

Annual Report

2020

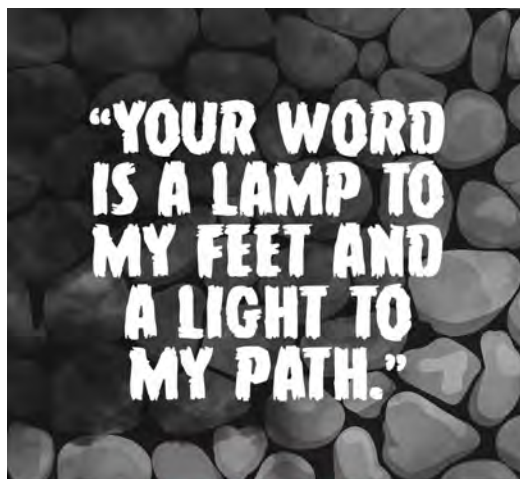


St Mary's Eaton Socon

THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN

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PSALM 119:105

Vicar's Welcome



Welcome to St Mary's Eaton Socon's 2020 Annual Report.

In some of the 2020 Christmas videos and services, I said '*No one would have believed last Christmas (2019), what the world would face in 2020*'. 2020 and indeed much of 2021 will be remembered in history as a time when lives all around the globe were impacted by Covid-19. Whilst this has been an invisible enemy, we can visibly see the effects this pandemic has had on so many people - stress, pain, suffering, and in many cases, the loss of loved ones.

The impact Covid19 has had in our communities is huge, especially when it has resulted in the temporary closure of all but essential services at times, including schools and church buildings. Because the church is the people and is all about people living in relationship with both God and each other, this has been a particularly difficult time - we have been 'starved' of our normal interactions with each other, hence why this Annual Report contains fewer reports due to the fact that groups have not been able to meet! You see, God created us to be relational beings - beings that mirror the way the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate to each other.

Living in the current age, we give thanks for modern technologies ranging from the Phone to the Internet, including Video conferencing - all these have meant it has been possible for many people to continue engaging with each other, but it's not the same as sitting down with people over a coffee or a great meal and sharing life together!

Yet one of the positive things to come out of this situation is that it has served as a wake up call to the Church (in general) in that most of its past ministries have focused on those able to attend them. Yes, St Mary's is blessed with an amazing Pastoral Care Team who visit so many people unable to get to church and who have faithfully kept in contact with people throughout this challenging time (do read their report), yet going forward, the church needs to review and explore other ways of connecting with people on a regular basis. The use of live-streaming Sunday services, for example, has enabled us to reach a much wider audience than ever before and needs to continue!

This means there is no returning to what was - rather we are called to move forward into what is uncharted territory. This will involve the leadership reviewing all the church's ministries, how we do things and what needs to change to help the church to grow. This is an exciting time for us all - the question is, what part will *you* play in all of this?

As we journey together, may Psalm 119:105 be our guide:

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

With every blessing
Timothy Robb



Churchwarden's Report

2020/2021 was my 6th term as Churchwarden, and it's been an unusual year to say the least. We have seen 2 lockdowns to date which has meant that our traditional services have sadly been very much reduced over the period and we have seen the advent of streamed services on a Sunday morning.

Whilst streamed services and coffee Zoom meetings are not a complete substitute for traditional services and fellowship they can and do engage with large numbers of people. A huge amount of work has been put in to make this possible and I would like to thank everybody involved in making this possible and Tim in particular for leading this.

A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to make the church Covid safe and I would like to thank all those people involved in additional cleaning, ushering and track and tracing who all do so much to help keep us safe.

Since David Hesketh joined me as Churchwarden in 2019, he has made a big contribution to the running of the church which is very much appreciated.

I would like to thank our team of Assistant Churchwardens: Margaret Lygoe, Jane Gogarty, Brian Elliott and Richard de Fraine, Martin Pooley, Gavin Chapman, Darren Smith, Len Thomas, Yvonne Bragbury-White, and more recently Corrie Verduijn for their support. Margaret Lygoe has recently stepped down and I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to her for all her help and support.

I would like to thank the Sidespeople for the contribution they have made to the smooth running of the church. Also, of course to our wonderful Cleaner Teresa and Caretaker Roy, who is now carrying out Verger duties in addition to his Caretaker role.

Future Developments

During the period of lock down we have installed a large shed behind the church hall which is used to store items previously housed in the church hall. This will allow the store rooms on the north side of the hall to be converted into the upgraded kitchen we so badly need. The kitchen upgrade is scheduled to be completed this year, subject to donations. Watch this space for more news coming soon.

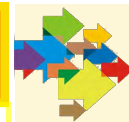
The church organ has been removed which frees up a very useful space next to the vestry which will provide an additional room as part of the planned upgrade of the church. Many thanks to Richard de Fraine whose hard work made this possible.

For the longer term we have plans to upgrade both the church and the church hall to allow St Mary's to better serve our members and the community.

Finally, I would like to thank David Hesketh for his very capable running of the M Team who do so much behind the scenes to keep the church running.

Edward Jarvis
Churchwarden

Safeguarding Report



St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon is committed to being a safe place for all and we are working with the Diocesan guidelines to ensure this is maintained. The St Mary's 'Safeguarding for All Policy' was updated in 2019 to reflect ongoing changes within the church. It is based upon the Diocesan Safeguarding policies 'Protecting All God's Children' and 'Promoting A Safe Church' (which covers vulnerable adults). St Mary's Church has adopted the principles and practices of safer recruitment.

During the lockdown restrictions of 2020, many of the activities of church groups have been suspended, though some have continued in online forms. The Pastoral Team assumed an important role and in conjunction with the co-ordinator relevant safeguarding points were addressed. In line with Diocesan recommendations, DBS checks have continued to be carried out for all those working with children or vulnerable adults online, over the phone or socially distanced face-to-face. and records are maintained to reflect this and to indicate when rechecks after 5 years are required.

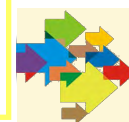
All Safeguarding Training is now being delivered online. C0 which is a one hour basic course; C1 which is a two hour extension course and C2 is the face-to-face course which is now delivered via Zoom. Records are kept of those who have undergone Safeguarding training so that, in line with Diocesan recommendations, renewal every three years can be prompted.

There is a regular Safeguarding item on PCC agendas allowing for the PCC to be kept informed on Safeguarding matters and to discuss initiatives as they arise. St Mary's Church is now on the Parish Dashboard, a system for ensuring that all necessary Safeguarding requirements have been completed.

Names and contact details of the vicar, the Safeguarding Officer and the Children's Advocate are displayed within the church along with advice helpline numbers. This information is also clearly signposted on the parish website. If there are any Safeguarding matters that need to be brought to our attention please contact any of these people in confidence.

Jane Gogarty

Safeguarding Officer



PCC Report

It is safe to say that 2020 was a very different year for the PCC, with the majority of meetings having to be conducted on zoom due to the Covid pandemic. Despite a different way of meeting, the format stayed the same, with a time at the start of each meeting for a short reflection and prayer, led by one of the PCC. This is followed by a brief time when members can speak about events happening in their lives. Time is always set aside during the meetings for prayer for the items discussed. During the first lockdown there was a break during the meeting to give members opportunity to join in with 'clap for NHS' if that was their wish.

As a lot of church activities have had to be postponed during the year, the greater part of the PCC meetings related to the challenges St Mary's faced during lockdown, including finance, service streaming and related expense.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Roy Notley, presents a full review of the accounts at each meeting for general, designated and restricted funds. Constant topics are: the predicted general fund deficit, reviews of expenditure against budget and ways to save where possible. The 2021 budget was discussed and revised many times due to the uncertainty of any return to 'normal'. The 10th version, based on the assumption that there would be a gradual return towards normality during the second half of 2021, was finally agreed as late as January 2021.

It was agreed at the April meeting that staff should be furloughed. This enabled us to retain all employees on full pay yet, at the same time, reclaim part of their remuneration from the Government.

Facilities for online giving were set up on the website.

MINISTRY

The PCC supported the theme of 'Hope' for the services at Christmas. It was recognised that the number of Christmas services would be fewer and with greatly reduced congregations, due to safeguarding restrictions. Online attendance however exceeded our expectations!

