

Wallingford Parochial Church Council Annual Report & Financial Statements 2021



Christ Risen!
 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
 to the risen Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia, give praise
 to his name:
 Jesus is Lord of all the Earth:
 he is the king of creation:
 Alleluia, alleluia
 Spread the good news o'er all
 the Earth:



Breathe on me,
 Breath of God,
 fill me with life anew,
 that I may love what thou
 dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.



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1. Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary-le-More's (St Mary's) and St Leonard's has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, The Reverend David Rice, to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a parish, we aim to become a living and loving example of Jesus Christ in our community, to be **open to God, open to all**.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church and St Leonard's Church.

2. Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. When planning our activities and priorities for the coming years, we identified three main priorities in 2017, which we have continued to progress:

- Development of our provision of worship, taking into account people's busy lives and their requirements for alternative forms of worship
- Development of ways to encourage local residents to be part of our church, whilst nurturing our current congregation.
- Development of the role of a Children and Families Worker to further attract, support and encourage young people to be lifelong Christians.

To deliver these priorities, the PCC has a number of vision groups and sub-groups:

- (i) **Worship & Spirituality** - to include sustaining what we have and looking to the future
- (ii) **Outreach & Nurture** - to include reaching out to new and current members of the community, the ongoing nurture of our current congregation and activities of the Children and Families Worker
- (iii) **Social Responsibility** - to include collections & donations to charities, both home and abroad, ensuring that 10% of the parish's unrestricted income is contributed; this group raises awareness of the needs of the wider world locally, nationally and globally.

In addition, the responsibilities of the **Standing Committee** include finance, buildings and stewardship, the **Choir Committee** focuses on the musical aspects of our worship and a **Communication** stream runs through all groups.

These sub-groups meet independently and report back to the PCC when the council meets.

A new focus in 2019 involved '**Cherishing God's Earth**' and is inspiring us to think about how we can express our care for God's world in our lives. This mission aspect of our church continues to run through all our vision groups.

Our parish offers many services and activities to reach out to as many people as possible; however, these were severely curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic during a good part of 2021. Services normally include: two Eucharist services every Sunday and another on Thursday mornings, sung or choral Evensong on Sunday evenings and a monthly Family Service. Activities range from a robed choir, a music group, Emmaus groups, bellringing and various children's activities (including Children's Church, JAM - Jesus and Me, Tiny Toes Toddlers' group and Baby Singing) to social groups such as The Fellowship, and coffee mornings twice a week.

The hiring of St Mary's (where we host the Friday Country Market and the U3A monthly meeting as well as various concerts & choir rehearsals) help to make St Mary's a vibrant focus of life in the town.

We aim to keep St Mary's open daily for both parishioners and visitors, for anyone who wants to find peace at the heart of bustling, everyday life; a place for quiet contemplation and prayer as well as enabling an understanding of the church building in the history of the area. Unfortunately, this was also not possible for a large part of 2021 due to the pandemic, although we were open from the end of April for two hours twice a week for people to come into the church for private prayer.

Finally, we provide two buildings, where life events such as weddings and baptisms are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving, and funerals with respect and compassion, allowing us to give thanks for the loved one, time to reflect and think and to entrust him or her into God's care.

In 2021 there were 164 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. We celebrated four Baptisms and three weddings. Seventeen funerals were held in our two churches during the year; in addition, our parish clergy officiated at a further three funerals, either at a crematorium or at a cemetery.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and works to provide a welcoming atmosphere and suitable facilities for all people. St Mary's, in particular, is available for wider community use and during the year is normally used by several groups unconnected with the church; further details of activities for the public benefit are given throughout this report.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Summary

Because of the ongoing pandemic, 2021 was another unusual and difficult year. Overall income was similar to 2020, but expenditure was higher, largely due to planned survey work on a more environmental way to heat St Mary's and to roof maintenance works. As a result, 2021 was essentially a break-even year in cash terms, although the value of investments owned by the church increased by about 13%.

I am very grateful for the support I receive from Jenny Harden and Judith Pengilly: without their help and encouragement it would not be possible for me to look after our church finances.

3.2 Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Wallingford PCC to maintain as a reserve approximately three months of general running costs (amounting to £30,000) plus a further amount as contingency for quinquennial and other works arising. The target level for this contingency is £90,000 giving a total target for reserves of £120,000.

3.3 Grant making policy

The total of donations made by the PCC, plus collections taken at special services (including Christmas, Easter, Harvest), should approach 10% of the PCC's unrestricted income. The management of this giving is delegated to the Social Responsibility Group. The current practice is to support at least one UK charity and one overseas charity. One of the charities must be Christian based. Collections for emergency disaster appeals and one-off charities are agreed by the PCC. Because of the pandemic, the number of special services was severely curtailed so it was impossible to adhere to this policy in 2021.

3.4 Stewardship

There was no stewardship campaign during the year and, due to the lack of services, no opportunity to present the church finances to the congregation as in normal years. It is hoped that these activities will be able to recommence soon.

*Stephen Harrison
PCC Treasurer*

4. Team Rector's Report

2020 had been a year in which we rapidly learned new skills to respond to the pandemic. 2021 has been a year in which we have had to apply those skills in a very flexible way. We ended 2020 being able to hold some services with a booking system but rapidly went into Covid-19 Tier 4 and then another complete lockdown at the very start of 2021. It wasn't until Easter Day that we were able to hold public services once more. This ebbing and flowing seems to have set a pattern for the year. As the year progressed, however, the range of services we were able to offer increased. It was good to welcome back to church a growing number of people. This gradual return, however, was threatened again with the highly contagious omicron variant and was certainly a shadow over our Christmas services. The progress of the pandemic has once again certainly been a major influence on church life this year.

Despite all the stops and starts of the year, it has been possible to offer worship each Sunday. I would like to thank all who have made this possible whether your help has been in church or enabling the live streamed services. As always this has involved a large number of people – from those who helped to keep our churches Covid-secure to those who have filmed services for the live stream. Thank you.

There have also been a number of comings and goings with people. At the start of the year, we welcomed Gavin Collins as our new Bishop of Dorchester. In the course of the year, he came to lead one of our Deanery Pilgrimages and also led a Team Service for us in St Mary's. We look forward to welcoming him on future occasions.

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) we thanked Richard Carling for the time he served as our churchwarden. As we thanked Richard, we welcomed Jacquie Hughes as our new churchwarden. I would like particularly to thank Richard, Emma Cross and Jacquie along with Wendy Muggeridge for all they have done this year to help navigate us through the various Covid-19 restrictions. Each of them has given incredibly generously of their time and skills. Thank you from all of us.

At the APCM we also appointed Sally Eccleston to the important role of Parish Safeguarding Officer in succession to Jacqui Norbury.

In the summer we were sad to say farewell to Henry Hope who had been a student on placement with us from Ripon College Cuddesdon, training for ordination. He is now a Curate at Hexham Abbey. As he was with us for some months, we had a good opportunity to get to know him. In particular I know that many of you were inspired by the Lent series he arranged.

The Lent series was part of the work of our Worship and Spirituality group. This is one of a number of groups set up by the PCC to develop the life of our church. Later in the report you will find reports from each of them. The work of these groups has certainly been influenced this year by the events of the pandemic and it has been difficult to develop their long-term plans. We have needed to use these groups to make plans on a much more short-term basis.

