Sunday Worship at Home' distributed by e-mail or printed and dropped through letter boxes has become a thing; the Parish Magazine has continued; the plant sale went 'virtual' rather than not going ahead at all and was a very successful fundraiser, as indeed was Gift Day; South Petherton may not have had its Christmas Lights Switch-On event, but St Peter & St Paul's was still decorated with a 'forest of trees' laboured over at home by children and families, and residents of Burnworthy House to name but a few.

The term “new normal” became common parlance during the year. This pen-portrait of the year at St James’s says it all:-

Apart from about a month at the beginning of the lockdown in March 2020, St James's tried to keep a semblance of normality – although without its congregations. Prayers were said, alone, every evening of Holy Week, just after the first lockdown started, and after the first month of strict lockdown, prayers or Matins were read aloud every Sunday morning – but always by one of the churchwardens alone until the church was allowed to re-open for services. Flowers and correct frontal colours were maintained throughout the year and the flag was flown when appropriate.

Once public worship was permitted we instituted a system of marking usable pews with green cards, to maintain social distancing and we opened the church for private prayer for two days a week.

During the year several services were held outside, to comply with the rules. Our Patronal Festival service on July 26th, was followed by a picnic lunch in the churchyard, Remembrance Sunday was marked by a service of Matins, read by the churchwarden, the Roll was read by an ex-serviceman and a congregation of two sat on the path outside the open door. Our usual Carols by Candlelight was replaced by a carol service outside, with Rev Andrew Callon conducting the service from the porch for the congregation gathered in the lane and churchyard.



St James's Patronal Festival picnic lunch 2020

We held two funerals during the year - both of much loved and long serving members of our congregation – and two weddings. All events complied with the rules, but still managed to provide for the occasions they marked – even with a wedding of only four guests, plus the couple, as their friends gathered in the lane to welcome them out of church to showers of rose petals.

When the pandemic hit us all, it rapidly became clear that each church needed to manage the situation in its own way. But now we at St James's hope that the worst of the pandemic is over and that the three churches of the benefice will be able to join forces again.



St James's Remembrance Sunday 2020

St James's Carol Service – Christmas Eve 2020

Similarly, there's been a new normal at St Michael's

In Seavington, we have missed our weekly public worship, as have so many during the last year, but thank God for bringing us safely through the two waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Early in Tom's absence, Geoff Wade, Area Dean, asked Ian Gibson, a former Canon of Chichester Cathedral who had "retired" to the village seven years previously, to lead continuing worship in Seavington. We are very grateful that Ian accepted and, when we couldn't worship together, he videoed a weekly service with his wife Terry (our unofficial director of music in the absence of singing and organ playing!) which was shared online. There was also a hard copy of worship for those who preferred it. We are and will always be, incredibly grateful to Ian and Rev Sue Hounsell, for providing weekly worship, as well as pastoral support.

Sadly, we have lost several villagers who have died during the past year, again their lives have been celebrated in slightly different ways, including garden funerals.

On a happy note, we have welcomed two very young gentleman to the church family - Rupert Talbot-White and Woody Baker, through their baptisms. We have also welcomed new villagers to our congregation and hope they will be very happy in Seavington.

This year has been very difficult for charitable organisations, including the Church Conservation Trust, who are responsible for St Mary's Church in the village. To help rectify this, villagers and other interested parties, have formed *The Friends of St Mary's*, whose first official fundraiser will be held in May 2022, but watch out for news of chumping! With the permission of the CCT, we have held more services in St Mary's, including a covid-safe adapted Christingle, led by Rev Tim Gibson, Ian's son, which was very well supported and very popular. We look forward to continuing to hold

up to six regular as well as “special” services during the year, in this beautiful (and easily accessible) church.

Once again, Seavington Parish Council have generously contributed £1000 towards the cost of maintaining the grounds of both churches (both still open churchyards). We are very grateful for their continued support and that of our Flower Ladies, who have decorated the church so beautifully whenever regulations permitted, you will see some of their work in this report and, a little teaser for next year, their very own suggestion for the next incumbent - but that’s for the future!