At the beginning of the year the formation of a new Creation Care Group was approved to encourage people to be more involved in looking after our environment. The Group are in the initial stages of considering various projects including the feasibility of installing solar panels to the Church roof.

In April a weekly news update, together with printed versions for those without online facilities, was initiated. This has been much appreciated.

The purchase of new Church Bibles was approved, with discussion on whether to purchase larger print blue Bibles, or smaller red ones, which were the cheaper options. Only one person voted for the cheaper ones! Yes, you've guessed it, the Treasurer!!

Due to the pandemic the topic of children taking communion was not discussed further. It remains as an agenda item for discussion in 2021/2022.

PCC Report (continued)



FABRIC

The PCC resolved to remove and dispose of the pipe organ by sale at the earliest opportunity. This was completed in October 2020.

The PCC were advised that the lightening conductor repair had taken place and the tower clock and chime had also been repaired.

Feedback from the DAC on the Church Reordering and Hall Redevelopment Plans was positive. A business case justifying the expansion of the hall is to be prepared.

ADMIN

Various Officers were elected and a review of Church Policies took place.

A staffing proposal to increase the hours of the Vicar's PA by one hour per week from the beginning of February was passed unanimously.

PCC minutes are written up and, once ratified, displayed on the website and also with the Treasurer's Report in the South Porch.

My thanks go to the Trustees of the Eaton Socon PCC for all their work during this difficult year, to Edward Jarvis and David Hesketh, the Churchwardens, to the Assistant Churchwardens, to Jennifer Reed for taking the minutes at each meeting, to all the staff and to Rev'd Timothy Robb.

Brenda Notley
PCC Secretary

May the God of
HOPE fill you WITH all
JOY & PEACE

ROMANS 15 : 13



Treasurer's Report

CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT

Planned giving income held up well during the year despite the closure of the church due to the Covid19 pandemic. Cash collection income and giving by gift aid envelopes stopped during closure and were extremely low when the church was open with very limited numbers. There were no youth or fundraising activities.

Overall, income was around £14000 down on the previous year. Conversely, expenditure in certain areas was down by around £10000 from last year due to pandemic restrictions.

Staff were furloughed in full during the first lockdown and then at 50% hours after that. Furlough grants from government amounted to £9923 for whole year enabling us to pay full pay throughout. Income from the Gift Day raised almost £11000, much higher than we expected, but did not only ensure we covered shortfall of income against expenditure but also allowed us to compensate the designated fund by over £3000 lost due to zero fundraising.

The general fund thus ended the year with a gross surplus of £5252. The PCC made a decision to clear all remaining book value of assets this year. This has no effect on cashflow or available reserves.

DESIGNATED FUND

Income of £2517 was much lower this year as there were no fundraising events. Expenditure of £6377 on bases for shed and benches and £5400 for professional fees on future development plans reduced funds carried forward to £13961. £397 of this are net funds of youth groups. There is no balance left against Legacy.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Income of £2000 was for proceeds of disposal of Organ, though costs were incurred for Banner and dismantling of electric supply. Tower clock cost £2290. Utility fund received £800 and provided £315 of help out. SEND project income was £1378 with zero expenditure. Bible donations were £661 against cost of £1499. More donations have been received in 2021. Church groups income was £1040 and expenditure £642. Restricted fund income exceeded expenditure by £112 so funds carried forward are £33699. There are currently 21 separate restricted accounts.

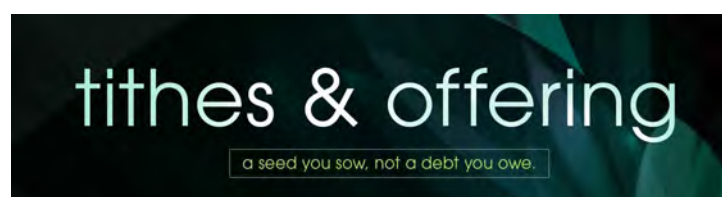
LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

Trying to predict income and expenditure for 2021 was difficult.

Many different versions of a 'budget' were drawn up and debated, but it was not until mid January a final budget for 2021 was agreed. The view taken was that only a gradual return to a limited normal should be assumed from September onwards with continued furloughing of staff at 50% hours till the scheme ends in April. Staff pay is budgeted at full pay. The Mission budget will be constantly reviewed as this is currently set at £1000 less than would be expected. We think this budget is a best estimate and predicts a small deficit of £1084 for 2021. This again will be constantly reviewed throughout the year.

My thanks to all who have assisted in the preparation of these accounts. Particular thanks to Gavin and Tim for their solid support and assistance, especially with Sum up credit card facility and online donate buttons!

Roy B Notley
Treasurer



Planned Giving Report



Around 90% of St Mary's income needs to come from giving/donations to resource its ever rising costs of ministry/upkeep of buildings.

In 2020 regular giving was down by £3294 from 2019. Giving of all kinds was £4419 down on 2019. All giving amounted to 88.2% of expenditure.

<u>Giving was received via the following streams</u>		
Direct Debits (Parish Giving Scheme)	27929	20.58%
Bank Standing Orders	62974	46.40%
Dedicated Numbered Envelopes	5146	3.79%
Gift Aid envelopes	751	0.55%
Cash Offertories	1719	1.27%
Casual donations	3989	2.94%
Gift Aid Reclaim from HMRC	22349	16.47%
Gift Day	10864	8.00%
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<u>Monthly giving was by following groups</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Up to £25 per month	22	22
Between £26 and £50	29	28
Between £51 and £100	21	20
Between £101 and £150	8	7
Between £151 and £200	2	2
Between £201 and £300	9	9
Over £300	5	5
	96	93

At start of year there were 96 regular givers; 23 increased their regular amount and 3 decreased; 3 started regular giving but 6 stopped leaving 93 regular givers at end of 2020.

On behalf of PCC of St Mary's Eaton Socon we convey our sincere thanks for your sustained regular giving. Only 11 now remain on dedicated numbered envelopes. The budget for 2021 is encouraging as far as it is possible to predict at this time. Without your support, it would be impossible to maintain the services provided.

Remember, apart from regular giving by direct debit or bank standing order there are many other streams of income available for the occasional giver.

1. VIA ON-LINE BANKING: direct bank tfr to 'Eaton Socon PCC' 20.74.81 60347043
2. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD: by sum-up card reader using ipad
3. CHURCH WEBSITE by various donate buttons on www.eatonsocon.org
4. TEXT GIVING: by text message SMES to 70085 Default is £10
5. EASYFUNDRAISING or SMILE AMAZON: using St Mary's as nominated charity
6. GIFT AID ENVELOPES: by gift aid envelopes on finance table
7. MONEY: by cash or cheque in offertory baskets in church when open

We encourage you to continue to review the support you can afford which is so vital to St Mary's and we thank you for it. Thank you.

Roy B Notley
Treasurer



Youth - Reactors

The big news last year for everyone was having to go into lockdown at the end of March 2020 due to Covid19. From having a lively face to face Reactors session at church on Sunday mornings, Heather and I had to come up with ideas as to how we were going to continue on line. With the emergence of Zoom, previously unheard of before 2020, we started to put together some sessions for Reactors on line. Having no idea how it would work, or how successful it would be, we launched our first session on 5th April 2020, Palm Sunday. We have managed to offer a Reactors session every week since then, barring a few weeks in the summer holidays and over Christmas.

The Zoom sessions have been well attended and we have managed to cover a range of topics, some specifically created for online learning. For example, Mission Today put together a 3 week course aimed at the youth about Resilience and Wellbeing, Prejudice and Discrimination and Love. All teaching was bible based and delivered by young people. Reactors also enjoyed doing the Creation Care Course as well as going through Julie Robb's course, The Upside-Down Kingdom, during Advent.



To kick off 2021 we have started The Bible Course written and presented by Andrew Ollerton which is taking us through the events of the bible from Genesis to Revelation.



As part of each session we set weekly challenges, related to the bible, and listen to worship songs which the youth choose. As well as meeting on Sundays, Reactors helped clear the church yard last October of felled trees, which they made into log piles for the wildlife and also managed to make bacon butties for the Ground Force team to share afterwards.