In common with other churches and groups it has at times been difficult to keep in touch with children and young people when this was largely only possible via digital means. When schools were closed, lessons went online and young people spent many hours doing this, so further time on the screen was not an attractive proposition. I am very grateful for Hannah Smith's imaginative work. With the support of Jennie Bispham, we have continued to send out 'craft packages' (to tie in with the Family Service theme) each month to families. These have been well received and have been a good way of keeping in touch with families. Additionally, there was a weekly letter to families, and online activities.

A real highlight of our work with families was the Wildlife Discovery Event in St Leonard's churchyard. It was wonderful to see so many young people discovering the beautiful space around St Leonard's and the natural habitat there. The event obviously links with our eco church work and was done in partnership with the Wallingford Wildlife group.

As the year progressed it was possible to reopen our Tiny Toes group and the Baby Singing group. Initially this had to be done in a limited way but both are growing rapidly and show a real need which we can play a part in meeting.

Unfortunately, it was not so easy to maintain visits to Residential homes during the year. This only became possible again late in the year. Even then, for example, all our Christmas visits by the choir were cancelled. It was possible, however, to keep some 'digital contact'. Our live-streamed Carols from St Mary's were well received at the homes and also the Community Hospital. Some residents watch the live-streamed services. Personal contact remains hugely important and I hope this will increase in 2022.

A real highlight in 2021 was the October Sunday when we had a focus on music. Each of the services had a strong musical element. The morning service included music newly composed by Judith Ward, our Director of Music. In the evening there was a Songs of Praise service with an opportunity to introduce and sing favourite hymns. After such a long time during which music was so limited it was a joyous occasion with real signs of new life. I am grateful to Judith and the choir for the lengths to which they went in order to make it such a wonderful Sunday, and throughout the year. There were many signs of new life that day and 2021 has been very much about encouraging those signs of growth as the pandemic had progressed.

This is by no means a complete account of the life of our parish but presents both some highlights over the past year and also some of the challenges we face as we seek to live out our faith and share it with those around us. In conclusion, my thanks to all who have contributed so generously (both in terms of time and resources) to the life of our parish. This includes all our church officers and those who do so much in less visible ways. Each of you plays an important part in making possible all that we are and do. Thank you.

*The Revd David Rice
Team Rector*

5. PCC Vision Groups & Sub Committees

5.1 Worship & Spirituality Group

Back in 2019/ start of 2020 we began a process of re- thinking the priorities for this group through our use of the Parish Planning Tool. This tool has been developed by the Diocese of Oxford and is based on appreciative inquiry. i.e. it tries to discern what is positive and characteristic of a parish and discover how these strengths might be developed. Here is how it is described;

Local churches aren't a problem that needs fixing. The new Parish Planning Tool, developed by the Diocese of Oxford, helps people to focus on the positive core that's there in every church, discern where God is already at work in their community, and discover how they can best join in.

This has led us to think more carefully about the purpose of the group and where we might best place our energy. In the light of this we have defined our task as to develop:

A church that equips us in our walk with God to cherish ourselves, our community and the world.

This process was interrupted early in 2020 by the pandemic but we began 2021 hoping that we might return to this longer-term process and set ourselves some appropriate priorities. Unfortunately, plans changed with a further period of lockdown. In the light of this, much of the group's work in the early part of the year focussed on our provision for Lent in the light of rapidly changing circumstances. An outcome of this is that Prayer with the Heart has continued online throughout the year.

The Diocese produced an initiative for Lent called '**Come and See**' which was devised in particular to meet the needs of 'enquirers' who had emerged during lockdown. We looked at this very carefully. We decided to make this available but use it as an 'umbrella' and expand it with our own plans for Lent. So, we offered our Lent series (developed by Henry Hope) called '*Exploring Faith: Following Jesus*', along with a series within 'Prayer with the Heart' based on the Lord's Prayer. The local initiatives were much appreciated and I am very grateful for all who contributed to making them so rich.

Much of the remaining part of the year was then taken up planning worship to meet the needs of the varying circumstances of the pandemic. In particular a huge amount of effort has been expended to enable physical worship to take place again e.g. Evensong. Given the complex Covid-19 restrictions this was an involved process but by the end of the year basically all services were restored with both the 10 am Eucharist and Evensong services live streamed.

I would like to record my thanks to all who were members of the group in the course of the year and all who have supported the work of the group.

The following table explains our service provision:

St Leonard's	Every Sunday	08:00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		18:30	Sung Evensong (Book of Common Prayer); approximately once a month Choral Evensong replaces Sung Evensong
St Mary's	2 nd Sunday	10:00	Family Service
		11:15	Said Communion (Common Worship)
	Every other Sunday	10:00	Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Children's Church JAM (Jesus & Me)
	Every morning (Mon - Fri)	08:30	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
	Every Wednesday	20:00	Prayer with the Heart on Zoom
	Every Thursday	11:00	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

*The Revd David Rice
Team Rector*

5.2 Outreach & Nurture Group

5.2.1 Outreach & Nurture Group - General

In common with the Worship and Spirituality group (see above for fuller details), we have been using the Parish Planning Tool since 2019/2020. Our use of the tool has been similarly delayed by the varying effects of the pandemic.

An ongoing part of the work of the group has been communication, which has been so important during the pandemic e.g. the Weekly News sheet, distribution of Palm Crosses with an Easter message across the parish. In addition to this ongoing work the early part of the year saw some overlap with the Worship and Spirituality group in putting together our '**Come and See**' initiative.

In the later part of the year, we made plans for Advent and Christmas. For example, this year it was possible to return the Tree of Remembering to the Chancel of St Mary's and this was used by a large number of people. Additionally, we offered the online Advent calendars.

At the end of the year and start of the new, we returned to our use of the Parish Planning Tool and are working on this key question:

To discover how we might make ourselves more open and accessible to those who are seeking a greater understanding of God.

We have now developed four priorities as follows:

1. Review and develop the provision of a Bible study/prayer group across all ages and needs; this to be either/or/both online and in-person
2. Review provision of activities or events for older children/teenagers
3. Plan & develop a regular pattern of events to welcome newcomers
4. Develop a regular pattern of activities linked with town and community events e.g. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Bunkfest.

We are now in the process of planning to meet these priorities.

I would like to record my thanks to members of the group and also, on behalf of the group, thanks to those beyond the group who support this vital aspect of our life.

*The Revd David Rice
Team Rector*

5.2.2 Children and Families

The last year has seen cautious steps towards the return of some more of our pre-covid provisions, as well as the continuation of some initiatives that began during the pandemic.

Our monthly Family Services have returned on the second Sunday of the month. In advance of each of these services, craft packs have been circulated to church families on the chosen theme. We have also invited our wider church family to these events: we have circulated invitations on social media, through our links with schools and through our outreach activities such as Tiny Toes Toddlers. We have included related activities with our invitations to schools and have led themed crafts in our Tiny Toes Toddler sessions to encourage these groups to attend. Nevertheless, attendance at these services has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.



On other Sundays, our previously online family session slowly returned to in-person, Jesus and Me (or JAM), held in the Tower Room. This group is preceded with candle lighting in church and is concluded with the children receiving a blessing and, where possible, showing their crafts. JAM sessions follow the same theme as the main service, making it accessible and fun for all ages. Some highlights have included fishing games, while discussing the meaning of 'fishers of men', spreading encouragement to others through rock painting and making paper aeroplanes to spread the message of the gospel.



We have enjoyed reaching out to our local community. We offer Baby Singing on a Tuesday morning and Tiny Toes Toddlers on a Wednesday morning: these are both groups aimed at nurturing young children and supporting their parents or carers. These groups are both very popular and we have received good feedback about these activities from those attending.