Somerset Day 2021: Flowers at St Michael’s



Speaking further of a can-do approach, what about the amazing staff of our Infants’ School! It and they just kept going and going through every challenge. Term time and holidays seemed to merge into one, but whatever the needs of the children the Head Teacher and the staff rose to meet them with energy and selfless care. The dreaded home-schooling was not just demanding for parents; to work well for our children it placed huge demands on teachers who at the same time were continuing to teach vulnerable children and children of key workers in school.

Strange how there are some things that you only notice when they aren’t there any more – like bells on a Sunday morning and flags on the church tower on high days. There are just some spaces in our churches that make social-distancing impossible for those involved. Likewise clock-winding at St Peter & St Paul’s. The tower clock stood for months at precisely 12noon (or was it midnight?). How we missed the chiming of the passing hour – but now, thanks to Neil and Sally in their bubble, the clock is going again.

4. Significant Events

As if a global pandemic – closures, cancellations, isolation and heartaches - was not significant enough for one year. Layer upon that the long-term absence of our Rector through ill-health. We continue to pray for Tom Handy and his family and we wish him well following his resignation in 2021.

It seemed to the PCC that the machinery of the Diocese did not grasp the issue of the Rector’s ill health at all well. There was little by way of urgency or strategy leaving both Tom and the benefice with little support for far too long. Very regrettably this systemic inertia led to our Area Dean resigning his position leaving a post which is still yet to be filled. Thankfully, Geoff has anything but resigned from his care for us. He has continued to be a rock for us to anchor on, a friend indeed when we have most needed one, keeping us together and faithful to the calling of the our Lord.

Our three churches have largely managed the Covid situation and done so in the context also of the absence of leadership from a Rector for the whole year. However, manage we have in our individual ways. Each of our churches has been wonderfully supported by a single main pillar: Andrew Callon (and latterly John Tyler) at St Peter and St Paul’s, Ian Gibson at St Michael’s, and Geoff Wade at St James’s with D Fyfe, Sue Hounsell and Wendy Mitchell adding their weight wherever and whenever needed. We really have been blessed in hard times. As necessary as it has been in 2020 to seek largely separate ways through, there will be much to do in coming back together as a single benefice in 2021.

It is often said that trouble comes in threes. In that regard, 2:30 am on 5th March 2020 will long stick in the memory. For it is then that thieves went after the lead on the south aisle roof at St Peter & St Paul's. It is small comfort that they were interrupted in the course of their work and fled the scene empty handed. By then the lead had been stripped, rolled up and dropped down into the churchyard.



Lead where it should not be

The insult to the church building is bad enough; the financial hit registers on the Richter Scale and the hours spent in enabling a replacement roof that meets with Planning Permission and the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee is somewhere in the stratosphere. And for what? Lead they never got with a scrap value of just over £2,000. We would gladly have paid them that to stay away.

The ripples of the financial hit will be with us for some time (as will the drain on energy the work of putting a roof back has been). Even so it could be a lot worse. A magnificent fund-raising appeal has raised a little shy of £20k, and the Friends of South Petherton Church have come in up to £30k (*thank you!*). So we are on our way and looking forward to seeing the reinstatement of the roof (not in lead!) by the middle of 2021.

The headache of our finances remains a constant. The loss of collections during church closures and the cancellation of fund-raising events have hit our expected income for the year though, praise be, the faithful have continued to find other ways of making up for that so our situation is not as desperate as once feared – it's not great, but we survive.

5. Looking Forward

There are challenges a-plenty as we look ahead:

- the general easing of Covid restrictions what sort of 'normal' we might return to and how we can do that in a way which retains everyone's confidence in the safety of what we do;
- the appointment of a new Rector;
- grasping the opportunities surfaced by lessons from the last year – streaming services and events; improving our church website; maximising the improved communications we've used to keep people who can't come to church in touch; developing our pastoral systems to better look after each other; rebuilding the work with children and young families;
- re-building cohesion between our churches as a united benefice; re-building relationships with our other Christian churches through *Churches Together*.