They took part in tree planting during November as well as enjoying putting together shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Operation and as the third lockdown had not affected Eaton Socon before Christmas they were still able to meet up for their Christmas get together at Costa Coffee.

Whilst this year has not been ideal by any means, Heather and I are pleased to report that we have had an enjoyable time throughout with a regular gathering of our youth and we feel blessed that we have been able to continue to teach them about the good news of Jesus. We ask for your prayers that this may continue.

Julia Chapman & Heather Arnold
Reactor Leaders



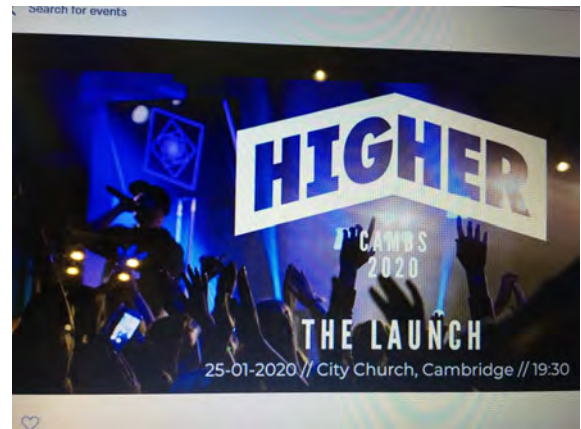
Youth - Fusion



2021 kicked off to a great start with the Youth been fully refreshed from their Christmas break. Fusion continued to be a time where lots of energy was expended with team games, just dance, table tennis, pool, snooker, and 100 ways min on how to loll over/under/next to a beanbag!

As a group we continued to attend Crossfire and went to the launch of the Higher Tour in Cambridge. Here the youth got to see what was instore when the tour came to St Neots, spend time worshipping our amazing God and even having a selfie with the band itself.

Then bang!! Covid arrived and along with it came lockdown! Now the question we posed to ourselves was how could we support our Youth in an ever changing world, however rising to the challenge and becoming best mates with our new BFF called Zoom, we moved online.



For the next five months we had the most hilarious time playing games, catching up on our week, and checking out each other's Brucie Bonus. Brucie Bonus or BB's, what's that you may say? These were little challenges set by either myself, Julia or the church linked to what we were learning in Reactors on Sunday or the church service. However knowing what Youth are like, we demanded evidence and every participant had to post a picture on our WhatsApp group chat.

BB's set ranged from photos of hope, love, resilience, what makes us happy and even evidence of Youth performing jobs around the home....I have to say that was definitely mine and Peter's favourite!!! For their hard work, the Youth were rewarded with a treat which generally tended to be hand delivered on a Tuesday. It's quite amazing what Youth will do for food!

The summer came and went and unfortunately Newday 2020 was cancelled. A great sadness was felt by all especially as we went on to later learn Newday won't be back for 2021 because of the uncertainty of how this year would play out. However not be phased, we celebrated exam results both GCSE and A levels, end of year tests/modules and even a 25th wedding anniversary. Birthdays also continued to be celebrated with delivery of cake, personalised card and even a candle to blow out!



Leading up to September, we received the great news Youth groups could once again meet up. With the weather keeping warm for the first few weeks and armed with tuck, hot chocolate, blankets and camping chairs, we met up in a local park near Julia. It was a complete joy to see the Youth once again back together, just the way our God planned.



Youth - Fusion (continued)

Once the nights drew in, we moved back in to the church hall along with added restrictions to keep us safe. Obviously this brought a new challenge....social distancing games....ok we thought, we can do this! Now Taskmaster is our new BFF!

The months continued and the Youth were able to take part in Tree planting for the council, help clear the churchyard, attend the Higher Tour night at SNEC, give generously to enable us to fill two Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes and to finish with a social distance Christmas party. One of our lasting memories of the party is the resurrection of the dinosaur and the Youth throwing sweets, chocolate and cream at a fellow Youth to make the best sweet face ever from a distance of 2 metres!



We hope and pray 2021 will be better, however we think we can honestly say, we have had a great year, though different to what was planned. We have learnt so many new things about each other, supported each other through difficult times and had so many laughs, not even Covid can keep us down.

Roll on 2021.....

Peter and Heather Arnold
Fusion Leaders

Community Children's Work

Since Liz Faulkner joined the staff in 2017, our Children's work in the Community has increased dramatically! This is completely separate from ACTIOS's work, yet complements the ever increasing Christian presence from local churches in our schools and community.

Due to Covid-19, 2020 was very different to what we anticipated. In order to help the church's budget, Liz was sadly furloughed in April, returning to part time work in August, before going on Adoption leave in December! I eagerly await Liz's return in the late Autumn of 2021, not least to get the SEND Project up and running!

Since March, the church's website continues to be populated with great Family resources - do check them out. In Advent, we launched 'Christingle @ Home' which involved assembling and delivering over 60 Christingles to people throughout the community - thanks to both Liz and Jennifer for sorting this!

I have participated in a number of Zoom based School Assemblies and produced a few video based talks too! All in all, it's been good to keep in contact with so many young people through this challenging time. Do continue to pray for them.

Timothy Robb

Prayer 'Mail'



Due to the Pandemic, Praying by email has been a vital life line for St Mary's.

Throughout this time, Prayer mail has been very active and I would like to thank each and everyone who prays.

As we know God hears every cry and it is a great privilege to offer up our prayers for people, their families, friends and anyone who is known to us that need God's help.

For anyone who does not know about prayer mail, this is how it works:

- Prayer requests are emailed to prayer@eatonsocon.org
- These are then circulated via email to around 35 people who pray for requests
- If anyone would like to be added to the prayer mail circulation, please let me know.

In addition, a new initiative launched in December was the Virtual Prayer Wall on the Church's website. This enables people to add prayers of thanksgiving and requests on the website which can be prayed by everyone! Do visit www.eatonsocon.org to make use of this.

May God bless you all

Barbara Jarvis
Prayer Co-Ordinator

Life Groups

Life Groups are small groups of six to twelve people that meet on weekdays usually during the school term to share Life together!

This year, due to Covid19, some groups have been unable to meet whilst others have met via Zoom. The continuing contact has been an important part of people supporting each other.

During the past year, Bible Study series have included:

- A Focus on Creation Care and our responsibilities
- Loving Justice
- The Book of Ruth
- The Book of Ezekiel

Looking ahead to 2021, two series we are looking forward to studying are:

- The Prayer Course II: Unanswered Prayer (during Lent)
- The Wellbeing Course (after Easter)

If you're not in a Life Group and would like to join a group for one or both of these series, please do contact us.

Julie & Timothy Robb
Life Group Co-Ordinators



Pastoral Care Team

Early in the year, two additional members, Brenda and Ian Ashford, joined our team, which is now 13 people, including two clergy. We work closely with the church safeguarding officer, who ensures our policies and team members' training and DBS checks are up-to-date.

Most of our day-to-day communication between team members is via WhatsApp. Activity is recorded on google sheets. We now have a team mobile phone number which is on the church website for anyone in need to use.

This year can be divided in two parts:

- 1st January to 19th March which was "normal"
- 20th March till 30th December which was during the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic

Around 20th March we:

- launched "St Mary's Connected", a programme to regularly contact, usually by phone, those in the congregation who were likely to be isolated and less supported. These included people not in Life Groups. A list of names was drawn up and each team member agreed to be responsible for contacting, initially weekly, their list of people
- suspended face-to-face meetings, pastoral visits and care home worship visits
- arranged weekly team meetings via Zoom for support and to aid communication. Latterly in 2020 we reduced the meetings to monthly, as there was less need.

As the attached spreadsheet shows, the team was particularly busy in the months April to July, during the first "lockdown". The system worked well and feedback was positive.

We look forward to 2021 and a time when restrictions are no longer needed. This will provide an opportunity to evaluate what we have achieved during the pandemic and our aims for the future. I welcome thoughts and suggestions from the team and members of the congregation.

My sincere thanks are due to every team member. Much has been achieved by their hard and cheerful work in challenging times. I have also been grateful for the wise counsel of our team leader, Rev'd Tim Robb, who is always available when we need him.