We have also had four themed trails this year: Easter trail, Nature trail, Light Trail and Advent trail. These have been popular events that have reached out to the local community, with invitations shared on social media, through schools and the toddler group. We have seen new faces engaging with our church through these provisions. We have also tried some new all-age initiatives, to support our building of community; on Mothering Sunday, we shared our love with the congregation through the

making and distribution of paper flowers and on Shrove Tuesday, we had an all-age online pancake party. The Christmas season at St Mary's saw themed JAM and Tiny Toes sessions, a Christingle Service, an Advent Trail with Craft session and our two Crib Services.

We have created two new leaflets: one on Baptism and the other on Children and Families work, to inform and encourage new families to take up these activities. The leaflets were given out at the Crib services, family services and outreach events including Tiny Toes; they were also made available for anyone coming into the church.



Networking with other children's workers and the diocesan children's team has been a great way of sharing ideas and developing current provisions. This network has also led to training on BeSpace prayer spaces in schools: an offer that we hope to develop in the future. Our weekly families' newsletter has continued to help us to keep people updated with any new initiatives, events and changes over the year.

Challenges this year have included Covid-19 and subsequent limited access to schools. We are still working on setting up Open the Book in schools. We are also challenged by the continued need for more volunteers in this area. Despite these challenges, we have seen some positive signs of families returning to church. We look forward to continuing to develop and grow our work in this area.

Thank you to everyone who support our children and families at St Mary's.

*Hannah Smith
Children & Families Worker*

5.3 Social Responsibility Group

The Social Responsibility Group aims to raise awareness of social and justice concerns of the wider world locally, nationally and globally, linking this with our charitable giving.

The PCC endorsed our commitment to support one local charity (Refugee Resource) and one overseas charity (The Sharp Memorial School for the Blind, India) and £1,250 was given to each charity from Parish funds. A long-term relationship helps strengthen our links and understanding of the charities' work. We receive regular updates from the Sharp Memorial School via a member of the congregation who used to work there; Refugee Resource also send us regular newsletters. We hope to visit their headquarters in Oxford during 2022.

For most of the year there were no special collections due to Covid-19 restrictions. This has meant, for the second year running, that the PCC has been unable to meet its former target that charitable giving should match 10% of the Parish unrestricted income. However, from October onwards special collections were held in support of Style Acre, Cruse, The Children's Society, PACT (Parents and Children Together) and UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency). Also, the Group through the medium of The Rector's weekly 'Keeping in Touch' emails highlighted the following charities: Fair Trade, Children on the Edge, British Red Cross, and the Halo Trust encouraging parishioners to contribute direct. Christian Aid was the focus of the Lent Appeal and during Christian Aid Week and speakers were invited to St. Mary's and St. Leonard's. Another speaker was the Revd. Helen Dearnley, HM Prison and Probation Service Anglican Advisor, who gave a very informative talk about prisons and the issues of prison life.

Philippa Bomford

5.4 Standing Committee

5.4.1 Fabric

5.4.1.1 General

A number of outstanding maintenance, repairs and minor works were carried out on both churches, including roofs and gutters and some internal decorating in St Mary's. Both boilers were serviced and regular roof maintenance carried out.

Six-monthly checks of the emergency lighting and the fire alarm took place in St Mary's; fire extinguishers at both churches were checked and the annual PAT testing carried out.

The five yearly electrical inspections (EICR) were carried out in both churches and identified some remedial actions, which have been dealt with.

Our finances were carefully monitored throughout the year, particularly in relation to the impact of Covid-19.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers who keep the interior of the two churches looking clean and welcoming, as well as to volunteers and The Green Gym who help maintain our churchyards and to the Town Council gardening staff who keep the main grass areas tidy.

5.4.1.2 Quinquennial Inspections

Under the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, all parish churches must be inspected at least once in any five-year period; this is termed a quinquennial inspection (QI) and it must be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced professional. In the middle of 2021, the Standing Committee went through a very thorough Invitation To Tender process to select an architect to carry out this work. This resulted in the appointment of Henry Sanders of Hestia Architects and the inspections were duly carried out in the autumn of 2021. These reports list remedial work with a priority ranking; as both our churches are old and historic Grade II* buildings, there is always a list of jobs to be done as a result of these inspections. Due to illness of the architect, the publication of the reports for the two churches was delayed at the end of 2021.

5.4.1.3 St Mary's Boiler

The boiler at St Mary's is approximately 18 years old and is therefore coming to the end of its life. Following advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), an Invitation to Tender process was followed to appoint a Building Services Engineer to carry out an investigation and identify a suitable replacement. Environmental Engineering Partnership was duly appointed and a report delivered in the summer with conclusions and recommendations. Environmentally-friendly options were investigated but unfortunately all were ruled out, mainly due to the position of the church within the town and the confined space surrounding the church. A way forward is being discussed with the DAC and this will be progressed in due course.

5.4.2 Health & Safety (H & S)

The H & S Policy was significantly refreshed and a H & S action plan created. Weekly checks continued throughout the year; these cover floors, stairs, carpets - looking for anything in poor condition, trip hazards etc. A more detailed check takes place once a month to include fire extinguishers and paths and steps outside. Every three months a general check of the whole of both building takes place, including all plugs and sockets, as well as a review of the accident book. A number of actions have been taken where a risk was identified; these included a thorough cleaning of the paths in St Mary's churchyard and white tape, replacing the black tape, being applied to the dais at St Mary's and also to the chancel steps in St Leonard's. A fire evacuation drill was carried out at the end of a Sunday Parish Communion in St Mary's in the autumn.

A H & S concern occurred with the chancel arch above the rood screen, where loose plaster had appeared at the top of the arch. Immediate measures were taken to isolate the area and this issue is being monitored.

Our thanks to Charlie Hughes who carries out many of the regular health and safety checks.

Wendy Muggeridge
PCC Secretary

5.5 Choir Committee

After some welcome live singing over Christmas, the lockdown at the start of 2021 forced the choir back on Zoom. The juniors in particular found this hard, but those adults and children who attended enjoyed a bit of a sing and a chat at the end of the week, and even learned some new music. The adult sessions were improved by Helen Swan's discovery of the JamKazam app which enabled a small group of singers to be heard together with minimal delay, when the technology worked...

With no singers allowed in church, we were back to recording hymns for services. However, the experience of the previous year gave us a head start, with some hymns already recorded. More singers came forward to record and have a go at mixing, so there was a lot of singing and many hours of music editing going on in homes across Wallingford! Over the course of the pandemic we have built up an impressive collection of 71 beautifully varied hymns. In this lockdown, we also recorded seven anthems, the highlight of which was "Hallelujah" from the *Messiah* with organ accompaniment by Gaby Clements and a wonderful video by Helen Swan.

Finally, government guidelines at the end of March allowed us to have small groups of singers at services on a rota basis. We were delighted to get back all together for rehearsals on 23rd April and felt fortunate that preparing music for worship enabled us to do so. However, the day after all other amateur arts and sports activities were back in May came the news that choirs were limited to six singers indoors. While the juniors could continue meeting, the adults got around this by a mix of outdoor rehearsals (many thanks to Anna and Olly Garland and David Rice for the use of their gardens!) and streaming a church rehearsal with six adults in church to everyone else on Zoom.