As ever we will seek to meet these challenges prayerfully, supporting each other as best we can.

6. Membership

In April, 2020, there were 159 members registered on the Church Electoral Roll and 130 in our 'worshipping community' as declared on our Parish Share Survey. Essentially, this is the same as 2019.

In truth, these numbers represent only our best guess. With the frequent closures/suspensions of communal worship and with many of our congregations either needing to self-isolate or cautiously choosing to do so anyway there is no reliable measure that stands scrutiny.

7. Charitable Giving

The policy for making grants and donations (as a proportion of our regular income) is reviewed annually. Members of the congregations are encouraged to suggest to the Charitable Giving Committee (chaired by Alastair Fyfe) suitable charitable organisations that we might support. The list of charitable causes we supported this year is given in the annual accounts of the PCC.

8. Volunteers

Volunteers play a significant role in the work of the church — indeed they are the church. In all, it is estimated that in the normal course of events over 100 people would be involved in one way or another. That's too many to list by name but thank you all for what you do; without volunteers we cannot do anything. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can address the issues that will take us forward

Our many church volunteers are also involved with organisations in the local secular community: there has been a particular need this year for volunteers to join in community efforts to support people self-isolating and those living on their own. Apart from the incumbent, one part-time employed Parish Administrator and the part-time Director of Music, all those involved in the work of the parish are unpaid.



Lockdown appreciation

9. Safeguarding

Our benefice is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer (Sue Harrison) and an approved policy to guide our actions. Sue's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the benefice has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have approved our own Safeguarding Policy and will keep it under review both to keep it in line with current expectations and also to customise it to meet our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports in particular to enable us to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a

DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website: <https://www.southpethertonbenefice.org.uk/policies/safeguarding/>

10. Financial Review

At the end of 2020, the PCC held funds of £71,843. The full accounts are reported separately.

11. Reserves Policy

The PCC's policy is to accumulate unrestricted funds from legacies and one-off donations in a "Memorial fund" for use primarily on capital projects. The PCC's policy is to hold reserves across all its unrestricted funds which are equivalent to four months' general expenditure. The PCC last reviewed this policy in July 2010. The policy of investing fund balances in the Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit Fund has been standard for at least the past ten years.



New candlesticks at St Michael's: turned from an ancient yew tree in the churchyard that had to be felled



Refurbished WW1 Memorial in St Mary's churchyard

12. Administrative Information

The correspondence address is The Rectory, Hele Lane, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5DY.

During the year, the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent:	The Rev'd. Tom Handy (PCC Chairman) – <i>absent through ill health</i>
Readers:	Geoffrey Abery
Wardens:	Steve Harrison (PCC Vice-Chairman), Amanda Jaggars, Susan Ogilvy and Anne Shaw (Churchwardens are elected annually)
Deanery Synod Reps:	Phil Andrews, Amanda Maggs, Daphne Woodhouse (Term of office: 2020-23)
Elected Lay Members:	Mike Armstrong, Penny Armstrong, Hamish Arnold, Jim Beveridge (resigned 02/2020), Richard Brooks (2023), Judy Deegan (resigned 03/2020), Alastair Fyfe (2021),

Liz Harper (resigned 05/2020), Debbie Jones, Mark Stainer (2021), Carol Talbot (2022), Jane Ward (office ended 09/2020)
(APCM at which members complete their term of office and may next seek re-election)

Co-opted members: Shan Weston (Headteacher of the C of E. V.A. Infants School),

Other Key Contacts: Independent Examiner of Accounts: Tim Farley, Manor Farm Cottage, Lopen, South Petherton, TA13 5JP Bankers: NatWest Bank plc.