Roger Peppiatt
Pastoral Care Administrator



Pastoral Care Team 'Stats'



SUMMARY OF PASTORAL CARE ACTIVITY 2020 (as recorded on the team's google sheet)															
	Visit for other reasons*	Visit Respite	Visits to give HC	Funeral Preparation	Meal provision at home	Hospital Visit	Provision of Transport	Phone calls	Other (eg text, letter)	Care Home Worship	Unplanned Meetings**	TOTALS			
January	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	10			
February	4	0	0	0	0	1	13	5	0	3	0	26			
March	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	81	54	3	0	145			
April	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	231	28	0	0	260			
May	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	32	0	4	268			
June	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	32	0	8	214			
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	33	0	8	180			
August	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	112	13	0	5	134			
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	4	0	4	75			
October	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	51	7	0	22	84			
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	13	0	10	113			
December	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	73	23	0	5	112			
TOTALS	20	0	1	0	18	1	16	1251	239	9	66	1621			

* e.g. visit to deliver papers or medications

** e.g. after church or in the park whilst walking



Flower Management

We started 2020 with two fresh flower displays in church each week, as usual. However it soon turned out to be a very different year indeed to what we were all expecting and the first lockdown in March meant that services went online. In view of this faux flower arrangements were put in place – two in the nave and one at the altar.



We arranged flowers for two 'In Memoriam' displays in January and February and arranged three pedestals of flowers for a wedding in February.

Regrettably it was not possible to arrange special flowers in church to celebrate Easter this year given coronavirus. However moving on through the year we did restart fresh flowers in church from September.



We were very pleased to be able to mark Harvest on Sunday 11 October with special arrangements rejoicing in the provision of crops, fresh produce and flowers that God richly supplies. The photos above and left show two of the displays in church for that occasion. The team of ladies who helped all wore masks and we worked socially distanced. There was no 'tea and cake' and we will certainly have to make up for that next year!

The theme for Christmas this year was based on Romans Chapter 15 verse 13: *'May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace'.*

God's gifts of Hope, Joy and Peace were reflected in the windowsill and pedestal displays through the addition of small and larger gifts each labelled Hope, Joy or Peace. Here you can see examples of the windowsill and pedestal displays.



I would like to express my thanks for the gifts received this year and particularly to

TLCobbold for their contribution to the Harvest and Christmas displays.

Special thanks goes to Annie Preece, Joy Martin, Jennie Smith, Brenda Ashford, Margaret Walker, Pam Branch, Marilyn Cobb, Julia Frape, Nanette Hesketh, Sylvia Stonham, Amanda Kipling and Eileen Crowe all of whom

have made the church decoration and displays possible during an exceptionally challenging year.

Julia Findley - Flower Management Co-Ordinator

Foodbank



From the beginning of the year till Mid-March the four Foodbank Distribution Centres, including ours at St Mary's continued functioning as normal. However, all changed when the pandemic struck. In mid-March all centres closed and our 13 St Mary's volunteers were "furloughed". A smaller number, however, continued to help but with delivering.

The foodbank, like hundreds of others up and down the country was faced with an increasing demand for emergency food but without the usual army of volunteers to meet the needy and give them what they require. Each foodbank coped in different ways. St Neots, like many, switched over completely to a "delivery" service. The warehouse continues to be manned by a small number of volunteers, working in a socially distanced way. Several pairs of volunteers, nearly all husbands & wives, now deliver. They collect food parcels from the warehouse and deliver to clients' doorsteps. Inside the parcels is "signposting" information about where to get further help if required.

We decided to replace the Waitrose fruit and vegetable voucher scheme with a separate home delivery service. Frances and I run this from our garage. Every Tuesday we receive a delivery of oranges, apples, bananas, potatoes, onions, carrots and recently broccoli from a wholesaler. We then fill cardboard boxes, which are collected on Wednesday mornings to be distributed. The feedback has been very positive.

The office volunteers are working from home, which presents its challenges. Referrals from our partners in the community are now made either digitally or by phone. Numbers of people fed are up by over a third compared to the previous year. We have been greatly blest by generous donations of food and money, which has enabled us to comfortably maintain our service to those in need in our community.

We also continue to provide limited relief to those experiencing fuel (gas & electricity) poverty, in conjunction with funds made available from our vicar.

Our relatively new Acts 435 service has raised and disbursed over £7500 in the past year to clients in need of various household items such as repair to a washing machine, school uniforms, purchase of a microwave and many more (google Acts 435 to find out more).

We have been awarded a grant to have speedy access to Citizens Advice advisors, which has helped several of our clients. In spite of the logistical challenges, we managed to send out 259 Christmas hampers to those in particular need.

Much has been learned from working in a pandemic. We are now beginning to think what our service will look like when restrictions are eased.

There are many ways to help us:

- pray for our volunteers as they faithfully maintain this vital work
- give on line via Acts435
- give food via our boxes which are situated in most supermarkets

Thank you.

Roger Peppiatt
St Mary's Foodbank Representative



NEW FOR 2020!



The world at large is increasingly concerned at the developing environmental crises around us. We see this in climate warming, pollution of air, water and ground, and extinctions of species. St Mary's, along with much of the church, has been slow to engage with these issues, so at the beginning of 2020 the PCC set up the **Creation Care Group**.

The Group's task is to help us all understand how, if we love God the Creator, we must all love his creation too. Love, care and respect for God's creation are essential parts of our Christian obedience. We all need to put that into practice in our own households, but St Mary's also needs to do it in its own building and organisation. We've registered with Eco Church, an organisation that provides advice and support, and also a do-it-yourself survey to see what progress we're making on our green journey. We're aiming for their bronze award in mid-2021.

The Archbishops got us off to a flying start, as their Lent course was on the theme of creation. About 100 people took copies of one of the Lent booklets from church. Later, in September between lockdowns, a series of sermons focused on the theme of creation and our responsibilities for it, backed up by challenging video soundbites from Christians involved in care and conservation.



Covid has stopped us doing much in the church or grounds, but in ones and twos we've made all the toilets dual flush and put up pictures of their twinned latrines in Uganda. There was a great turnout for the Groundforce morning in October, when jobs included making bug and animal-friendly piles of logs and brushwood. We've put up some bird boxes around the grounds, and are working with the Council to make some areas more welcoming to wild-life.

Looking ahead to COP26, the major UN Conference on climate warming in Glasgow in November, we want to join with other churches in urging bolder action by the government.

As a part of the Church of England, we have a goal of 'net zero carbon' by 2030. The PCC agrees that solar panels need to be added to our development plans, along with other projects to improve the church lighting and insulation.

We look forward to being able to do group activities again, whether it be litter picking in our local area, or enjoying together some of the wonderful open spaces around us.

There's more information about us on the Church website at www.eatonsocon.org/creation-care/

Creation Care Group Members:

James Faulkner, Anthony Harris, David Hesketh, Edward Jarvis, Roger Peppiatt

Churches Together in St Neots (CTSN)



2020 started off well enough. We held a Christian Unity service at St Joseph's Catholic Church in January and the World Day of Prayer at our church at the beginning of March. An actual Working Group meeting was held on 11th March to plan the year ahead! From then on, since Covid restrictions hit, everything has been online. Plans for the Passion Play and Easter celebrations had to subsequently be cancelled and VE day events could not go ahead.

Individual churches struggled to adjust to the first lockdown, putting alternative arrangements in place in the best way they could. It has been a difficult time, but CTSN has worked to support everyone by providing a mechanism for communicating and supporting each other. The website was updated and provides access to all church websites together with information and means of contact. The Working Group has continued to meet by Zoom.

Rev Rick Mearkle's year as Chairperson concluded at the AGM (by Zoom) in September. He had done an amazing job in developing CTSN and establishing the new meeting format, enabling encouragement and prayer to be disseminated to those on the database. He set up the Black Cat Radio 9.30 Sunday service led by clergy from St Neots churches and he continues to organise the rota for this.

The 'Prayer for St Neots' was an idea from Rob McFarlane of River Church – the final version of video clips from our churches was put in place in time for Easter and can be accessed on **churchestogetherinstneots.org.uk**

Rev Ray Porter, from our church, took over as Chair from September and has brought fresh ideas and leadership to the group. The other five members of the Working Group remain in place. Ray initiated the 'Christmas Prayer for St Neots' and this was made through Rob – again available on the website.