Streaming outdoor rehearsals as well enabled guests from elsewhere to join us as we prepared for our weekend at Norwich Cathedral. We were very fortunate to be accompanied by James Anderson-Besant who, as a young organist in Benson, had played for the choir at Windsor, and was now about to take up the post of Assistant at Exeter Cathedral. We were the first visiting choir to sing in Norwich Cathedral since the start of the pandemic and our visit memorably coincided with the residence of the Natural History museum's Dippy the diplodocus skeleton!

September brought the welcome return of evensong to St Leonard's. At our first choral evensong in 18 months we sang Stanford in C and Chilcott's *Be thou my vision*, accompanied by Gaby Clements.



The choir rehearsing at Norwich Cathedral

Zoom rehearsals had featured choir members talking about their favourite hymns, which we would all then sing. The Songs of Praise in October brought this to the whole congregation and included Boyce's *Te Deum* to celebrate being able to sing again. Thanks to Roger Morgan and Anna Garland for their ideas. On the same day, the choir premiered *Go before us, Lord* which was commissioned by Emma Cross in memory of her late father.

With careful spacing and some mask-wearing, we were able to sing a full Advent Carol Service and a full Nine Lesson and Carols service this year, as well as sing at the Saturday morning market and the Churches Together outdoor carol services. Our planned visits to care homes were cancelled, but we sang from St Mary's again and streamed carols via the church's YouTube channel. The choir is not quite back to full strength, as a range of needs keeps some people away from some situations, but their strong family spirit, adaptability, musical talent, and technological ingenuity have kept the music going.

Judith Ward
Director of Music

5.6 Communication Group

During 2021, the weekly 'Keeping in Touch' email was renamed to 'Weekly News', with a slight change of format, and is now distributed to over 230 email addresses every week. A handful of paper copies are available at both churches for those who do not have access to email.

Live-streaming of the 10:00 Parish Communion at St Mary's continued throughout the year, even during the lockdown in the first three months of 2021. We applied for a grant from Oxford Diocese in the spring and were successful in receiving some money, which along with some donations, enabled us to buy some kit and upgrade the sound system at St Leonard's so that we could live-stream Evensong; this we streamed for the first time in October 2021. Along with the Parish Communion and Evensong, we also livestreamed several funerals, which were watched by people from across the world who couldn't travel to the funeral itself.

We were also asked to run zoom sessions for U3A monthly meetings and a TWHAS (The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society) meeting, thus allowing people at home to join the presentation being held in St Mary's.

Huge thanks to those who volunteered to help with the livestreaming, without whom it would not be possible.

The website was modified throughout the year as the Covid-19 situation and regulations changed and special pages were created for Advent & Christmas. Our social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter) continue to be used to communicate latest news and promote special services and events and the TV screen near the door in St Mary's continues to show visitors and congregation alike a glimpse at our services and activities.

*Wendy L Muggeridge
PCC Secretary*

6. Cherishing God's Earth

We have supported the work of the Standing Committee with investigating and identifying a suitable replacement for the gas boiler at St Mary's. This is important to our Cherishing God's earth mission as we want to cut our carbon footprint and to do our bit to support the Church of England reach its 'net zero carbon' target by 2030. Further information relating to this project and its next steps are found in the Standing Committee report.

In June, we jointly hosted a Wildlife discovery event for children and families at St Leonard's church with the Wallingford Wildlife Group. This was in support of the Churches Count on Nature week. Around 40 children attended this event. Each child left with a big smile and a real eagerness to share something they had learnt on being handed their certificate! It was great to work with the Wallingford Wildlife Group for the first time too. I am grateful to Hannah Smith, the Wallingford Wildlife Group and our own volunteers who gave up their time to outreach into our community in a new and different way.



In the run-up to COP26, we took part in the Great Big Green Week in September by being present in the Market Place as part of a wider community event. We also participated in the Climate Sunday initiative. We welcomed Martin Hodson who preached at our Parish Communion on the science of climate change and the urgent need for all to take action. I then preached at Evensong on the theology of creation care and the actions we could consider taking leading up to COP26. I would like to thank David Rice for giving me this opportunity and for his continued support to 'Cherishing God's Earth'.

*Emma Cross
Churchwarden*

7. Plans for the Future

Our main aims for 2022 and beyond include the following:

- **Lent** – the theme for the Lent groups in 2022 will be Christian pilgrimage.
- **Children & Families** – we are hoping to launch the Open the Book initiative and develop BeSpace prayer spaces at our local schools.
- **Children & Families** – more trails are planned for 2022, including a Nature Trail, working with the Wallingford Wildlife Group under our Cherishing God's Earth umbrella
- **The Social Responsibility Group** hope to visit the headquarters of Refugee Resource in Oxford.

- **Gas boiler project** – The investigation into a replacement boiler at St Mary's will be pursued by the Standing Committee with assistance from the DAC.
- **QI (Quinquennial Inspection) reports** – the reports, from the inspections of both churches, will be received in early 2022 and a programme of works will be created to manage the actions arising from them by the Standing Committee.
- **Choir Tour** – as in previous summers, the choir will be visiting a cathedral while the resident choir take a summer break. During August, they will be at Durham Cathedral for a week to sing Evensong most evenings and Eucharist on Sunday morning.
- **Communication** – all the services that we have live-streamed to date live on our YouTube channel. They are numerous now and so we will be implementing some changes to structure the videos into 'playlists' so that, when visiting the channel, people can more easily find what they're looking for.
- **Communication** – we plan to create some videos which newcomers, or those new to Christianity, can watch to give them a better insight into what to expect at our church. For example "What is the difference between Evensong and Choral Evensong?", "What happens at a Eucharist service?" or "What do the children do in JAM?"
- **Parish Planning Tool** - We look forward in 2022 to returning to our use of the Parish Planning Tool to develop the long-term aim of the Worship & Spirituality Group.
- **Parish Planning Tool** – The Outreach & Nurture Group will develop a plan to implement the actions generated from our use of the Parish Planning Tool.
- One action resulting from the use of this tool in the Outreach & Nurture Group is to hold a Newcomers' Afternoon Tea to welcome new residents, This is targeted for the first quarter of 2022. We are hoping this will help them both to feel part of our community and also to integrate and build relationships.
- **Churchyards** – We are planning to explore how we can work with our wider community and organisations in caring and nurturing our churchyards as part of our Cherishing God's Earth mission. We will also consider how we might use our churchyards for outside worship and teaching.
- **Going for Gold with our Eco Church Award** – We will be creating an action plan through our PCC subgroups to help us to continue our response to 'Cherishing God's Earth' and to create our pathway to 'going for gold'.
- Oxford Diocese is to set up a **Greenshoots Network** to connect those keen to take environmental action in their churches and communities. We will be part of this group to help us build a more environmentally sustainable church.

8. Administrative Information

The parish of St Mary-le-More and St Leonard is situated in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. The churches are, together with those in Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, part of the benefice of Wallingford, which is within the Wallingford Deanery in the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. Wallingford PCC registered as a charity on 21 April 2009. The details are:

<u>Charity Name</u> :	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary-le-more and All Hallows with St Leonard & St Peter, Wallingford
<u>Noted Working Name</u> :	Wallingford Parochial Church Council
<u>Registered Charity No.:</u>	1129240
<u>Charity Address</u> :	The Rectory, 22 Castle Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 8DW
<u>Bankers</u> :	Lloyds plc. 4 Market Place, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0EH
<u>Independent Examiner</u> :	Caroline Webster. UHY Ross Brooke Suite I, Windrush Court, Abingdon Business Park. OX14 1SY

Wallingford PCC is governed by the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are Trustees of the charity.