Safeguarding Officer: Sue Harrison, 9 Lampreys Lane, South Petherton, TA13 5DU

Gift Aid Secretary: Julia Lear, *Toad Hall*, 14 St. Michael's Gardens, South Petherton, TA13 5BD

Parish Administrator: Shelley Langdon, Parish Office (office@southpethertonchurch.org.uk)

Website Manager: Stephen Carp

Structure, governance and management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected Deanery Synod representatives with a term of three years or elected lay representatives with a term of three years elected by thirds at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and after due notice. The PCC works through and in co-operation with a number of committees/informal groups (see below).

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team has formed this year to support the churchwardens, to ensure the continuation of worship and to guide the benefice through the particular challenges we faced in 2020. It has consisted of Rev'd Geoff Wade (chair), Canon Ian Gibson, and the churchwardens.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to directions given by the Council. (This is the only committee required by law). It normally consists of: the Rector, the churchwardens, the Hon Treasurer, the Hon Secretary, the vice-chair of the PCC.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was formed to advise the PCC on budgetary matters and the overall financial management of its affairs. Both the Friends of South Petherton Church and the St Michael's Church Seavington Trust were represented on the committee. The Committee did not meet during 2020. Delegations are in place in respect of the Rector and Churchwardens for authorising small routine expenditures.

Church Committees

These are ad hoc groups at each church which may meet under the chairmanship of a churchwarden to discuss matters pertinent to that church locally rather than the whole benefice. They may, for example, discuss matters of house-keeping or maintenance and they have powers of expenditure limited to that available to the churchwardens without PCC authorisation.

Charitable Giving Review Group

The PCC made donations to some 23 charities, organisations and societies in 2020, amounting to one-tenth of the annual regular income received by the Parish in the previous financial year. The Charitable Giving Review Group (chaired by Alastair Fyfe) was responsible for deciding which charities and charitable organisations might be deserving of financial support. Prior to the meeting, the Review

Group had sought the views of members of the Parish, many of whom responded with suggestions. The Review Group then presented its recommendations to the PCC. This year, the total amount dispensed was £4,400. The PCC also made a donation to the Zambia Parishes (Chibaya Mulala, Katuta and Museba) of £1,500.

As before, beneficiaries were selected by the Charitable Giving Review Group across a broad spectrum of society, including the Church and Christian Societies, Hospitals and Medical units, the Third World, Agriculture, local schools and charities supporting the elderly and young people.

There have also been regular collections, during the year, of unwanted spectacles and used postage stamps which help to provide benefit to those in need. Finally, the Parish has fulfilled its commitment to the Diocese by meeting its 'Parish Share' in full during the past financial year.

Zambia Link

The Anglican Church in Zambia grew out of the missionary impetus of David Livingstone and others in the second half of the 19th century. Today, Anglicans are around 2% of the population of 13 million in Zambia, ie around 260,000 people.

Our diocese of Bath and Wells has enjoyed a Companion Link with the Anglican Church in Zambia since 1978. There are five dioceses in Zambia, each covering an area at least the size of England. We have a particular link with the Diocese of Luapula (in the area to the north).



South Petherton Church of England Voluntary Aided Infants School and Pre-School

The majority of governors of the school (ie the foundation governors) are nominated for appointment through the PCC. Our Foundation governors in 2020 were Kirsten Carp, Sue Harrison, Richard Killen, and Mandy Maggs. Vacancies for Foundation Governors occasionally arise (there are several vacancies at the time of writing): anyone interested in the role should contact Shan Weston (Head Teacher) for further information.

Parish Magazine

Articles for inclusion should be sent to office@southpethertonchurch.org.uk by around the 17th of each month (earlier in February). We do our best to ensure that articles are printed as they are written but reserve the right to edit copy where necessary. Julia Lear manages the advertising in the magazine. We are grateful to our advertisers whose support enables us to keep our costs to readers down – we do ask our readers to support our advertisers in return.

South Petherton Mothers Union Branch

An active branch of the Mothers' Union (in normal times) meets monthly; contact Judith Riley for more information.