Jim Fitzgerald from Open Door Church once more organised Christmas dinners for those spending Christmas alone. He has recently made available his '**999 Prayer Focus**' urging prayer for 9 elements related to the the present pandemic – this too can be found on the website.

Christian Aid donations were collected online. A £100 donation was made by CTSN in response to a £1 to make £67 appeal equating to £6700 for the World Food Programme. The balance would come from Christian Aid centrally.

A Lenten 'Thought for the Day' is being set up through Black Cat radio and will certainly give us something to look forward to pre-Easter.

We look forward to being able to adapt and support our churches collectively in the months ahead and are always ready to respond to ideas and suggestions along the way. Being able to meet in person once again seems a distant dream but is coming closer with the vaccine now available.

Pam Branch
SMES CTSN Representative & CTSN Secretary



Deanery Synod

There have been two meetings of the Deanery Synod during 2020 in March, and October.

In March, we heard from Rev'd Canon Tim Bull, Diocesan Director of Ministry whose subject was 'Thinking About Good News' He cited some examples from his own life, from the Decade of Evangelism, Fresh Expressions of Church and Living God's Love and gave the delegates an opportunity to consider some ways of spreading the Good News.

The July meeting was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions.

The October meeting was held online. We were informed that Rev'd Guy Scott, who had been the Rural Dean since March 2018, had moved to the diocese of Bath and Wells. The process of finding a new Rural Dean was underway.

A talk was given by Rev'd Kelvin Woolmer, a former policeman, on The Clewer Initiative on modern slavery. It was decided to carry over the 2020 Deanery Project 'Home of Hope' in Malawi to 2021 as the current restrictions had prevented many of the fund raising events from taking place.

Planning was underway for the Deanery Lent talks, but was aware that these may not be able to take place.

Jane Gogarty
Deanery & Diocesan Synod Representative

Diocesan Synod

There were two meetings of Diocesan Synod in 2020 in March and October, the June meeting being cancelled because of the pandemic restrictions.

In March, in his address Bishop Alan encouraged us to **listen** but also to **hear** in a number of areas: the decision taken by General Synod to reach carbon net zero by 2030; the upcoming Lambeth Conference (which was cancelled due to the pandemic); the Living in Love and Faith project on the LGBTQ community; the growing Coronavirus pandemic; and the Big Conversation meetings underway in the diocese. Rev'd Mark Betson gave a talk on the challenges and positives of Rural Ministry.

The October meeting was held online. Bishop Alan in his address, spoke of the message the Church needed to provide during the current restrictions and spoke of the Hope we have in Christ. He also spoke of the findings from the Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and the resultant effects this will have on all parishes. Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the DBF presented a renewed budget in the light of the current pandemic circumstances. A motion was passed that the Diocese of St Alban's would become an Eco Diocese with the aim of reaching the A Rocha Bronze Award by the end of 2022.

Jane Gogarty
Deanery & Diocesan Synod Representative

World Mission

Matthew Chapter 28 verses 19 and 20 reads:

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy SpiritAnd remember I am with you always, to the end of the age'.

This was Jesus commissioning the disciples but this command still remains as relevant to us today. St Mary's in supporting our World Mission Partners has continued to be involved in this great endeavour in 2020.

Our World Mission Partners have had many challenges to face this year which have been compounded by Covid19. Do please continue to pray for them in this ongoing situation in 2021. They are:

Dr Mano Emmanuel, Colombo Theological Seminary, Sri Lanka (£2000)

Teresha & Israel Karahukayo, Spring of Hope, Uganda (£2600)

Allen & Litsa McClymont, OMF International (£1600)

Chris & Elaine Hurst, Wycliffe Bible Translators (£1600)

Elaine Thomas, Actios in St Neots (£2500)

Due to the lockdowns that have been in place this year we started putting updates from the Mission Partners on the church website (under World Mission) as it was not possible to provide this information in paper copy.

We were very fortunate that this year's World Mission event was able to take place on Sunday 11 October 2020 although with Covid19 guidelines in place. We were very pleased that Nick Cole Director of Operation Christmas Child UK for Samaritan's Purse was able to come and speak to us about this year's appeal and of the impact that these shoebox gifts have had on many young lives over the years.

St Mary's has supported the shoebox appeal for a number of years and despite Covid19, 2020 was no exception. We thank all of you who participated and gave so generously and for the volunteers who took the boxes to the collection point. Over 70 shoeboxes were donated and brought hope and joy to many disadvantaged children in other countries.

The collection of used stamps for The Leprosy Mission has also continued this year but in a slightly different way as we asked for stamps to be stockpiled at home and to be brought in when the lockdowns come to an end.

Whilst it was not possible for everyone to sign Christmas Cards for the World Mission Partners this year they were sent with the church's blessing and love.

On behalf of the World Mission Team I would like to express sincere thanks to Ray and Janice Porter who over the years have been committed to leading and supporting the work of World Mission at St Mary's. They have stepped down during this year but we remain very grateful to them both for their service to World Mission.

Julia Findley



St Mary's Eaton Socon

THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

and

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

with ACCOUNTS

Date 7 March 2021

11:15am

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APCM AGENDA – 7th March 2021

In accordance with the Notices fixed to the Notice Boards and on the Church Website, the Meeting of Parishioners for the purpose of appointing Churchwardens, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held for St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon via Zoom on Sunday 7th March 2021 at 11.15am.

To be preceded by a combined service at 10am at which the Vicar's report will be presented.

Meeting of Parishioners AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last Annual Meeting of Parishioners
3. Appointment of Churchwardens
4. Appointment of Assistant Churchwardens
5. Any other business concerning the Meeting of Parishioners

ASSISTANT CHURCHWARDENS

Representing 9am Sunday Service

Brian Elliott

Jane Gogarty

Representing 10.30am Sunday Service

Yvonne Bradbury-White

Len Thomas

Gavin Chapman

Darren Smith

Martin Pooley

Corrie Verduijn

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON SUNDAY 4th October 2020

The meeting was opened at 11:20am by Rev'd Timothy Robb. Mrs Jennifer Reed took the minutes.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies from: Roger & Pauline Brittain; Brian & Gyllian Harrison

2. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th March 2019 had been circulated prior to the event.

There were no amendments.

The meeting agreed the minutes to be correct; **proposal to accept the minutes by Mrs Carole Green , seconded by Mr Richard de Fraine. The motion was carried unanimously, with 5 abstentions.**

3. Appointment of Churchwardens

There were two nominations put forward:

Mr Edward Jarvis **proposed by** Mr Brian Elliott, **seconded by** Mrs Maggie Bailey.

Mr David Hesketh, **proposed by** Mrs Frances Peppiatt, **seconded by** Mrs Elizabeth Faulkner

Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Tim thanked the Churchwardens for their support throughout this challenging time.

4. Appointment of Assistant Churchwardens

As part of succession planning we need to make sure people are prepared to take this role forward. The following names were put forward:

9am Service: Mr Brian Elliott; Mrs Jane Gogarty

Proposed by Mrs Barbara Jarvis **and seconded by** Mrs Margaret Lygoe.

Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

10:30 Service:

Mr Gavin Chapman; Mr Darren Smith; Mr Martin Pooley; Mr Len Thomas
Mrs Yvonne Bradbury-White; Miss Corrie Verduijn

Proposed by Dr Julie Robb **and seconded by** Mr David Crowe.

Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

5. Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.27pm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last Annual Parochial Church Meeting
3. Matters arising from Minutes (not covered in agenda)
4. Notification of any other business
5. To receive a copy of the revised Electoral Roll
6. To consider a report of the Parochial Church Council (see Annual Report)
7. To accept the following 'Safeguarding of all' Statement:

St Mary's Church Eaton Socon affirms their commitment to safeguarding all God's people. We also confirm that the Trustees have complied with the duty to have 'due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC are committed to being responsible for the wellbeing of everyone who comes through our doors.