Trustees of the charity (PCC members) who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Name	Office	Elected
The Revd David Rice	Team rector	<i>ex officio</i>
Richard Carling	<i>Churchwarden; stood down at APCM on 23/5/2021</i>	<i>ex officio</i>

Emma Cross	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Jacquie Hughes	Churchwarden	<i>ex officio</i>
Stephen Harrison	PCC Treasurer	2020
Wendy Muggeridge	PCC Secretary & Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Prof Amy Smith	Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Gavin Wood	Licensed Lay Minister	<i>ex officio</i>
Prof Helen King	General Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Marie Amey		2021
Philippa Bomford		2021
Charlie Brampton		2020
Amanda Simons		2020
Hannah Smith		2021
Helen Swan		2020
Jane Tuckett		2019
Luke Whitcomb		2021
Jan Ridley	<i>Resigned 29th June 2021</i>	2019

Election to the PCC is for a three-year term, although immediate re-election is possible. We are permitted 12 lay members on the PCC, governed by the number of people on the Electoral Roll. There are four vacancies.

Churchwardens are elected annually and serve for a maximum of six consecutive years. Re-election is possible after at least one year's break.

Deanery Synod representatives are elected every three years, according to a schedule set by the Diocese of Oxford and governed by the number of people on the electoral roll. Three representatives were elected at the APCM on 4th October 2020, these being Emma Cross, Wendy Muggeridge and Professor Amy Smith. The next date for elections will be at the APCM in 2023.

9. Structure, Governance & Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (Team Rector), two Churchwardens, three Deanery Synod members plus lay members elected by those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The members of Wallingford PCC are trustees of the charity and, as such, responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish as well as managing the parish's finances. The PCC met four times during 2020, via zoom videoconferencing. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees and groups, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees and groups are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with recommendations of their decisions when appropriate, for approval by the PCC.

10. Wallingford Team Ministry



The parish of Wallingford is part of the Wallingford Team Ministry, along with the parishes of Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. The Team Rector is the Reverend David Rice and the Team Vicar is the Reverend Kevin Beer. The Team Rector's focus is mainly in Wallingford, whilst the Team Vicar focuses on Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell; the aim is that once a month they officiate in the other parishes.

The parish representatives of the Team Council are lay members of their PCCs and are elected at the first PCC meeting following the APCM. Licensed Lay Ministers are also entitled to be members of the Team Council. Membership of the Team Council during

2021 included the two clergy, Revd. David Rice and Revd. Kevin Beer, as well as the following lay members from each of the three parishes: Richard Carling (Wallingford, until May 2021), Emma Cross (Wallingford), Margot Shawyer, Michael Drury and Andy Lewis (Brightwell-cum-Sotwell) and Margaret Foster, Eva Thompson and Linda Parker (Crowmarsh Gifford). In addition, the PCC Treasurers of the three parishes were invited to the meeting in November 2021 to discuss the Parish Share: Stephen Harrison (Wallingford), Robin Shawyer and John Dowling (Brightwell-cum-Sotwell) and Frank Sadler (Crowmarsh Gifford).

The Team Council discusses and acts upon matters of general interest to the three parishes and also any specific matter that might be delegated to it by the Parochial Church Councils. There were three Team Council Meetings in 2021.

26th January 2021 – [Zoom Meeting]

David welcomed Revd Henry Hope – a Student from Cuddesdon College.

Special prayers were said to mark the passing of over 100,000 people to the Covid-19 virus, and for all those who mourned them. It was noted that there had not been a Churchwarden meeting for a long time due to Lockdown restrictions. It was found that most people had adapted rather well and understood about the different services and times, and were glad that the church had found a way of taking the service to the people via Zoom – but that there was a general feeling of weariness now. There was an issue with the fact that some people were not able to access services due to lack of media facilities or capabilities, and were not being informed as to what was available. Parish Networkers had been keeping up their contacts, and were able to fill in some gaps, and Parish magazines were still being distributed round the Villages.

We all watched Bishop Steven's video 'Come and See', a course to be followed during the Lenten Season. The theme had been suggested by the fact that, during the pandemic, 1 in 5 people who logged onto services were not regular worshippers. Discussion followed as to the merits of the video, and we were told that there was a whole range of other things on offer for children and young people. The following Team Service was agreed:

17th February 2021 11.00am Ash Wednesday - A Communion, Live Streamed from St Mary Magdalene

Other services such as Churches Together for Good Friday, and Easter Weekend will have to be planned later, as we need flexibility regarding the Covid-19 situation.

27th April 2021 – [Zoom Meeting]

We were advised that the latest dates for the APCMs to be held was 31st July 2021, and the following dates were given;

Wallingford Parish	23 rd May 2021
Brightwell cum Sotwell Parish	25 th July 2021
Crowmarsh Gifford Parish	Still to be decided (probably last Sunday in May)

We were advised that Richard would be standing down, but a candidate was waiting in the wings – Brightwell and Crowmarsh did not have any candidates waiting in the wings.

Margot stated that services were now being held in church with Live Streaming on alternate Sundays with Crowmarsh and it appeared to be going well.

Margaret agreed with Margo's statement, and that Crowmarsh folk were enjoying the return, albeit in a structured form.

Richard said that Livestreaming would continue, and that St Leonard's would be reopening soon. Children's church had restarted, and St Mary's would be open soon for Private Prayer. The Wallingford Churchwardens were in the process of taking over from Mavis Bolton on buildings and churchyards, as she is standing down after many years' work.

David thanked the Churchwardens for all their hard work over the course of the Pandemic.

There was a review of the "Come and See" provision; it had been good to see people from all three parishes joining together. The Bible Studies from Henry Hope were much appreciated, and had been well prepared, and the whole had been a good opportunity to meet with others.

Prayer with the Heart proved to be a good initiative. The "Come and See" course had not been joined up on social media, so there was no feedback from participants or organisers.

Bishop Steven's "Come and See" reflections relayed during Sunday Morning Services were good.

The following Team Services were agreed:

Ascension Day 13 th May	11.00am Thursday Morning Said Holy Communion - St Mary Le More, Wallingford
	7.30pm Team Service. St Agatha's, Brightwell.
Pentecost	4.30pm Evening Prayer, St Mary's, Newnham Murren.

Social Event/Deanery Pilgrimages

10.00am Team Service with Bishop Gavin. St Mary Le More.

This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch – possibly with a short walk in the afternoon, but at the development stage at the moment.

Emma proposed a vote of thanks to David and Kevin for all they had done during the pandemic which was heartily endorsed by those present.

16th November 2021 – [Zoom Meeting]

This meeting was to decide the apportionment of the Parish Share. David advised that the Deanery had followed the Diocesan formula for the last two years and had done so again this year. Kevin had on inspection of the spreadsheets from the Deanery Treasurer found that the Electoral Roll figures were incorrect for Wallingford and Brightwell and so the share figures were slightly different now after recalculation, to those from the Deanery Treasurer.