*For and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council
(May 2021)*



Parochial Church Council
of South Petherton with
the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks

Charity Registration Number: 1128940

Annual Accounts 2020

Treasurer's Report

2020 was a year of challenges, with the unfortunate health issues of our incumbent rector in January; the attempted theft of the lead roofing over the South Aisle at St Peter's & St Paul's in March; and, not least, the ramifications from the coronavirus pandemic and resultant lockdown. This has resulted in a sizeable shortfall in collection and regular fundraising activities, alongside a substantial increase in expenses in preparation for replacing the roof in South Petherton. Thankfully, the tireless effort of a few dedicated individuals to secure grants and arrange specific activities and events has resulted in many acts of unexpected, but very welcome, generosity towards funding the shortfalls. This effort has been kindly supplemented by the generous offer from the Friends of South Petherton Church to cover a significant proportion of the costs, and has meant that we have the resources to continue to fund our historic levels of charitable contributions.

The significant increase in the church's running expenses relates to a series of projects at St Peter's & St Paul's including: new cupboard (£2700); new aircon unit (£3100); new roof alarm (£4900); porch repairs (£4100); repairs to a memorial (£3900); repairs to the boilers (£1700); and, architectural fees associated to the project to replace the South Aisle roof (£4800). The majority of these costs were covered by a combination of donations from the Friends of South Petherton Church and the South Petherton Bell-ringers alongside the roof appeal and third party grants.

2021 will likely be another challenging year, with the ongoing coronavirus lockdowns impacting regular collections and fundraising alongside a potentially costly solution being required for the heating at both St Peter's & St Paul's as well as St Michael's. The costs of the latter are unknown at this time. Thankfully, the diocese has indicated its understanding of the benefice's challenging financial situation and has agreed to waive 50% of its parish share for 2021 and thus we are confident in the future financial security of our benefice despite the recent tribulations.

Hamish Arnold (Hon Treasurer)



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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of South Petherton with the Seavingtons Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members and trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below. I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tim Farley FCCA

19 May 2021



PCC of South Petherton with the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks

Charity Registration Number 1128940

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 December 2020

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020		2019
		£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and Pre-Payments	1	9,113		14,622
Short Term Deposits		33,623		33,481
Cash at Bank		33,250		19,085
			75,986	67,188
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Amounts falling due within one year	2	4,143		4,303
			4,143	4,303
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			71,843	62,885
NET ASSETS				
			71,843	62,885
FUNDS				
Unrestricted	3			
General Fund			28,616	3,542
Memorial Fund			43,227	59,343
St James Fund			0	
Restricted			0	
			71,843	62,885

The notes to the accounts start on page 3

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Funds 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
From Donors	4a	73,024		73,024	80,121
Other Voluntary Income	4b	28,690	120	28,810	12,090
Charitable and ancilliary trading	4c	11,889	0	11,889	15,794
Other ordinary income	4d	22,013	692	22,705	3,562
From investments	4e	252	0	252	425
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		135,868	812	136,680	111,992
RESOURCES USED					
Grants / Donations	5a	1,600	812	2,412	7,151
Activities directly related to the work of the church	5b	125,309	0	125,309	120,068
Churches management and administration	5c	0		0	622
Contra	5d	0	0	0	127
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		126,909	812	127,722	127,968
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES		8,958	0	8,958	-15,976
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		8,958	0	8,958	-15,976
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD at 1st JANUARY		62,885	0	62,885	78,861
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD at 31st December		71,843	0	71,843	62,885

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

1 DEBTORS and PRE-PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Income Tax Recoverable	9,028	
Prepayments	85	
	<u>9,113</u>	<u>0</u>

2 LIABILITIES

Magazine Adverts pre-paid for 2021		
HMRC		
Other payments due		
Due to Charities	4,143	
	<u>4,143</u>	<u>0</u>

3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Current Assets	75,986		75,986
Current Liabilities	4,143	-	4,143
Fund Balance	<u>71,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,843</u>