8. To consider a report of the Treasurer and the independently examined accounts of the Parochial Church Council for 2020
9. Election of an Independent Examiner for the current financial year
10. Election of up to **Three (3)** lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council
11. To consider Reports of the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church, the Deanery Synod, various Committees and Activities of the Church
12. Results of elections to the Parochial Church Council
13. Consideration of any other business of Parochial or general church interest

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 4th October 2020

The meeting was opened at 11:27am by Rev'd Tim Robb.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted as those recorded for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. **Proposed by** Dr Julie Robb and **seconded by** Mrs Barbara Jarvis
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

2. Minutes of last Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th March 2019 had been circulated prior to the event. There were no corrections.

It was proposed to accept minutes by Mr Roy Notley and **seconded by** Mrs Iris Slade.
Carried unanimously with 5 abstentions.

3. Matters arising from Minutes

There were none.

4. Notification of other business

None

5. To receive a copy of the revised Electoral Roll

Mrs Brenda Notley summarised additions and amendments to the Electoral Roll for 2019/20. The report had been circulated with this pack and the correct data had been issued. There were no questions relating to the report.

Proposed by Rev'd Ray Porter **seconded by** Mr Edward Jarvis. **Carried unanimously.**

6. To consider a report of the Parochial Church Council

Proposal to accept that the report is a correct summary of last year at the PCC.

Proposed by Dr Roger Peppiatt, **seconded by** Mrs Sue de Fraine.

Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

7. To accept the 'Safeguarding of all Statement'

"St Mary's Church Eaton Socon affirms their commitment to safeguarding all God's people. We also confirm that the trustees have complied with the duty to have "due regard to House of Bishops" guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The PCC are committed to being responsible for the wellbeing of everyone who comes through our doors."

Acceptance of this statement was proposed by Mr David Hesketh, seconded by Mr Brian Elliott and carried unanimously, with no abstentions.

Barbara Jarvis thanked Jane Gogarty on behalf of the church members for the work that she does in relation to safeguarding. Tim also offered his thanks.

8. To consider a report of the Treasurer and the independently examined accounts of the Parochial Church Council for 2019

The main focus, as always, is on our General account where the everyday transactions appertaining to maintenance of building, church ministry and administration are allocated.

The account is detailed on page 16 of this APCM pack.

Income of 146255 was up by 8359 from previous year. Regular giving, income upon which we heavily depend, was up by 9025. Tax efficient giving, that's gift aid to you and me, enabled us to reclaim tax of 23350 from the government. If you currently give and are a tax payer but do not gift aid your donations, you could enhance what you give by 25p in the £ if you did gift aid it. In October last year we did need to run a Gift Day appeal as the prediction at that time indicated we were heading for a shortfall of income to expenditure and, thanks to your generosity, that appeal raised 9753. As a result, we were able to show a net surplus at end of year of 2043.

All giving represented 90% of our income, the other 10% was from hall lets, wedding and funeral fees and other activities where a fee was involved.

Expenditure of 151408 was up by 4607 from the previous year. Mission and charitable giving represented 10.6% of regular giving. The Parish Share contribution to the Diocese was 74917, up 2111 from the previous year, and accounted for 49.5% of our expenditure. The only other material increase in expenditure was on general events held during the year but were fully funded from fees charged.

With a surplus of £4600 before asset depreciation we were able to increase our general reserves to 12055. Better than ever before during my time as treasurer, but still represents only 8.2% of annual expenditure. Not a lot in reserve to keep us going in times of hardship, but better than no reserve at all!

Funds in the general account are unrestricted as are those in the next fund which sits alongside this called the designated fund. (page 18 in the pack, second column). These funds are for income raised and/or donated for future projects or improvements to faculty in and around this building. It is also the fund where any legacy or one-off donations are received, and no specific project is specified. The designation of these funds is at the discretion of the PCC.

We received 22138 income into this fund last year, 13932 by way of a legacy and 8206 from donations and the two major fundraising events of Mayday and Christmas Fayre.

Expenditure totalled 3624 leaving 18514 to be added to the designated reserve. The roof alarm CCTV system was funded from the legacy as was the printing and resourcing of the new welcome pack for people new to this parish. Those costs amounted to 7739 leaving

6193 legacy balance to carry forward in designated reserves and 16822 for future developments. That's a total of 23015 in the designated reserve.

Finally, the restricted fund covers everything where funds received are for a specific purpose. Page 17 gives a complete list of each restricted account. There are 20 in all! A total of £14069 was received of which 6235 were grants and 4148 was a vat refund on new church boiler costs from 2018. Only 2192 was spent on restricted projects. They are all ongoing.

So, in summary, carried forward to 2020 we had a total cash resource of 68657, 28318 better than at the start of 2019 split between 12055 general, 23015 designated and 33587 restricted. A much sounder beginning for which our gratitude is extended to you all.

At this point I would normally say a bit about what we foresee for the coming year, but as we are already into October what we foresaw and what has since happened since due to covid19 you will be aware is quite different. You should have already received a letter about supporting God's work with our Finances at St Mary's, and I encourage you to prayerfully consider its content and let God inspire you on what if anything you can do.

Thank you to all for your support of this ministry and its associated costs. May God bless you all.

There were no questions relating to the accounts.

The report was proposed by Mr Richard de Fraine, seconded by Dr Phil Barrett and carried unanimously.

Tim conveyed his thanks to Roy on behalf of the PCC

9. Election of an Independent Examiner for the current financial year

Mr Roger Brittain acted as Independent Examiner for our accounts. Thanks were given by Mr Brittain for the excellently prepared accounts.

Proposed by Mr Edward Jarvis seconded by Rev'd Ray Porter, and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Tim thanked Roger Brittain for his work.

10. Election of up to 5 lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council

Two nominations were received:

Mr James Faulkner
Mrs Margaret Lygoe

These two nominations were **proposed by Mr Stephen Bailey and seconded by Mr Richard de Fraine and carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

11. Election of Three (3) Lay Representatives to the Deanery Synod.

We have three candidates for the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Jane Gogarty
Mr David Hesketh
Mr Edward Jarvis

These three nominations were **proposed by** Mrs Iris Slade and **seconded by** Mr Gavin Chapman **and carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

12. To consider reports of the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church Deanery Synod, various committees and activities of the Church

Acceptance of this report was **proposed by** Mrs Carole Robson **seconded by** Mrs Eileen Crowe **and carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

13. Results of elections to the Parochial Church Council

Elections were not required

14. Consideration of any other business of Parochial or general Church Interest

Barbara Jarvis thanked Tim and Julie for everything they had done for the church this past year and also for all they bring to the church.

On behalf of the churchwardens and the PCC David Hesketh thanked Tim for his hard work, dedication and for the way he works with others. David assured Tim that we appreciate all he does and he also thanked Julie and Sarah for their support.

Tim thanked the churchwardens for all they do. He also thanked Julie and Sarah for their support, particularly during lockdown. Tim thanked the staff and acknowledged that it has been a particularly tough year due to the pandemic and being furloughed. Tim also thanked Ray and George and his Life Group for their support this year. Finally Tim thanked God for His support, reminding us that God is our hope and our strength.

The meeting closed at 11:55 with the saying of the Grace.

MEMBERS OF THE PCC – 2020/21

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

Incumbent	The Rev'd Timothy Robb	Chairman
Churchwardens	Mr Edward Jarvis Mr David Hesketh	
Treasurer	Mr Roy Notley	
PCC Secretary	Mrs Brenda Notley	
PCC Minute Taker	Mrs Jennifer Reed	
Diocesan Synod	Mrs Jane Gogarty	
Deanery Synod	Mrs Jane Gogarty Mr Edward Jarvis Mr David Hesketh	(until 2023) (until 2023) (until 2023)
Elected Members	Mr Gavin Chapman Mr David Crowe Mrs Eileen Crowe Mr James Faulkner Mrs Margaret Lygoe Mr Tom Salkield Mrs Iris Slade	(until 2021) (until 2022) (until 2022) (until 2023) (until 2023) (until 2022) (until 2022)

ELECTORAL ROLL 2021

The statistics of the roll as follows:-

The year 2021 started with 156 names on the electoral roll. During the year, the roll was revised and two names were added to the Electoral Roll since the last APCM (Oct 2020).