The revised figures are as follows:-

Brightwell cum Sotwell	£ 32,579	24.97%
Crowmarsh Gifford	£ 29,247	22.42%
Wallingford	£ 68,630	52.61%
	£130,456	100%

Frank and Stephen agreed with the recalculated figures, and Margot was happy with the adjustment to the Electoral Roll and Share. Frank said that it was right and fair to follow the formula, but that Crowmarsh will probably need help again this year, as Crowmarsh had already transferred from their Reserves, and will probably end the year with £4,500 in the bank. Kevin noted that the gas supplier had been changed, but that already this year charges had increased three times recently. David noted that the Deanery was aware of the stress and strain put upon Parishes to pay the Share; the Diocese is also aware of how money is apportioned. David asked if the subsidies paid to Crowmarsh by Brightwell and Wallingford are realistic for the year. Margot replied that it would have to go to the PCC but thought it would be a positive result, and Stephen agreed with her comments; Frank gave his thanks.

David stated that with great caution we would pay the tweaked sums, but that we should let the Deanery Treasurer know as soon as possible if difficulties are foreseen. Covid-19 had highlighted cash flow problems. David said huge thanks were due to Stephen, Robin/John and Frank for all their hard work, especially in this last difficult year.

Future Events

Team /Services 2021

21 st November	Team Service	09.30am	St Agatha's
26 th December	Boxing Day	11.00am	St Mary Magdalene

Team Services 2022

16 th January	Team Service	10.00am	St Mary's
2 nd March	Ash Wednesday	8.00pm	St Leonard's
16 th April	Easter Eve	8.00pm	St Mary Magdalene
22 nd May	Rogation Sunday	Kevin to arrange	
26 th May	Ascension Day	7.30pm	St Agatha's
4/5 th June	Jubilee Weekend		
19 th June	Team Service	9.30am	St Agatha's
20 th November	Christ The King	11.00am	St May Magdalene

- Social Events were again up and running with the Community Café in Crowmarsh now open; Margot reported a good fund-raising event during the summer with a change of location to the churchyard, mixed reaction to this setting.
- Emma reported that the re-gathering was going well with new faces in the congregation at Evensong; Children/Family Service/Tiny Toes/Lettings all going well, and the Saturday Coffee morning is also back.
- Kevin advised not to leave Sanitiser out in unsupervised areas, as it is an accelerant and so easy to start a fire.
- David said that Covid-19 had left its mark, we're only about 80% of what we were, and it has impacted more in towns than in the rural communities.
- Kevin reported – Bell ringing with Brightwell and Wallingford forming good Teams, creating good practise, good activity, good model of Team.

Margaret Foster, Temporary Team Council Secretary

11. Wallingford Deanery Synod

Three lay members of the Wallingford PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod provides PCCs with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The Revd. David Rice is the Area Dean for the Wallingford Deanery, which includes St Peter's Didcot, All Saints' and Ladygrove Didcot, Great Western Park, Harwell, Chilton, Cholsey, Moulsoford, Hagbourne, Blewbury, Upton, South & North Moreton, Aston Tirrold & Aston Upthorpe, Wallingford, Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell.

Meetings of the Deanery Synod in 2021 were once again impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Consequently, only two Deanery Synod meetings were held and four meetings of the Deanery Synod Standing Committee. In addition, a 24-hour deanery conference was held to progress the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

The first Deanery Synod meeting in March 2021, held via Zoom, focused on 'unlocking' children, youth and family ministry'. The guest speaker was Yvonne Morris, who has worked for many years as the Diocesan Children and Family Ministry Advisor. She spoke about the report "Disciples Together" which was published in 2020 by Oxford Diocese.

The purpose of the conference, which was held in October 2020, was to bring together a number of clergy and lay people across the deanery to work out how to move the MAP forward. The MAP, which had been approved at the end of 2019 by the Dorchester Mission and Pastoral committee, has four key focus areas:

1. **Development of ministry to children, young people & families**
2. **Developing our outreach to new & settled communities**
3. **Development of appropriate patterns of worship**
4. **Development of the Ministry in the Greater Didcot Garden Town area, both financially & structurally,**

There were a number of key speakers at the conference, including Bishop Gavin and Associate Archdeacon David Tyler as well as Yvonne Morris and Revd. Charles Chadwick, Parish Development Adviser. In addition to further exploring the MAP, we spent some time thinking about the future of the deanery and its sustainability. Some key points emerged from the conference, these being: relationship building, networking (cross-fertilisation of ideas, sharing experiences, working together), welcoming, hospitality, follow-through and the fact that parish boundaries are not important to people, especially the young.

There was a great deal of talk and support for online church, not just to deliver services to those at home but also for meetings, house groups, Bible and Alpha courses, prayer meetings etc. However it was felt there was a general problem getting children and teenagers back. And it was felt that children's ministry had been hard-hit since the start of the Covid-19 situation.

The conference was generally seen as refreshing and stimulating and the chance for clergy and lay reps from all over the deanery to meet and reflect on the shared nature of mission was very valuable. It highlighted the benefit of exchanging ideas and identified how collaboration and networking within the deanery structure would support and facilitate this.

One initiative emerging from the MAP was the creation of a programme of Pilgrim Path walks across the deanery, to link parishes and benefices. This initiative had been started in 2020 but the walks were unable to go ahead as planned due to Covid-19. Fortunately, we were able to hold two of these walks in 2021, the first being between Wallingford and Cholsey, attended by Bishop Gavin, and the other being at Blewbury, visiting Churn Hill, where St Birinus preached to the local tribes c. 634AD. It is anticipated that a full programme of walks will be launched in 2022.

The Deanery Synod meeting in November 2021, held 'in-person' at All Saints' Didcot, focused on developing the next steps of the MAP. Each of the four focus areas now has a 'champion' who will help to drive it forward. These are:

- 1) **Development of Ministry to Children, Young People and Families;** *Revd Kevin Beer, Vicar of Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell cum Sotwell*
- 2) **Development of Appropriate Patterns of Worship;** *Revd David Rice, Rector of Wallingford & Wallingford Area Dean*
- 3) **Developing our Outreach to New and Settled Communities;** *Revd Mark Bodeker, Vicar at GWP*
- 4) **Development of Ministry in the Greater Didcot Garden Town area, both financially and structurally;** *Revd Dr Andy Lord, Vicar of All Saints' Didcot and also Bishop's Adviser on Mission to the Designated Didcot Garden Town,*

Finally, the Parish Share for 2022 was negotiated; this highlighted that some parishes are struggling financially. For some parishes this is an ongoing problem, for others it is a direct result of the pandemic. A working party has been set up to look at Parish Share.

*Wendy L Muggeridge
Wallingford Deanery Synod Secretary*

12. Annual Financial Statements

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2021 total funds	2020 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from: (Note 2)					
Donations and legacies	126,126.26			126,126.26	129,067.89
Charitable activities	10,001.00			10,001.00	8,002.26
Other trading activities	5,364.03			5,364.03	3,274.14
Investments	4,658.73			4,658.73	4,800.52
Other incoming resources					
Total income	146,150.02			146,150.02	145,144.81
Expenditure on: (Note 3)					
Raising funds	16.70			16.70	2,331.54
Charitable activities	145,802.14	3,345.69		149,147.83	127,751.67
Total expenditure	145,818.84	3,345.69		149,164.53	130,083.21
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer	331.18	(3,345.69)		(3,014.51)	15,061.60
Transfers (Note 12)					
Gross transfers between funds - in					11,250.00
Gross transfers between funds - out					(11,250.00)
Net incoming/outgoing before other gains/losses	331.18	(3,345.69)		(3,014.51)	15,061.60
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on investment assets (Note 13)	2,658.28		23,391.43	26,049.71	12,261.95
Net movement in funds	2,989.46	(3,345.69)	23,391.43	23,035.20	27,323.55
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	255,252.98	8,198.44	158,748.93	422,200.35	394,876.80
Total funds carried forward	258,242.44	4,852.75	182,140.36	445,235.55	422,200.35