PCC of South Petherton with the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Funds 2019 £
4a Incoming resources from donors:				
Gift Aid	36,114		36,114	42,016
Income tax recoverable	10,179		10,179	14,537
Non Gift Aid	3,917		3,917	2,168
Collections at services	8,244		8,244	7,629
Gift Day	11,795		11,795	10,220
Sundry donations	2,775		2,775	3,551
	73,024	0	73,024	80,121
4b Other voluntary incoming resources:				
Grants	5,435		5,435	3,927
Legacies	4,651		4,651	0
Fundraising	18,604		18,604	7,262
Zambia Priest Training		120	120	801
KEEL	0		0	100
	28,690	120	28,810	12,090
4c Income from charitable and ancillary trading:				
Magazine sales	3,511		3,511	3,743
Magazine advertising revenue	2,240		2,240	1,955
E Lambrook School Room	420		420	1,317
Book / Gift stall	0		0	31
Fees	5,718		5,718	5,511
VAT and tax recovered	0		0	3,237
	11,889	0	11,889	15,794
4d Other ordinary incoming resources:				
Insurance Claim / Rent	22,705		22,705	3,436
Contra	-692	692	0	126
	22,013	692	22,705	3,562
4e Income from investments:				
Dividends & Interest	252		252	425
	252	0	252	425
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	135,868	812	136,680	111,992

PCC of South Petherton with the Seavingtons and the Lambrooks

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
5a Grants / Donations:				
Missionary & charitable giving:				
Zambia Link	0		0	1,500
Home Missions and Societies	0		0	4,600
Misc	1,600		1,600	250
Zambia Priest Training	0	812	812	801
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>7,151</u>
5b Activities directly related to the work of the church:				
Ministry:				
Diocesan quota, etc.	67,846		67,846	75,568
Clergy expenses	1,935		1,935	3,127
Church running expenses	39,581		39,581	12,753
Church maintenance	1,592		1,592	14,195
Expenditure on:				
Parish magazine	2,970		2,970	3,044
Upkeep of churchyards	3,049		3,049	1,009
E Lambrook Schoolroom	1,054		1,054	1,523
Remuneration:				
D of Music and Organists	1,705		1,705	2,592
Secretarial services	3,580		3,580	3,226
Fund raising	15		15	311
Books / Gifts	1,981		1,981	2,545
Fees	0		0	175
	<u>125,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>125,309</u>	<u>120,068</u>
5c Church management & administration:				
Printer, stationery, etc.	0		0	622
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>622</u>
5d Contra (collections for charities, etc.)	0		0	127
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>127</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>126,909</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>127,722</u>	<u>127,968</u>

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Expansion on Note 5a - Home Missions and Societies

Following a Meeting of the Charitable Giving Review Group,
it was agreed to recommend to the PCC the following grants for the current year:

Societies, The Church, Christian and the Diocese

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers	30
Church Mission Society	100
Friends of Wells Cathedral	70
Churches Conservation Trust	250
Bible Society	100
Yeovil Christian Support Trust (Lord's Larder)	250
Alabare (Christian Scare and Support)	250
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	1,050

Farming and Agriculture

Farming Community Network	400
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	400

International

Mpongwe's People	200
Open Doors	100
Zimbabwe - A National Emergency	100
Samaritan's Purse (Beirut Emergency Fund)	200
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	600

Armed Forces

SSAFA - The Armed Forces Charity	300
Combat Stress	100
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	400

Senior Citizens

Burnworthy House Amenities Fund	250
South Petherton Community Shed	150
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	400

Youth, Children and Infants

Children's Hospice (South West)	400
South Petherton Scouts Hardship Fund	150
South Petherton Infants Pre School	100
South Petherton Infants School	100
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	750

Hospitals, Hospices and Medical Organisations

St Margaret's Somerset Hospice	500
League of Friends, South Petherton Hospital	100
Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture	200
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	800

GRAND TOTAL

4,400



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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of South Petherton with the Seavingtons Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members and trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below. I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tim Farley FCCA

19 May 2021