158 names are now listed who worship here at St Mary's Eaton Socon.

One item I would like to ask of every person, and that is should their name, address, telephone number or e-mail change in any way, please let the Church Office know so that the records can be kept up to date.

Alternatively, if you are using the Smartphone 'ChurchSuite', you can amend your own details any time! For more information about this, please contact the Church Office.

CONTACT Brenda Notley (01234) 589308
Electoral Roll Officer

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2020

St Mary's Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council Statement of Financial Activities as at:-

Dec-20

	CHURCH	DESIGNATED	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	LAST YEAR
RECEIPTS						
<i>Planned Giving</i>						
Bank	90903		90903		90903	84611
Envelopes	5146		5146		5146	8665
Tax Recovered	22349	1015	23364	322	23686	28488
Gift Day	10864		10864		10864	9753
Collections	2470		2470		2470	9781
Donations and Sundry Income	3989	1192	5181	5118	10299	16400
Legacies	0	0	0		0	13932
Youth Work	97	310	407	448	855	3310
Church Hall Lettings	1717		1717		1717	2655
Weddings and Funeral Fees	5493		5493		5493	5381
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	591	591	9033
Interest Received	179		179		179	206
TOTAL RECEIPTS	143207	2517	145724	6479	152203	192215
PAYMENTS						
GRANTS						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	11180		11180		11180	12401
Local Mission	2100		2100		2100	0
Other	389		389		389	220
MINISTRY						
Parish Share	75828		75828		75828	74917
Curate rent						
Staff Expenses	1500		1500		1500	3487
Telephone	876		876		876	1079
0-18						
Youth Work	193	175	368	365	733	4506
LIVING						
Fellowship	591		591		591	382
Pastoral	143		143	390	533	382
WORSHIP & PRAYER						
Worship	888		888	115	1003	868
Services	1399		1399	1499	2898	3240
Refreshments	185		185		185	264
Hall Hire	275		275		275	1339
OUTREACH						
Outreach	451		451	30	481	1035
Events	0	0	0	436	436	4873
BUILDINGS						
Building Maintenance	3036	6377	9413	3139	12552	4274
Prof Fees	3392	5400	8792		8792	0
Insurance	4187		4187		4187	4642
Gas	3252		3252		3252	3608
Electric	1541		1541		1541	2136
Water	160		160		160	396
Cleaning	887		887		887	407
MGMNT/ADMIN						
Staff Costs	17169		17169		17169	23785
Printing/copying	2796		2796		2796	3334
Post/Staty	809		809		809	678
Books/Posters	649	0	649		649	1838
IT	3442	0	3442	0	3442	2502
Courses/Conf	248		248		248	50
OTHER ADMIN	318		318		318	412
OTHER CHARGES	71		71	12	83	169
TOTAL PAYMENTS	137955	11952	149907	5986	155893	157224
Excess/(Deficit)	5252	-9435	-4183	493	-3690	34991

	REFURBISH	CHURCH	DESIGNATED	GENERAL	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
BT FWD	16008	12055	23015	51078	33587	84665
Net Movement in funds		5252	-9435	-4183	493	-3690
DEPN 2020	-16008			-16008		-16008
ASSET +	0	0		0		0
TFR			381	381	-381	0
	0	17307	13961	31268	33699	64967
FORECAST TO GO				0		0
	0	17307	13961	31268	33699	64967

St Mary's Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council Income and Expenditure Statement

Church General Fund as at:-

Dec 20

		YEAR TO DATE		
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS				
P Giving	STO/PGS	90642	90903	261
	Envelopes	8027	5146	-2881
Income Tax Recovered planned		21943	21269	-674
INCOME PLANNED GIVING		120612	117318	-3294
Income Tax Recovered oneoff & gfsd		2438	1080	-1358
Collections		9750	2470	-7280
Donations and Sundry Income		3940	3989	49
Legacies				
Youth			97	97
Church Hall Lettings		2600	1717	-883
Weddings and Funeral Fees		6260	5493	-767
Fundraising Events			0	
Interest Received		300	179	-121
INCOME OTHER		25288	15025	-10263
TOTAL RECEIPTS		145900	132343	-13557
PAYMENTS				
GRANTS				
	Mission/Charitable Giving	11180	11180	
	Local Mission	2100	2100	
	Other	320	389	69
MINISTRY				
	Parish Share	75828	75828	
	Staff Expenses	2520	1500	-1020
	Telephone	1084	876	-208
0-18				
	Youth Work	800	193	-607
LIVING				
	Fellowship	420	591	171
	Pastoral	120	143	23
WORSHIP				
	Worship	800	888	88
	Services	2420	1399	-1021
	Refreshments	240	185	-55
	Hall Hire	1377	275	-1102
OUTREACH				
	Outreach	1200	451	-749
	Events			
BUILDINGS				
	Building Maintenance	3900	3036	-864
	Insurance	4268	4187	-81
	Gas	3800	3252	-548
	Electric	2050	1541	-509
	Water	216	160	-56
	Cleaning	360	887	527
MGMNT/ADMIN				
	Staff Costs	26845	27092	247
	Furlough grants		-9923	-9923
	Printing/copying	3300	2796	-504
	Post/Staty	600	809	209
	Books/Posters	1000	649	-351
	IT	2160	3442	1282
	Courses/Conf	600	248	-352
	Other Admin	360	318	-42
	Other Charges	180	71	-109
TOTAL PAYMENTS		150048	134563	-15485
Excess/(Deficit)		-4148	-2220	1928
Depreciation of Assets		-4292	-16008	-11716
Gift Day			10864	10864
Transfers			-3392	-3392
Net Excess/(Deficit)		-8440	-10756	-2316

LAST YEAR		
2019	2020	VARIANCE
84611	90903	6292
8665	5146	-3519
23350	21269	-2081
116626	117318	692
	1080	1080
9781	2470	-7311
3980	3989	9
3310	97	-3213
2655	1717	-938
5381	5493	112
4316		-4316
206	179	-27
29629	15025	-14604
146255	132343	-13912
12401	11180	-1221
0	2100	2100
220	389	169
74917	75828	911
3487	1500	-1987
1079	876	-203
3327	193	-3134
382	591	209
62	143	81
830	888	58
3240	1399	-1841
264	185	-79
1339	275	-1064
420	451	31
3765	0	-3765
2784	3036	252
4642	4187	-455
3608	3252	-356
2136	1541	-595
396	160	-236
407	887	480
23785	27092	3307
	-9923	-9923
3334	2796	-538
678	809	131
1139	649	-490
2135	3442	1307
50	248	198
412	318	-94
169	71	-98
151408	134563	-16845
-5153	-2220	2933
-2557	-16008	-13451
9753	10864	1111
	-3392	-3392
2043	-10756	-12799

St Mary's Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council

Income and Expenditure Statement

Designated and Restricted Funds as at:- **Dec 20**

<u>DESIGNATED</u>	bt fwd	income	expends	tfrs	TOTAL
LEGACY BALANCE	6193	1100	7321	28	0
TFR TO GENERAL			-3392	-3392	0
LITTLE STARS/FRIDAY CLUB		310	175	262	397
GENERAL DESIGNATED	16822	1107	7848	3483	13564
	23015	2517	11952	381	13961

<u>RESTRICTED</u>	bt fwd	income	expends	tfrs	TOTAL
BOILER/ORGAN	9833	2000	850		10983
VESTRY	7000				7000
NAVE	1875				1875
KITCHEN	2033	144			2177
TOWER	2386		2291		95

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

UTILITY	418	800	315		903
LUNCH CLUB	576				576

OUTREACH

NEW DAY	372	120			492
LF CAMP	125				125

YOUTH EVENTS

WORSHIP	114		114		0
HYMNAL	397	50			447
PIANO	6979				6979

MUSIC

CRAFT	200				200
WED WELC	398	126	30		494
WLTD0	100	56			156
MENS		210	116		94
WOMEN	200	200	132		268
FUSION		448	364		84

CHURCH GROUPS

PASTORAL		286	75		211
SEND		1378			1378
BIBLES		661	1499		-838
GRANTS	581	0	200	-381	0

OTHER

Totals	33587	6479	5986	-381	33699
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CHARITIES COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORTS



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

PCC of ST MARY'S EATON SOCON			Charity No (if any)	1130537
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	Jan-20	To	Period end date	Dec-20

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	147,266	5,888	-	153,154	170,791
Charitable activities	S02	1,717	591	-	2,308	11,688
Other trading activities	S03	5,493	-	-	5,493	5,381
Investments	S04	179	-	-	179	206
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	992	-	-	992	4,149
Total	S07	155,647	6,479	-	162,126	192,215
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Mission & Charitable Giving		11,569	-	-	11,569	12,621
Parish Share		75,828	-	-	75,828	74,917
Ministry	S08	6,308	2,034	-	8,342	12,076
Youth Work		368	365	-	733	4,506
Building Costs	S09	19,440	3,139	-	22,579	15,423
Fundraising		540	436	-	976	4,873
Administration	S11	12,331	12	-	12,343	3,173
Staff Costs		29,192	-	-	29,192	23,785
Print, Post & Stationery		4,254	-	-	4,254	5,850
Depreciation		16,008	-	-	16,008	2,557
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	175,838	5,986	-	181,824	159,781
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	- 20,370	493	-	- 19,877	32,228
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	179	-	-	179	206
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	- 20,191	493	-	- 19,698	32,434
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	381	- 381	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	- 19,810	112	-	- 19,698	32,434
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	51,078	33,587	-	84,665	52,231
Total funds carried forward	S22	31,268	33,699	-	64,967	84,665

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	16,008
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	-	-	-	-	16,008
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	766	-	-	766	4,582
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
24)		B09	68,419	-	-	68,419	70,161
Total current assets		B10	69,185	-	-	69,185	74,743
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	4,218	-	-	4,218	6,086
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	64,967	-	-	64,967	68,657
liabilities		B13	64,967	-	-	64,967	84,665
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	64,967	-	-	64,967	84,665
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds (Note 27)		B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)		B18		33,699		33,699	33,587
Unrestricted funds		B19	31,268		-	31,268	51,078
Revaluation reserve		B20				-	
Total funds		B21	31,268	33,699	-	64,967	84,665
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees			Signature		Print Name		Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
			Roy Notley		R B NOTLEY		27/01/2021
			Timothy Robb		T S ROBB		27/01/2021

Note 3

Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	112,275	4,818	-	117,093	127,560
	Gift Aid	24,461	322	-	24,783	25,989
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	13,932
	General grants provided by government/other charities	10,123	300	-	10,423	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	407	448	-	855	3,310
	Total	147,266	5,888	-	153,154	170,791
Charitable activities:	Fundraising Events	-	591	-	591	9,033
	Church Hall Lettings	1,717	-	-	1,717	2,655
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,717	591	-	2,308	11,688
Other trading activities:	Wedding and Funeral Fees	5,493	-	-	5,493	5,381
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	5,493	-	-	5,493	5,381
Income from investments:	Interest income	179	-	-	179	206
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	179	-	-	179	206
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	992	-	-	992	4,149
	Total	992	-	-	992	4,149
TOTAL INCOME		155,647	6,479	-	162,126	192,215

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for: (please provide description and amounts)

Donations and Gifts £8770; Gift Aid £989; events £161; other £4149

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

£992 for refund of VAT DCMS scheme

Note 4

Analysis of receipts of government grants

	Description	This year £	Last year £
Government grant 1	JOB RETENTION SCHEME	9,923	-
Government grant 2		-	-
Government grant 3		-	-
Other		-	-
	Total	9,923	-

Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to grants that have been recognised in income.

Please give details of other forms of government assistance from which the charity has directly benefited.

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
	Analysis				£	£
Expenditure on Ministry:	Staff Expenses	1,500	-	-	1,500	3,487
	Telephone	876	-	-	876	1,079
	Fellowship	591	-	-	591	382
	Pastoral	143	390	-	533	382
	Worship	888	115	-	1,003	868
	Services	1,399	1,499	-	2,898	3,240
	Refreshments	185	-	-	185	264
	Hall Hire	275	-	-	275	1,339
	Outreach	451	30	-	481	1,035
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on Ministry	6,308	2,034	-	8,342	12,076
Expenditure on building/utilities	Building Maintenance	9,413	3,139	-	12,552	4,234
	Insurance	4,187	-	-	4,187	4,642
	Heat, Light, Water	4,953	-	-	4,953	6,140
	Cleaning	887	-	-	887	407
	Total expenditure on buildings/utilities	19,440	3,139	-	22,579	15,423
Expenditure on admin costs	IT	4,441	-	-	4,441	2,502
	Other Admin/courses	637	12	-	649	671
	architect fees/mgmt svcs	5,400	-	-	5,400	-
	Equipment purchases	1,853	-	-	1,853	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on Admin costs	12,331	12	-	12,343	3,173
Other	Mission & Charitable Giving	11,569	-	-	11,569	12,621
	Parish Share	75,828	-	-	75,828	74,917
	Youth Work	368	365	-	733	4,506
	Fundraising	540	436	-	976	4,873
	Staff Costs	29,192	-	-	29,192	23,785
	Print, Post & Stationery	4,254	-	-	4,254	5,850
	Depreciation	16,008	-	-	16,008	2,557
	Total other expenditure	137,759	801	-	138,560	129,109
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		175,838	5,986	-	181,824	159,781

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Total prior year
	£	£	£	£	£
Activity 1					
Activity 2					
Other					
Total					

Prior year expenditure on charitable activities can be analysed as follows:

Within the expenditure items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

Note 11 Paid employees
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	29,015	23,728
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	177	57
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	29,192	23,785

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

Band	Number of employees
£60,000 to £69,999	
£70,000 to £79,999	
£80,000 to £89,999	
£90,000 to £99,999	
£100,000 to £109,999	

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	5	5
Total	5	5

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)
Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.

Please explain the nature of the payment

Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment

Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)

11.4 Redundancy payments

Please complete if any redundancy or termination payment is made in the period.

Total amount of payment

The nature of the payment (cash, asset etc.)

The extent of redundancy funding at the balance sheet date

Please state the accounting policy for any redundancy or termination payments

Note 14 **Tangible fixed assets**

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	23,830	23,830
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	23,830	23,830

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

	**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB	Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")
	** Rate				10%/25%		
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	7,822	7,822	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	16,008	16,008	
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-	
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	23,830	23,830	

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	16,008	16,008
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.4 Impairment

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

<i>the effective date of the revaluation</i>	
<i>the name of independent valuer, if applicable</i>	
<i>the methods applied and significant assumptions</i>	
<i>the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.</i>	

14.6 Other disclosures

- (i) *Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.*
- (ii) *Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.*
- (iii) *Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.*

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB =

Note 19 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

19.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors
Prepayments and accrued income
Other debtors

This year £	Last year £
491	2155
275	2427
766	4582

Total

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

19.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors
Prepayments and accrued income
Other debtors

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
Total -	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 20 Creditors and accruals***Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.***20.1 Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	1,150	2,099	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,497	320	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	1,571	3,667	-	-
Total	4,218	6,086	-	-

20.2 Deferred income*Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.**Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.*

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Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period

Amounts added in current period

Amounts released to income from previous periods

Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand**

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	46,011	30,812
Cash at bank and on hand	22,408	39,349
Other	-	-
Total	68,419	70,161

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 27 **Charity funds**

27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.

** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS	R		23,127	2,144	- 3,139	-	-	22,132
OUTREACH	R		994	800	- 315	-	-	1,479
YOUTH EVENTS	R		497	120		-	-	617
WORSHIP SUPPORT	R		7,490	50	- 115	-	-	7,425
CHURCH GROUPS	R		898	1,039	- 643	-	-	1,294
OTHER	R		581	2,326	- 1,774	- 381	-	752
	R					-	-	-
	R					-	-	-
	R					-	-	-
	R					-	-	-
	R					-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			33,587	6,479	- 5,986	- 381	-	33,699

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 27 **Charity funds (cont)**

27.3 Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		381
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

27.4 Designated funds

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount
future projects	fund set aside for a variety of future projects under feasibility study	13961

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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To Eaton Socon PCC

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met or to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Roger Brittain FCA

09-Feb-21