The notes on pages 18 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Position

	2021 total funds	2020 total funds
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets (Note 7)	10,350.57	17,903.57
Investments (Notes 7 and 14)	200,019.40	173,969.69
	210,369.97	191,873.26
Current assets		
Debtors (Note 8)	10,225.37	10,174.40
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	231,336.97	226,387.79
	241,562.34	236,562.19
Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year (Note 10)	6,696.76	6,235.10
Net current assets less current liabilities	234,865.58	230,327.09
Total assets less current liabilities	445,235.55	422,200.35
Represented by (Note 12)		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	160,629.32	152,620.11
Designated		
Designated - Choir fund	4,195.05	3,585.35
Designated - Reserve fund	26,564.70	23,926.86
Designated - Rector's discretionary fund	1,516.15	1,356.15
Designated - Jordan legacy	19,121.55	16,463.27
Designated - Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	8,656.66	8,072.45
Designated - Bell ringers' fund	2,709.44	2,709.44
Designated - Youth and children work fund	34,849.57	46,519.35
Restricted		
Restricted - St Mary's tower fund	2,657.35	2,935.14
Restricted - Restricted fund	2,195.40	5,263.30
Endowment		
Endowment - Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	22,738.98	19,893.17
Endowment - St Leonards Church endowment funds	159,401.38	138,855.76
Funds of the church	445,235.55	422,200.35

Approved by the Parochial Church Council in general meeting on 8 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by Stephen Harrison (PCC Treasurer).

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Note 1 - Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1 January 2019 the "SORP (FRS102)"). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Financial statements are based on historical costs, except for investments which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. Collections and appeals for nominated beneficiaries have not entered the accounts as they were collected on behalf of third parties. The financial statements do not contain the accounts of informal groups of church members or of other groups which owe their main affiliation to another body.

Funds

The general fund of the PCC is an unrestricted fund. Some of the general fund has been earmarked by the PCC for particular purposes and these are referred to as Designated funds.

Endowment funds are included where the Trustees are the Rector and Church Wardens. These funds are small and their purposes are identified in the accompanying note 12.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received by the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid declaration is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by appeals, garden parties, social, and other events are accounted for gross. Any associated costs are disclosed under expenditure - raising funds.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments and other fixed assets

Realised gains or losses on investments are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between opening market value (or purchase price if later) and market value on the 31 December each year.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations, are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. Other resources expended are accounted for when the liability arises on an accruals basis.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2)(a) of the 2011 Charities Act.

All expenditure during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings is included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA).

Listings of such expenditure are given in the notes to the accounts.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

Fixtures, furnishings and equipment used within church premises are written off linearly over four years unless a longer period is appropriate to reflect the useful life of certain assets. Individual items with a purchase price of less than £3,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. The write off period of certain assets is:

The grand piano purchased in 2013 is being written off linearly over ten years.

Short term deposits and cash

Short term deposits includes cash held on deposit either with Church of England Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund or at the bank.

Cash includes monies held in bank current accounts.

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Note 2 - Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2021 total funds	2020 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies					
Standing order donations	78,774.00			78,774.00	71,988.50
Envelope donations	4,340.32			4,340.32	7,327.35
Loose plate collections	1,655.67			1,655.67	2,109.18
Giving through church boxes	94.24			94.24	243.57
One-off donations	15,771.25			15,771.25	15,167.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	23,460.68			23,460.68	22,576.84
Non-recurring one-off grants	675.00			675.00	4,566.86
Other funds generated	1,355.10			1,355.10	5,088.59
Donations and legacies income subtotals	126,126.26			126,126.26	129,067.89
Charitable activities					
Coffee sales	1,578.00			1,578.00	2,341.26
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,641.00			4,641.00	3,608.00
Verger, organ, bells, and choir fees	3,782.00			3,782.00	2,053.00
Charitable activities subtotals	10,001.00			10,001.00	8,002.26
Other trading activities					
Church lettings and sales - fund raising	5,364.03			5,364.03	3,274.14
Activities for generating funds subtotals	5,364.03			5,364.03	3,274.14
Investment income					
Dividends	4,613.74			4,613.74	4,437.50
Bank and building society interest	44.99			44.99	363.02
Investment income subtotals	4,658.73			4,658.73	4,800.52
Income from generated funds totals	146,150.02			146,150.02	145,144.81
Other incoming resources					
Insurance claims					
Other incoming resources subtotals					
Incoming resources grand totals	146,150.02			146,150.02	145,144.81

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Note 3 - Resources Expended

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2021 total funds	2020 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Costs of fund raising and events	16.70			16.70	2,263.81
Costs of stewardship campaign					67.73
Raising funds expenditure subtotals	16.70			16.70	2,331.54
Charitable activities					
Giving - relief and development (Note 6)	2,500.00			2,500.00	3,100.00
Giving - home mission (Note 6)	2,050.00			2,050.00	2,050.00
Secular charities (Note 6)	20.00			20.00	100.00
Parish share	67,013.10			67,013.10	68,019.93
Ministry and mission	2,502.55			2,502.55	3,927.26
Assistant staff costs	11,532.44			11,532.44	8,359.54
Rector's working expenses	888.37			888.37	858.44
Recoverables vergers, organ, choir, bells	1,726.00			1,726.00	2,030.00
Costs of organists and choir	8,022.30			8,022.30	7,242.48
Flowers					
Insurance	7,926.80			7,926.80	8,323.41
Organ and piano tuning	1,030.40			1,030.40	650.20
Church maintenance and sundries	19,699.45			19,699.45	5,291.45
Administration	640.00			640.00	640.00
Bank charges	250.14			250.14	332.86
Bad debts					189.00
Utilities	6,918.33			6,918.33	6,834.79
Payment card charges	43.98	115.20		159.18	41.31
Repairs	7,837.98	277.79		8,115.77	2,388.00
Independent examination	600.00			600.00	
Depreciation (Note 7)	4,600.30	2,952.70		7,553.00	7,373.00
Charitable activities sub-totals	145,802.14	3,345.69		149,147.83	127,751.67
Resources expended grand totals	145,818.84	3,345.69		149,164.53	130,083.21

Coffee is purchased both for fellowship (coffee after services) and fund raising (selling coffee in church). As it is not possible to separate these costs, they are all included in "Ministry and Mission".

Costs of "organists and choir" includes expenditure on choir tours.

Note 4 - Statement of Staff Costs

Fees from weddings and funerals due to the Director of Music and to the Vergers are paid directly to them by the PCC.

Fees due to the choir and ringers are paid to the choir and ringers.

The organist was paid monthly: the total for the year was £6,758.

Since September 2017, the PCC has employed one family worker part-time as part of its mission to families.

The total paid to the family worker in 2021 was £8,849 (2020: £7,486).

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Note 5 - Details of Certain Items of Expenditure

Trustees Fees

No trustees were paid in their capacity as trustees nor did they receive any expenses. No trustee received fees for any other services provided to the charity.

The total donations from trustees during the year were £39,045.

Independent Examination

Fees of £500 were paid for the independent examination of the accounts: no other fees were paid to the independent examiner for other services.

Note 6 - Grants to Missions and Charities and Disposal of Special Collections

	2021 total £
Giving - relief and development	
PCC donation to Refugee Resource	1,250.00
PCC donation to Bartimaeus Chritable Trust (Sharp school for the blind)	1,250.00
Total	2,500.00
 Home mission	
Subsidy for Crowmarsh Parish Share	2,000.00
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust	50.00
Total	2,050.00
 Secular charities	
Green Gym	20.00
Total	20.00
 Total giving by the PCC	4,570.00
 Disposal of special collections	
Collections and appeals for nominated beneficiaries have not entered the accounts as they were collected on behalf of third parties.	
Christian Aid collections	585.32
CRUSE - All Souls collections	245.85
PACT - crib services	218.36
Porch - 9 lessons and carols	375.64
Style Acre - harvest collections	482.04
The Children's Society - Christingle and J Pengilley collection boxes	858.84
UNHCR - Christmas collections	446.32
Total for special collections	3,212.37

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Note 7 - Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets	2021 total £
Cost	
Balance brought forward	122,069.62
Additions	
Balance carried forward	122,069.62
Accumulated depreciation	
Balance brought forward	104,166.05
Depreciation charge for year	7,553.00
Balance carried forward	111,719.05
Net book value	
Brought forward	17,903.57
Carried forward	10,350.57
Tangible Fixed Assets includes the Yamaha C3 piano, and LED lighting in St Mary's. Their net book values at the end of 2021 were £1,150.00 and £8,400.57 respectively. (2020: piano £2,300.00, lighting £13,800.87.) The sound desk in St Leonard's (2020 value £1,802.70) was depreciated to zero in 2021.	
Fixed asset investments (see also Note 14)	
Market value at beginning of year	173,969.69
Gain on revaluation	26,049.71
Market value at end of year	200,019.40

Note 8 - Debtors

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 total £	2020 total £
Debtors				
Gift aid	10,225.37		10,225.37	10,174.40
Debtors total	10,225.37	0.00	10,225.37	10,174.40

Note 9 - Cash at Bank

	2021 total £	2020 total £
Cash at Bank		
Lloyds current account	144,493.17	140,175.04
CBF1003 (Reserve)	72,691.99	72,645.15
CBF1005 (Ruth memorial)	14,151.81	13,567.60
Current assets total	231,336.97	226,387.79

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Note 10 - Creditors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 total	2020 total
	£	£	£	£
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year				
Agency collections				1,425.00
Wedding fees taken in advance			100.00	972.00
Chadwicks overpayment			6.00	
Sundry creditors				
Uniheat (repairs to St Mary's boiler)			2,152.66	
Retention on tower works (Harri-Stone)			3,838.10	3,838.10
Independent examination			600.00	
Creditors total			6,696.76	6,235.10

Note 11 - Commitments

The PCC recognised no further financial commitments at the end of 2021 other than those disclosed in creditors.

Note 12 Funds

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted - General Fund	152,620.11	133,432.97	125,423.76			160,629.32
Designated - Choir Fund	3,585.35	895.00	285.30			4,195.05
Designated - Reserve Fund	23,926.86	11,037.84	8,400.00			26,564.70
Designated - Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,356.15	200.00	40.00			1,516.15
Designated - Jordan Legacy	16,463.27				2,658.28	19,121.55
Designated - Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund	8,072.45	584.21				8,656.66
Designated - Bell ringers' fund	2,709.44					2,709.44
Designated - Youth and children work fund	46,519.35		11,669.78			34,849.57
 Restricted - St Mary's Tower Fund	 2,935.14		 277.79			 2,657.35
Restricted - Restricted Funds	5,263.30		3,067.90			2,195.40
 Endowment - Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund	 19,893.17				 2,845.81	 22,738.98
Endowment - St Leonard's Church Endowment Funds	138,855.76				20,545.62	159,401.38
	422,200.35	146,150.02	149,164.53	-	26,049.71	445,235.55

General Fund - general income and operating expenses.

Choir Fund - for fund raising and expenditure of the choir apart from funds provided by the PCC.

Reserve Fund - to cover cash shortfalls in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as emergency repairs.

Rector's Discretionary Fund - a sum of money donated by a parishioner for use at the Rector's discretion.

Jordan Legacy - shares remaining after the original legacy was fully spent. Now generating income for the PCC.

Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund - endowment provides for the designated fund for costs first for altar, then cassocks, surplices, and choir hymnals and psalters.

St Mary's Tower Fund - money collected for the repair and restoration of St Mary's church tower.

Restricted Fund - set up in 2012 for Restricted payments from various sources including the Friends of St Mary and St Leonard.

The current balance of £2,195.40 consists of £1,150.00 as the residual value of the Yamaha C3 grand piano purchased in 2013, and £1,045.40 in cash of which £625 is reserved for organ repairs.

St Leonard's Church Endowment Funds - investment income for the PCC General Fund.

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Note 13 - Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	10,350.57	17,879.04	-	182,140.36	210,369.97
Net current assets	150,278.75	79,734.08	4,852.75	-	234,865.58
Total	160,629.32	97,613.12	4,852.75	182,140.36	445,235.55

Previous year	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	17,903.57	15,220.76	-	158,748.93	191,873.26
Net current assets	134,716.54	87,412.11	8,198.44	-	230,327.09
Total	152,620.11	102,632.87	8,198.44	158,748.93	422,200.35

Note 14 - Details of Investments

		2021 total £	2020 total £
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Hous endowment funds	Endowment	88,327.45	77,273.18
<i>Custodian Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. St Leonard's House; Income to Rector and Churchwardens for yearly expenses of Parish Church. Interest and dividends paid to PCC.</i>			
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Cott: endowment funds	Endowment	65,313.08	56,542.70
<i>Custodian Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. St Leonard's Cottage; Perpetual trust with object as for St Leonard's House. Recoupment scheme for loan of £4,047 made to Parish in 1974 concluded during 1998 and capital repaid. New recoupment scheme 1999 Charity Commission agreed release of £16,000 to PCC for repairs at St Leonard's or St Mary's. Outstanding loan at 31 December 2021 £1,920.00. From 2005, accumulated interest and dividends paid to PCC. Recoupment payment £640.00 per year.</i>			
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Land endowment funds	Endowment	5,760.85	5,039.88
<i>St Leonard's Church Lands: general expenses of the Church. Rector and Churchwarden trustees. Perpetual trust with opening capital, represented by 246 CBF Investment units; income paid to PCC.</i>			
CCLA Shares - Jordan Legacy	Jordan Legacy Designated	17,879.04	15,220.76
<i>306.14 Central Board of Finance Accumulation Investment Fund units purchased 9 December 1997 at 979.94p.</i>			
CCLA Shares - Ruth Chamberlain trust fund	Endowment	22,738.98	19,893.17
<i>Wallingford St Mary's Ruth Chamberlain Trust; first for altar, then cassocks, surplices and choir hymnals psalters. Perpetual trust with opening capital of £1,000 represented by CBF Investment units; income paid to PCC.</i>			
Investments subtotal		200,019.40	173,969.69
The realised and unrealised gains on investments in the year are		26,049.71	26,823.88

13. Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wallingford Parochial Church Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 16 to 24.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC who are also the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

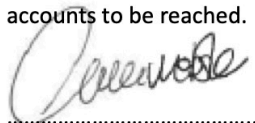
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

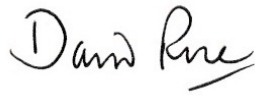


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Date 6 May 2022

Wallingford PCC Annual Report 2021 approved by the PCC on 2 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend David Rice (PCC Chairman)

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Rice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'D' and 'R'.

The Revd. David Rice, Rector Wallingford Parish